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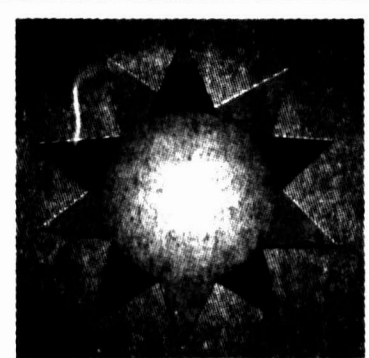
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One ticket correctly
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drawn Saturday night for the
twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

The ticket was worth an
estimated \$29 million.

The ticket was sold in:
Corpus Christi.

The numbers drawn
Saturday night from a field of
50 were: 9-11-23-28-41-50.

Wednesday night's draw-
ing will be worth an estimat-
ed \$4 million.

PAMPA — The City of
Pampa's landfill will close at
3 p.m. Friday and loads will
be accepted until 2:30 p.m.
Normal hours (7 a.m. until
4:30 p.m.) will resume
Saturday, said Jim Benton,
landfill supervisor.

PAMPA — A free job
search seminar given by the
Texas Workforce Center staff
is set for Wednesday at
Lovett Memorial Library.
The seminar starts at 10 a.m.
and runs until noon then
picks up again and 1 p.m.
with no definite ending time.
The topics to be covered
include job search assistance,
resumes, interviewing skills
and other related topics.
Spaces are limited so to
reserve a spot call Nelda or
Holly at 665-0938.

- Paul Barrett, 77, building
superintendent for First
Baptist Church for 29 years.
- Edward Parker Calhoun,
69, U.S. Army veteran.
- Norval Randolph Davis,
85, retired farmer, pilot.
- Donna Kay Radcliff Naul,
60, employee of Borger Bank.
- James W. Rigsby, 72, heavy
equipment operator.
- William D. 'Bill' Stockstill,
76, farmer, rancher.

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600-plus voter cards sent back

Wrong addresses, deaths reasons

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County voters have been
receiving new voter registration
cards in the mail this week
which will entitle them to vote.

The new cards will be valid
from Jan. 1, 2000, through Dec.
31, 2001. Voters should present
the orange-colored cards when
voting in elections during the
next two years.

Tax Assessor-Collector
Sammye Morris said cards were
mailed to the 13,814 registered
voters listed with her office.

She said voters who have
moved within the county and
have not changed their address
with the tax office should do so.
The voting precinct of the voters
could be affected by the move.

Former residents who have
moved outside the county
should register in the county of
their current residence to be able

to vote in the next election.

Anyone who is not currently
registered to vote must register
by Feb. 14 to be able to vote in
the March 14 primary elections.

Morris said the staff of the
local office constantly updates
the voter registration list by
checking *The Pampa News* obitu-
aries on the newspaper's web
site on a daily basis. She said
deleting the deceased registered
voters from the list has helped
keep the list current.

Lists are also received from
the local county clerk's office as
well as Potter and Randall
County Clerk's offices. The tax
office deputies affix the obitu-
aries to the list in the file when the
names are deleted.

In the past, family members
had to notify the tax office before
a name could be deleted. Morris
said the current procedure has
helped keep the voter lists con-
siderably more current.



Gray County Tax Assessor Collector Sammye Morris examines several hundred voter registration cards which were returned to the local county office Friday due to many of the addressee's moving and not notifying the office of the address change.

I-40 stop yields 'pot'

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

"OK, you got me, it's pot," said an unidentified
Hispanic male, after DPS officer Doug Acker had
searched the trunk of his Mazda 626 and found a
heavy, suspicious cardboard box.

Acker discovered 57 pounds of marijuana in a
cardboard box in the trunk of the Mazda 626 yester-
day at approximately 2:45 p.m.

He stopped the vehicle on Interstate 40 near
the Texas-Oklahoma border for going 92 mph in
a 70 mph zone.

"I asked the driver for I.D. and he didn't have
any. I asked him his name and address. Nothing
came up on the computer, though I got lots of
possibles. I asked him if anyone could verify him
— nothing," said Acker.

The driver was a Hispanic male and the pas-
senger was a Hispanic female. Authorities have
not released the names. The passenger had a
California driver's license, Acker said.

Acker spoke with the passenger separately,
after asking the driver to step out of the vehicle.

"I noticed blankets, food wrappers, it looked
like it [the car] had been lived in, so I asked if
she'd mind if I looked," Acker said.

"In the trunk I noticed the big cardboard box. I
asked the driver what was in the box. He said
'clothes.' I picked up the box. I told him it was
too heavy to be clothes. He said 'OK, you got me,
it's pot.'"

Both the driver and the passenger have been
charged with possession of marijuana over 50
pounds, and are currently incarcerated in the
Wheeler County Jail.

Call for census workers goes out

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Local people are being sought
for census work during the
spring of the year 2000.

Ray Parks is a recruiter seek-
ing people for census takers,
crew leaders and office clerks in
the Pampa area. He said 260
workers in the local area will be
needed to obtain the needed
information for the 2000 census.
Approximately 2,000 are being
hired across the Panhandle to fill
the fulltime temporary posi-
tions, he said.

Persons interested should go
to M.K. Brown Auditorium at 3
p.m. on Tuesdays and to the
Chamber of Commerce building
at 10 a.m. on Fridays. He said
the sessions will provide infor-
mation on the requirements.

Census takers are locally hired
people who work in their own
neighborhoods to locate
addresses and interview house-
hold members to obtain the
needed information from house-
hold members.

Also working in the field to
train, observe, review and
supervise the work of enumer-
ators are crew leaders. They are
engaged in data collection or
quality control.

Office clerks perform a wide

variety of clerical functions
associated with office process-
ing, field operations and admin-
istrative operations, including
personnel and payroll.

Parks said applicants must
take a written test to assess basic
skills. Background checks will
be initiated on applicants after
passing the test. If hired, the
census workers will be paid dur-
ing the training period in
January.

The test consists of 28 ques-
tions which are designed to
measure the skills, abilities and
knowledge required to perform
a variety of census jobs. The five
parts to the test are reading,
clerical, numerical, evaluative
and organizational skills. The
test may be retaken as often as
needed.

Veterans seeking veterans pre-
ference for hiring purposes must
bring a DD-214, armed forces
service record or equivalent to
the testing site for proof of qual-
ifying service.

Identification which may be
required is drivers license or
state ID, voter registration card,
U. S. military card or depend-
ent's ID card, social security
card and birth certificate.

In areas with large Spanish-
speaking populations, the test
will be given in Spanish.

Pampa mother missing

A Pampa mother has disap-
peared — possibly kidnapped
by criminal elements in
Amarillo. Pampa local Monica
Appleton has been missing since
October 13, according to her
brother Pampa police officer
Donnie Brown.

"We don't know if she's being
held against her will, or the
worst," Brown said, "This is re-
ally hurting my mother and
grandmother."

Alice Appleton, Monica and
Donnie's mother, has been car-
ing for Monica's two children.

"I haven't seen or heard any-
thing of her since September.

If you have information,
call police at 669-5700.

This is not Monica to be missing.
She would want her [child sup-
port] checks, she would want
her kids," Alice Appleton said.

"I want to know where she's
at. I want her home," Alice said.
Monica Appleton was last seen
in North Amarillo. She is 29-
years-old, white, female, blond
hair, 5'5", 100 lbs., Hazel eyes.

If you have any information
contact Officer Donnie Brown or
Lt. Pickering of the Pampa Police
Department at 806-669-5700.



Monica Appleton



Mail carrier Dewey Hutchinson struggles with a cartload of Christmas packages at the Pampa Post Office. The Pampa Post Office reports processing 35,000 to 45,000 parcels of mail a day this holiday season. Today is reported to be the heaviest day nationwide.

Y2K readiness on city agenda Tuesday

Y2K and how the city has pre-
pared will be one of the topics
for discussion when the Pampa
City Commission meets for its
public work session at 4 p.m.
Tuesday at City Hall followed
by the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

City Finance Director John
Hors, who headed up an advi-
sory committee, will give the
Y2K report which will address
other services, including bank-
ing, telephone, electricity and
natural gas, as well as city-pro-
vided ones.

In other business, commis-
sioners will discuss just what
type of incentives the city might
offer under the new Enterprise
Zone plan. These incentives can
cover a wide range including tax
and fee abatements as well as in-
kind services such as building
utilities.

The Enterprise Zone is being
developed by the Pampa

Economic Development
Commission to entice business
here and must be adopted by the
City Commission and/or
County Commission in order for
it to become a reality.

Also on the agenda is consid-
eration for approval of a bid for
the purchase of police vehicles.
This item is a carryover from the
last meeting.

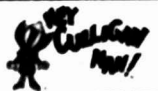
Commissioners will also con-
sider an ordinance authorizing
the issuance of certificates of
obligation bonds not to exceed
\$2,525,000 for water and sewer
projects.

The bonds are needed to
finance work, which is under
way by using a short-term loan,
on the city's sewage treatment
plant.

Upgrades are being required
by changes in the law which
now regulate the amount of
ammonia discharge.

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Services tomorrow

BARRETT, Paul — 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.
HAGEMANN, Jess Carl — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
RIGSBY, James W. — 3 p.m., Christian Temple, Fort Worth.

Obituaries

PAUL BARRETT

Paul Barrett, 77, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy White, and the Rev. Jerry Arrington and the Rev. John Glover, both associate pastors, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Barrett was born Oct. 10, 1922, at Pampa where he grew up, graduating from Pampa High School. He farmed with his father prior to joining the U.S. Army. He married Lois M. Anderson on Oct. 19, 1944, at Pampa. He was discharged from the Army in 1946. He was a carpenter and served as building superintendent at First Baptist Church for 29 years.

He loved the Lord, his family and all his friends and was a poet, writing from the heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Danny P. Barrett, in 1980; two brothers, James R. Barrett, in 1973, and Dr. Charles Barrett, in 1994; and a sister, Cleo Spence, in 1997.

Survivors include Lois, his wife of 55 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Jimmy Free of Pampa and Cindy and Wesley Bradstreet of Wheeler; three sisters, Doris Bateman of Spearman, Pauline Arnold of Dallas and Glad Wilkerson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Raymond Barrett and Floyd Barrett, both of Pampa; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Tim Free and Steven and Dona Free, all of Pampa, Kristen Barrett Meeker and Marc of Germany, Kathryn Barrett Jackson and Brent of South Carolina, Ember and Mike Keith of Abilene, Andy Bradstreet of Nacogdoches and Sandy Bradstreet of Wheeler; and five great-grandchildren, Stormy Free, Christian Free and Evan Free, all of Pampa, and Heather Ponce and Ben Ponce.

The family requests memorials be to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 650 W. 168th St., New York, NY 10032-9982; or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

EDWARD PARKER CALHOUN

DIMMITT — Edward Parker Calhoun, 69, father of an Alanreed resident, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999. Services are to be at 3 p.m. today in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Castro Memorial Cemetery.

Formerly of Dimmitt, Mr. Calhoun was born at Palestine. He married Hazel Coleman in 1950 at Clovis, N.M. He was a charter member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

He was a resident of Flemington, Mo., and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; three daughters, Kathy Lindsey of Gruver, Donna Newton of Coahoma and Tammy Lay of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Keith Calhoun of Alameda; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

NORVAL RANDOLPH DAVIS

DALHART — Norval Randolph Davis, 85, brother of a Canadian resident, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in People's Church with the Rev. Jerry Davis officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born in Jones County, Texas. When he was 2-years-old, the family moved to Moore County and then to Dallam County in 1928. He married Eva Hays in 1940 at Dalhart. The couple farmed west of Conlen until retiring and moving to Dalhart in 1977. He was a private pilot and performed aerobatic flying.

He had belonged to People's Church since 1964 and was Dallam County commissioner in Precinct 3 from 1955-69.

Survivors include his wife, Eva; and a sister, Ada Mae Anderson of Canadian.

DONNA KAY RADCLIFF NAUL

BORGER — Donna Kay Radcliff Naul, 60, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Gregg Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Naul was born at Pampa. She moved to Borger in 1959. She married Richard Radcliff, and the couple ran Radcliff Electric in Borger from 1959-81. She later married Robert Naul.

She worked in customer service at Borger Bank and belonged to Calvary Baptist Church and Adobe Walls Gun Club.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1981 and by her second husband in 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Dana Slater of Fritch and Becky Lee of Borger; a sister, Joan Dunham of Hardisty, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

JAMES W. RIGSBY

FORT WORTH — James W. Riggsby, 72, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999. Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Christian Temple. Burial will be in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home of Colleyville.

Mr. Riggsby was born March 13, 1927, in Todd County, Kentucky. He was a heavy equipment operator and worked for Natural Gas.

Survivors include his wife, Reva Riggsby of Fort Worth; a daughter, Gayla Horner of Watauga; a son, Jim R. of North Richland Hills; two

brothers, Virgil Riggsby of Tecumseh, Kan., and Eugene Riggsby of Brighton, Colo.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

WILLIAM D. "BILL" STOCKSTILL

William D. "Bill" Stockstill, 76, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Stockstill was born Dec. 27, 1922, at Amarillo, to C.C. and Belva Stockstill. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1941 and attended Texas Tech University. He married Jackie Stockstill in 1991 at Miami. He owned Heaton Cattle Company and was involved in farming and ranching.

He belonged to American Cutting Horse Association and owned quarter horses.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, enlisting in November of 1944 and serving with the 98th Headquarter Battery before being honorably discharged in November of 1945.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Stockstill, in 1991; and by a grandson, Matt Stockstill.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, of the home; two daughters, Nancy Cervi of Roggen, Colo., and Mary Ann Gill of Miami; two stepdaughters, Cindy Pruitt and Sherry Robertson, both of Shamrock; a sister, Margaret Barnett of Fort Worth; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Viva Willis Burgess, 88, 1616 N. Christy, struck an unattended, parked Ford F-350, after turning left onto West Harvester. Police investigator James Powell noted that Burgess "passed out, possibly due to cardiac-related problem," before striking the parked pickup with her Mercury Grand Marquis. She was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 10

Debra Kay Gerik, 46, 817 Locust, was arrested on charges of no insurance, expired license, failure to change address, and violation of driver's license restriction.

Larry Gene Caviness, 42, 1112 W. Lincoln, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct - exposure, evading arrest, and resisting arrest.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Calvin Menefield, 39, 421 N. Wells, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

Criminal trespassing of a habitation was reported at the 2700 block of North Duncan.

Found property was reported in the alleyway of the 400 block of Pitts.

Sunday, Dec. 12

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the 800 block of Harvester.

Stocks

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

Wheat	1.97	Coca-Cola	61 7/8	dn 1/8
Milo	2.56	Columbia/HCA	28 1/16	dn 1/16
Corn	3.00	Enron	37 15/16	up 1/2
Soybeans	3.84	Halliburton	36 3/8	up 1 7/16
		IRI	3 1/4	dn 1/8
		KMI	17 11/16	dn 9/16
		Kerr McGee	55 7/16	up 1 1/2
		Limited	41 1/16	dn 11/16
		McDonald's	43 1/8	dn 1/8
		Mobil	104 5/16	up 13/16
		New Atmos	21	dn 3/16
		NCE	31 1/8	dn 3/16
		Penney's	19	dn 1/16
		Phillips	48 3/16	up 13/16
		Pioneer Nat.	8	up 1/4
		SLB	57	up 7/8
		Tenneco	7 5/8	NC
		Texaco	35	up 9/16
		Ultramar	23 1/16	up 3/4
		Wal-Mart	66 17/8	up 2 7/8
		Williams	30 3/16	dn 11/16
		New York Gold	278.95	
		Silver	5.13	
		West Texas Crude	25.00	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	19 5/8	dn 5/16
Fidelity Magell	131.43	
Puritan	18.96	

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

Ameco	60 13/16	up 3/16
Arco	89 15/16	up 3/16
Cabot	19 1/8	up 7/16
Cabot O&G	13 1/2	up 1/16
Chevron	90 7/16	dn 5/16

Ambulance

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

Sunday, Dec. 12

8:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Lowery and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 11

8:13 a.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to a faulty alarm at 2015 W. Alcock.

12:25 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to a vehicle accident at the 1500 block of West Harvester.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Penny Louise Wood, 30, Roswell, N.M., was arrested by the DPS on charges of family offenses.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Bryan McClelland, 30, 1807 N. Sumner, was arrested by the DPS on the charge of driving while intoxicated - breath test refused.

Pretrial testimony gets underway in Tripp case

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — In the first days of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, a local prosecutor said she was under political pressure to investigate Linda Tripp for illegal wiretapping, one of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's deputies testified today.

Former Starr prosecutor Jackie Bennett was the first witness at a pretrial hearing where Maryland authorities must demonstrate that their case against Mrs. Tripp was untainted by her immunized cooperation with Starr's office.

Bennett testified that when he got a call from Howard County State's Attorney Marna McLendon on Jan. 26, 1998, "she indicated that she was receiving pressure that was becoming unbearable to her. There was a political campaign to put pressure on" the prosecutor's office to investigate Mrs. Tripp.

Ms. McLendon told Bennett that if Maryland had to get its own evidence independent of what Mrs. Tripp provided Starr's office, she didn't believe Mrs. Tripp would be prosecuted, according to Bennett.

"We had the tapes and we weren't going to give them to Maryland," Bennett testified.

Two weeks after calling Bennett, McLendon, a Republican, turned the case over to Maryland state prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli, who eventually got the tapes under a federal court order.

"The only people who don't think" Tripp "had immunity is the state of Maryland and the prosecutors," Tripp lawyer Joe Murtha said outside the courthouse.

Bennett and another Starr prosecutor, Bruce Udolf, testified that they didn't explicitly grant Mrs. Tripp immunity from prosecution on Maryland's wiretap law when they made an immunity deal with her in January 1998.

They simply issued a letter on Jan. 16, 1998 stating that "no testimony or other information provided under this agreement, or any information derived from" it "may be used against Ms. Tripp in any criminal case."

With the letter in hand, Mrs. Tripp gave Starr's office the tapes of Ms. Lewinsky confiding her sexual relationship with President Clinton.

Maryland prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli says the immunity for Mrs. Tripp didn't begin until Feb. 19, more than a month later when a judge issued an order granting Mrs. Tripp limited immunity from prosecution.

Five of Starr's investigators, New York book agent Lucianne Goldberg and possibly Ms. Lewinsky herself were to appear at the hearing that began today. It could determine whether the case will go to trial.

Mrs. Tripp on Saturday posted a message on her Internet site, saying, "I actually look forward to my trial. No matter how it turns out, it is a relief that for the very first time in two whole years, the facts — and not the deafening spin — will be on the table in a court of law."

A Howard County grand jury indicted Mrs. Tripp on two counts of breaking Maryland's wiretap statute because she secretly taped Ms. Lewinsky confiding her affair with Clinton. The recordings were the starting point for Starr's investigation, which led to Clinton's impeachment in the House on charges of perjury and obstruction and his acquittal in the Senate.

The Maryland case is limited to a single recording on Dec. 22, 1997, and Mrs. Tripp's allegedly illegal disclosure of it Jan. 17, 1998, to Newsweek magazine. Just before the taping, Mrs. Tripp was advised by her lawyer that it was illegal to secretly tape phone calls in Maryland.

Holiday season still going well online and at the mall

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Another weekend of brisk sales — both online and on lines at the mall — have the nation's retailers appear to be on track to meet their sales forecasts for the holiday season.

Sales have been strong since Thanksgiving and the pace has started to pickup in recent days as the weather turned cooler through much of the country and many stores offered deep discounts.

Now, many merchants are hoping the big crowds will keep coming over the next few weeks so they can finish the holiday season with solid sales gains.

"We've had a great few weeks, and I think we will do well until Christmas," said Judi Lewis Morris, marketing director at the Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax, Va. "People are clearly buying more than they have in years past."

Last year, shoppers did 46 percent of their holiday buying in the 10 days before Christmas and 11 percent came right after Christmas, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

Retailers in 1999 have enjoyed one of their best years in recent history, and many were optimistic about this holiday season, thanks to high consumer confidence, low unemployment rates and sharp gains on Wall Street.

Analysts project holiday sales at traditional stores will rise 5 percent to 6 percent to more than \$180 billion, while online sales are expected to at least double to \$6 billion.

"It's the economy," said Martin Fortes, general manager of the Perimeter Mall outside Atlanta. "Disposable income is so up that the short list is who isn't doing business, as opposed to who is."

Over the weekend, many merchants were stunned by the crowds. At the Cherry Creek mall in Denver, the 5,000 spots in the parking lot were filled by early afternoon on Saturday and the shopping center had one of its busiest days ever.

Crowds were also spotted at The Florida Mall in Orlando, including at the Payless Shoesource, which sells discounted shoes, and the new Burdines upscale department store.

On the Internet, online market

research firm Bizrate.com found that orders to their 2,700 Web-based clients over the last week were up about 55 percent from Thanksgiving week and more than four times what they were a year ago.

Traffic to the 1,150 merchants that make up the shopping area on portal Lycos was up 50 percent from Thanksgiving weekend.

"Christmas will soon be here, and people are suddenly realizing that they still need to get gifts to put under the Christmas tree," said Kurt Barnard, who runs the retail consulting firm Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J.

That's what got 24-year-old Quincy Jones out to the Valley West Mall in Des Moines. He's bought only one gift so far, and has at least four more to go. Same with Nick Oksanen, who started and hoped to complete most of his gift-buying on Saturday at Old Orchard Shopping Center in the Chicago area.

Sheila Russell ventured out to a Wal-Mart in Sanford, Fla., in the middle of the night to pick up gifts.

"If it wasn't for the Internet, I wouldn't have done anything yet,

but I still have the bulk of my shopping to do," Russell said.

Also helping to lift sales over the weekend was the arrival of cooler weather to the parts of the country that had been hit by unusually warm temperatures in the last week. The chilly weather revived demand for heavy coats and wool sweaters.

And big discounts also brought shoppers into the stores.

"When the deals are available, why not go after them, even if it means getting up before dawn," said Mary Roman, who arrived at a J.C. Penney in Paramus, N.J., early Saturday to take advantage of a store-wide sale.

Not everyone, however, was looking for discounts. Merchants reported surprisingly brisk sales of high-end goods, such \$500 diamond earrings, \$300 DVD players and even a \$229 chicken rotisserie.

At Bluefly.com, which discounts designer clothes and accessories, orders this week were up 11 percent from a year ago. The online merchant can't keep enough pashmina shawls in stock, while sales were also brisk of its pricey pocketbooks, which include Gucci and Prada.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high in the low 60s and southwest winds at 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 33 and southwest winds at 20-30 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 50 and northwest winds at 25-30 mph. Yesterday's high was 46; the overnight low 22.

STATEWIDE — Light rain ended this morning in Southeast Texas, and the National Weather Service indicated the state might have a couple of days of clear

skies. Heavy rains fell on Saturday across Texas and tapered off on Sunday. The air mass that came through with the rain was a damp Pacific front, which had the effect of keeping temperatures moderately steady.

Although the skies are clearing up, it should remain cool, with the possibility of more storms later in the week across Texas. The clouds and light precipitation in Southeast Texas are associated with an area of low pressure over the Texas-Louisiana border.

Some parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth area received up to four

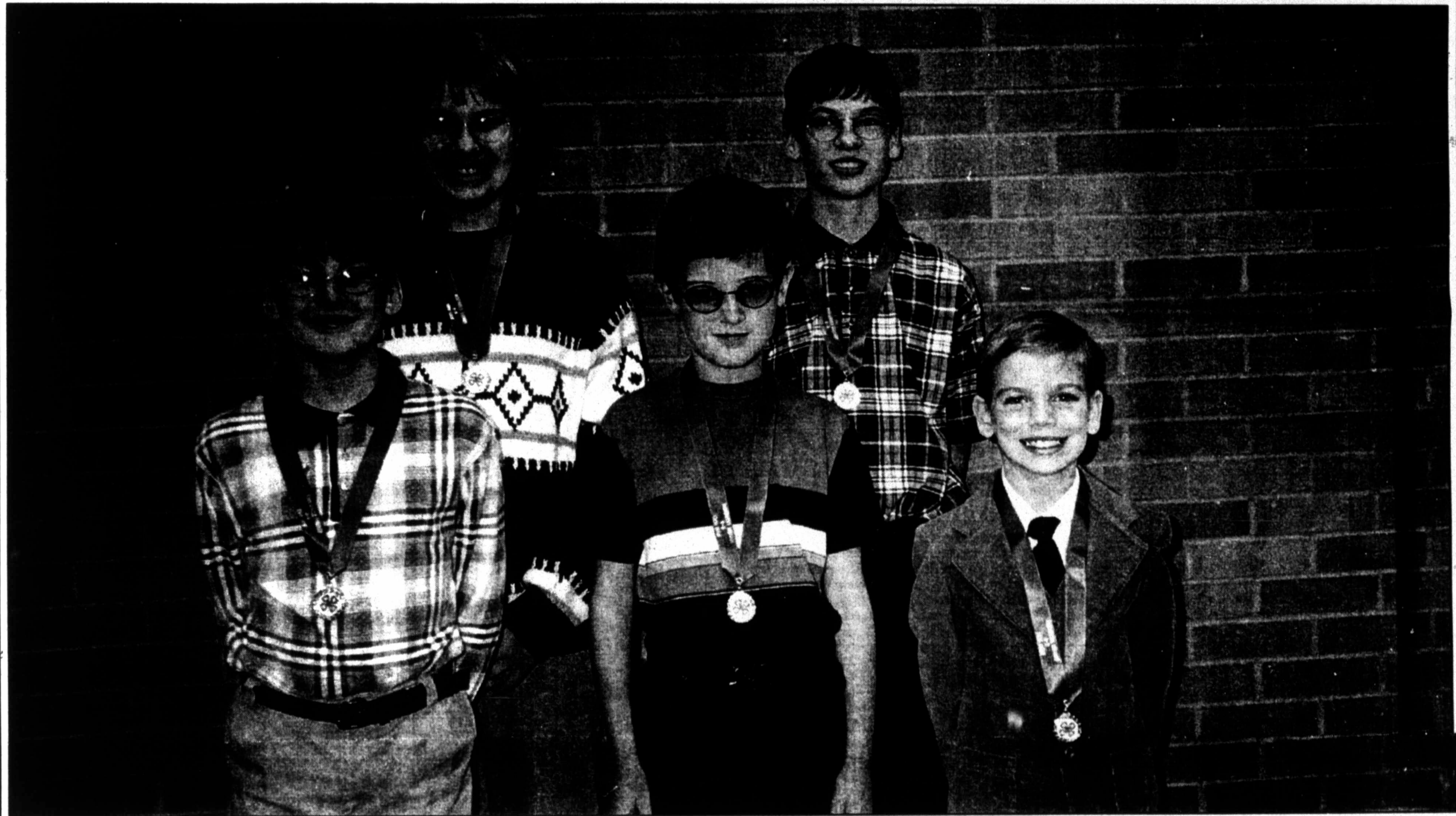
inches of rain on Saturday, but that lifted the total for 1999 to just 23.38 inches of rain at DFW Airport, more than 10 inches under its annual rainfall.

Harlingen had Sunday's warmest reading of 79.

Temperatures before dawn today ranged from 16 at Marfa, near the New Mexico border, to 53 at Galveston. Winds were generally light and variable in the west and northwest at 5 to 10 mph.

The weather service said today's highs should be in the 50s and 60s for most of the state, but into the lower 70s in far South Texas.

4-H district food show



(Special photos)

Gray County 4-Hers competing at District 1 4-H Food Show held recently in Amarillo were (top, back, left-right) Emily Elliott of Pampa, Cory Jackson and Nicholas Miller, both of Lefors; (front, l-r) Amanda Lawrence and Drake Jackson, both of Lefors, Kevin Smith of McLean and Gabriel Miller of Lefors. Placing in the Food Show were: (bottom, back, left-right) Emily Elliott of Pampa, top four in Intermediate Main Dish; Cory Jackson of Lefors, third in Senior Main Dish; (front, l-r) Drake Jackson of Lefors, top four in Junior Fruits and Vegetables; Kevin Smith of McLean, top four in Intermediate Breads and Cereals; and Gabriel Miller of Lefors, top four in Junior Breads and Cereals.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Society continuing to raise funds for PPHM renovation

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Society continues to raise funds for museum renovations. The area-wide focus of the campaign ended Oct. 31; however, the society will continue to accept contributions through June 2000, when actual construction begins. To date, 77 percent of the goal has been met. Currently the society is seeking support for the visible, public face of a comprehensive renovation of PPHM.

The total cost of the campaign

is \$6.1 million. The state funds will be used for behind-the-scenes improvements; renovating the oldest parts of the museum by providing badly needed upgrades of electrical and mechanical systems and restoration of the Pueblo Deco style Pioneer Hall. The archeology and natural history department will benefit from new collection

management, office and lab space.

The newly renovated areas are scheduled to open to the public in June 2001.

Friends who support the renovation will know that they have contributed to the revitalization

of a regional treasure. They will have invested in their future by preserving the past. Contact the museum's Development Office at (806) 651-5801, if you would like to be a part of this revitalization or would like more information.

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Future of Wedding Album Is Uncertain After Divorce

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for a year. My ex and I are no longer speaking. I recently found our wedding album. What should I do with it?

I'm thinking of keeping it because it contains fun pictures from my past. Or perhaps I'll send it to her parents because the wedding was held in their home. Any ideas?

MICHAEL IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR MICHAEL: Call and ask your former in-laws if they'd like to have the album. If they say yes, make a copy of the pictures you would like to keep and send the album to them. If the answer is no, keep the album for yourself. But don't be surprised if your next wife prefers that you keep it out of sight or in storage.

DEAR ABBY As the author of three wedding books, I was truly appalled at how "Happy to Lose the Lottery's" co-worker handled informing her that she was not to be invited to her wedding.

Brides often ask me how to handle letting people know that they won't be invited to the wedding. I always suggest that, whatever the reason, they tell people in person (or over the phone or in a written note) that although they would love to invite them, there are reasons why they can't. They can say, "We're going off to our cabin in Wisconsin for a private ceremony."



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

or as was stated in the first half of the message that "Happy" received, "Due to the physical nature of the wedding space, there will not be enough space for all the friends and relatives we would dearly love to invite."

In fact, that bride was on the right track in the message she sent — and if that had been all she'd said, I doubt "Happy to Lose" would have been so upset. But to create a "lottery" and then inform people that they were "losers" was really uncalled for. And then to tell someone to send a gift, for which he or she would be thanked "in absentia," was truly over the top.

LEAH INGRAM, NEW HOPE, PA.

DEAR LEAH: You put it far more politely than most of the people who responded to that item. However, some readers not only were offended at the idea of the lottery, they also found the format of the announcement offensive. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If I had received

an e-mail from "Elmer" and "Gladys" announcing that I had lost their "lottery" and that I would be thanked for my anticipated gift "in absentia," I would have sent the following form letter in return:

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DORENE IN L.A.

P.S. Tasteless is as tasteless does!

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 14, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You react like a bolt of lightning. Undoing what you might do in spontaneity can cause a lot of problems. Confusion is high; your best course of action is to do absolutely nothing. Take time to listen to another's woes. Tonight: Take a breather.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** If you stay focused, you'll gain. Someone throws a boomerang into your path at work. You might spend all day trying to regroup, but how you handle others in a pinch could make all the difference. Negotiate a new agreement financially. Tonight: Reach out for friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** News from a distance jolts you out of bed. You can handle what comes down the fairway. Listen to your instincts with a difficult associate, who will do anything to have his way. Take the lead and handle responsibilities with your customary diplomacy. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Taking the high road requires all your willpower and self-discipline. Handle others with brevity and courtesy. Misunderstandings can crop up where

you least expect them. Network, attend meetings and make important connections. Tonight: Buy a favorite CD.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Reach out for others, but take on one issue at a time. One-on-one relating roots out the problem you're experiencing. Discuss what you need from an associate. A child or loved one proves to be difficult. You are equal to the challenge if you make the effort. Tonight: Work on keeping the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others let you know where they are coming from and exactly what is what. You might opt to politely disagree. Temper flare at work, taking you in new and better directions. Right now, it's best to say little. Let others show their colors first! Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Work needs to be a high priority, though there could easily be a blowout where you least expect it. You now realize what another is holding back from you. Words get twisted; communication doesn't really do the job. Express your concern in your charming fashion. Tonight: Be willing to put in the needed hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Trust your creativity and ingenuity. You understand more than others do about what is going on right now. Steer clear of risk and stay on a tried-and-true path. A domestic matter needs to be cleared out quickly. Tonight: Partake in the fun of the season.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Handle personal matters quickly. Plans change rapidly. Be alert and choose your words with care. You might need to

reverse your thinking. Take stock. You might be overly tired and need a break from the present hectic pace. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Reach out for others; don't stand on ceremony. Share what is going on with you. Your personality melts barriers; you feel especially good with a partner. Communication is filled with interesting information. Handle finances carefully. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Expenses are high, and you could be surprised by a sudden demand. Regroup and think through your Christmas gift list once again. Resist the inclination to overanalyze or worry, even though you might be feeling a bit down. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your personality smoothes over any rough edges. You could be pressured by another's opinion of what you should be doing. You get strong feedback, but think before answering. A smile goes a long way in bringing levity to a situation. Tonight: It is your call.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fishhook

2 French friend

3 Scoundrel

4 "Rocky" native

5 Glossy

6 Pens

7 Pub brew

8 Latvian capital

9 "Terrible" czar

10 Flexed

11 TV spots

12 Fleet unit

13 Thin-layered mineral

14 Picnic pest

15 Directly

16 Oodles

17 Popular city

18 Thin cut

19 Computer screen

20 Symbols

21 Trombone

22 part

23 George C. Scott role

24 Turner of film

25 Rigid

26 — roll (succeeding)

27 Threesome

28 Actress

29 Rene

30 Old oath

31 Farewell

32 Dwelling

33 Inclined

34 Used a keyboard

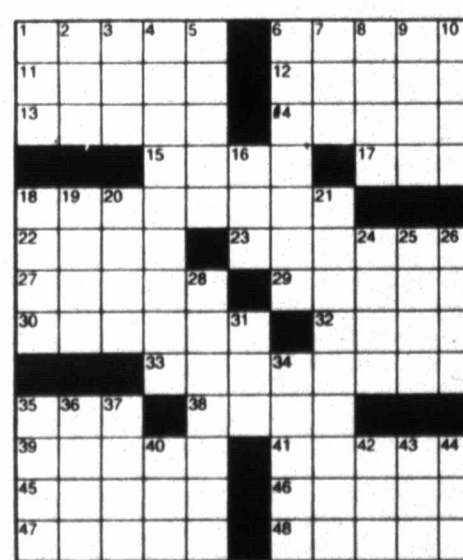
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LEN OHARAS
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TAFFETA LEG
ORR SCRAPE
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Saturday's answer

25 Writer
26 Ferber
27 Enjoy a book
28 Make sense of
29 Neither's partner
30 Take wee bites out of
31 Vaccine type
32 Bare
33 Atlas section
34 Rep's counterpart
35 Bound
36 Citrus drink
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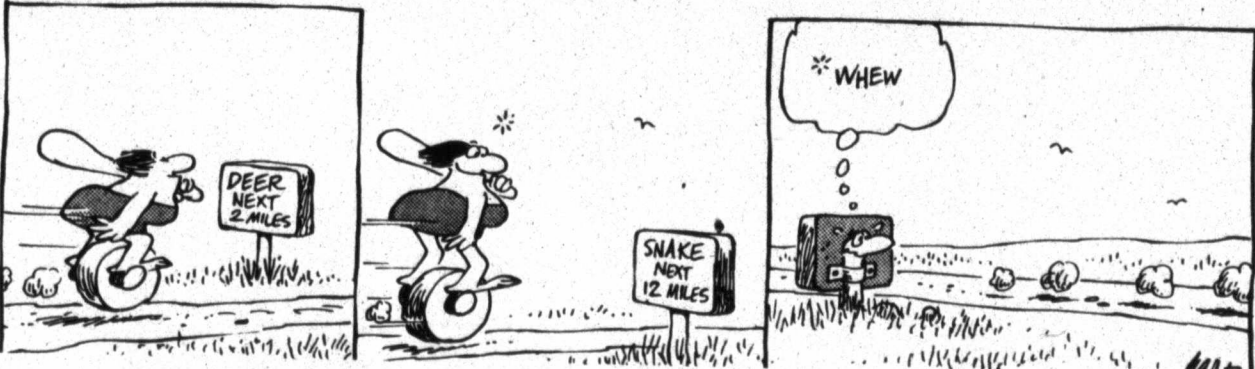
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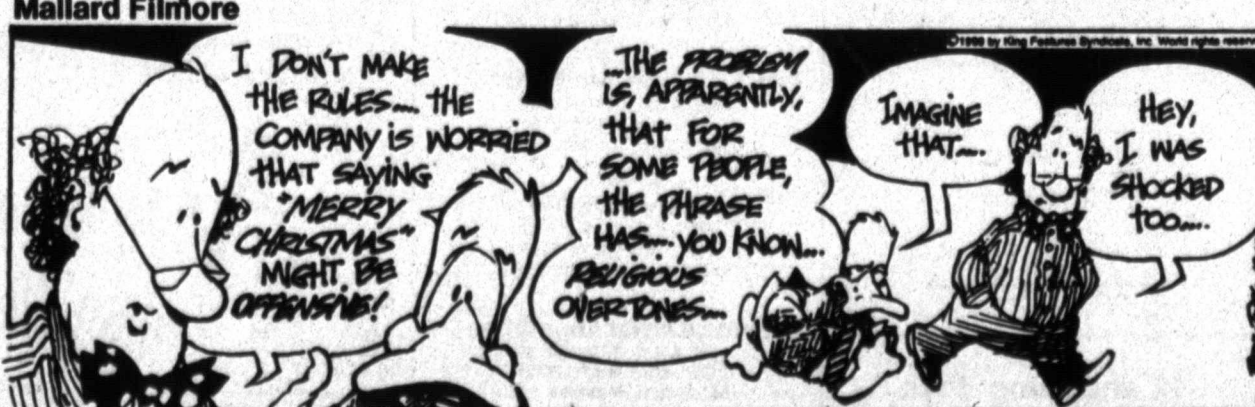
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Blondie



Mallard Filmore



MEDICAL

Kids Q&A

Q: Is a bagel the equivalent of one or two servings of grain in the Food Guide Pyramid?

A: The USDA's Food Guide Pyramid counts a bagel as two servings from the grain group. But, this is based on a three-inch plain bagel, not the hefty 4 1/2-inch deli-style version now popular. Those super-size bagels are equivalent to four Food Guide Pyramid servings or more, says Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To estimate of the number of Pyramid servings provided by a bagel or other bread product, check the Nutrition Facts panel. One Pyramid serving of most bread products is roughly one ounce (28 grams) and provides about 70 calories and 15 grams of carbohydrates.

Bigger bagels also hold more high-calorie spreads and toppings. Those loaded with nuts, dried fruit, seeds, chocolate or topped with a thick slathering of cream cheese can easily tip the scales to 450 to 600 calories, which is about one-third of an inactive woman's daily caloric requirements.

Q: Are canned fruits and vegetables less nutritious than fresh?

A: Canned fruits and vegetables might not look as appealing as their fresh counterparts, but when it comes to nutrition, don't count them out, says Dr. Janice Stuff, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Fruits and vegetables destined for the cannery are picked at full ripeness and processed within hours. This gives them a nutritional head start over produce destined for green-grocer shelves, which is generally picked several days earlier to withstand the stress and time of transport. Once canned, the nutritional content remains stable for up to two years. In contrast, fresh produce continues to lose sensitive nutrients until consumed.

Canning and cooking also yield some advantages. Heat breaks down cell structures, increasing the amount of beta-carotene and lycopene, a cancer-fighting antioxidant found in tomatoes. It also kills bacteria, and the vacuum created during canning keeps the contents safe until opened. And, because fruits and vegetables are canned when supplies are plentiful, their price is generally attractive. East-to-store and ready-to-use, canned foods offer convenience and can significantly cut meal preparation time.

Canned fruits and vegetables do have a nutritional downside, however. Canning, like cooking, causes the loss of some heat-sensitive and water-soluble nutrients, although most can be reclaimed by using the canning liquid. Canned foods also tend to be higher in salt and sugars, which makes it advisable to look for low-sodium and juice-packed versions.

Q: How many calories does my 5-year-old son need?

A: The average 5-year-old needs about 40 calories per pound or 1,800 calories per day, says Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. But, keep in mind that this is an average. A child's activity level and growth rate significantly affect the actual number of calories he or she needs. Some 5-year-olds might need only 1,300 calories a day, while those who are growing rapidly or are very active might need as many as 2,300.

Although these caloric requirements aren't much different than those of many adults, a 5-year-old can't get by on just three meals per day. Small stomachs can handle less at meal times, making nutritious snacks essential for most children.

If you are concerned about your son's caloric intake, see your health care provider. He or she can check his rate of growth, weight for age and weight for height, which are tools for assessing the caloric adequacy of a child's diet.

To help ensure that your son's diet is also nutritionally adequate, rely on the USDA's new Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children. For a 5-year-old, recommendations are for a minimum of six servings from the grain group, five servings of fruits and vegetables, four to six ounces of meat, and two servings from the dairy group each day.

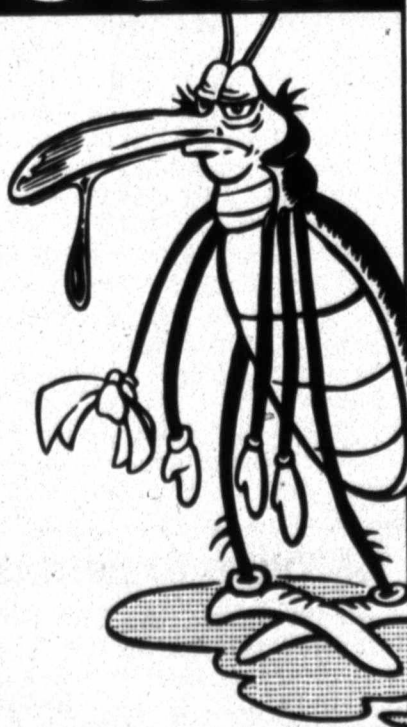
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FDA advisers recommending approval of diabetes wristwatch detector

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Diabetics tired of those painful finger-prick blood tests required to check their blood sugar may soon wear a science-fiction-like wristwatch to do the job.

Cygnus Inc.'s GlucoWatch is poised to become the first painless glucose monitor. Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously recently that it should be approved for use by adult diabetics.

The GlucoWatch works by sending tiny electric currents through the skin to measure glucose levels every 20 minutes — even while patients are sleeping. It sounds an alarm if patients' blood sugar hits dangerous levels.

Some 16 million Americans have diabetes, meaning their bodies cannot properly regulate blood sugar, or glucose. They check their levels by pricking a finger and placing a drop of blood on reactive strips.

Doctors urge those tests be done frequently, four to eight times a day, because they can help patients better control diabetes and thus lower their chances of debilitating complications such as blindness, kidney disease and nerve damage.

But these fingerstick tests are painful and inconvenient, leading the average patient to test only twice a day, said Dr. Steven Edelman of the University of California, San Diego, who has diabetes himself.

Even if patients frequently do the tests, they cannot know if glucose soars or drops between testing or while they sleep. Indeed, one of diabetics' greatest fears is that their glucose will plummet to life-threatening levels during sleep.

"To sleep through the night at our house is to court disaster," Vivien Skinner of Dallas told the FDA panel in describing how often her 9-year-old son Michael becomes hypoglycemic at night.

The GlucoWatch would offer patients far more frequent measurements than finger-prick testing now affords, and could wake them if their blood sugar drops, the FDA's advisers concluded.

She and her husband set alarm clocks to wake them every two hours every night so they can prick Michael's finger and check his glucose while he sleeps. A GlucoWatch could work far better, she said.

"The alarm function would be an absolute godsend, a lifeline for Michael."

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But they stressed it is not perfect: It sometimes gives erroneous readings, won't measure if the patient's arm becomes too sweaty and is less effective at detecting very low glucose than very high levels.

Indeed, because of the potential for error, patients never should decide to use insulin based on a GlucoWatch measurement without first double-checking with a fingerstick test, FDA advisers and Cygnus agreed.

And for Mrs. Skinner and four other moth-

ers who traveled hundreds of miles to plead for the GlucoWatch, there was distressing news: Cygnus has not studied it on any children to know if it works on them. So if the FDA approves the device, it initially would be for adults.

Still, "this is quite a device," said FDA panelist Dr. Stephen Clement of Georgetown University Medical Center.

The FDA is not bound by its advisers' recommendations but typically follows them.

To use the prescription-only GlucoWatch, patients would slide a thin plastic sensor onto the watch's back each time they strap it on. Small electric currents extract a tiny portion of glucose from fluid in skin cells instead of blood, measuring it every 20 minutes for 12 hours.

Cygnus said studies found the GlucoWatch as accurate as standard blood tests, which themselves sometimes are erroneous. But FDA officials warned that 25 percent of the time, GlucoWatch readings can differ from blood tests by about 30 percent — meaning if the GlucoWatch reads a glucose level of 150, it might really be anywhere from 135 to 165.

Experts said that was mainly a concern in detecting hypoglycemia, blood sugar that drops below 70. But patients can program the GlucoWatch to sound an alarm well before glucose drops that low, giving them time to do a finger-prick blood test to verify their real level, the company said.

The only other safety concern: Most patients experienced mild to moderate skin irritation, but it cleared up when the watch was removed.

Before selling, Cygnus must develop a stringent education program to teach patients and doctors how to safely use the GlucoWatch, the FDA panel insisted.

Fat-cell hormone may help obese lose weight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A hormone naturally produced in fat cells showed promise in helping people lose weight, though a small portion of those studied gained weight during a six-month study.

Most of the 47 adults injected with varying dosages of the hormone leptin lost weight, with those getting higher dosages losing the most — as much as 15.6 pounds on average.

The study combined exercise and diet with the hormone treatment.

Some gained weight, pointing out the need for further study.

"There really is no magic bullet," lead author Dr. Steven B. Heymsfield of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York told science reporters at a conference of the American Medical Association.

Although it is possible that scientists may one day be able to "switch off appetite," Heymsfield said, "diet and exercise are ultimately the mainstay of treatment" for obesity.

The study began with 70 adults, but only 47 lasted through the study.

The researchers said only three people dropped out of the study because of adverse reactions — two had injection site reactions and one had heart palpitations. The authors believe patients who withdrew did so because they didn't like having to repeatedly inject themselves with leptin. Patients who

received the highest doses were most likely to drop out.

Those on leptin lost from about 1.5 pounds on average for the lowest dosage, to 15.6 pounds on average for the highest dosage; subjects who received a placebo lost about 3 pounds on average.

A few gained from about 2 to 10 pounds, apparently because their bodies resist leptin, Heymsfield said.

Preliminary results of the study were reported last year. The study was partly funded by California-based leptin manufacturer Amgen.

Research on humans remains preliminary and clinical use of leptin is still years away.

The study results are "ambiguous" because the doses of leptin given were relatively high compared to natural levels, the weight losses were small, and some people did not respond to the treatment at all, an outside leptin researcher said.

"It's a glass half full or half empty. ... We don't know if these levels and type of leptin are really safe," said Dr. Luciano Rossetti, professor of medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. "This

raises both hope and concern at the same time."

Leptin is produced by fat cells. It is supposed to signal the brain to stop eating but the signal does not get through in some overweight people. It is one of at least a half-dozen hormones that "tightly regulate" food intake in animals and probably humans, Heymsfield said.

He noted that in the study, the highest weight losses involved injecting the equivalent of several tablespoons of leptin daily, and presumably the hormone would have to be taken for life in order to maintain its benefits.

Study: Drinking lots of caffeine enhances miscarriage risk

By The Associated Press

Pregnant women can drink a couple of cups of coffee per day without raising the danger of a miscarriage, but six or more cups can double the risk, a study found.

Pregnant women generally are urged to limit their caffeine intake, though studies on this subject have been unclear. Some have found harm in a cup or two a day. Others found the higher miscarriage risk only in women who suffered morning sickness, and still others found no increased risk.

"This research not only shows a risk of miscarriage from consuming large amounts of caffeine, it also provides a valuable research tool for other investigators studying caffeine consumption," said Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

The study, conducted by doctors from the institute and the University of Utah, was published in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers examined stored blood samples that were taken from thousands of pregnant women at 12 sites from 1959 through 1966. That period was about when U.S. coffee consumption peaked.

The researchers measured blood levels of paraxan-

thine, the primary substance produced when the liver breaks down caffeine. Paraxanthine stays in the blood at more consistent levels than caffeine, so the scientists considered it a good measure of daily caffeine consumption. Besides coffee, tea, soft drinks and chocolate contain caffeine.

The study found the average paraxanthine level was about 30 percent higher in the 487 women who had miscarriages than it was in the 2,087 women who gave birth.

Based on their study and others, the researchers concluded that one to two cups of coffee a day is safe. The women whose blood had paraxanthine levels corresponding to at least six cups of coffee were 1.9 times more likely than those with very low amounts to have a miscarriage.

Dr. Mark Klebanoff, a co-author of the study, said some earlier studies may have included too few women to get valid results. In others, women asked to recall caffeine consumption may have under- or over-estimated it.

The researchers noted they could not rule out the chance chromosomal abnormalities caused some miscarriages.

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SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

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- The best word or words to describe me: _____
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- My favorite sports team is: _____
- My favorite author is: _____
- The last book I read was: _____
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- I wish I knew how to: _____
- My trademark cliché or expression is: _____
- My worst habit is: _____
- I would never: _____
- The last good movie I saw was: _____
- I stay home to watch: _____
- Nobody knows: _____
- I drive a: "or" _____
- Someday I want to drive a: _____
- My favorite junk food is: _____
- My favorite beverage: _____
- My favorite restaurant is: _____
- My favorite pet: _____
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" _____
- My favorite meal is: _____
- I wish I could sing like: _____
- I'm happiest when I'm: _____
- I regret: _____
- I'm tired of: _____
- I have a phobia about: "or" _____
- My biggest fear is: _____
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

Texas round-up ...

Bonfire should continue, victims' parents say

AUSTIN (AP) — The parents of several students killed in the Texas A&M University bonfire collapse say they don't blame the school for their loss and believe the hallowed 90-year tradition should continue.

Some parents also said they have no plans to sue the university over the Nov. 18 accident that claimed the lives of 11 students and one recent graduate. Another 27 students were injured, including John Comstock of Richardson, who remains hospitalized in critical condition.

"It's a wonderful tradition that A&M has," John Breen, whose son died in the collapse, is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

Breen's 25-year-old son, Christopher, a 1997 graduate, had returned to campus to help build the stack that was to tower 55-feet high and be lit before the Aggies football game against its archrival, the University of Texas. Until this year, the bonfire had been canceled only once, after President Kennedy's 1963 assassination.

Texas A&M President Ray Bowen, in an e-mail sent to a 1991 graduate, said he "would bet" the tradition of Aggie Bonfire will continue, but only if it was safe.

Former Houston mayor expected to enter plea Tuesday

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A former Houston mayor and two others are expected to be in federal court Tuesday to enter pleas in the third set of indictments to come from the investigation into the business dealings of former Gov. Edwin Edwards.

Former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz, Edwards' associate Cecil Brown and Texas businessman Guy Thompson were indicted Nov. 29 for their participation in what prosecutors called illegal business deals.

Brown, a cattleman, and Hofheinz are accused of conspiring to provide millions of dollars in payoffs to help three Hofheinz firms obtain public contracts in Louisiana between 1993 and 1997.

Federal prosecutors said Brown demanded and received bribe money from Hofheinz, who had tried to build a juvenile prison in Jena, bring a professional basketball team to New Orleans and obtain trash contracts for a company owned by Thompson.

Both men also are accused of three counts of interstate travel in aid of bribery, and Brown is charged with four counts of extortion.

Report: Hundreds of foreigners imprisoned on minor charges for years

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has jailed nearly 300 foreigners from more than 30 nations, including some who have never been convicted of a crime in the United States, for more than three years, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Some have been jailed for arriving in this country with inappropriate travel documents. But even those who have been convicted of crimes in the United States — and the INS says the majority have serious criminal histories — are being held despite having completed their prison sentences, the newspaper said.

A panel of five federal judges recently ruled that the agency violates foreigners' fundamental right to due process by holding them indefinitely.

"We can't win," said David Venturella, INS assistant commissioner for detention and removal. "If we try to remove people and we detain who we think are serious criminals, we get banged over the head for that. Then when we release someone

and they end up committing a crime, we get banged over the head for that. It's very frustrating."

Some of the prisoners face ostensible life sentences because the United States won't release them, and their homelands won't accept them, the newspaper said. Resolving their status is further complicated by strained or nonexistent diplomatic relations with the countries involved.

Hazardous materials routing plan to go to City Council

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A hazardous materials routing plan that would have banned a truck that overturned on a downtown freeway, spilling near 4,500 gallons of acid, has been discussed for two decades and was on the fire chief's death at the time of the accident.

Fire Chief Robert Ojeda said the plan's latest version had been on his desk since October. "We were in the process of reviewing it," Ojeda is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

City council members will get their first look at the plan Thursday, a week after the tanker spill on the interchange of Interstate 35 and Interstate 10. The accident ultimately led to the evacuation of an area covering approximately three square miles and clogged city streets all day.

Thirty-two people were treated on the scene for symptoms such as burning eyes and breathing problems and thousands of people were evacuated from surrounding neighborhoods.

The council will hold a public meeting on the plan before sending it to the Texas Department of Transportation for final approval, which could take up to 18 months.

Dallas barbers still cutting hair the old-fashioned way

DALLAS (AP) — Time hasn't stood completely still at A&A Barber Shop.

After all, if she weren't on maternity leave, a woman would be among the barbers waiting behind one of the old pump-up chairs. That was practically unheard of in 1951, when former owner A.J. Allen opened the East Dallas shop. He moved it to its present location just blocks away seven years later.

Don't ask for a shoeshine. That hasn't been available for at least the last two decades.

And the ashtrays on the armrests of the five barber chairs are just for decoration now. They were rendered obsolete by a no-smoking ordinance.

"I'm glad we don't use those anymore," said Allen, 82. "I've inhaled a lot of that stuff."

Texas food banks struggle to keep up with need

HOUSTON (AP) — Some months, the paper sack full of canned green beans, tuna fish, bread and other groceries that 70-year-old Marguerite Johnson collects from a nearby food pantry is all that stands between her and despair.

"I don't think I could make it without their help," she says of the social ministries at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure, Mrs. Johnson is raising four children in her rented downtown house on about \$1,000 a month in government assistance. Left in her care by drug-addicted mothers, the widow's grandchildren and great-grandnieces — whose ages range from 7 to 15 — have healthy appetites.

And lately, the food pantry's monthly contribution to the family's dinner table has dwindled.

"It's only enough for one person," Mrs. Johnson laments. "They don't have hardly no food. I guess people haven't been donating."

President's flu prompts trip cancellation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "mild case of the flu" has prompted President Clinton to cancel a fund-raising trip to Houston planned for Monday, a White House spokesman said Sunday evening.

Clinton "has been struggling with it for a few days and it's finally getting to him," added spokesman Mike Hammer.

He said the president expects to be better in time for important Middle East peace talks Wednesday in Washington.

Clinton had planned to depart the White House at mid-morning Monday and speak at a luncheon honoring Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, at a private home in Houston.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will celebrate the holiday season at 7 p.m.

Dec. 16 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654.

For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

PAMPA BOARD OF REALTORS

The Executive Board of Pampa Board of Realtors will meet at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

1999 CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

Tralee Crisis Center is once again sponsoring a Christmas Tree Project to help meet the needs of women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. Last year's project brightened the holidays for 73 women and children. For more information or to donate food,

clothing or toys, call (806) 669-1131 or stop by Tralee Crisis Center office, 310 S. Cuyler. The deadline is Dec. 15.

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Gov. George W. Bush and Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service are seeking nominations for the Governor's Volunteer Awards. During National Volunteer Week, recipients will be honored during a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on April 11, 2000. Individuals may nominate themselves or others in one of 10 categories: youth, adult, senior, family, group, corporate/business, volunteer manager/administrator, national service program, national service participants, and, for lifetime achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award. For a nomination form, call the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline, (512) 475-4432. The deadline is 5 p.m. Dec. 15, 1999.

Carolers to perform at First American

First American Bank, 221 N. Gray, has announced its schedule of carolers this holiday season. The carolers will perform as follows:
—10:30 a.m., Dec. 13, Austin Elementary fourth grade.
—10:15 a.m., 12 noon and 1:25 p.m., Dec. 15, Pampa Middle School.
—1:45 p.m., Dec. 15; and 10:45 a.m., Dec. 16, Travis Elementary fifth and second grade.
—9 a.m., Dec. 17, Pampa High School Mixed choir.
—10 a.m., Dec. 17, Pampa High School Women's choir.
—1:15 p.m., Dec. 17, Wilson Elementary School.
—10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Dec. 20, Community Day Care.

SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open Divisions will be offered. In addition, this year the recreation department will offer a Men's Over 35 Division.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 12 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin on Jan. 19, 2000. Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$20 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOOTBALL

SWEETWATER — Groom lost to Gordon 54-34 in the six-man state finals Saturday night.

The Tigers finished the season with a 13-2 record.

HOUSTON (AP) — Wyoming coach Dana Dimel will be taking over next season as the new head football coach at the University of Houston, athletic director Chet Gladchuk announced Sunday night.

Dimel, 37, posted a 23-12 record in three seasons as the Cowboys' head coach. He closed this past season in Laramie with a 7-4 record.

"I had always aspired to be the head coach of a school in (Texas)," Dimel said Sunday in a prepared statement. "Now I have my chance."

Dimel will plug a hole created by the firing of Kim Helton late last month. Helton had two years left on his contract, but was asked to leave after racking up a 24-53-1 record over seven seasons with the Cougars.

The Cougars finished sixth in the final Conference USA standings with a 3-3 league record and 7-4 overall. It dropped from contention for the league title with losses to Alabama-Birmingham and East Carolina.

This year in Wyoming, Dimel led the Cowboys to key wins against bowl-bound Utah (43-29) and BYU (31-17).

"We are obviously disappointed," Wyoming Athletics Director Lee Moon said. "Dana has done an excellent job for our program and we wish him the very best at Houston."

Moon said he will attempt to hire a replacement as quickly as possible.

Before arriving in Laramie in 1996, Dimel spent eight seasons on the offensive staff at Kansas State. When a marketing major at Kansas State, Dimel was a defensive tackle and later an offensive lineman.

Houston apparently had finished its search for a new coach last week when it approached Marshall coach Bob Pruett. He withdrew his name from consideration Friday night, however, and chose to remain at the West Virginia university. Pruett had had agreed last month to a seven-year contract extension with the Thundering Herd.

"I think it's best for everybody that we leave it that Houston is a great school and a great opportunity," Pruett later said. "I wish them well."

After Pruett's last-minute turnaround, Houston officials were steadfast: They would announce a new coach Monday afternoon, they said.

"Dana has a clear vision for the future of the program and an intelligence for football," Gladchuk said in a prepared statement. "His record speaks for itself."

Cowboys stay unbeaten in six home games

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Facing the NFL's worst pass defense in Texas Stadium was exactly the combination Troy Aikman needed.

Aikman had his best game in months, throwing for 242 yards, including an 8-yard touchdown pass to David LaFleur, as Dallas beat Philadelphia 20-10 Sunday to keep the Cowboys undefeated through six home games.

By taking more chances downfield instead of settling for dump passes, Aikman was able to jump-start a Dallas offense that had scored just one touchdown in 11 quarters.

The Cowboys (7-6) found the end zone twice for the first time in four games, and they won without points from their special teams or defense for the first time since the opener. And they did it with-

out Emmitt Smith, who left with a strained groin after one carry.

Aikman, though, wasn't ready to call this a breakthrough, probably because it came against the Eagles (3-11), the league's 30th-ranked defense and 31st against the pass.

"Everybody wants to know how much the team progressed one week to the next, but I don't know," said Aikman, who was battling the flu. "I think it's unfair to say whether you did or didn't make progress."

Dallas remained tied with the New York Giants, a game behind Washington in the NFC East. Despite being 1-6 on the road, the Cowboys are 6-0 at Texas Stadium for the first time since finishing 8-0 in 1981.

Early in the game, Dallas lost Greg Ellis, its best defensive line-

man, for the season with a broken left leg. Smith will be re-evaluated Monday.

Philadelphia lost quarterback Donovan McNabb to a sprained left knee ligament late in the third quarter. He, too, will be re-evaluated Monday.

McNabb wasn't effective anyway as the Eagles lost their fourth straight to finish 1-7 on the road, losing the last five. The league's most generous team handed out three more turnovers, although the Cowboys didn't score off them.

"It was sort of tough because the past couple of weeks we were able to get things rolling early," said McNabb, who ran for 24 yards and threw for 49. "We couldn't get into a rhythm. I don't think this is a step backwards."

Aikman came out chucking,

throwing a season-high 25 first-half passes. He finished 22-of-40 for his most attempts and completions since the opener as Dallas got 11 of its 22 first downs through the air.

Aikman had been gun shy since losing Michael Irvin, his favorite receiver, to a neck injury in an Oct. 10 loss to Philadelphia.

This time, Aikman was willing to throw the ball downfield and to a variety of players. He had completions of 25, 25, 24 and 19 yards — all to different receivers. Eight guys caught passes, seven getting more than one.

"We never seem to know from one game to the next or one series to the next who those guys are going to be," Aikman said. "It's been tough because we're relying on guys we haven't spent a lot of time playing with. That's been the

biggest challenge for me."

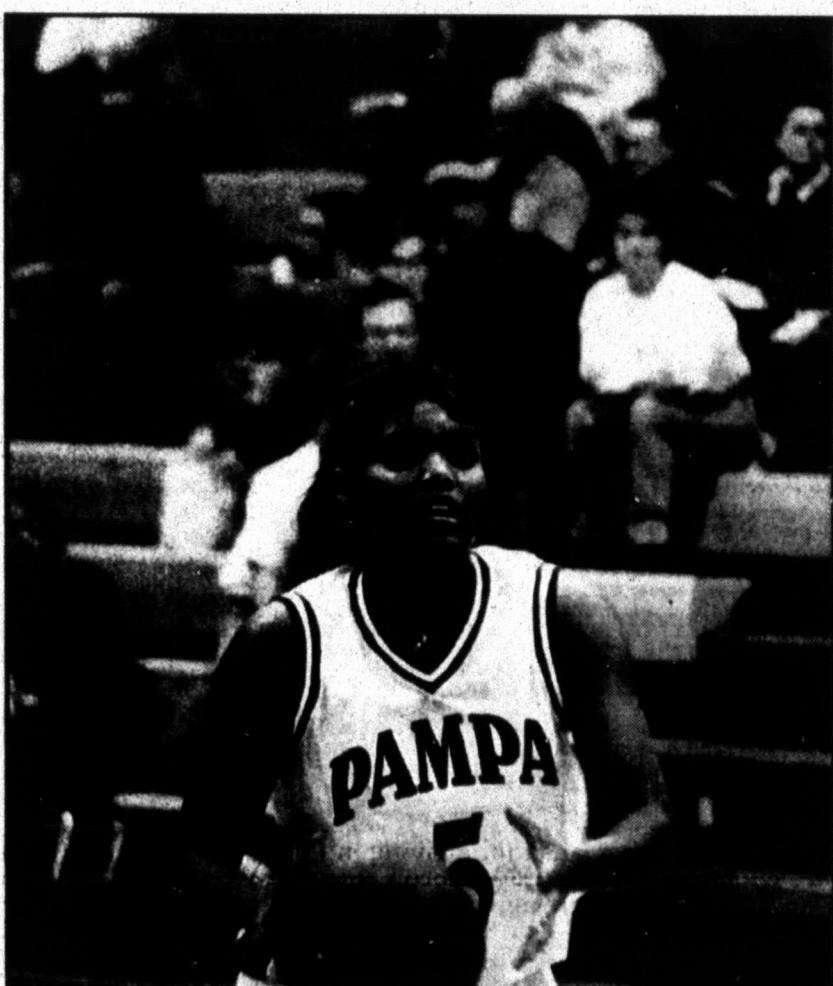
Rookie Chris Brazzell's first career catch was a 12-yarder on third-and-10. Deion Sanders caught two for 14 yards in his first game on offense this season and Raghbi Ismail had four for 52 yards.

"Troy is going to find whoever is open — the receivers, backs or tight ends," said Jason Tucker, an NFL Europe graduate who had three catches for 37 yards in his first start.

Chris Warren filled in nicely for Smith, running 25 times for 92 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown that put Dallas ahead for good 7-3 in the first quarter.

The Cowboys made it 13-3 at halftime behind field goals of 30 and 34 yards from Eddie Murray, kicking in his first game since 1997.

Lady Harvesters capture Lady Bulldog Classic



Pampa senior Joy Young was named the most valuable player at the Lady Bulldog Classic.

ALTUS, Okla. — Pampa defeated Shawnee, Okla. 51-42 Saturday night to win the Lady Bulldog Classic.

It was the eighth straight win for the Lady Harvesters, who are now 8-2 for the season.

Pampa senior Joy Young, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, tossed in 16 points to lead her team in scoring.

Jennifer Lindsey was the second leading scorer with 11 points.

Pampa overcame a 10-2 first-quarter deficit to tie the score at 18-all at halftime. Lindsey helped lift the Lady Harvesters to a 7-point lead (35-28) with 9 third-quarter points. Shawnee would not get closer than 5 points in the fourth quarter.

Jana Ransom led Shawnee with 24 points.

Others who scored for Pampa were Emily Hartman 8, Cali Covalt 6, Lindsay Narron 4, Chasity Nachtigall 4 and Emily Waters 2.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Elk City Festival Friday and Saturday.

Pampa gained some revenge against Yukon, Okla. in Friday's

semifinals, coming away with a 45-26 win.

Pampa had lost to Yukon in last year's championship finals.

Pampa scorers were Emily Waters with 10 points, Jennifer Lindsey 9, Emily Hartman 7, Lindsay Narron 7, Joy Young 6, and Chasity Nachtigall 6.

Tracy Caldwell had 8 points and Christy Rush 7 for Yukon.

VERNON — The Pampa Harvesters reached the finals of the Vernon Invitational, losing to Graham 70-66 Saturday night.

Mark Duncan paced Graham with 24 points, followed by Brian McCoy 18.

Adam Rodgers and Russell Robben led the Harvesters in scoring with 18 points. Jesse Francis, who was named to the all-tournament team, chipped in 15.

Pampa held a 33-32 lead at halftime, but Graham went on top 54-46 going into the fourth quarter.

Also scoring for Pampa were Casey Owens with 7 points, Victor Brooks 4, Reece Hartman 2 and Derek Williams 2.

Pampa (4-6) will play in the Elk City Festival Friday and Saturday.

Big 12 almost perfect

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Leave it to Kansas State to ruin a perfectly good Saturday.

The Wildcats, who had perhaps the toughest assignment, were the Big 12's only losers in an otherwise flawless day of basketball.

On the winning side, No. 5 Kansas easily bounced Division II Pittsburg State 96-71; No. 10 Texas got by San Diego 76-66; Nebraska downed Pittsburg 69-57; Baylor beat Marquette 72-68 in overtime; Texas A&M slipped by Rice 56-53; Iowa State beat Iowa 79-66; and Oklahoma routed Arkansas-Little Rock 80-56.

At Champaign, Ill., No. 22 Illinois made use of Kansas State errors to rout the Wildcats 81-48.

In a pair of Sunday matches, a crowd of 25,790 — about 15,000 shy of capacity at the

Trans World Dome — watched Saint Louis beat Missouri 75-72 in the first meeting between the state's top two programs since 1980; and No. 17 Oklahoma State crunched Long Beach State 93-61, giving the conference a 10-2 mark for the weekend.

Kansas State had 10 turnovers in the first 10 minutes. In the final 10 minutes, they were outscored 25-6.

"I thought we were right in it the first 10 minutes of the second half," said Kansas State coach Tom Asbury. "They were going to give us chances to get back in it. If we could just hit a shot."

The Wildcats made just 27.6 percent of their shots and were 5-of-26 from 3-point range.

"We were not really in sync tonight," said Kansas State's Josh Reid.

Wisconsin's Dayne wins Heisman in landslide

NEW YORK (AP) — Wearing blue jeans and a green winter jacket, Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne stepped into the back seat of a car parked in front of the Downtown Athletic Club.

After months of Heisman hype, and an hour of nerve-racking anticipation Saturday night, a relaxed Dayne and a few buddies drove off for a few hours of celebrating.

Earlier in the evening, Dayne, dressed in a blue striped suit, was shaking so hard in his chair he had to move away from Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington, seated next to him at the Heisman presentation.

"I wish I was calm as can be," Dayne said. "I wanted to move from Chad. I didn't want him to feel how hard my leg was shaking. Once I moved away, I was able to relax a little bit."

And when he stood up to approach the lectern in the Heisman

Room, he was still unsure of himself.

"I didn't know what to do, shake the finalists' hands, hug my coach, carry him around, or carry my uncle around and put him on my shoulders," he said.

Dayne turned family troubles into family triumph with his sensational season, and many of his relatives were with him on his greatest day.

Those attending the ceremony included his girlfriend, Alia Lester, and their 2-year-old daughter, Jada. Also in the crowd were Dayne's legal guardians, Uncle Rob Reid and Reid's wife, Debbie, along with Dayne's birth mother, Brenda Dayne.

Dayne moved in with the Reids as a teen-ager after divorce and drugs ravaged his family: Rob Reid could not have been more proud of Dayne.

"I never thought it would end up this way," Reid said, "never in a million years."

Dayne's acceptance speech lasted about a minute, which for the media-shy star is like an hour-long

special.

After thanking his coach, Barry Alvarez, and teammates, he turned to his family.

"I'd like to thank my daughter, Jada, for being the biggest inspiration in my life, and I'd like to thank the real Heisman winner, for me, Uncle Rob, who is always there for me and is always someone to talk to and tell jokes with."

The 5-foot-10, 254-pound Dayne led the Badgers to the Big Ten Conference title and a second straight Rose Bowl. He ran for 1,834 yards and 19 touchdowns and broke 1998 Heisman winner Ricky Williams' Division I-A career rushing mark in his final regular-season game. Dayne has 6,397 yards, 118 more than Williams.

Dayne was an easy winner over Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton, with Virginia Tech freshman Michael Vick third, Purdue quarterback Drew Brees fourth and Pennington fifth.

Florida State wide receiver Peter

Warrick, the early Heisman favorite before he ran into legal problems and was suspended for two games, finished sixth in the balloting by the 921 Heisman voters.

"He would have gotten my vote," Dayne said.

Alabama running back Shaun Alexander was seventh, Virginia running back Thomas Jones eighth, Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington ninth and Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay 10th.

Dayne had 586 first-place votes and 2,042 points, while Hamilton had 96 first-place votes and 994 points. Vick, the Hokies' (11-0) red-shirt freshman who will lead his team against Florida State in the national title game Jan. 4 in the Sugar Bowl, was third with 25 first-place votes and 319 points.

Brees had three first-place votes and 308 points. Pennington had 21 first-place votes and 247 points.

Vick joins Georgia's Herschel Walker (1980) and Georgia Tech's Clint Castleberry (1942) for best

to Cleveland for Ramirez.

"We have several larger deals that we're still thinking about and contemplating," Mets GM Steve Phillips said. "For the most part, you know what it will be, but nobody's got to the point where they have the courage to say, 'Let's do it.'"

Zeile, 34, agreed to a three-year contract worth \$18 million. He hit .293 with 24 home runs and 98 RBIs as Texas third baseman, and looked forward to moving across the diamond and joining the Mets.

"The fact is I have always wanted the opportunity to play in New York City," said Zeile, present at the hotel where the announcement was made.

Hours earlier, Zeile spent time in the Rangers' suite and was close to re-signing with them.

"I thought we had him," general manager Doug Melvin said.

Heisman finish by a freshman. The largest margin of victory was in 1968, when Southern California's O.J. Simpson beat Purdue's Leroy Keyes by 1,750 points. Dayne's margin was 1,048 points — 13th largest in the Heisman's 65-year history.

Dayne's road to the Heisman was rocky. He was born in Blacksburg, Va., and after his parents divorced, his mother succumbed to depression and drugs. He and younger sister Onya went to live with separate relatives. Ron Dayne moved to South Jersey and lived with the Reids in Berlin, N.J.

"Just to see him achieve it has been like a family reward," Reid, whom Dayne still regards as a father, said recently. "It's a dream come true for him, and for it to happen to this kid has been tremendous."

Dayne briefly considered leaving school early for the NFL, but decided to stay and hang out with Jada.

Attorney General Cornyn reports allocating \$35 million in Crime Victim Compensation Funds

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn recently released the 1999 Annual Report of the Crime Victims' Compensation Division which stated the agency paid \$37 million to crime victims in 1999. In addition to highlighting the division's fiscal year efforts to provide financial assistance to victims of crime, the report also outlines the 20-year history of the program.

"I am pleased to report that by working hand-in-hand with district attorneys, law enforcement and victims' advocates across the state we have distributed a record-breaking \$37 million to crime victims. We will continue to work together to see that crime victims get the assistance they need," said Cornyn.

During this past fiscal year, more money from the CVC Fund was paid to victims and their families than in any other year in the 20-year history of the program. A total of \$37.23 million was disbursed. During the same reporting period, the program received 17,659 applications.

CVC Fund provides financial assistance with certain out-of-pocket expenses for victims of crime and their family members. Awards may be made for various expenses as long as they are related to the crime.

During the last legislative session, Texas legislators added another benefit to the list of current awards — a one time-only assistance payment of up to \$3,800 to be used for relocation costs including housing rental expenses for victims of family violence.

Existing awards to victims include:

- Medical bills including hospital stays, physician fees, X-rays and prescriptions;
- Counseling for victims and certain family and household members;
- Funeral and burial expenses;
- Lost wages and loss of support;
- Cost associated with crime scene clean-up;
- Travel costs related to seeking medical treatment or participating in the criminal justice process;
- Reasonable replacement costs for items taken as evidence or made unusable by the crime.

For claims occurring after Sept. 1, 1997, an award may be made for up to \$50,000. However, if the victim suffers a permanent disability due to the

crime, a catastrophic injury award may be made for an additional \$50,000. People who are victims of child abuse, sexual assault, homicide, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, certain motor-vehicle-related crimes and other violent crimes are eligible to apply for assistance from the program.

During the 20-year history of CVC Fund, a program created by the Texas Legislature in 1979, it has made awards totaling more than \$353 million. Money for the program comes from the CVC Fund which, according to the guidelines set forth by the Legislature, receives funds from court costs assessed in Texas. Other sources of funding include federal grant funds, restitution reimbursements, donations and money collected from civil cases or subrogation. There are no tax dollars involved in either the awards or the administration of the program.

A copy of the 1999 Annual Report of the CVC Division and more information about the CVC program are available on the attorney general's website, www.oag.state.tx.us or by calling (512) 936-1200.

High Rollers



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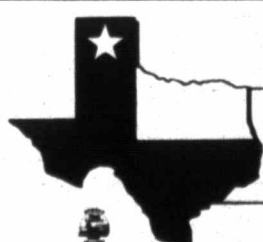
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