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### Today's weather



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### Deaths

Dorothy M. Cook, 84, homemaker.  
 Hazel Smith, 91, homemaker.

### Odds and Ends

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Police followed a trail of doughnuts to find a stolen Krispy Kreme delivery truck.

"It has a happy ending," Swatara Township Sgt. Robert Simmonds said. "The evidence was brought back to the police station, and the cops are eating the doughnuts."

It was 12:45 a.m. Thursday when Krispy Kreme deliveryman Tim Trostle stopped at a Swatara Township convenience store and left the engine running as he made the delivery. Someone fled with the truck, but since Trostle had left the back doors open, police were able to follow a trail of doughnuts.

The doughnut trail ended before long, but police in a nearby township found a doughnut cart near the Harrisburg city line. City police found the truck near a downtown bar.

No arrests were immediately made. The truck was returned to the company.

Although Simmonds had been joking about police taking the contents of the truck, he acknowledged seeing Krispy Kreme doughnuts in a station conference room Thursday.

"I suspect that the manager from the Krispy Kreme might have given us a little thank you for our efforts," he said.

PISMO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — He's a plastic millionaire.

Walter Cavanagh — also known as "Mr. Plastic Fantastic" — has a wallet nearly as long as a football field to carry his credit cards.

Cavanagh owns 1,497 valid credit cards (he assumes a card is valid until he hears otherwise) with a potential credit line of about \$1.7 million.

The retired real estate broker, who lives in the small San Luis Obispo County community of Shell Beach, said his collecting began with a bet more than three decades ago.

## Truteen recalls work on park scene

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

The heat of a Texas Panhandle summer is what Brenda Guess of Pampa remembers about working

on the Nativity scene which was first displayed in 1947 and became a fixture of Pampa's Christmases.

"I just remember it being hot, working on those," she said of the wooden scenes.

Guess was a charter member of the Truteens when she was a high school junior known by her maiden name of Schaffer. The service league took as its project one summer the refurbishing of the Nativity scene.

The Truteens worked on the Nativity during the summer of 1966, in a building across from Roberta's Flowers in the 200 block of Ballard Street.

"I think there was a building on the corner across the street from Roberta's" where the teens did touch-up work on chipped and weathered areas of the display, Guess said. She later said the building she remembered was the Culberson-Smallings auto dealership.

The Truteens also presented a program in conjunction with the Nativity scene when it was displayed each year in Central Park.

"Pictures of the early years show this was an event that drew large crowds," said Kathleen Chaney, a member of the Pampa Celebration of Lights organization.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

In the last of seven scenes depicting the events surrounding the Nativity, Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus are shown leaving Bethlehem. The scenes are a reproduction of scenes first displayed in Pampa in the 1940s. They will be presented to the public at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Burdette Park, immediately north of the Hughes Building on Francis Street, between Somerville and Gray streets.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Brenda Guess, one of the charter members of the Truteens in the 1960s, looks at a newspaper clipping of the youth service group's creation in 1965.

## Court: Ukraine election invalid

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The Supreme Court declared the results of Ukraine's disputed presidential run-off election invalid on Friday and ruled that the run-off should be repeated on Dec. 26, bringing cheers and fireworks from tens of thousands of opposition supporters massed in Kiev's main square.

The ruling, made after five days of hearings by the court's 18 justices, was a major victory for opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, who had rejected the government's demands that an entirely new election be held.

The opposition had pinned its hopes on the court's ruling in its bid to overturn the results of the Nov. 21 run-off vote in which Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich was declared the winner. The opposition said the vote was rigged to

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Texas Tumbleweed Christmas Tree

A tumbleweed Christmas tree prompts a smile from Pamela Williamson at the Festival of Trees, which opened today at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The entry echoes this year's Christmas parade theme, which is "A Texas Tumbleweed Christmas." The Festival of Trees will be open until 5 p.m. today. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday the trees may be seen between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The parade begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown.

## Thompson resigning, sources say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigned Friday. The Associated Press learned, broadening an exodus that has emptied more than half of President Bush's Cabinet before he takes the oath of office for a second term.

Thompson submitted his resignation to Bush, and planned to announce his departure at a Friday afternoon news conference, said an official close to the former Wisconsin governor who asked not to be identified.

Mark McClellan, the government's Medicare chief and brother of White House press secretary Scott McClellan, is Thompson's likely successor, officials said.

Thompson's resignation brings to eight the number of members of Bush's 15-member Cabinet who have left.

News of Thompson's departure came not long after Bush introduced former police commissioner Bernard Kerik as Tom

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## City to stock lake with 1,000 rainbow trout Dec. 7

A thousand rainbow trout averaging 12 inches in length are scheduled to arrive in Pampa on Tuesday, Dec. 7, city officials announce.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division will transport the fish from the Dundee Fish Hatchery near Wichita Falls to the Recreation Park Lake on East Highway 60 sometime

on Tuesday, according to a release from Recreation Director Shane Stokes.

The City of Pampa has participated in this Rainbow Trout stocking program since 1993, the release stated. This year the city purchased 1,000 trout and the state matched that with 1,000 trout supplied at their expense. This is the first of two shipments.

The second shipment is scheduled for mid-February.

As Recreation Park Lake is a public waterway, state fishing regulations are in effect. These are enforced by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Game Wardens and not by the city, Stokes said.

Generally, a fishing license is not required for persons under 17 years

of age or persons born before Sept. 1, 1930. Otherwise, a state fishing license and a Freshwater Trout Stamp Endorsement are required.

According to the 2004-2005 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual Hunting & Fishing Regulations, the daily catch limit on trout is five per day, with no set minimum length requirement.

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Obituaries

**Dorothy M. Cook, 84**

Dorothy M. Cook, 84, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Fairview Assembly of God Church, 3706 E. 10th Ave., with the Rev. Cliff Houghton officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home, 6969 I-40 East at Whitaker. Dorothy was born to Ruby Gladys Blevins on June 27, 1920, in Dardanelle, Okla. She married Truman Cook on Nov. 20, 1937, in Holdenville, Okla. Survivors include one son, Travis Cook and wife Angela of Calera, Okla.; three

daughters, Ruby Parks and husband David of Grandview, Mo., Sharon Swenson and husband Ken of Sun City, Ariz., and Wanda Helton and husband Bobby of Hugoton, Kan.; five brothers, Leroy Thacker of Maunelle, Ark., Eddie Ray Thacker of Little Rock, Ark., and Al Davenport of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Don Davenport of Earlsboro, Okla., and Jim Davenport of Norman, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Truman A. Cook, and two sisters. The family suggests memorials be to the BSA Hospice of Amarillo, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105, or your favorite charity.

**Hazel Smith, 91**

ALTUS, Okla. — Hazel Smith, 91, of Altus, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in 11th Street Baptist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. Jes Stafford officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock. Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 8, 1913, in Collingsworth County, to William Homer and Atha Della Smith Sewell. She married Robert Vernon Smith, Sr. on Sept. 23, 1933, at Sayre, Okla.; he died

March 10, 1996. Mrs. Smith was a homemaker who lived most of her life in the Texas Panhandle. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Vernon Smith, Jr. in 2002. Survivors include two sons, Millard Smith of Altus and James Smith of Pampa; two daughters, Atha Wright of Altus and Rita Richardson of Sayre; a brother, W.H. Sewell of Bardolph, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Services tomorrow

COOK, Dorothy M. — 10 a.m., Fairview Assembly of God Church, Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 18 and 23. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 59. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low near 40. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 58. West southwest wind around 15 mph. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. West southwest wind around 15 mph. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. Windy, with a west northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Monday Night: Mostly

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

**Thursday, Dec. 2** Assault was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported.

Internet fraud was reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road.

Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Lefors. A car was keyed, with damage estimated at \$2,000.

**Friday, Dec. 3** Annagale Cunningham, 18, 1336 Coffee #3, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee at 2:38 a.m. for domestic assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Bond was set at \$1,500. Minor injuries were reported. Darrell Joseph Rivera, 22,

205 W. Craven, was arrested at 2:47 a.m. in the 200 block of West Craven for assault causing bodily injury/family violence. Bond was set at \$1,500. Minor injuries were reported.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Thursday, Dec. 2** 8 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

5 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

6 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza for a LifeStar medical helicopter

standby. Guardian EMS ambulance **Ambulance**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 2** 7:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Christy and transported a patient(s) to BSA, Amarillo.

Cabinet

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Ridge's successor to be secretary of homeland security. When Thompson's exit becomes official, eight of

the 15 members of Bush's Cabinet will have departed. Kerik is the steady former military man who helped New York get back on its feet after the Sept. 11 terror attack.

"Bernie Kerik is one of the most accomplished and

effective leaders of law enforcement in America," Bush said.

Kerik said what he witnessed in the days after the attacks would be etched in his mind if he were confirmed to lead the department. "I know what is at stake," Kerik said.

"Both the memory of those courageous souls and the horrors I saw inflicted upon our proud nation will serve as permanent reminders of the awesome responsibility you place in my charge," he said.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat ..... 3.02  
Milo ..... 3.11  
Corn ..... 3.73  
Soybeans ..... 4.51

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

ONY ..... 56.51 +0.09  
HP PLC ADR ..... 59.46 +0.26

Cabot Corp. .... 37.54 -0.51  
Cabot Oil Gas. .... 45.38 +0.73  
Coca Cola ..... 41.19 +0.77  
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HAL ..... 38.60 +0.01  
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NOI ..... 33.60 +0.48  
KMI ..... 67.85 +0.19  
XCEL ..... 17.91 +0.06  
Kerr McGee ..... 58.87 +0.18  
XOM ..... 50.26 +0.09  
Limited ..... 23.94 NC  
Williams ..... 15.72 +0.07  
MCD ..... 31.38 -0.04

Atmos ..... 26.42 -0.23  
Pioneer Nat. .... 34.40 +0.38  
JCP ..... 38.80 -0.10  
CDP ..... 86.52 +0.57  
SLB ..... 82.78 +0.70  
Tenneco ..... 16.60 +0.03  
CVX ..... 52.60 +0.12  
Wal-Mart ..... 53.39 +0.39  
OKE ..... 27.36 +0.22  
NS Grp ..... 20.40 +0.49  
New York Gold ..... 449.35  
Silver ..... 7.87  
West Texas Grade ..... 43.25

Scene

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Truteens refurbished was first displayed in 1947 on the lawn of Gray County Courthouse, after being created by local artistic talent, according to Chaney. Other scenes were added over a period of seven years, until the complete story of the Nativity was depicted. The display was eventual-

ly moved to Central Park in 1969, then to Coronado Park in the 1970s. After the 1979 Christmas season, it was left in storage due to its condition. It was re-introduced to the Pampa holiday scene in 1997, after cleaning, repairs and restoration, to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

The original pieces have "had to be retired due to deterioration," Chaney said, but Pampa Rotary Club members Chuck White and Roy Sparkman headed up an

effort to get each piece duplicated.

Inmates from the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections painted the scenes, which "are a breathtaking work of art," Chaney said.

The seven scenes are the angel Gabriel and Mary; Joseph and Mary at the inn; an angel with shepherds in their fields; the Nativity; the three wise men; King Herod; and Mary and Joseph leaving Bethlehem with the baby Jesus, fleeing to Egypt to escape King Herod.

The Nativity scenes will be unveiled at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Burdette Park on the north side of the Hughes Building, between Somerville and Gray streets on Francis Street.

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TINA CASTLEBERRY is the winner of the word find that was in the Pampa News on Nov. 21. Congratulations!

Election

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cheat Yushchenko of victory.

Fireworks crackled in Independence Square, and the opposition supporters who have massed there for nearly two weeks waved orange flags and chanted "Y u s h c h e n k o ! Y u s h c h e n k o ! " Passing cars blasted their horns three times to sound out the three syllables in "Yush-chen-ko."

The ruling was a stinging blow to outgoing President Leonid Kuchma and his powerful ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin, who a day earlier had sharply derided the idea of holding a new run-off.

Kuchma had been pressing for an entirely new election, apparently in hopes of replacing his favorite Yanukovich with a stronger candidate. The spiraling political crisis has undermined his hopes to ensure he is succeeded by a supporter, has paralyzed his government with protests and has raised fears of a split in Ukraine.

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# Viewpoints

## Current events bring out goats and gloats

Closet Writer has determined the need for some amalgamation time in the ole column. Yes, the following are newsworthy snippets picked up by yours truly that I feel are deserving of comment, an olio of current events. Mater and pater blessed me with the need to know — an inquiring mind, if you please. Some of these snippets get my goat — or make me gloat.

I've read much about the sad adjectives placed in front of Colin Powell and Condoleeza Rice; namely, "Uncle Tom" and "Aunt Jemima," by so-called black leaders in our country.

For the life of me, how can these people sleep at

night? Blacks should be proud of Secretary Powell and NSA head Ms. Rice and the lofty positions in government they have held and will hold.

I believe hard work is to blame for Powell's and Rice's success and jealousy for those doing the name calling.

Perhaps the black leaders are so distraught that President Bush will have four more years; further impeding their initiatives and desires to be in a Democrat's cabinet? For the matter, name me another president in modern times that has had such a racially diverse cabinet. You can't, can you, for President Bush

is the top dog with this stat. What political party has benefited blacks and Hispanics by placing them in high government positions?

**Dennis Palmitier**

Columnist

I read in Tuesday's Daily Oklahoman about a young Marine killed in action in Iraq. Seems his last letter home to his family had a word of advice for his son. The Marine's advice was, "stay away from the military." Yea, duh — when all's well, there's nothing like the old government feed

bag to help a family along; but when the going gets tough, look out.

It got my goat that The Daily Oklahoman printed such garbage to provoke outrage.



What really gets my goat is reading/hearing National Guard and Reservist families crying about their loved ones off to war and the hardships they are facing here at home.

Mayhap they didn't read the little paragraph stating they may face the call to active duty in times of conflict — and what might hap-

pen with their home life. Must have been a gun to their loved ones head forcing their signature to join up?

Back to the Marine killed in action. His wife and children will receive a stipend from the government for his service to our country; the wife for the rest of her life, his children until age 18. (I may be wrong with those stats, folks.) True, a stipend won't bring him back but the family will have help. How many other countries do this for their fallen soldiers?

What are the odds of a helicopter hitting a television tower while in flight? Obviously, pretty good, particularly when the tower's light system has malfunctioned due to inclement weather.

I refused to see the movie "Black Hawk Down," which was about a tragic incident that happened to our soldiers in Somalia, having seen the real event over and over again courtesy of our television media. Somalia should be a nuclear waste dump as far as I'm concerned.

Texas was given our own version of "Black Hawk Down" this past week. Seven warriors lost their lives because of inclement weather, a guy wire, and no warning lights. I know what a guy wire is, but what was the reasoning behind naming

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## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 2004. There are 28 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1984, thousands of people died after a cloud of methyl isocyanate gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India. (About 4,000 people died within hours of the leak; over the years, according to the Indian government, some 15,000 people have died from effects of the gas.)

### On this date:

- In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.
- In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.
- In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.
- In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.
- In 1953, the musical "Kismet" opened on Broadway.
- In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on Broadway.
- In 1964, police arrested some 800 students at the University of California at Berkeley, one day after the students stormed the administration building and staged a massive sit-in.

## Our readers write

### Presidential advisors

During the last year I've been all wound up thinking about the election and the war, so I am trying to lighten up some and think on events and happenings that could be amusing.

I've noticed in the news that Condoleeza Rice is not only a member of "W's" inner circle, she is a close family friend. Any time "W" and family travel to Camp David or to Crawford for a vacation, she goes along. She is not married, so she is always free to go.

I don't want anyone to always go anywhere with me and my wife. I just wouldn't

want someone to always be in the next bedroom, so I figured there had to be a reason she was always with them.

You know, when "W" was in that school room reading about goats, and planes started flying into the Trade Center, he sat there for seven minutes. He knew he was going to make a statement to the nation, now what if he didn't have a speech writer with him?

So, I figure he swore that would never happen again. I imagine almost all his regular speech writers have a family, so they can't be with him all the time. Conde could, being she hasn't a family.

I can just see it now. "W"

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## Continental best choice for China

It takes a vivid imagination to visualize all the connections between a rain forest butterfly's flapping wings and the business prospects of supplying those flights is a sight more straightforward.

The connection between millions of Chinese becoming wealthy enough to afford their first airline travel and U.S. air carriers' salivating over the business prospects of supplying those flights is a sight more straightforward.

Now it is up to the Department of Transportation to choose the most appropriate U.S. carrier to provide service between New York and major Chinese cities.

The Chronicle might be expected to make the case for

player Continental Airlines in this frenzied competition for the lucrative China service.

But, in this instance, Continental which already is a strong player in the Asian market, with flights from Houston to Japan, and Hong Kong service out of Newark is really the best choice.

Continental Airlines and many of its major and some of its minor competitors have applied to the DOT to approve routes linking their hubs to major Chinese cities.

Continental's application calls for service from New York City (linked by its mas-

sive Newark hub) with Beijing and Shanghai. Continental, which has proposed offering daily flights, is the biggest airline industry player in the New York region, which is the busiest American gateway to Asia.

By contrast, American Airlines is proposing service to Shanghai

out of Chicago, where United Airlines already operates a route to China. Delta Air Lines is seeking a route between Atlanta and Beijing.

This bid should be considered a Hail Mary pass. Why exactly would legions of Asian business people all of a

sudden take an interest in flying to Georgia?

DOT is expected to approve several new U.S.-China routes over the coming years to facilitate the explosive growth in trade between the two nations.

Continental's petition should be approved first. The Houston-based carrier is the only airline proposing flights linking mainland China with New York, the American city of greatest interest to the Chinese and from which more travelers depart to China.

It's the route that would most satisfy U.S. business interests, American tourists' desires and the prospects of the national economy.

## Note to the NAACP: Draft Cosby

Kweisi Mfume is leaving his job as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and his resignation should be a source of rejoicing for not only the membership of that civil rights organization, but for all Americans black and white.

For all of the nine years he has served as the NAACP's head, Mfume has been one of the nation's most divisive voices. Under his leadership the NAACP has become nothing less than a rabid race-baiting group. During his presidency I have heard little else from Mfume other

than his incessant repetition of the canard that every problem plaguing the world, and the black community in particular, can be blamed on white America.

Along with Jesse Jackson, Mfume has refused to face the real problem from which their

African-American brothers and sisters are suffering, and it isn't solved by blaming everything on slavery. The issue is fatherless homes. And their failure to speak

out about children being born out of wedlock should not be surprising; neither one of them has the credibility to discuss it, both being guilty of fathering children out of wedlock.

So rather than talk about that burning issue, they rant and rave about the white man's guilt for slavery, an issue settled over a century and a half ago, when hundreds of thousands of white men died to put an end to it.

**Michael Reagan**

Columnist



If the NAACP has any hope of really advancing the prospects and the welfare of the black community, it has to stop blaming white America and start facing the problem of kids growing up without the love and guidance of a father in their homes. And they need to have a leader who has both the credibility and the courage to tackle that issue head-on. One who won't blame whitey and will tell black America to look in the mirror and ask what they can do to help their own people and be honest about the issue

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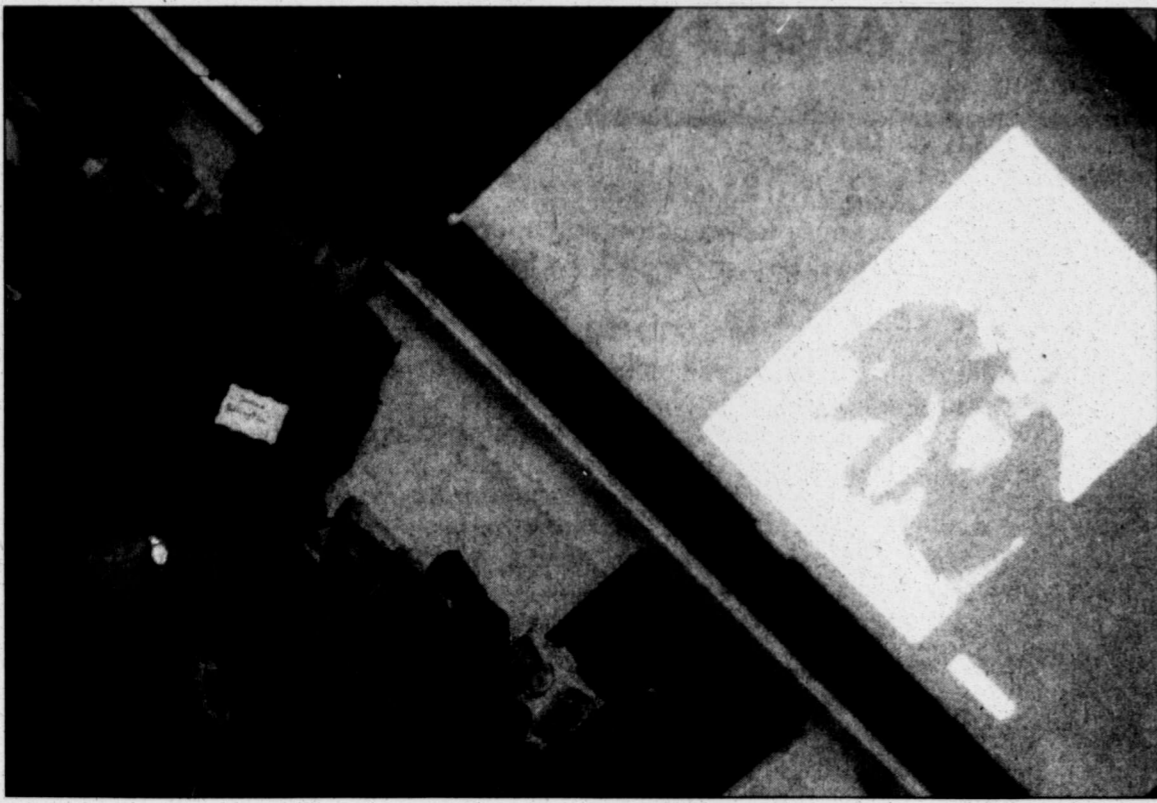
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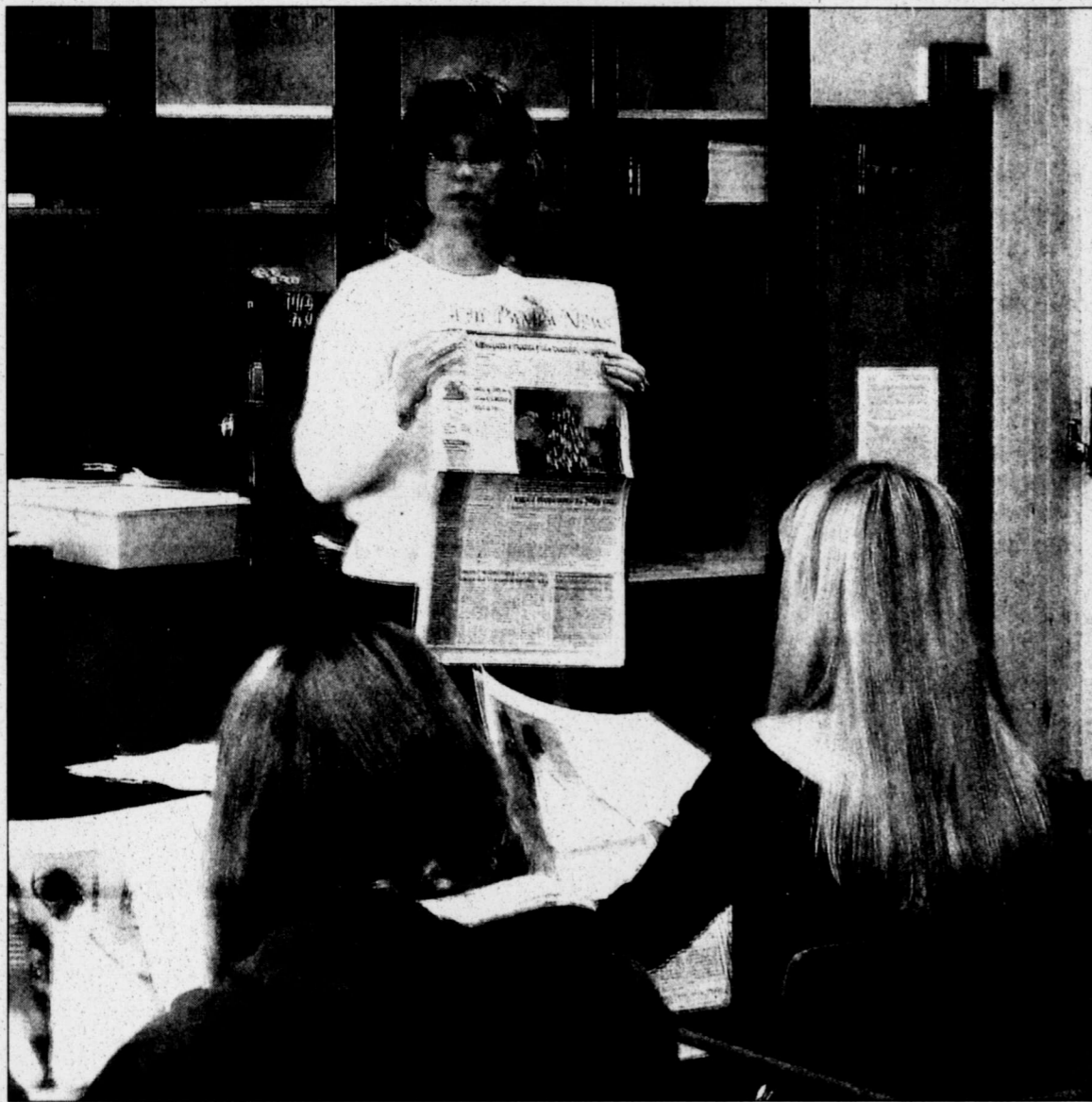
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PHS Career Day



Donna Bevington, above, uses examples of good photographs as she speaks to a group of high school students interested in a career in professional photography during Pampa High School's Career Day, Wednesday. Below, ReDonn Woods, Pampa News advertising director, gives students information about the field of advertising using the local newspaper as an example.



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of fatherless homes much in the way as Bill Cosby has been honest with his fellow African-Americans.

Cosby chastises the African-American community for its rates of juvenile delinquency, its parenting, the coarse language of its youth. You can do better, he tells his fellow blacks. Don't let yourself be victims, and especially don't let the poorest in the community let themselves be victims.

"This is about little children ... and people not giving them better choices," he told Paula Zahn in an interview for CNN's Paula Zahn Now. "Talking. Talking. Parenting. Correctly parenting. That's what it's about. And you can't blame other things. You got to — you got to straighten up your house. Straighten up your apartment. Straighten up your child."

Getting this across is not an easy job, as the courageous Cosby has learned. None of us wants to face reality, to look at ourselves

as we really are. It's easier to play victim, and the Mfumes and the Jacksons have been all too ready to help convince black America of their victimhood. And it keeps the money rolling in.

The victim's mantra goes like this: "It's comforting for us to avoid taking responsibility for our self-created problems by proclaiming that that we are the way we are because of you. We are way we are because of what happened in the 19th century. It's not because we lived in a fatherless home and there was no strong hand to help raise us. We are what we are because somebody to whom we might be related to was once enslaved."

And what Mfume's NAACP has done is to foster that lie. It's time to do a makeover and replace the "blame whitey" chorus of

the Mfumes and Jacksons and Al Sharptons with the Bill Cosbys and get people who understand what Bill Cosby is saying and act on it.

If the NAACP really wants to empower the advancement of African Americans they'll find leaders who have the best interests of their fellow blacks and are willing to raise their voices to help the black community face and solve their own problems.

I have a couple of candidates. How about replacing Mfume with Bill Cosby or Jesse Lee Peterson from BOND or even Colin Powell who's about to be large. They have the credibility and the guts to face the problem head-on.

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Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

*'This is about little children ... and people not giving them better choices. Talking ... Correctly parenting.'*

— Bill Cosby  
to CNN's Paula Zahn

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the wire "guy?" At least the cause wasn't a "girl" wire.

God bless those soldiers. Remember readers, those seven soldiers and all members of our armed forces are volunteers. Move over Gabriel, the right side of God has some new angels.

Tom Brokaw gave his last news broadcast this past Wednesday. I am not a fan of television news personalities — has to do with the liberal slant of the big three; but of the three, I like Tom Brokaw the most. Perhaps it's admiration rather than like, for I read his book, "The Greatest Generation," which told of the sacrifices made for our country by those who fought and died in World War II and the support of their loved ones at home. Mr. Brokaw wrote it right, the "Greatest Generation" indeed saved the world. My parents are of the Greatest Generation. Thank you, pater and mater.

To the young Marine from Oklahoma killed in action,

who advised his son to "stay away from the military." What if the Greatest Generation stayed away from the military? I know you heard me. Godspeed, Tom Brokaw, now you can become a full-time naturalist, a profession more deserving of your talents. And, let's not forget D a n Rather's upcoming retirement. For the matter, forget is a g o o d word.

Finally, C l o s e t Writer got a speeding ticket on my way down to San Antonio last week to spend Thanksgiving with my two sons. No, there's no crying going on, for I was truly speeding — enjoying a road I've traveled — and sped — the past 30-odd years.

I was between Santa Ana and Brady, literally in the middle of nowhere. The highway is a great road for speeding with an excellent

surface (not like our Highway 60, mind you) and very little traffic. Yep, over the years, I've made up some great time by taking the road less traveled — and not once, in 30-odd years, have I encountered a DPS car in that nether region of our great state, only the occasional armadillo or three.

Here I am cruising along at about 90, minding my own business, listening to the XM, when all of a sudden, this DPS officer made me his business. While he was writing out the ticket (he negated 10 off the 90 mph to 80 mph), I was able to spot a Shrike (neat bird) and watch it through my binocs and have some rancher's mule bray a few words of advice to me. Wasn't a total waste — two out of three.

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Dennis Palmier is a native Pampian, a graduate of Pampa High School, and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

*Godspeed, Tom Brokaw, now you can become a full-time naturalist, a profession more deserving of your talents.*

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goes to Crawford for a few days. Before 9-11, "W" spent 40 percent of his time away from the White House but now he just goes for a few days at a time. Let's all try to imagine what takes place if we were to have a crisis at night while "W" was at Crawford.

First the phone would ring. The person who answers the phone would wake up Conde. Now remember, Conde is a highly educated woman. After finding out about the crisis, she would be able to write a short speech for "W." Conde would then wake up "W"

with the speech.

Now I think this would be a good plan, because remember "W" was a C student and says he hadn't read a book in 20 years and doesn't read newspapers. I know what it means to be a C student. Of course, I read all the

time but being a C student, which I was, means you can't remember very well. I'm going to give "W" an A+ for thinking of this plan to be prepared.

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# Religion

## La Donna Gatlin to headline Briarwood Christmas event

La Donna Gatlin, sister of the famous Gatlin Brothers, will be the special guest at Briarwood Church's Christmas Banquet at M.K. Brown Auditorium, Sunday, Dec. 5.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. in the auditorium's Heritage Room. The public is invited. Tickets are available by calling Briarwood Church, 665-7201.

"We've always said our little sis is the best singer in the family and she certainly proves that fact every time she walks on stage," The Gatlin Brothers write about La Donna. "She captivated audiences a our theater in Myrtle Beach with a style that's uniquely her own. You will be totally drawn into her performance and will go out with a song in your heart."

La Donna, the baby sister of the country music group, grew up on stage singing gospel music with her brothers.

When she was five years old, the Gatlin Quartet won their first talent show, with a pony being the first place prize. By the time she was 10, they had made four albums and toured 28 states from coast to coast.

The Gatlins took their family harmony to Nashville, Tenn., in the early 1970s to pursue a career in country music. Their efforts were rewarded with a Grammy Award in 1977 for the song, "Broken Lady."

God had a different plan for La Donna and her husband, Tim Johnson, calling them into full-time Christian ministry.

They joined Christian artist, Dallas Holm, and formed the group Dallas Holm and Praise. They received the Dove Award for best mixed group in 1978.

In the 1980s, they were one of the first Christian music groups to produce a gold record, representing sales of half a million.

La Donna's touring schedule puts her on the road more than 100 days a year doing conferences, concerts, retreats, and corporate events. During 1994-1995, she spent more than 60 days in the prisons of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas ministering to inmates.

She has sung on death row in both Texas and Oklahoma. "One of my greatest privileges," she says.



Gatlin

### Celebrating Advent



Carlie Richardson and Emilie Troxell, above, members of First Christian Church of Pampa's youth groups, take part in the church's annual "Hanging of the Greens" service Sunday, Nov. 28. Each year, the church begins its observance of the Advent season by decorating the church with evergreen garlands, ribbons and poinsettias and lighting the first candle in the Advent Wreath, as Anita and Richard Russell are pictured doing below.



### Jack Taylor to appear at Country Chapel

WHEELER — Jack Taylor is coming to Country Chapel at Wheeler. He will be preaching there beginning Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Added attractions will be Jim and Judith Fillingim who will be doing the music nightly and preaching on The public is invited.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A person very dear to my heart, "Ruth," has always donated to her community blood drives. It's a form of philanthropy she enjoys. Ruth remarried a few months ago and asked her new husband, "Tony," to attend the blood drive with her. His reply left her stunned and changed her life forever. Tony confided that in his youth, he had been a needle-type drug user and now he can't give blood.

Mind you, Tony is a good, hardworking, straight-arrow man now, but he was foolish in his youth. When Ruth went to the blood drive, she was asked: "In the past 12 months have you slept with anyone who has ever used a needle?" She explained that yes, as a teenager, her husband had done drugs. She was told that as long as she is with Tony, she can't give blood anymore. Ruth is hurt and angry at her husband for what he took from her. I feel lost as a friend about what to say to help her.

Abby, Tony's drug use was more than 27 years ago. Is Ruth right that this will follow them forever and she can never give blood again? -- GIFT OF LIFE GONE IN MARYLAND

DEAR GIFT: Your letter is a pertinent reminder that youthful experimentation can have lifelong consequences. Those rules were established for a good reason -- to protect our blood supply. In years past, some people were infected with life-threatening diseases because the supply of donated blood was not screened well enough, so it makes perfect sense that organizations now go to exceptional lengths to guarantee the safety of blood and blood products.

It might lift your friend's spirits if you remind her that there are other things she can do to contribute to her community. She could volunteer to work at the blood drive in some capacity other than a

donor. She could also hold a bake sale to raise funds for "the cause." Rather than blaming her husband at this late date, she should respect the rules and explore her other options.

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DEAR ABBY: My nephew, who is also my godson, has decided to marry my youngest stepdaughter. Which side of the church should I sit on -- the bride's or the groom's side? My husband and children think I should sit on the groom's side. I am afraid someone will feel hurt no matter what I do. -- BETWIXT AND BETWEEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETWIXT: Ask your nephew and stepdaughter where they would like you to sit and abide by their decision. The alternative would be to bring a folding chair and sit in the middle.

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DEAR ABBY: With the holidays approaching, I would like to share an alternative to the traditional office gift exchange. For the past few years, we have drawn names, but instead of buying gifts, we buy toys that in some way remind us of the person whose name we have drawn. The toy can represent their hobby, their job, their personality, etc.

After exchanging the gifts at our annual Christmas party and seeing how creative our fellow workers have been, the toys are then donated to a toy drive.

This tradition is rewarding for us and joyful for the children who otherwise would not receive gifts. -- ELVES IN GLENDALE

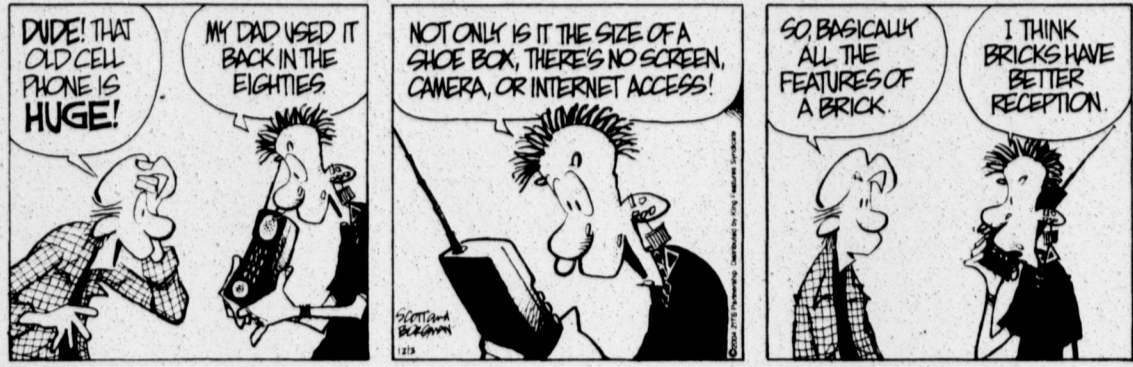
DEAR ELVES: I love the idea. The gifts don't have to be expensive, and more than one person can enjoy them.

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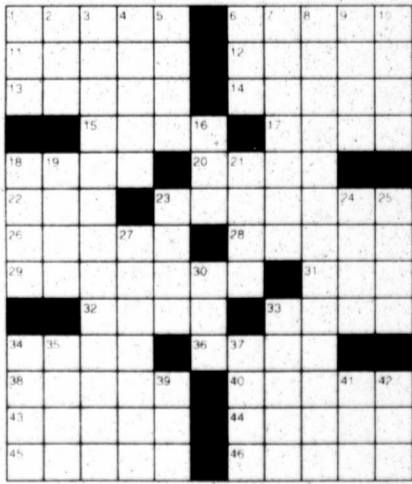
### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 First letter
  - 6 Must
  - 11 "Last Supper" setting
  - 12 Hawke of "Gattaca"
  - 13 Pursue with stealth
  - 14 Stream swimmer
  - 15 Talon
  - 17 "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - 18 Pizzeria output
  - 20 Pueblo people
  - 22 "What a good boy"
  - 23 Raptors' home
  - 26 Cant
  - 28 Silent star
  - 29 Facing the jury
  - 31 O'Hare, e.g.
  - 32 Direct
  - 33 Towel word
  - 34 "Tres --!"
  - 36 Argued
  - 38 School paper
  - 40 City on the Missouri
  - 43 Give the slip
- DOWN**
- 1 Mornings, for short
  - 2 Blotto
  - 3 Favorable position
  - 4 Corridors
  - 5 "Lonely Boy" singer
  - 6 -- up (agitated)
  - 7 One of the Fates
  - 8 Complete guess
  - 9 Lacking slack
  - 10 Atop
  - 16 Comic first
  - 18 -- Alto sort
  - 19 Poker declaration
  - 21 Vaccine (agitated)
  - 23 Drudgery type
  - 24 See the guess
  - 25 Balls sights
  - 27 Hurlid
  - 30 Band aid
  - 33 Macho
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  - 35 Key
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  - 39 Besides
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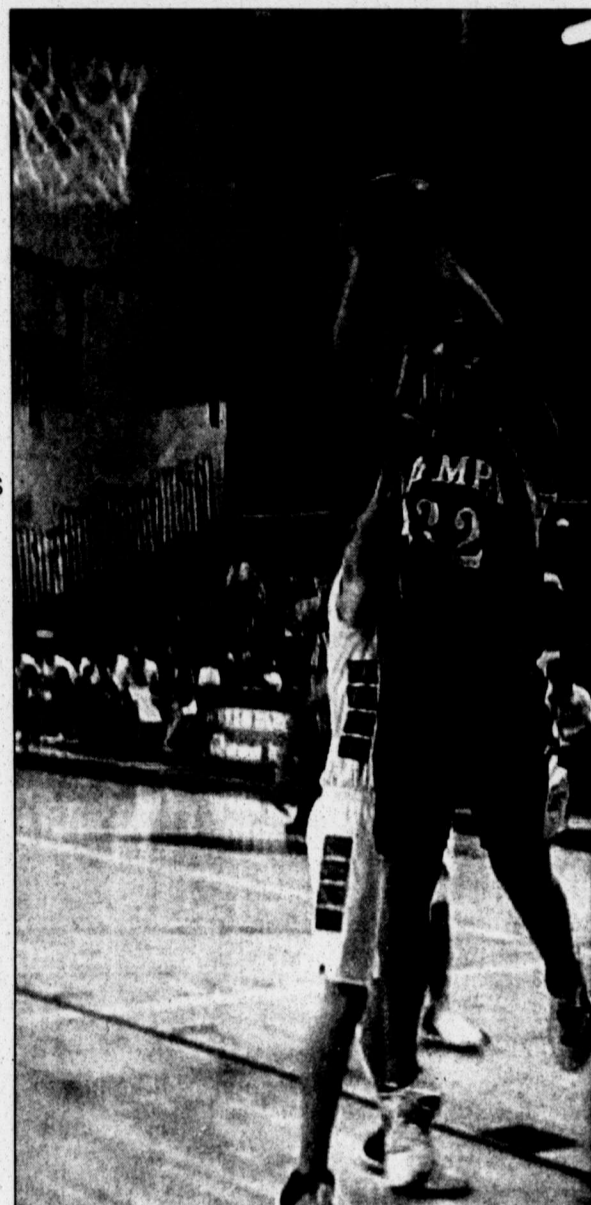
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa junior varsity boys basketball team fell hard to Wellington in the Tomahawk Classic basketball tournament in Miami yesterday afternoon. The final score there was 82-35. Pampa played solid in the second and third periods, outscored just 33-25 in the two periods. It was the first and fourth periods that did them in. Pampa was outscored by a combined 49-10 for the two periods. The junior varsity Lady Harvesters also suffered an opening round loss to Wellington. The final from that game was 50-32. Pampa was down just 16-11 after the first period. And despite scoring just 7 points in the second, the Lady Harvester defense managed to hold Wellington to only 5 points. At the break, it was Wellington 21, Pampa 18. The second half was not a kind one for Pampa. They were held to just 14 points total while Wellington posted 29.



Harvester Head Coach Jeff Reed (left) addresses his team during a break between periods. Clayton Hall (below) takes the bench near the end of the game. Hall finished with 12 points. Jarett Kotara (right) led all Pampa scorers with 18 points. The Harvesters fell to the Hobbs Eagles, 74-62, in the opening round of the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions at Canyon yesterday afternoon.

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### BASKETBALL SCORES

## Tomahawk Classic

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here are the scores from yesterday's opening round of the Tomahawk Classic basketball tournament in Miami.

**Boys**  
Pampa JV 35, Wellington 82  
Shamrock 63, Lefors 47  
McLean 59, Wheeler 63  
Samnorwood 41, Fort Elliott 65  
Adrian 39, Spearman 58  
Channing 45, Booker 60  
White Deer 72, Miami 42

**Girls**  
Pampa JV 32, Wellington 50  
Samnorwood 34, Fort Elliott 73  
Adrian 24, Spearman 62  
Channing 32, Booker 24  
Miami 37, White Deer 61  
Shamrock 36, Lefors 35  
McLean 16, Wheeler 76  
Wheeler JV 23, Canadian 94

## Raider Duels tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester varsity wrestlers are in to Canyon today to take part in the Raider Duels at Randall High School.

It is the start of a tournament scheduled to run today through Saturday.

Coach Cadenhead and his squad have been off since the Panhandle Nationals of Nov. 26 and 27. The Nov. 29 meeting with Caprock was canceled due to weather.

## Where eagles dare



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With Hobbs Eagles defenders clawing at him, Pampa's Jarett Kotara dives for a loose ball during yesterday's opening round of the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon. Pampa lost the game 74-62 and will play Canyon in a consolation game this afternoon.

## Kotara's 18 points not enough to overcome running Eagles

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Turnovers and the inability to score inside the paint doomed the Pampa Harvesters in the opening round of the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions basketball tournament in Canyon yesterday afternoon.

Pampa dropped to 5-3 following the 74-62 loss to the Hobbs Eagles. Hobbs entered the night with just one loss to their credit.

The Harvesters played the perennial New Mexico power tough in the first half. A tenacious Pampa defense and strong rebounding, combined with effective shooting, kept Pampa within reach of the Eagles, 36-32, at the break.

Pampa hung on in the third period as well. Down at times by as much as 10 points, the Harvesters would get within a free throw of the Eagles a couple of times in the period.

Each team posted 17 points in the

period. And as the fourth period got underway, Pampa found itself down by only 4 points, 43-39.

*'Our guys just ran out of gas at the end. They just couldn't keep their legs underneath them.'*

— Jeff Reed  
Head Coach, PHS  
Basketball

The fourth period would prove the Harvester's demise.

With just under five minutes to play in the game, Pampa was within a single point of tying the game, 60-59. And then the wheels came off.

Hobbs turned up the speed of the game, running Pampa up and down the court. Pampa simply could not keep pace. They had plenty of chances to score from inside the lane, but failed to do so.

Turnovers also became an issue for the Green Team. The Eagles turned most of those turnovers into points.

After the game, Pampa Head Coach Jeff Reed said, "Our guys just ran out of gas at the end. They just couldn't keep their legs underneath them."

Reed added, "We had plenty of opportunities to score from inside the paint and just not able to do so. That and the turnovers killed us."

Jarett Kotara led the Harvester scoring with 18 points. Clayton Hall had 12 points on the afternoon.

Pampa will face Canyon in a consolation game at 4:15 p.m. today in the WT Events Center in Canyon. The two teams met last month with Pampa coming away with a 71-64 win.

## PJHS defeats Canyon

The Pampa Jr. High basketball teams traveled to Canyon Thursday night to participate in the Canyon Junior High Invitational basketball tournament. Both teams came away with victories.

The B team defeated the Canyon White B team 47-19 in a game that was far more physical than the score would indicate. Leading scorers for the B team were Heath Skinner with 18 points, Cobron Harris had 8, and Jack Ware finished with 6. Controlling the boards for the Green Team were Dan Kirkland and Johnathon Anguiano.

The A team had a much tougher time in defeating the Canyon White A team 42-36. Cold shooting from the field and the free-throw line kept the Green Team from gaining a comfortable lead. However, their tough pressure defense created multiple turnovers and easy baskets especially late in the game when Canyon mounted their comeback. Leading scorers for the A team were Matt Smith with 13 points, Blake Seick tossed in 11, and Casey Trimble finished with 7. Both teams face Clovis at Canyon Junior High School tomorrow. Games should start at 12:45 p.m.

## Toledo wins Mac championship

DETROIT (AP) — Bruce Gradkowski threw three of his four touchdown passes to Lance Moore, leading Toledo to a 35-27 win over Miami (Ohio) in the Mid-American Conference championship game Thursday night.

Toledo (9-3) will return to Ford Field to face Connecticut on Dec. 27 in the Motor City Bowl. The RedHawks (8-4) will play in either the Silicon Valley Classic or the Independence Bowl.

For the fourth year in a row, a quarterback threw four TDs in the MAC title game. Ben Roethlisberger did it last year for the

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## Report: Bonds testified to grand jury he unknowingly used steroids

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds testified to a grand jury that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know they were steroids, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday.

Bonds told the federal grand jury last year that Greg Anderson, his personal trainer, told him the substances he used in 2003 were the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and a rubbing balm for arthritis, according to a transcript of his testimony reviewed by the Chronicle.

The substances Bonds described were similar to ones known as "the clear" and "the cream," two steroids from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative at the center of the steroid scandal.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, said the leak of grand jury testimony was an attempt to smear his client. Grand jury transcripts are sealed and the Chronicle did not say who showed them the documents.

"My view has always been this case has been the U.S. vs. Bonds, and I think the government has moved in certain ways in a concerted effort to indict my client," Rains told the newspaper. "And I think their failure to indict him has resulted in their attempts to smear him publicly."

Rains did not immediately comment to The Associated Press, but his office said Friday that he would make a statement later in the day. Telephone calls made Friday to Bonds' agent, Scott Boras, and the Giants were not immediately returned.

Tony Serra, Anderson's lawyer, said Anderson "never knowingly provided illegal substances to anyone."

The revelation of Bonds' grand jury testimony was one of a series of developments in the BALCO probe, which led

to indictments against four men in February.

ABC News and ESPN the Magazine released excerpts of interviews with BALCO founder Victor Conte, one of those charged in the case, in which he says he watched Olympic track star Marion Jones inject herself in the leg with human growth hormone.

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— Michael Rains  
Attorney, Barry Bonds

Jones' attorneys denied she ever used performance-enhancing drugs. Conte's interview with ABC's "20/20" program was to air Friday night.

And sprinter Kelli White, who has been banned from track for two years after admitting use of several banned substances, broke down and cried Thursday as she recounted in an interview the first time she used THG, a once-undetectable steroid that BALCO is accused of providing to elite athletes. White's comments appeared in the Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and USA Today.

On Thursday, the Chronicle reported Yankees slugger Jason Giambi told the grand jury he injected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 and also used steroids for at least three seasons.

Before the Bonds story was even published, U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said his

office was concerned about the leaks to the Chronicle and asked the Justice Department to investigate.

Dozens of elite athletes testified before the grand jury last year, including baseball stars Bonds, Giambi and Gary Sheffield, and track stars Jones, White and Tim Montgomery.

The probe led to some athletes being banned from the Olympics and left a cloud of suspicion over others, such as Jones, who were allowed to compete despite the investigation.

But Bonds is the biggest star of all, the holder of baseball's single-season home run record of 73 in 2001 and the man who could break Hank Aaron's career homer mark of 755 as early as next year. Bonds ended last season with 703 homers and won his record seventh NL Most Valuable Player award.

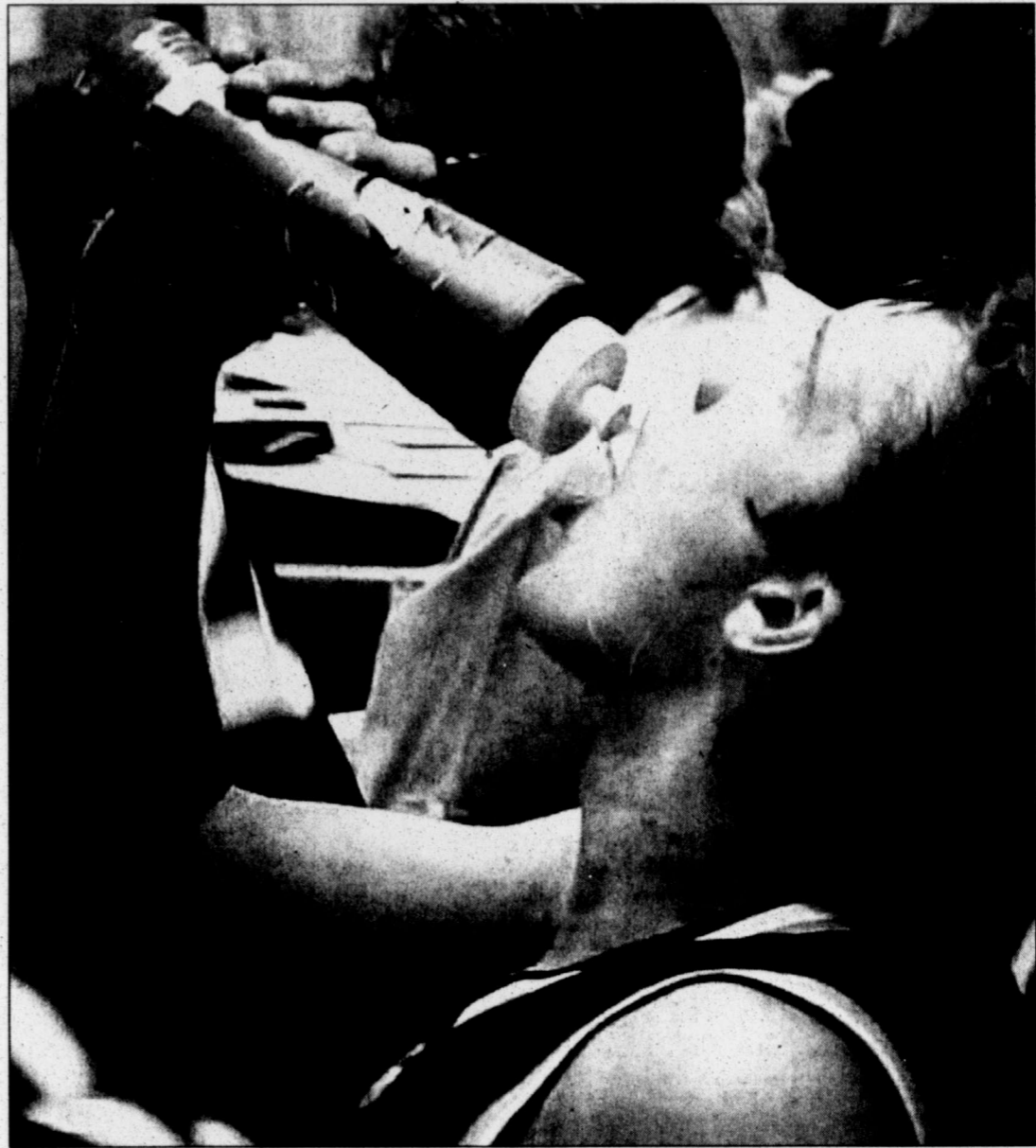
It is uncertain what punishment, if any, Bonds could receive from baseball, which didn't have penalties for steroid use until last year.

While discipline is spelled out for positive tests and criminal convictions from 2003 on, admission of illegal steroid use is not addressed, possibly giving baseball commissioner Bud Selig an opening to punish Bonds.

Selig repeatedly has called for year-round random testing and harsher penalties, but management and the players' association have failed to reach an agreement. The contract runs through the 2006 season.

"I've been saying for many months: I instituted a very, very tough program in the minor leagues on steroids in 2001. We need to have that program at the major league level," Selig said Thursday in Washington, D.C. "We're going to leave no stone unturned until we have that policy in place by spring training 2005."

## Squeeze play



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Jarett Kotara squeezes out some well deserved refreshment during yesterday's game against Hobbs in the opening round of the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon. Despite Kotara's 18 points, Pampa lost to the Eagles 72-64. The Harvesters square off against Canyon at the WT Events Center at 4:14 p.m. today.

## Lady Harvester freshmen face Dumas in championship game

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvester freshmen team was in Borger yesterday taking part in the Borger Freshmen Tournament, where they won twice and earned the right to play in tomorrow's championship game.

Pampa defeated Fritch in the tournament opener, 42-26. Sara Foster scored 10 points in the win while Trisha Moore

nailed three 3-pointers for nine points.

"We played very hard. We did a real good job rebounding and blocking out," said Head Coach Troy Owens.

Pampa took host, Borger, in the second game by a final of 39-20.

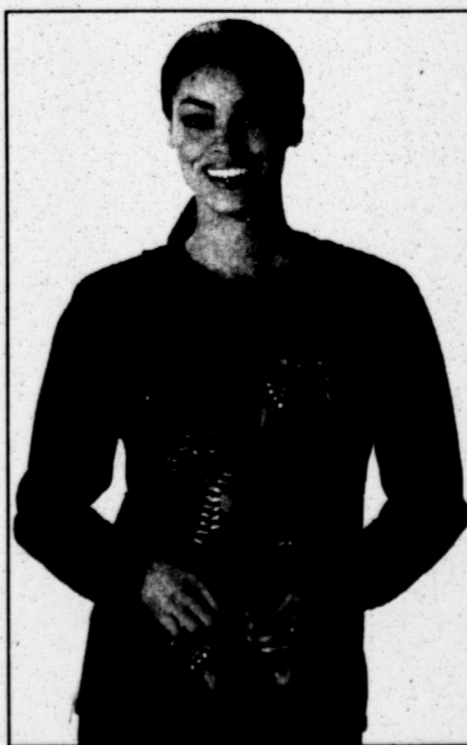
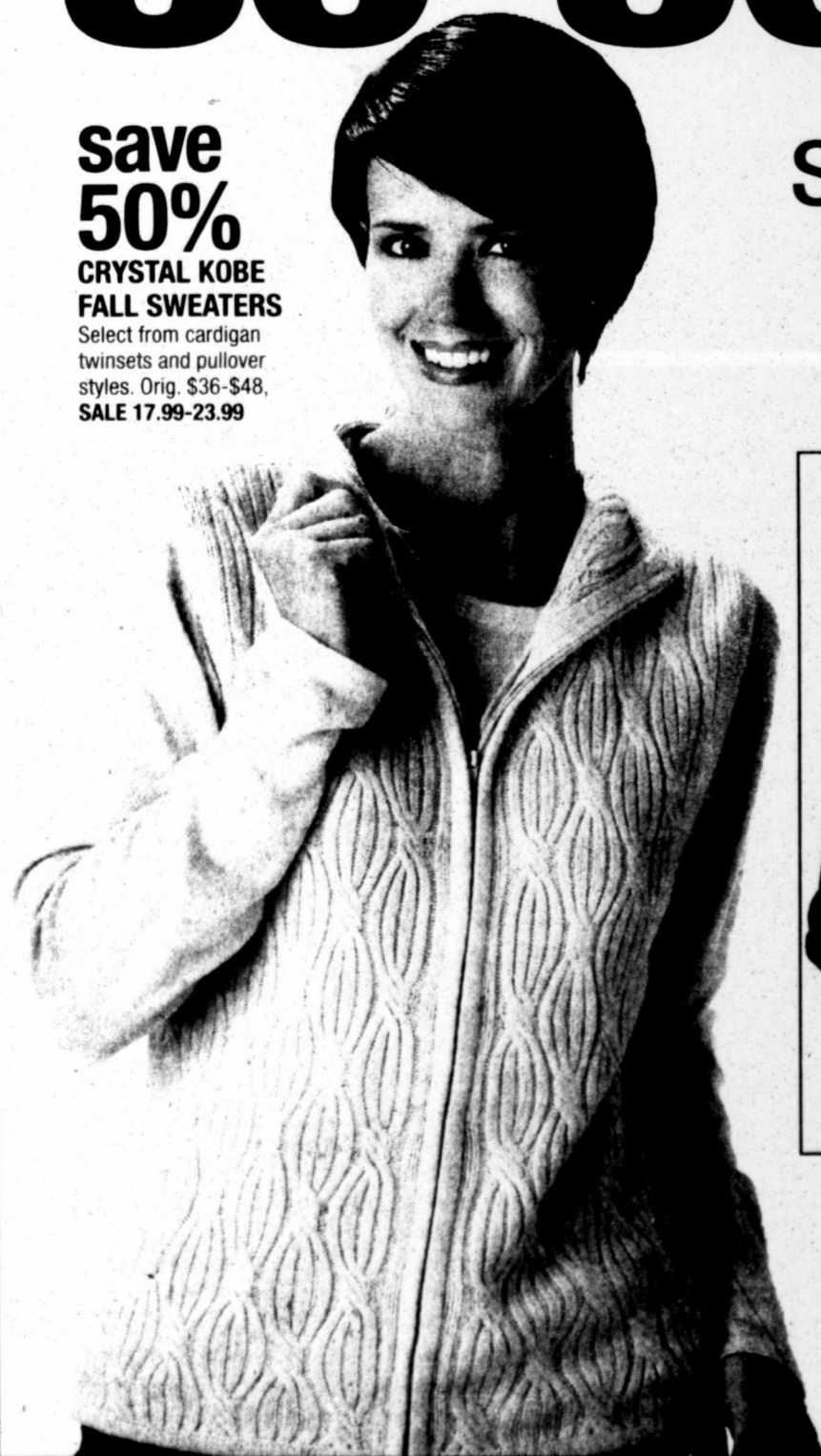
Stephanie Polask and Chelsey Knight each had 6 points in the winning effort.

Pampa plays Dumas in the championship game tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. in Borger.

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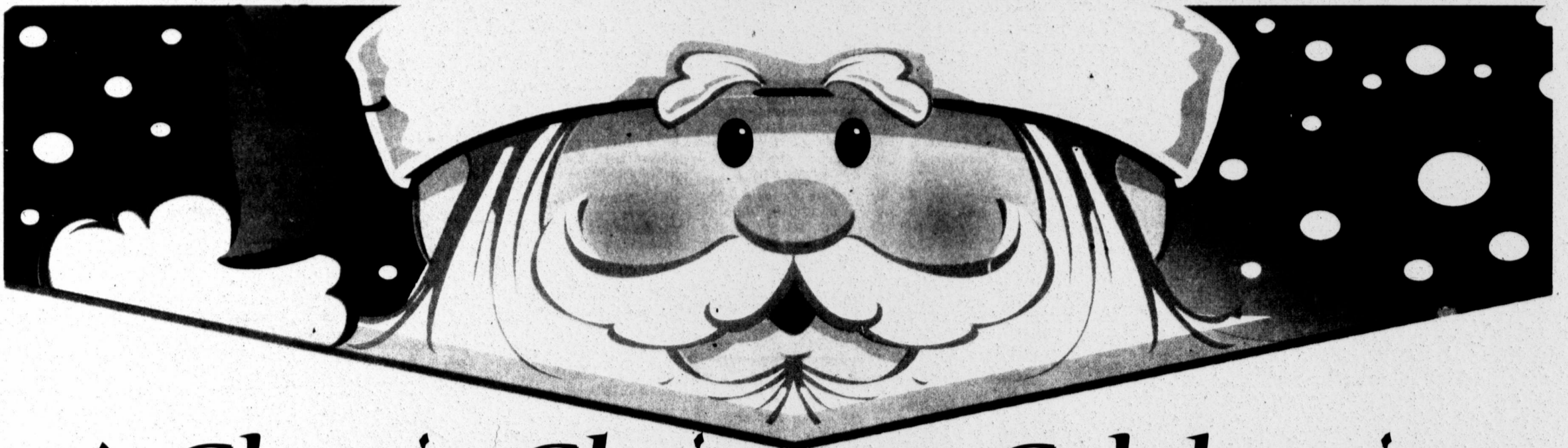
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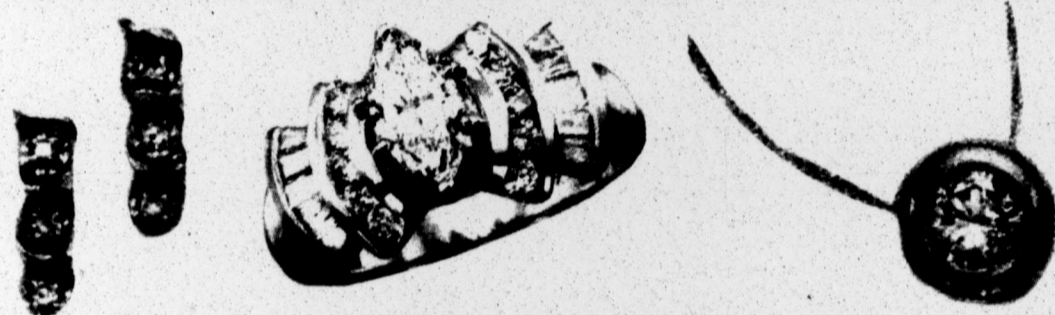
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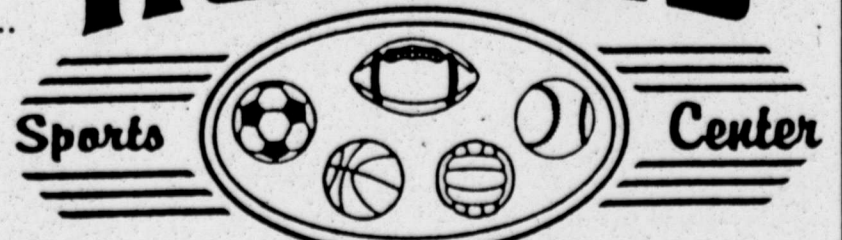
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