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PAMPA — A 19-year-old Allison woman who fell asleep at the wheel of her car is in stable condition today at Columbia Medical Center, a spokesman there said.

Laurie Diane Lane was injured Sunday at 4:25 p.m. on Highway 152 near Gray County Road No. 17 when the Nissan Stanza she was driving crossed the center line, ran off the road, hit a concrete culvert and came to rest on top of a barbed wire fence, a report said.

DPS Trooper Lee Coronado reported that Lane was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the car during the crash.

The accident site is 7.8 miles east of Pampa.

SKELLYTOWN — Mid-America Pipeline Company and Carson County Emergency Management will conduct a training exercise from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Nov. 14, at Mid-America's underground storage facility near Skellytown.

A simulated release of propane will allow the company and agencies to test their procedures for responding to a pipeline emergency.

AMARILLO — Details were sketchy a noon today, but two people were in a Dumas hospital following a one-truck turnover today on U.S. 87 north of Amarillo.

Department of Public Safety troopers said the two were injured when the tractor trailer rig they were in overturned about 6 a.m. today on the Canadian River Bridge between Amarillo and Dumas.

One of the people in the truck was reportedly pinned in the wreckage.

Officers said the truck was carrying hazardous material.

MINEOLA, Texas (AP) — A 66-year-old man who confessed to shooting a woman to death in March and was later released on bond has been stabbed to death at his home, officials said.

Bill Gene Fears, 66, was found dead in his Mineola home by his daughter on Tuesday morning. Police believe he was killed Monday night.

Authorities refused to confirm that they had detained a suspect, a man who had been staying with Fears.

- **Elsie Letain Gober,** 78, longtime rural mail carrier.
- **Juanita Reed, 83,** Friona resident since 1927.
- **Grace E. Ridings, 95,** Pampa resident since 1950, former nanny.

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School spanking incident sparks Lefors controversy

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Almost two weeks ago Lefors resident Jamie Thigpen filed a police report with the City Marshal accusing Lefors school principal Ron Miller of abusing her son after the child suffered welts and bruising after receiving a "swat" with a paddle at school.

Miller gave sixth-grader D.J. Thigpen a spanking, along with two other boys, on Friday, Oct. 31 for "horsing around,"according to the boy's mother.

"They were jumping on each other," said Lefors Superintendent Tom Alvis in a telephone interview today. "Those boys were engaged in a behavior that could have been dangerous to others as well as themselves," said Alvis.

D.J. sustained a laceration to the back from one of the boys he was punished for fighting with and he also developed welts and large-sized black and blue bruises on the right side of his buttocks, according to his mother.

She said the bruises became apparent 12 hours after the incident and were documented with photographs when the marshal's report was taken by Lefors City Marshal, Rocky Stewart.

The Texas penal code 9.62 gives educators authority to use corporal punishment to discipline students.

And the Lefors Independent School District Student Handbook also specifies that students may be issued corporal punishment as a discipline management technique, limited to spanking or paddling a student. It is governed by certain conditions including that the punishment be administered in the presence of one other district professional employee and out of the view of other students.

Superintendent Alvis declined to give the name of the person who witnessed the punishment.

However, the handbook does state that a record must be maintained of each instance of corporal punishment and that students may be exempted from the punishment, if a letter from the parent is on file with the school indicating that the parent prefers other means of discipline.

When Alvis was asked if the Lefors district gives parents the option of being contacted before corporal punishment is issued he

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Jamie Thigpen, with her sixth-grade son, D.J., is disputing the severity and course of actions taken by the Lefors school principal in regard to a recent spanking of her son.

City lends its continued support to drug task force

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate publisher

Pampa will continue to participate in the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force for at least two more years according to a unanimous vote of the city commission.

The city's commitment was reaffirmed Tuesday night during a regular meeting of the commission in which city funding for one officer was given the ok. A second city officer is funded by the grant.

The officer's cost to the city, including all benefits and associated payroll taxes , is $32,987, said John Horst, director of finance. The task force funds the grant for the second officer.

"These officers work with others in the entire panhandle," Police Chief Charlie Morris told commissioners. "There's good teamwork...it's a good partnership and we can do away with jurisdictional problems."

Morris said sharing information and switching officers around in the region is important because "...we find we share the same problem" (with other cities). He was making reference to the fact drug traffickers don't just work inside one jurisdiction.

Additionally, Morris said the drug task force officers are sworn as U.S. Marshals because "...some cases involve multiple state jurisdictions."

Recently the two officers assigned to the task force have changed, Morris said. "There's a lot of burnout with this kind of job and it can be difficult to keep the officer's identities confidential."

In other action, commissioners:

- Approved the bid, at 4.95 percent interest, of Tobyne and Company for equipment lease purchases totaling $497,500. Included in the equipment are two backhoes, a motor grader and replacements to the city's fleet.
- Appointed Floyd Sackett to fill a vacancy on the M.K. Brown Advisory Board. One vacancy remains and anyone interested in serving should contact Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary, at 669-5750.
- Approved the purchase of a six-wheel drive John Deere motor grader at a cost of $149,525.

Inn implicated in hot checks

Officers were searching today for a Dallas man and Pampa woman accused of writing over a $1,000 in hot checks written on a Coronado Inn account.

Margie Prestidge, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, issued a warrant Tuesday for Lowell Beasley of Dallas charging him with writing a worthless check for $700. Judge Prestidge earlier had issued two warrants for Michelle Bybee of Pampa, also for writing worthless checks. Prestidge said the warrants for Bybee revolved around two checks, each for $300.

Prestidge said Beasley had contacted the court Monday, promising to cover the checks by Friday.

Beasley has a management contract with Coronado Inn in Pampa. Bybee is listed as the head of a trust that Beasley said is providing financing to buy the Pampa Hotel.

Working cowboys get ready for rodeo
Starting Thursday night

The second annual rodeo will feature 10 teams from ranches across the west. This year's contests won the right to compete in the finals in Amarillo by winning ranch rodeos during the year that were sanctioned by the WRCA.

AMARILLO — The Working Ranch Cowboy Association world championship rodeo returns to Amarillo this month.

The second annual championship rodeo will feature 10 teams from ranches across the west. This year's contests won the right to compete in the finals in Amarillo by winning ranch rodeos during the year that were sanctioned by the WRCA. Last year, the finals were by invitation because the newly organized association did not have time to sanction enough ranch rodeos leading to the finals.

Rodeo performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 14 and 15, in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Performances on Friday and Saturday nights will be followed by concerts in the civic center auditorium, according to Deb Kovar, spokesman for the organization.

The celebration, Kovar said, will begin Wednesday, Nov. 12, with the premier of the invitational art show. The 10 artists in the show have donated $10,000 worth of paintings and sculptures to be raffled off for a WRCA fundraiser. The art will be on display at the civic center through Saturday.

A kids rodeo is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13.

"We've invited all the fourth graders in Amarillo and Canyon," Kovar said.

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Annual popcorn sale starts

Pampa Boy Scouts are joining scouts in the 26-county Golden Spread Council in their 11th annual popcorn sale.

In the photo at right, Cub Scouts Chris Keough, left, and Glenn Gilliland give their sales pitch and show Brandy Millins their wares.

The scouts are selling Trail's end Gourmet Popcorn with a fund raising goal of $135,000. Sixty eight percent of the money raised from the sales goes to the area scouting program.

The scouts are taking orders for the popcorn through Nov. 25. Payment is not due until the popcorn is delivered about Dec. 8, according to Pampa scout spokesman Doug Cooper.

For more information call the Golden Spread Council office at 806-358-6500.



Amarillo restricting EDC funds

AMARILLO, (AP) — Amarillo got stung once. City leaders don't want it to happen again.

Commissioners gave support to a plan by the Amarillo Economic Development Corp. to restrict how its grants and loans are used.

Proposals by AEDC executive director Michael Bourn come in the wake of financial problems at Stempel Manufacturing Co., an AEDC business that received $4.35 million in tax-funded incentives to move to Amarillo from Coleman, a town near Abilene.

The office-products company, which moved in February, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Sept. 19 to reorganize its finances.

Last month, the Amarillo Globe-News reported that Stempel's majority owner, Hugh Stempel, used $65,000 from a $1.5 million AEDC grant to buy a home in Longview, and another official, Jerry McGuire, received $85,000 from the grant as a housing cost differential.

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Services tomorrow

GOBER, Elsie Letain — 11 a.m., Canadian Church of Christ, Canadian.

REED, Juanita — 2 p.m., 6th Street Church of Christ, Friona.

Obituaries

ELSIE LETAIN GOBER

CANADIAN – Elsie Letain Gober, 78, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Canadian Church of Christ with Rex Boyles, minister, and Mike Heatwole officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Gober was born Jan. 9, 1919, at Branson, Colo., to Hercial and Nora Adcock. A longtime Canadian resident, she graduated from Canadian High School. She married Oscar Perry Gober Jr. on Aug. 10, 1939, at Elk City, Okla. The couple were rural mail carriers for many years. She was also office manager for Best Way Market. She was a member of Canadian Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Keeton of Wolfforth; two sons, Lloyd Gober of Austin and Bob Gober of Canadian; a brother, W.H. Adcock of Canadian; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014.

JUANITA REED

FRIONA – Juanita Reed, 83, mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997, at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in 6th Street Church of Christ with Leon Talley, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Reed was born March 30, 1914, in Woodward County, Okla. She had been a Friona resident since 1927, moving from Mutual, Okla. She married C.E. "Bud" Reed on Aug. 16, 1931, at Portales, N.M.; he died Dec. 19, 1983. The couple operated Reed's Cleaners for many years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Friona and attended Truth Seekers Sunday School Class. She was also a member of Rebekah Lodge #308.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Max Reed, in 1994; and by a great-granddaughter, Jami Bandy, in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Patsy Bandy of Friona and Roberta Klapper of Pampa; a son, Ralph Reed of Friona; two sisters, Geneva Stanley of Friona and Irene Shirley of Greensboro, N.C.; 14 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

GRACE E. RIDINGS

Grace E. Ridings, 95, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ridings was born June 19, 1902, at Asher, Okla. She married Harris R. Ridings in 1927 at Spearman. She had been a Pampa resident since 1950, residing with her niece, Knoxine Cotham, for the past five years. She was a member of the Nazarene Church and worked as a nanny for Bill and Ramona Hite.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three sisters, Bertha Hurst, Maude Russell and Bobbie Dean; and two brothers, Elmo Dean and Tommy Dean.

Survivors include two sisters, Silvia Shaw of Victorville, Calif., and Ruby Sullivan of Littlefield.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.02
Milo	4.26
Corn	4.85
Soybeans	6.71

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	29 1/8	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	96.84
Puritan	19.29

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

Amoco	91 3/4	dn 1/4
Arco	78 3/16	dn 9/16
Cabot	24 15/16	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	22 5/16	dn 7/16
Chevron	83 13/16	dn 15/16
Coca-Cola	56 3/4	up 3/16
Columbia/HCA	30 3/4	dn 3/16
Enron	36 1/2	dn 1/8
Halliburton	59	up 1 3/16
Ingersoll Rand	36 7/8	dn 1/16
KNE	45 15/16	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	68 1/8	up 7/16
Limited	23 11/16	dn 1/8
Mapco	33	dn 1/8
McDonald's	46	up 5/16
Mobil	73 7/8	dn 5/8
New Atmos	25 1/4	dn 1/16
New Cent. Ene.	42 13/16	dn 1/16
Penney's	62 3/8	dn 1/2
Phillips	49 5/16	dn 1/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	34 1/4	dn 1 1/16
SLB	90 1/8	up 1 7/16
Tenneco	43 9/16	dn 1/16
Texaco	56 3/8	dn 5/8
Ultramar	30 3/8	dn 9/16
Wal-Mart	37 1/4	up 1/8
New York Gold		308.30
Silver		4.89
West Texas Crude		20.51

Police report

The Pampa Police Department answered the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, November 11

Criminal mischief was reported at 1121 Sirocco.

Possession of marijuana was reported at Pampa Middle School.

A report of a theft was made in the 600 block of N. Ward.

Sheriff's Office

The following arrests were made by the Gray County Sheriff's Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, November 11

Tracy Dean Goins, 29, transient, was arrested for Wheeler County for theft under $50 value.

Clyde Lester Goins, 36, transient, was arrested for Wheeler County for theft under $50 value.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department investigated the following accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, November 11

A white and blue Suburban that left the scene in Albertson's parking lot backed into a legally parked red and white 1984 Suburban two times. The red and white vehicle, which was damaged on both rear corners, is owned by Frank Slazenski, 831 Barnes. Witnesses told police the white and blue vehicle was backing from a space when it hit the other vehicle. Then, the white and blue vehicle pulled up and when it backed again it hit Slazenski's vehicle once more before fleeing.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, November 11

2:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia MEdical Center.

5:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Beech on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Tuesday, November 11

10:31 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a gas leak at 1142 Terrace.

5:18 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded on a medical assist at 2520 Beech.

5:46 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Columbia Medical Center to stand by for a medivac standby.

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The Spirit of Christmas volunteers will distribute Wish Cards and raise funds for gifts Nov. 13- Dec. 13. Gifts will be given to abused and neglected Amarillo children under the care of the social services agency Child Protective Services. For information or to make a contribution, call Nancy Hutchens, (806) 378-3206.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME OPEN HOUSE

The second annual Christmas at Home Open House will be this weekend at 2205 Evergreen. Door Prizes and refreshments will be available to all who come and look at the arts and crafts made by at least 16 local artisans. The open house will be Friday, Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. ; Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADD ADHD 1ST PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

ADD-ADHD is hosting their first parent support group meeting Thursday, Nov. 13th at 7 p.m., at Lovett Memorial Library. The guest speaker will be Brenda Zedlitz. This meeting is open to all interested parents.

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said, "We do not have that as a policy."

He said that corporal punishment is left up to the discretion of the educator as mandated by Texas law.

Jamie and Calvin Thigpen say that they did sign school documentation – a student information sheet – indicating that they did not want any corporal punishment given to their son without their presence or permission.

However, Alvis said Principal Miller did not find the form in the student's file before punishing the child. Alvis indicated to *the Pampa News* Wednesday morning that he preferred to speak on behalf of Miller.

When a reporter called Miller this morning, a school spokesman said the principal/coach was attending an athletics meeting and unavailable for comment.

"His (form) wasn't there for whatever reason," said Alvis.

Alvis said that the students are responsible for turning in the forms and they can and have been misplaced or not turned in, in the past.

According to Alvis, D.J.'s brother's form was not on file in the office either when the children's mother went to double check the records. The brother's form was found in his teacher's possession.

When Jamie Thigpen went to the school on the day of the incident to gain access of the form she claims she and her husband filled out, she said she was told it was not there.

The Thigpens say that their son has had disciplinary action taken by Miller in the past and they said they believed he knew their position on corporal punishment.

Last year, they said, D.J. would have been given corporal punishment but because of their feelings on the subject, they asked that he be suspended instead. And he was, according to Jamie Thigpen.

Because the Thigpens have not yet completed a written school district complaint against Miller or the school, they were not allowed Tuesday night to speak more than five minutes each in the public comment portion of the regular Lefors School Board meeting.

Jamie Thigpen said she is in the process of filing the written complaint and when she does, Alvis said she can voice her concerns formally as part of the agenda at the next meeting.

Until then, the school board has not planned to take any action on the incident according to both Alvis and the board's president, Keith Roberson.

"It's not that I don't believe in corporal punishment, " said Jamie, "I'll be the first to swat my son" she said.

But Jamie Thigpen explained to the board that she would have been in trouble with the law if she had given those kind of bruises to her son and she wants some kind of action to be taken against Miller.

Jamie and Calvin Thigpen say they are in the process of hiring an attorney and pressing charges against Miller and the school.

We don't want to ruin his reputation or destroy his livelihood, he's a good coach and we like the Lefors school district, the parents said. But they say they won't consider dropping charges until some kind of reprimand or action is taken for the incident.

"If they do something, I will drop this. I want a public apology for me and my son and a signed piece of paper stating that he won't ever touch any of my children again," Jamie said.

Conservative Baptists threaten to form their own convention

AUSTIN (AP) — Conservative Baptists are threatening to split from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The 2.7 million-member organization, largest branch of the 15.6 million-member national Southern Baptist Convention, held its annual gathering this week, electing a moderate as president and approving a series of recommendations opposed by conservatives.

The recommendations included printing literature separate from Bible study and Sunday school literature produced by the SBC and the establishment of a new Bible college.

Conservatives say those and other measures approved by the more than 5,000 Texas Baptists delegates are part of an attempt to separate the Texas Baptist Convention from the SBC.

Conservatives, who want the national convention to have more oversight of state conventions and local churches, have controlled the national Baptist Convention for nearly two decades. Most other state conventions also have been taken over by conservatives, but moderates remain in leadership in Texas.

Under Baptist faith, churches are autonomous from the state and national conventions, formed to assist, not direct, the local congregations, according to moderates.

Newly elected Texas president, the Rev. Russell Dilday, of Waco, said he doubts conservatives will split from the Texas Baptist Convention.

"There seems to be more of a will for rhetoric," Dilday said. "It takes a lot of work to organize a new convention."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, cloudy with fog and an 80 percent chance of rain or snow. Low around 30. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy with fog and a 50 percent chance of rain or snow. High about 40. East to southeast wind 10-20 mph. The overnight low w as 30 and snow totaled two inches yielding .27-inch of moisture.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with fog and an 80 percent chance of rain or snow. Low around 30. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy with fog and a 50 percent chance of rain or snow. High in the upper 30s. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph.Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, rain likely, otherwise cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s to near 40. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs near 50 to the mid 50s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 40-45. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Sunday, fair. Lows in the 20s. Highs 50-55. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, rain likely, otherwise cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, cloudy. Light rain or drizzle likely. Lows 40-45. Thursday, mostly cloudy. A chance of rain. Highs mid 50s to near 60.

Far West Texas — Tonight, cloudy with rain likely. Lows in the mid 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of mainly morning showers, Becoming partly cloudy by the afternoon. Highs near 60. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, rain likely, otherwise cloudy. Lows from the mid 30s mountains to the mid 40s near the Rio Grande. Thursday, a chance of morning showers, becoming partly to mostly cloudy during the afternoon. Highs in the 50s northern mountains to the mid 70s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight and Thursday, occasional rain and scattered thunderstorms. Lows 41 to 48. Highs 55 to 60.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Thursday, cloudy with a chance of showers in the morning becoming partly cloudy to cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the mid and upper 60s to low 70s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows near 50 north to 50s south. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. High in the 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the 50s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, rain and mountain snow likely. Lows upper teens to near 30 mountains and north with 30s to mid 40s lower elevations south. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, snow showers mainly higher mountains. A little warmer most sections Thursday with near 40 to low 50s mountains and north, 50s to low 60s lower elevations south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north to 30s southwest.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Rain mixed with snow northwest. Lows in the 30s. Thursday, rain likely. Highs in the mid and upper 40s.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

3 BEDROOM brick veneer house for sale, 1 3/4 bath, large family room with woodburning fireplace, reduced to $40,000 cash or new loan. Owner would carry with $10,000 down and good credit. 665-3667. Adv.

YEAR END Close-Out, all trade-ins $100. Frank's Lawnmower Shop, 626 S. Cuyler, 665-0510. Adv.

HEADACHE RACK and tool box for sale, $300. 665-3667. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR - Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

WILL SELL Balance of Saw Blades at $2 each. 665-3667. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Col. - Deep fried & smoked turkeys for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. To order call Bob Banner 669-0123, or Dan McGrath 665-3569. Adv.

NEW POLISHED Brass light fixtures. $1000 for what's left or bid on each fixture. 665-3667. Adv.

ACT I Presents "The Man Who Came To Dinner" Final Performances Nov. 14 & 15 at 7:30 in Theatre in the Pampa Mall. Entrance must be made at the back door. For reservations call 665-9369 or 665-3710. Adv.

LA FIESTA is changing name to Amber's Mexican Food Restaurant. Everything else stays the same. Adv.

V.J.'S FASHIONS & Gifts 21st Anniversary Sale. 3 days only. Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. Pick your own Discount. Downtown. Adv.

AUSTIN, LAMAR and Travis Elementary School Community Open House, Monday, Nov. 17th. Tours - 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Adv.

DANCE TO Live Band "Just Us" Derrick Club, 2401 W. Alcock, Sat. Nov. 15th, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No Cover. Adv.

ORCHARD FRESH Tree Ripened Choice Apples-2 Varieties, never been in cold storage. Malcolm Hinkle Bldg. N. Hobart. 665-5696. Adv.

LITTLE MEXICO - Mexican Food. Home delivery. To go only. Mon.-Fri. 5-8 p.m. 669-0614. Adv.

CHRISTMAS AT Home. Open 2nd Annual, Fri., 5-9. Sat., 10 - 8, Sun., 1- 5. 2205 Evergreen. Adv.

WHAT DIFFERENCE could you have made, during the Holocaust? Come see what part you can play in today's international persecution. Video - "Shatter the Silence", shown 7:30 p.m. Thursday 13th, First Baptist Church. Questions - 669-3033. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wed. 5-8 p.m. meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti & meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

THANKSGIVING SHARE A Meal-Volunteers needed. Call Meals on Wheels 669-1007. Adv.

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RODEO

Organizers said a stage will be set up in the civic center for cowboy balladeers and poets Thursday through Saturday.

A ranch horse show is slated for Friday with horses from the ranches competing in the rodeo and from several ranches in the Texas Panhandle. From noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Joe Wolters will hold a roping clinic. Wolters will have a colt starting clinic from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Friday night's rodeo performance will be followed by an Ian Tyson concert.

Buster McLaury will hold a horse demonstration for 4-H club members from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Frankie McWhorter will perform in concert following the 7:30 p.m. rodeo performance.

An awards ceremony is planned for Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by Cowboy Church with Grant Adkisson of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

Teams competing in this years ranch rodeo finals are the YP Ranch from Elko, Nev.; Rancholm, Sheridan, Wyo.; Chain Land and Cattle Company, Guthrie, Okla.; Wilson-Stilson Ranch, Wyoming, Neb.; Paddy Creek Ranch, Strong City, Kan.; the Pitchfork Ranch, Wichita Falls, Tex.; RM4, Canada; Circle Land and Cattle Company, Medicine Lodge, Kan.; Turkey Track Ranch, Roswell, N.M., and last year's winner, the Nail Ranch from Haskell, Tex.

All of the contestants, except for Rancholm, Paddy Creek and Wilson-Stinson, competed last year.

Brother, sister sent to prison for incest

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A brother and sister who have had at least three children together have been sentenced to prison by a judge who said he had no choice but to force them to stay apart.

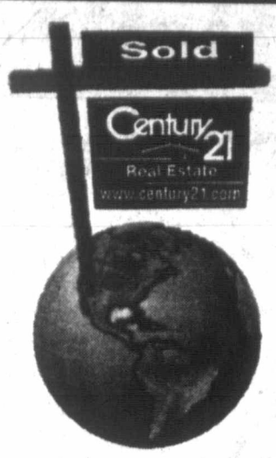
The brother was sentenced Tuesday to eight years and his sister was sentenced to five years. She gave birth to another child just three days earlier but the paternity of that child has not been determined.

"I believe severe punishment is required in this case," state Judge David Hansher said.

The judge said he believed if the siblings were freed they would have sex again.

The man, who is 45, and his 30-year-old sister were convicted last month of felony incest and had faced possible sentences of up to 10 years. The woman was voluntarily sterilized after the latest birth, said her attorney, James Weber.

Weber and Neil McGinn, the brother's attorney, said they will appeal and that the siblings had agreed to end their sexual relationship.



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Houston-based oil company employees shot to death in Pakistinian port of Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) – Gunmen riddled a car carrying employees of a Houston-based oil company with bullets in Karachi today, killing four Americans and their Pakistani driver.

According to police and witnesses, two men in a red car pulled up behind the Americans and opened fire, forcing the car to stop. The assailants walked up to the car and fired more than a dozen bullets through the car's windows, checked to see that they were dead and fled.

Police suspect the attack was linked to Monday's U.S. conviction of a Pakistani man in the 1993 shooting deaths of two CIA workers outside agency headquarters in Washington. The State Department had warned Americans abroad to beware of retaliatory attacks.

Karachi police chief Malik Iqbal said everybody died on the spot.

Pakistan President Farooq Leghari wrote President Clinton to express his shock at today's killings, calling them a "terrorist" attack on "four innocent U.S. nationals."

The four, all auditors for Houston-based Union Texas Petroleum, were traveling from their hotel to their office this morning when they were intercepted by the killers.

A witness who spoke on condition of anonymity said the assailants stepped out of their car and fired at point-blank range. The gunmen then leaned in over the victims, apparently checking to make sure all were dead, the witness said.

After authorities removed the bodies, a crowd surrounded the dark-colored car, looking at the blood pooling in the seats and coating the shattered glass hanging in the windshield frames.

The gunmen later abandoned their own vehicle in a congested downtown district near the city's central post office. A guard there told police that two men parked the car and disappeared, Iqbal said.

Police were putting together a description of the attackers and had launched a manhunt, the police chief said. Union Texas considered, but rejected, evacuating the 21 foreigners among its 600 workers in Pakistan, said Arnold Hoffman, president of the company's Pakistan operations.

"We will carry out our operation despite this incident," Hoffman said. "We have been working here for the last 20 years. We have a long-term commitment to this country."

It was not immediately known if the killings would affect travel plans for U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan on Sunday and leave Tuesday.

No one claimed responsibility for the killings. They came two days after a Fairfax, Va., court convicted Mir Aimal Kasi of first-degree murder in the Jan. 25, 1993, shootings of CIA employees Frank Darling and Lansing Bennett. The two were shot in their cars at a traffic light outside CIA headquarters.

"It is premature to say why they were killed but there is a strong possibility that it was linked to the Kasi's conviction and sentencing," Iqbal said of today's victims.

In warning Americans to watch out for retaliation for Kasi's conviction, the State Department said Tuesday: "While we have no specific threat information, American citizens traveling abroad should pay close attention to their personal security practices overseas in light of the potential threat."

The slain Americans were identified by their company as: Ephraim Egbu, senior auditor; Joel Enlow, manager of audit projects; Larry Jennings, audit manager; and Tracy Ritchie, senior audit supervisor.

The bodies of the men, all in their 40s, were to be flown home to Houston on Thursday.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their families and their friends here at Union Texas," company chairman John Whitmire said in a statement, adding, "We are a close-knit group of employees and we all feel this loss deeply."

The statement did not indicate whether Union Texas employees in Pakistan had been aware of the State Department warning.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to end recycling program

AUSTIN – The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will end its scrap tire recycling program Dec. 31, 1997. The program was not continued by the Legislature and so as of Jan. 1, 1998, there will be no state recycling fee added to the purchase of new tires. The current fee is $2 for a new automobile tire, $3.50 for a new truck tire and $1 for each used tire. Beginning Jan. 1, tire dealers may add a fee to the price of tires they sell to pay for the delivery of tires to a recycler or disposal facility. The amount of the fee is solely at the dealer's discretion and is not regulated by the state.

Although state mandated tire recycling will end, the TNRCC will retain authority over the disposal of used tires. Effective Jan. 1, landfills may accept split, shredded or quartered tires. In recognition of a continuing problem, approximately $9 million has been appropriated to the TNRCC for the cleanup of nearly 300 existing waste tire dumps.

Tire dumping is still illegal. To prevent unauthorized dumping, a registration and manifest system will continue to track used tires until they are recycled.

Because the recycling program will end and fees will be discontinued, there will be no state funds available to pay scrap tire transporters and processors who have been picking up waste tires and delivering them for recycling under the current program. Local governments are encouraged to get involved in tire recycling for many uses, such as playground material, road construction and landscape mulch. Shredded tires can be used as daily cover or in leachate collection systems in landfills.

Another recently developed use for tire shreds is in on-site sewage facilities, or septic systems. Tire shreds can be used in place of gravel in the construction of lateral lines and leach fields, often at a lower cost.

Every day more and more used tires are recycled. In the past two years, there has been a 50 percent increase in their use in landfills and a 64 percent jump in the use of tire derived fuel. Over the past year the tire recycling rate in Texas was 94 percent.

In its five years of existence, the waste tire recycling program has eliminated more than 600 illegal tire dumps containing nearly 20 million used tires. In the first six months of 1997, more than 208 million pounds of scrap tire material were diverted to recycling markets.

Conservative Baptists threaten split

AUSTIN (AP) – Conservative Texas Baptists are not taking well a series of stinging defeats this week at the annual meeting of the moderate-controlled Baptist General Convention of Texas.

About 400 disgruntled conservatives met late Monday after a string of defeats, including the election of the Rev. Russell H. Dilday, 66, of Waco as president over conservative layman Ted Tedder of San Antonio by a vote of 3,751 to 1,524.

Dilday is a moderate whom the Southern Baptist Convention ousted three years ago as president of Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is the Texas arm of the 15.6 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. With 2.7 million members and 5,800 churches, Texas is the largest state convention in the SBC.

Conservatives control the national convention while moderates control the Texas convention. The groups have been locked into a bitter 18-year state and national struggle over biblical interpretation and other issues.

Conservatives have complained that many of the recommendations adopted this week are designed to lead Texas away from SBC control. Conservatives tried to derail the recommendations through time-consuming amendments and debate. The tactics angered moderates.

"They are trying to be obstructionists," said the Rev. Bob Campbell, pastor of Houston's Westbury Baptist Church. Campbell chairs the convention's Executive Committee that developed the recommendations. Campbell said the new programs increase Texas' role in evangelism and missions.

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Report: Property owners puzzled over color purple

HOUSTON (AP) – What began as Texas lawmakers' effort to help landowners post their property against trespassing has run into complications over the color purple, according to the *Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal*.

The bill approved by the Legislature lets owners paint purple stripes on their fence posts and trees as a signal for trespassers to keep out – a cheaper, easier warning than signs – but doesn't precisely define the color.

There's another problem with purple, the *Journal* says in today's editions: it isn't easily visible in the woods.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, prescribed that a vertical purple paint strip at least eight inches long and one inch wide would meet the legal definition of "notice" in the state's criminal trespass statute.

But without a definition of purple, landowners looking for an alternative to "no trespassing signs" are left to guess which of the multiple tints of purple comply with the law.

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Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

Strengthening taxpayers rights

This week, the House will vote on a reform bill that could prove to be the first step toward ending the Internal Revenue Service as we know it. Based on the recommendations of a bipartisan commission, the plan will help level the playing field by strengthening taxpayers' rights when dealing with the IRS.

Among other things, the bill would shift the burden of proof in IRS cases from taxpayers to the IRS. That means that if the IRS believes you didn't pay all the taxes you owe, it's up to them to prove it – rather than you having to prove that the amount you paid was correct. The bill would also give people the right to recover up to $ 1 00,000 for negligent IRS actions.

In addition, the bill tries to change the focus of the agency from enforcement to service. Over 80 percent of the revenue owed to the federal government is paid voluntarily, while just under four percent is paid after the IRS becomes involved. The IRS needs to *focus* more on providing right answers and better service to these 80 percent who pay their taxes on time. This bill will help do that.

Finally, the bill shifts control of the agency from the Treasury Department to an independent oversight board that's comprised of private citizens – not bureaucrats.

Will this legislation solve all of our problems? No. But it is a step toward making the IRS more accountable to the American people. Even more important, it takes us one step closer toward reforming the tax code itself – which is the root of the problem, and the next major issue Congress needs to address.

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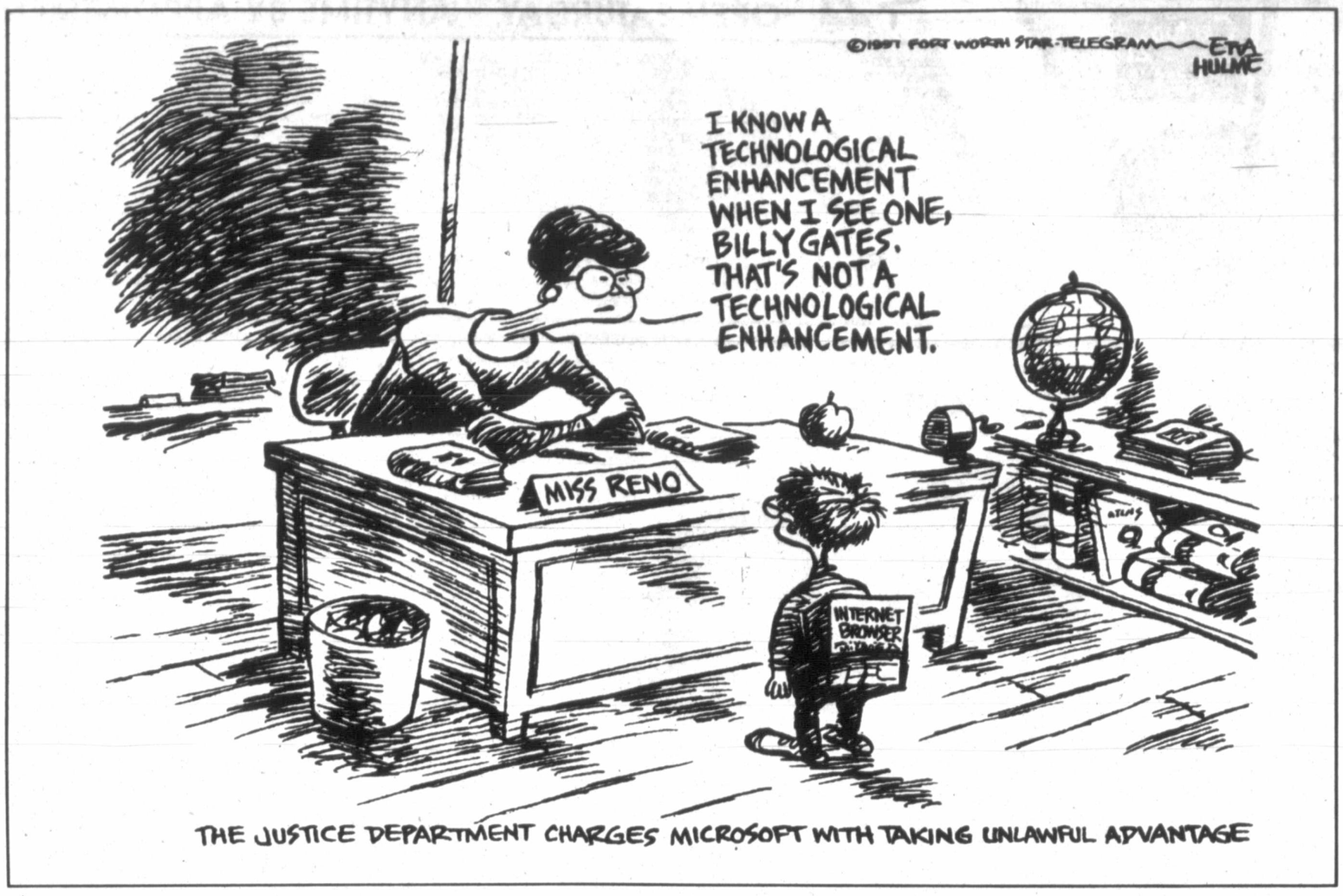
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Secrets aren't good government



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When does a government employee or a public official have a right to keep secrets from the people who pay his or her salary? My answer is: "Almost never."

Most citizens understand there are times when government secrecy is required, such as in cases involving national security or investigations to determine criminal wrong doing. In fact, there are other reasonable "exceptions" to the requirement of open government, such as the protection of personal records of children who attend public schools.

Nonetheless, most Texans also understand that the principle of open government is more than a good idea. It is a bedrock principle of our democracy. Those of us who serve as public officials and government employees should never forget that we work for the public, to benefit the public and we should expect our work to be subject to public scrutiny.

Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed a bill making public information about traffic accidents harder to get. The problem they were trying to fix was a legitimate one. Many people felt that certain professionals were engaged in "ambulance chasing" by scrutinizing public accident reports and then calling people who had suffered severe injuries in these accidents in order to solicit their business. These victims were being harassed.

The effort to protect privacy was well intended, but it created a real obstacle to the public's right to know. In one case, the mayor of a Texas city and his wife were involved in a car crash that involved a fatality. The Texas Department of Public Safety, in its effort to follow the new law, refused to release information regarding that accident.

Several Texas news organizations challenged the law, and for good reason. They understood that it interfered with their right to know, and consequently, the public's right to know.

As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association want the Texas Legislature to revisit this issue and find a way to deal with the "ambulance chasers" without infringing an the public's right to know. We support that effort.

In another recent instance, our office was asked by a non-profit organization whether the phone records of the Texas Supreme Court were open to the public according to the Texas Public Information Act.

We drew on a number of court cases which made a distinction between the *court records* of the judiciary, which are excluded, and the *administrative records* of the judiciary, which are not, in our view, excluded from the Act. We ruled that while the judiciary was clearly granted an exemption under the Act, the telephone records that were subject to the request were *administrative* in nature, not judicial.

The state Supreme Court, in what we believe was a good faith disagreement, rejected our ruling, and reading the law very literally, said that all of their records were exempt and they had no intention of releasing any of them.

It will surprise no one that lawyers disagree. We interpret the law differently than the Supreme Court. But that disagreement can serve as an opportunity for all of us to look beyond differing interpretations of the law. We must never lose sight of the spirit of our open government laws which articulate a moral obligation for Texas government to operate openly in the light of day. We must never lose sight of the plain truth that darkness breeds secrets.

Honest, open government is the essential obligation of every person whose salary is paid by tax dollars. No one is excluded from that obligation, not presidents or governors or attorneys general or judges.

The preamble of the Open Records Act (since renamed the Public Information Act) says it best: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 1997. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. The Americans eventually won a major victory over the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, N.Y.

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1921, representatives of nine nations gathered for the start of the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armaments.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1954, Ellis Island closed after processing more than 20 million immigrants since opening in New York Harbor in 1892.

In 1980, the U.S. space probe Voyager 1 came within 77,000 miles of Saturn.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Launching national survey on IRS

Walter R. Mears
AP Special correspondent

To flatter voters or potential donors, ask their advice. It is a tested technique for candidates and their parties, so imitation polls on national issues often preface appeals for money or votes. The answers don't matter as much as the asking.

So Democrats balked at a "customer satisfaction survey" Republican congressional leaders want conducted next year on the Internal Revenue Service and the complexities of the federal tax code.

Congress would have to act to get that done, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who at first had tried to get it sent out with 1997 income tax forms, gave up Monday on getting legislation for the survey now. He may try again, and doing so in 1998 could have GOP advantages in a campaign year.

The GOP sponsors want it to go to an estimated 118 million taxpayers, to ask questions on issues they will be pushing. "A political ploy," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said.

Still, it posts a difficult topic for Democrats, since a survey could work to their disadvantage, but blocking it could, too.

Gingrich said Monday that he couldn't see why they were "so vehemently and irrationally opposed" to a survey asking Americans about the IRS.

He said Republicans are encouraging people to tell their tax stories.

Opposing the mass mailing survey, the administration did not reject the idea of a taxpayer poll on IRS problems. "Make it scientific, make it a legitimate survey, make it something that would be useful to policy-makers," President Clinton's spokesman, Mike McCurry, said.

The Republican-proposed survey would have asked 14 questions, among them whether people would choose reduced income tax rates, simpler returns or the current system. Other questions dealt with tax fairness, IRS performance and what should be done to reform and improve it.

Gingrich had said the survey would be popular and that average taxpayers would be grateful that somebody in the government wanted their opinions.

The Treasury Department told House Democrats that taxpayer surveys could be useful in an IRS overhaul, but a more scientific sampling would be more nearly accurate and far less expensive than the Gingrich plan, the price of which is subject to widely varying estimates. Democrats say $80 million or more; the Republicans put the cost at $20 million to $30 million.

"That is a teeny amount of money," Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader, said Sunday. "Shouldn't the people have every way possible to express their feelings about the IRS?"

The Republicans denied political motives. But the survey would have fit their agenda for the off-year congressional election campaigns – an IRS overhaul was their issue first, and they are banking on proposals for scrapping the current tax code as an issue next year.

Lott said that wherever he goes, people are fed up with the current system and want a fair, flat, understandable tax. "To get that, we have to get rid of the existing system," he said, and with a deadline Republicans want set by law, the day taxes are due in 2001.

The sidetracked survey plan would mesh with those aims.

Indeed, Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., said it was all "self-serving political theatrics" by the Republicans. He said they might as well have tried to make the taxpayers provide the "stamps and copying machines to run their 1998 election campaign."

There's already been one survey on attitudes about the IRS, a poll conducted earlier this year for a congressional commission on restructuring the agency. It found that taxpayers rate IRS customer service below that of banks, other businesses and even state motor vehicle agencies. But it also showed that nearly half rated IRS performance at least OK, and that most people blame the complexity of the tax code rather than the agency for their woes in dealing with tax forms.

That poll cost $20,000.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., the commission co-chairman, said there's no need for more feedback on what to do, only for action to do it in the Senate. The House overwhelmingly passed an IRS overhaul last Wednesday. Kerrey has been trying to prod the Senate into action now, but the Republicans are waiting until next year.

Whitewater probe:

James McDougal now says Clinton took loan from savings and loan ...

ATLANTA (AP) – When President Clinton testified under oath that he never borrowed money from James McDougal's savings and loan, McDougal was listening intently.

And McDougal says he knows now that a Whitewater prosecutor was watching him watching Clinton.

"I appeared to be very conscience-stricken" over Clinton's testimony, McDougal says he was told later by Hickman Ewing, the deputy Whitewater prosecutor who was among those present at the April 28, 1996, deposition at the White House.

Now McDougal, who is serving a three-year prison term for Whitewater misdeeds, is saying for the first time publicly that Clinton, his former Whitewater partner, took a loan from McDougals' failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association.

He says a recently discovered 1982 cashier's check payable to Clinton was from a loan the two men agreed to conceal. The check for $27,600 was among thousands of pages of long-missing documents from McDougal's savings and loan that were found in the trunk of an abandoned car near Little Rock, Ark. The check wasn't endorsed by Clinton.

"They're going to hang them with the documents that they got," McDougal said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It certainly proves the chief executive perjured himself when he said he never obtained a loan from Madison Guaranty."

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, said Tuesday that McDougal keeps changing his Whitewater story and lacks credibility.

"Mr. McDougal has never told this story before, no loan documents support it and it is flatly contradicted by the contemporary bookkeeping entry of his own accountant," Kendall said. "Given his own previous testimony under oath and his present circumstances, Mr. McDougal is hardly a paragon of credibility."

Deborah Gershman, a spokeswoman for Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's office, declined to comment.

McDougal, who defended Clinton before deciding to cooperate with Whitewater investigators following his conviction on 18 felony counts last year, leveled his latest allegations against his old Arkansas friend Monday from a federal prison medical center in Fort Worth, Texas.

McDougal said the check represented the proceeds of a loan to Clinton from his S&L and was used to pay off a Whitewater debt at the other financial institution McDougal owned, Madison Bank & Trust.

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McDougal said, "Clinton and I had gotten worried about having his name on the loan," so the obligation was moved out of Clinton's name.

According to McDougal, the loan to Clinton was repaid by someone else. The repayment, said McDougal, was followed by a series of related transactions culminating in a fraudulent federally backed loan for $300,000 that was the focus of last year's Whitewater trial. A jury convicted McDougal, his ex-wife, Susan, and then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker.

The Clintons have denied any wrongdoing and claim they were passive investors in the Whitewater land venture.

"I've never known the Clintons to be passive about anything," McDougal said.

During the interview, which McDougal ended abruptly after about 20 minutes, he also complained he had been harassed and punished after the documents found in the car trunk were first disclosed by the news media Thursday.

A prison spokeswoman, Sue Beasley, said McDougal appeared Thursday before a disciplinary hearing officer and was ordered into "disciplinary segregation" for seven days and had privileges including telephone contact restricted. She said the punishment followed McDougal's refusal to provide a urine sample randomly requested for contraband testing.

Automated system spells trouble for consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) – More than a month after they were supposed to be getting real people on the phone, consumers who call credit bureaus still reach out and touch some – thing.

Banks are causing phone frustration, too: Dozens have begun charging a premium for human contact.

Want to call up government and complain? Go ahead. They'll give you options.

Press 1 to lose your mind.

Technology that lets people track their tax returns, shift money between bank accounts and get a ton of information by phone – while saving money for the bureaucracy on the other end – is also exacting a price.

The price is usually more than $1 a call at banks that have begun charging for phone inquiries after several free calls a month.

Consumer advocates see a broader cost, too, not connected to the pocketbook.

"Some of those who are keen on pushing technology lose sight of the human element," says Consumers Union counsel Michelle Meier, longtime advocate of the credit bureau reforms made law last month.

"One should never ignore or deny the benefits of technology, but there's also an overemphasis when human contact is eliminated. You're tilting the balance in a harmful way."

The new Fair Credit Reporting Act has toughened a variety of obligations on credit bureaus and the companies that use them. One requirement, only a small part of the law, is for the bureaus to make trained personnel available by phone during business hours.

It's believed to be the first federal law requiring the option of human contact by phone for consumers.

So where are the folks? None of the three national credit bureaus is yet providing easy or reliable one-call access to an employee, and the Federal Trade Commission, administering the law, has begun hearing complaints.

"We are aware of the fact that some of the bureaus do not yet have a human at the other end of the phone," said Victoria Streitfeld, spokeswoman for the commission. "We are presently beginning to consider what our options are."

Equifax has no provision for human contact for most callers and tells rotary phone users, for example, to write. Experian and Trans Union put callers through a phone menu before they are put on hold for a person.

In spot checks over a month, calls were often lost at that point. The line went dead or callers were told to phone back instead of being put in a queue.

More than 20 midafternoon calls to one Experian consumer line over several days were met by busy signals; two to Trans-Union were eventually answered by a person.

"There should be a live body option," said Norm Magnuson of Associated Credit Bureaus, representing the industry. But the law does not state "there has to be a person you connect to immediately."

At banks, meanwhile, 69 of 419 surveyed this year by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group charged customers for making multiple balance inquiries by phone. Average charges for calling bank employees instead of computer banks were two or three times higher.

'Once Upon a Mattress'



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Some of the students to appear in the play *Once Upon a Mattress* include (above) Rose Fruge, Tabby Lane, Holly Brooks, Randall Ellis, Dillon Hill, and Russ DuBose. *Once Upon a Mattress*, the musical fairytale, full of singing, dancing and colorful costumes, will be presented this weekend, Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for students.

Opera to celebrate anniversary

CLAUDE – Amarillo Opera will be celebrating it's 10th anniversary by performing three one act operas in the Claude Gem Theatre Nov. 15. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with performances of *Whirligig*, a story based on a short story by O' Henry about a young married couple seeking a divorce in the back hil's of Tennessee, and *Jack of Hearts* a humorous tale of a bum who finds himself trapped in a kitchen with several gossiping women. By using a combination of charm and quick thinking he escapes in a surprising and highly entertaining manner. Also, the evening will include the World Premier of Laura V. Hamner, arriving in Claude and how much she loved the wide open spaces and the family and friends she encountered.

Following the performances, a reception will be held in honor and recognition of Roy and Marianne Rutherford as the founders of the Claude Gem Theatre and Phil and Mary Jane Campbell as Amarillo Opera Area Outreach Representatives.

'A Tradition of Excellence Lights the Path to the Future' is the theme of OR nurse week

The next time you are faced with the prospect of surgery, it's important for you to know that you can rely on the skills, knowledge and expertise of operating room nurses. OR nurses are now referred to as "Perioperative registered nurses" to reflect the continuum of nursing care they deliver to patients before, during and after surgery.

In the operating room at Columbia Medical Center of Pampa, there are four registered nurses, four operating room techs and one certified surgery tech.

The Association of Operating Room Nurses, Inc., is proud to honor perioperative registered nurses during OR Nurse Week, Nov. 9-15, 1997. This year's theme is "A Tradition of Excellence Lights the Path to the Future."

As medical technology has advanced, the tools perioperative registered nurses use to care for you have changed, but the fundamentals of perioperative nursing care – those that demand the knowledge, skill and judgment of a perioperative registered nurse – are timeless. The fundamentals of nursing create the quality care you have relied on in the past and can expect in the future.

The single most pervasive factor affecting the quality of your surgical care is the competency of the operating staff. Better preparation and training increases staff competency.

The perioperative registered nurse has the knowledge and expertise to address safety issues such as patient positioning and infection control to keep you safe during your surgical procedure.

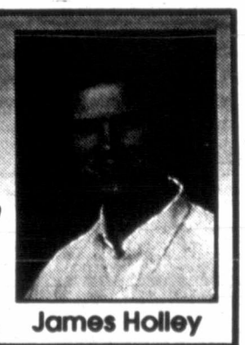
These nurses may work directly with the surgeon by passing instruments, sponges and other items or by managing the overall nursing care within the OR. The OR nurse who is an RN First Assistant has completed extensive education and directly assist the surgeon by controlling bleeding and providing wound exposure and suturing during surgery.

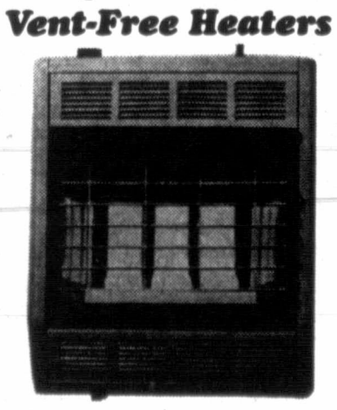
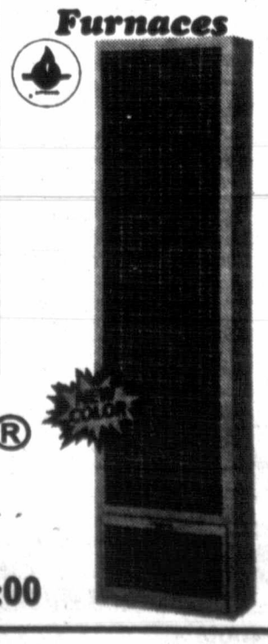
This nurse also provides you and your care givers with information so that you will know what to expect during your surgery and subsequent recovery. The OR director manages the business aspect of the OR. The director is responsible for budgets, staffing and other areas that keep the OR running.

The Association of Operating Room Nurses believes it's important for you to know that perioperative registered nurses have the knowledge and expertise to keep you safe during your surgery.

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Wednesday, November 12

Long-Haired Dental Assistant Needs Short Course In Hygiene



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from the dentist and I'm upset. The assistant who was working with him today has long hair — well below shoulder-length. It was not pulled back or confined at all, which meant that whenever she leaned over, it was hanging right above my open mouth. She pushed it back behind her ears quite often.

I may be terribly old-fashioned, but I consider this to be very unsanitary. I am a retired nurse. I was taught that even clean hair is to be considered "contaminated" and should *never* be touched while working with a patient unless you immediately scrub your hands. Hair should be pulled back securely from the face whenever you are in a patient treatment or preparation area. I kept thinking about all the loose hairs that were being dropped on the counters, instruments and patients, and it made me sick.

Am I being too persnickety? Could you please check with your dental experts and tell me if a dental assistant wearing long hair loose is acceptable? I need some extensive treatment, and I can't bear the thought of returning to this office because I have to wonder if it is as clean as it should be.

FUSSY OLD LADY

DEAR FUSSY: You have a legitimate complaint. Open your mouth and voice it to the dentist. Both he and his assistant should know the rules of proper hygiene. A professional look is sleek and clean — and the hair should be worn up, tied back in a ponytail or confined in a hairnet. If the personnel in your dentist's office don't comply, find another dentist.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Good Old Dad," the father whose daughters bypassed him and talked only to their mother, was exactly right. I would like to add my own experience:

I am the oldest daughter of eight children. When any of us called home and my dad answered the phone, he would barely say, "Hello, how are you?" before passing the phone to my mother. When we visited, he'd sit and watch the ballgame while we talked with Mom and filled her in on all our news. If we became too loud, he'd comment on our "yakking," just like "Good Old Dad." Although we loved him, we were never able to have a meaningful conversation with our father.

Then about 10 years ago, my mother convinced Dad — against his better judgment — to take a course in self-awareness. I received a phone call from him shortly after he completed the course, and we actually talked for about 10 minutes! He asked me questions, listened to my answers and spoke about himself. When I hung up the phone, tears were streaming down my face. My husband couldn't believe it was my father I had been talking to.

After that, Dad made it a point to call all of his children and ask how they were doing. He also spent a little time with us when we visited. We grew much closer and discovered we really enjoyed each other's company.

Dad passed away a few years ago, and I am so grateful to him for reaching out so we could have some time together before it was too late. Abby, please tell "Good Old Dad" that his daughters are dying to be close to him. He should call them at home or take them to lunch and build a relationship with them outside the mother-daughter loop. It may be a little awkward at first, but it will be well worth it.

KAREN CLARK, HOLLAND, PA.

DEAR KAREN: Yours is an important message. To dads everywhere (and it is usually dads who do this): If this sounds like you, please take the time and get to know your children. You and they will be richer for the experience.

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997

In the year ahead, you could be quite fortunate in a financial arrangement you have with a person with whom you also have strong emotional bonds. Something substantial may transpire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against expecting more from others than you're prepared to give them. Disproportionate anticipations could usher in disappointment. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A philosophical attitude that enhances a friend's persona might not suit yours well. Be your own person and originate, don't imitate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be extra mindful of your behavior in social involvements today. A poor showing could leave a lasting impression on someone whose approval you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something you'll do today might inconvenience a companion. He or she may be affected even if uninvolved in your decision making.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The use of excessive flattery to gain the support of another could produce undesirable results today. Sincerity will be much more effective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your prudence in the management of your finances is rather frail today. Take care you don't spend excessively in order to impress others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not make the mistake of underestimating your competition today. Be competent and self-assured, but don't get carelessly cocky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Not all of your associates will be as compassionate and generous as you are today. Be thoughtful and concerned, but don't overplay your hand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, if you overindulge in hopes of having a good time, it could turn out to be a waste of energy and money. Happiness depends upon your frame of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put your ambitious expectations on a back burner today, because Lady Luck might not be as supportive of you as usual. Wait until she's in a better mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not believe everything you hear today, especially negative rumors about your workplace. Some misinformation might be grossly exaggerated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be realistic in your expectations today. If you're banking everything on getting something for nothing, you might end up with just that: nothing.

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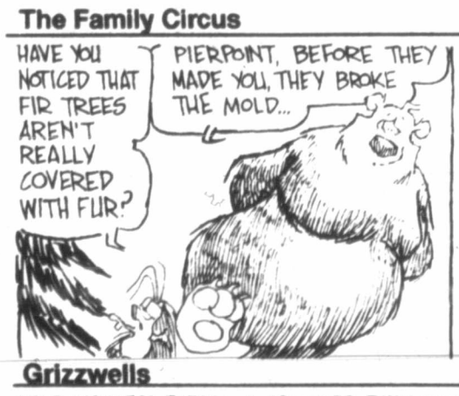


"Mommy, will you turn the water up louder?"



"What have you got under that rug?"

The Family Circus



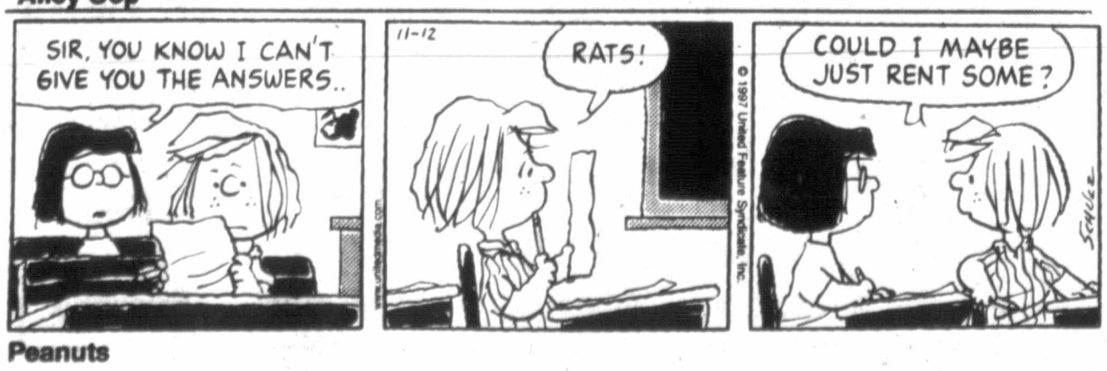
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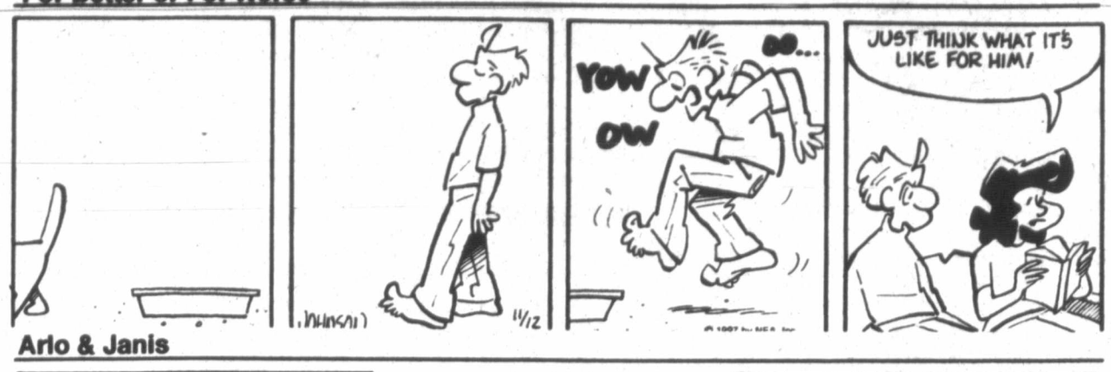
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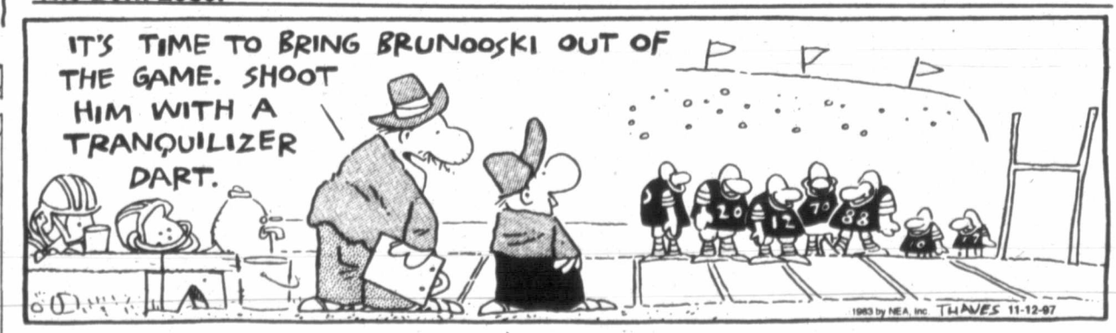
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The Born Loser



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SPORTS

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

PADUCAH — Fort Elliott advanced to the regional round of the Class 1A playoffs with a 15-6, 15-10 victory over Knox City Tuesday night.

The win in the area round gave the Lady Cougars a 14-9 record.

"We had a real good night of hitting the ball early. It was a good overall effort by everyone," said Fort Elliott coach Dave Johnson.

Fort Elliott jumped out to a 12-1 lead in the first game and never trailed. The second game went back and forth until the late stages when the Lady Cougars were able to pull away.

Knox City closes its season with a 12-10 record.

It marks the fourth year in a row that Fort Elliott has advanced to the regional round. The regional site has not been decided yet.

SOCCER

PAMPA — The Pampa Soccer Association fall awards ceremony will be held Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

The auditorium is located at 1000 N. Summer Street behind the Grand Coronado Inn on Highway 70 north.

BASEBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Almost as soon as the Arizona Diamondbacks got a look at the names of players left unprotected in the expansion draft, they struck a deal for their first major-league player.

The Diamondbacks acquired right-hander Felix Rodriguez from the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday for a player to be named later. Next week, Arizona and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays will choose 35 players apiece to stock their rosters.

"After all the months and miles and games watched, we finally got to see the names of the players we'll be working with," Diamondbacks general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "It was just a tremendously exciting moment. There were a lot of names we were happy to see."

Garagiola declined to discuss other potential trades or players who could turn up on Arizona's roster after the draft.

HOUSTON (AP) — Moises Alou will fit nicely into the Houston Astros outfield next season and owner Drayton McLane says he'll also find a way to squeeze him into the Astros' budget.

The Astros acquired Alou from the World Champion Florida Marlins on Tuesday in exchange for relievers Oscar Henriquez and Manny Barrios and a player to be named.

The Astros, with free agent Darryl Kile still unsigned, are trying to keep a $33 million budget, but that's becoming more difficult.

"I'm not married to $33 million," McLane said. "I'm seldom married to any one idea. We're trying to be competitive. We haven't made a final decision on (the budget). We're still going to have a small market budget, but we're trying to improve our club.

"We're going to try our best to get the people we need to have. We're just going to have to adjust as we go along."

Alou, who led the Marlins last season with 23 homers and 115 RBIs, is under contract through 2001. He'll get $5 million in 1998 and 1999 and $5.25 million in 2000 and 2001.

Kile likely will command a contract worth $6-$7 million per year, leaving the Astros a longshot to retain his services.

"Drayton is committed to winning," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "But we also have to show fiscal restraint, and we're going to try to do the best we can and see what happens. We're not going into a spending frenzy."

Lady Harvesters delivered at crunch time

State cross country meet is Saturday

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvesters came through at crunch time during last weekend's regional meet in Lubbock.

The Lady Harvesters came from behind to grab third place after runners Anna Resendiz and Samantha Hurst fell near the beginning of the race. Hurst and Resendiz still managed to finish 37th and 41st, respectively, out of 175 runners.

"I didn't see it, but Samantha told me they took a few seconds to gather themselves (after the fall) and started running again. They were far back in the pack," said Pampa coach Mark Elms.

Pampa finished third behind Weatherford and first-place Canyon.

Jenny Fatheree's fourth-place finish paced Pampa. Teammate Amanda White followed in 18th place. Samantha Hurst was 37th, Beth Lee was 39th, Anna Resendiz 41st, Marci Hansen 98th and Sara Maul 102nd for Pampa.

At the awards banquet following the regional meet, Elms said the girls didn't want to go because they thought they hadn't qualified for state.

"They went from sad to happy real quick when they found out they had qualified," Elms said. "Hopefully, they'll use this experience and come back from state with a trophy again."

The Lady Harvesters, the defending Class 4A state champions, run at 1:20 p.m. Saturday at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock.

"I feel like the girls are going to do okay," Elms said. "It's a fun time for all of us."

The top three teams and the top 10 finishers at regionals qualified for the state meet.

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Both the Pampa High girls' and boys' cross country teams will be featured on Fox Sports Southwest's weekly prep show.

The Lowe's Home Team Award will be presented to the Pampa teams, which raised $400 for the Pampa United Way during a a run-a-thon earlier this fall.

Pampa High School will receive a $1,000 school improvement grant from Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

At the end of the academic school year, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse will award one of the weekly winning schools with a $10,000 school improvement grant.

The sports show will be televised three times: Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.; Monday, Nov. 17 at noon and 1 a.m.

Pampa gymnasts qualify for North Texas State Semis

LUBBOCK — Gymnastics of Pampa, led by Alyssa Bromwell, qualified all five of its Level 5 gymnasts to the North Texas State Semi-finals meet to be held in Tyler on Nov. 22-23.

"We had expected to qualify at least three girls to the semi-finals," said coach Kristi Fatheree. "To qualify all five girls is great."

The Pampa gymnasts qualified for the Semi-finals at the District Championships earlier this month.

Alyssa Bromwell helped continue a Team Pampa tradition by becoming the newest District Champion. She won the gold medal with a 34.95 All Around. She was second on bars, 9.1; third on vault, 8.75; third on beam, 8.4, and fourth on floor exercise, 8.7, in the 11-year-old division.

Competing in the 10-year-old group was Jaclyn Spearman and Ashlee Ferguson.

Spearman missed winning the All Around title by .05 of a point. She was second in the All Around with a 34.15 score, second on floor exercise, 9;2, third on vault, 8.65; fifth on beam, 7.9 and sixth on bars, 8.4.

Ferguson was seventh on floor exercise, 8.7 and was 14th in All Around, 30.6.

Jennifer Hutchison, who has only been in gymnastics a little over a year, finished fifth in the All Around with a 32.35. She tied for second on balance beam, 8.4 and was third on bars, 8.55. She was competing in the12-year-old age group.

Finishing fifth in All Around in the 9-year-old division, Amy Youree had her highest score, a 31.95, of the season. She was fourth on beam, 8.35, sixth on floor, 8.35 and sixth on bars, 7.6.

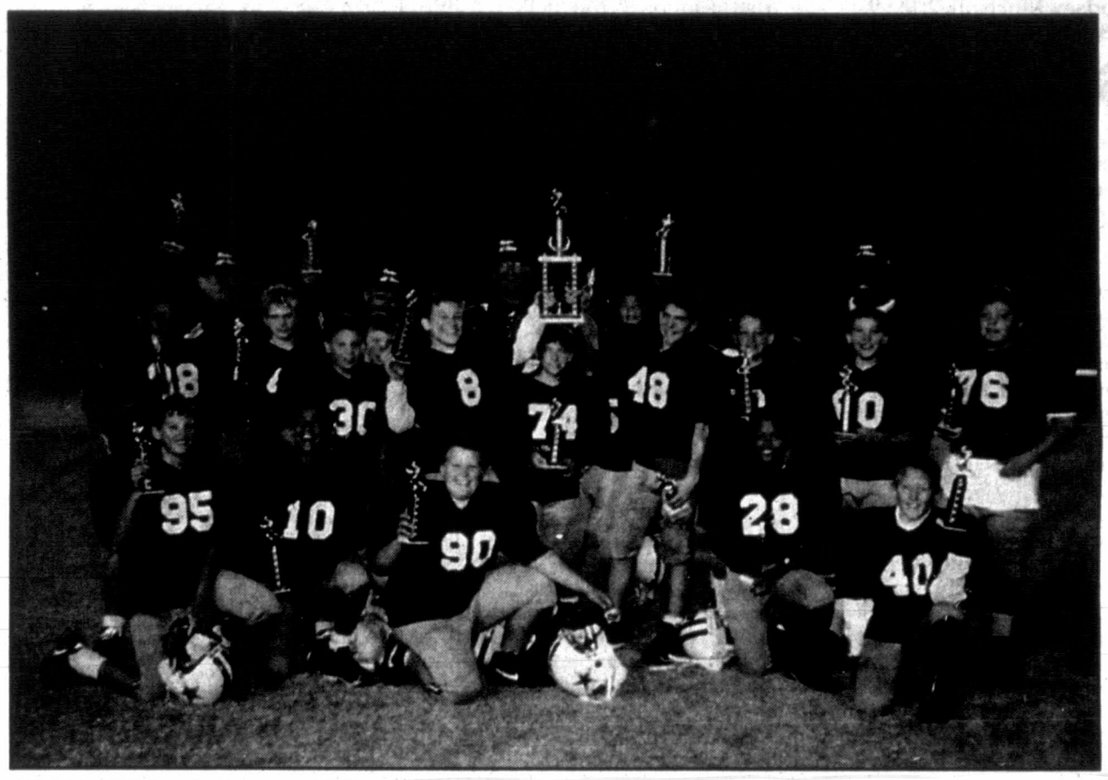
The Level 5 gymnasts finished fourth among 18 teams. The Pampa team had one of the smallest teams competing. The top three scores in each event wat totaled to determine the team winners.

Competing for Team Pampa in Level 4 was Lacie Long, Amy Freeman and Brittany Warminski. Lacie Long had her highest All Around, a 30.8 for the season. She earned a red ribbon for floor exercise, 8.9, a white ribbon for bars, 7.5, and yellow ribbons for beam, 7.3 and vault, 7.1.

Amy Freeman also had her highest All Around, a 29.50, this year. She received red ribbons for floor exercise, 8.4 and beam, 8.35 and yellow ribbons for bars, 6.65 and vault, 6.1.

Brittany Warminski earned a red ribbon for floor exercise, 8.65, white for beam, 7.9 and yellow for bars, 6.55. Her All Around score was a 28.6.

The Level 4 gymnasts will start competitions again in January.



(Special photo)

Pampa Blue All-Stars display their championship trophies. Team members are ,Front row, kneeling, l-r, Jake Hopkins, Rufus Estrada, Kevin Parks, Cameron Seger and Chance Henley; Second row, l-r, Marcos DeLeon, Andrew Curtis, Jacob Trevathan, Hunter Craig, Billy Bob Terry, Cody Atwood, Mac Smith, Seth Foster, Alex Crouch Jr. and Chris Driscoll; Back row, l-r, defensive coach Dick Henley, head coach Mando Ramirez, assistant coach Rick Foster and assistant coach Mark Williams. Other All-Stars were Kyle Cambern, Sergio Alva, Mark Williams Jr. and Jessie Tarango.

Montreal's Martinez wins NL Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Pedro Martinez had a pretty good idea he would win the NL Cy Young Award. He has no idea where he'll pitch next season.

"What I really want is a team that's going to be in contention and a team that's going to be able to afford me," Martinez said Tuesday after easily beating Greg Maddux and Denny Neagle to win the top honor for an NL pitcher.

Montreal, once again looking to cut payroll, says it can't afford Martinez, eligible for arbitration this winter and for free agency following the 1998 season.

"I'm more sad than mad at them," Martinez said. "That's their politics and that's the way they do things."

Martinez, 17-8 with 305 strikeouts and a major-league best 1.90 ERA, will become the second Cy Young winner dealt in the offseason he won the award. David Cone was traded from Kansas City to Toronto after winning in 1994.

"I will go wherever they send me," Martinez said. "I'll play anywhere, even in the backyard."

The New York Yankees and Mets have both said they're interested in Martinez, as are the Cleveland Indians. Many other teams are thought to be in the bidding, which will intensify after the Nov. 18 expansion draft.

"I know New York seems to be tough, and it's a very fast life that we live there, but once we're on the field, believe me, I know what to do," Martinez said.

It's not clear whether Montreal would make a conditional trade that would give teams a 48- or 72-hour window to sign Martinez to a multiyear deal.

"There are a lot of teams, but not all of them can give what Montreal is asking for," Martinez said.

Martinez played with the Dodgers for two years, then was traded to Montreal after the 1993 season. His brother, Ramon, remains with the Dodgers and Pedro would like to play with him again some day.

"That's something I've always dreamed of," Pedro said. "I had the chance once and it was great. It doesn't matter if it's in LA or somewhere else."

Martinez, a 26-year-old right-hander, joined with Philadelphia's Curt Schilling to become the first pair of pitchers in 25 years to reach 300 strikeouts in the same season.

Martinez became the first ERA leader with 300 strikeouts since Steve Carlton in 1972. Opponents hit just .184 against him, the lowest average against any major league pitcher last season. His 13 complete games led both leagues and his strikeout total was No. 2 in the majors behind Schilling's 319.

"I think that the ERA and the 300 strikeouts really shined on top of everything," Martinez said.

He ended Atlanta's streak of four straight NL Cy Young Awards, receiving 25 of 28 first-place votes and 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I'm dedicating this award to Juan Marichal, who I think deserved this award and didn't get it," Martinez said, referring to his countryman, regarded as the greatest pitcher ever to come from the Dominican Republic.

Maddux, who won the award four consecutive times from 1992-95, was second with the remaining first-place votes and 75 points. Neagle, his teammate on the Braves, was third with 24 points, followed by Schilling with 12 and Houston's Darryl Kile with seven.

"I don't consider myself better than Maddux right now," Martinez said.

Pampa Blue wins Tiger League title for second straight season

PAMPA — The 5th & 6th grade Pampa Blue All-Stars won the Optimist Tiger League Football Tournament held earlier this month at Harvester Stadium.

The Pampa team faced Perryton in the first game of the tournament. Mark WIlliams broke loose on a 25-yard run for a touchdown, set up by Mac Smith's strong runs up the middle. Billy Bob Terry had a 25-yard run for a score and threw a pass to Mark Williams for two points. Rufus Estrada then added a 40-yard run for a TD with Cameron Seger running for the two points.

Perryton had a drive going in the fourth quarter, but Andrew Curtis stepped in front of a would-be receiver at Pampa's own five-yard line and intercepted the pass. He returned the interception 95 yards for a Pampa touchdown, making the final score, 28-0, in favor of Pampa.

In the championship game, Pampa took on a strong Booker team.

Mac Smith started the scoring for Pampa as he ran up the middle, breaking several tackles and scoring from 25 yards out. Chance Henley then took a pass from Billy Bob Terry for the two points.

Mark Williams then ran around right end for a 30-yard score with Terry adding the two points. Terry threw a 10-yard TD pass to Hunter Craig and Terry ran for two points.

Rufus Estrada broke loose for 40 yards and another Pampa score. Kyle Cambern added the two points.

In the final quarter, Kyle Cambern had a strong run up the middle from five yards out with Andrew Curtis adding the two-point conversion to make the final score, 44-0, Pampa.

The Pampa Blue All-Stars had very strong defensive performances throughout the tournament by Billy Bob Terry, who had four interceptions; Chance Henley, who had two fumble recoveries and one interception. Andrew Curtis, Cody Atwood and Kyle Cambern all had several hard hits, defensively.

Mac Smith was awarded the game ball for his play on both sides of the ball throughout the tournament.

This is the second year in a row that the Pampa Blue All-Stars have won the tournament.

Rogers' Whatley sets 2A receiving mark

SCHOOLBOY HONOR ROLL

DALLAS (AP) — As of now, Rogers quarterback Patrick Hutka is just a footnote in Class 2A history. The guy with the record is Josh Whatley, Hutka's favorite target.

Whatley caught nine passes from Hutka last weekend, giving him 90 for the season — more than any other 2A receiver has ever had in a season. Jeremy Robinson of Palmer was the previous record holder with 89 in 1990.

"I had no idea I'd get that many," Whatley told the Temple Telegram. "We've played against a lot of defenses, but we've done different stuff against them that helped get the receivers open.

"Patrick's done a good job of throwing the ball and the offensive linemen have blocked well, so everyone's doing their job. It's been fun."

The overall state receptions record is 106 by Nassar Ayyad of Arlington in 1992. At his average of nine grabs per game, Whatley could have that by next weekend — presuming, of course, that Rogers (9-1) gets past Riesel (5-5) on Friday and is still playing then.

The longer Rogers lasts, the better chance Hutka has of joining Whatley in the record books.

Hutka, a receiver last season who moved to quarterback in the spring, has thrown for 3,018 yards, just 136 yards shy of the 2A single-season record set in 1982 by Eastland's Jay Hess.

He's a long way from the overall state record of 4,284 yards thrown by Chris Sanders of Flower Mound Marcus in 1995, although it's not out of reach should Rogers make a long playoff run.

An extended season could also bring another record for Whatley. With 1,201 receiving yards, he's 322 yards from breaking the 2A record set by Daniel Adams of Schulenburg in 1989.

"I just found out about the (receptions) record a couple of weeks ago, but I didn't change anything up," said Whatley, who also has 13 touchdowns. "I just continued to play the way I have all (season)."

In other outstanding regular-season finale performances:

ALL-AROUND

—Ell Roberson III ran 14 times for 187 yards and a touchdown and was 8-of-18 passing for 131 yards and three touchdowns as Baytown Lee beat Baytown Sterling 44-28.

—Clint DeGroot ran for three touchdowns and threw for another as Santa Fe beat Needville 33-21.

—Billy Bouse ran 24 times for 89 yards and four touchdowns and was 10-of-19 passing for 185 yards and a touchdown. His cousin, Bobby Bouse, had six catches for 117 yards and a touchdown.

—Freshman Tye Gunn ran 19 times for 105 yards and a touchdown and passed for 93 yards and two touchdowns as La Grange beat Columbus 29-20 to clinch the District 22-3A title.

—Cerick Andrews ran 15 times for 132 yards and a touchdown and caught eight passes for 165 yards and another score, but Pasadena lost 52-27 to Pasadena Rayburn.

—Brandon Everage ran for 124 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown, and passed for 214 yards and three touchdowns in a 28-6 victory over Bartlett that gave Granger the District 14-1A championship.

PHS swimmers compete at San Angelo Invitational

PAMPA — The Pampa High swim teams go from competing in a huge invitational last weekend in south central Texas to a dual meet Saturday in Oklahoma.

Pampa competed in the San Angelo Invitational last weekend as Ashlee David, Justin Nelson and Stacy Huddleston both qualified for the pre-TISCA meet later this year in Dallas.

"It was a big, big meet, but it was fun time for our kids. They found out, even though we've got a small group, they can compete very well. That's encouraging," said Pampa head coach David Pink.

Pampa goes to Altus, Okla. on Saturday for a dual meet.

Pampa results at San Angelo are as follows:

Girls' 200-medley relay: 21st place (Ashlee David, Holly Brooks, Stacy Huddleston and Lindsey Mitchell), 2:18.99.

Boys' 200-medley relay: 18th place (Matt Brown, Justin Nelson, Matt Winthers and Waylon Griffin), 1:59.67.

Boys' 200 freestyle: Justin Nelson, 1:59.73, 9th place; Matt Brown, 2:10.78, 16th place.

Girls' 50 freestyle: Ashlee David, 26.96, 9th place.

Boys' 50 freestyle: Waylon Griffin, 26.85, 47th place; Matt Winthers, 27.75, 55th place;

Boys' 100 butterfly: Stacy Huddleston, 1:15.54, 19th place.

Girls' 100 freestyle: Ashlee David, 1:00.12, 8th place.

Boys' 100 freestyle: Waylon Griffin, 58.61, 24th place.

Girls' 200-freestyle relay: 21st place (Stacy Huddleston, Tiffany House, Lindsey Mitchell and Ashlee David), 2:01.37.

Boys' 100 backstroke: Matt Brown, 1:06.66, 18th place.

Girls' 100 breaststroke: Holly Brooks, 1:29.79, disqualified; Stacy Huddleston, 1:25.99, 17th place; Lindsey Mitchell, 1:27.89, 19th place.

Spurs sneak by T-Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — David Robinson had 34 points and 15 rebounds, and with 2.8 seconds to play it still wasn't enough to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

So Robinson got one more rebound and scored one more basket to save the San Antonio Spurs. Then he and his teammates talked about how nice it will be when Robinson finally is himself again after missing nearly all of last season with injuries.

"Believe it or not — I know it sounds ridiculous — but he's not the David of old yet," coach Gregg Popovich said after Robinson tipped in his own missed layup for a 93-92 victory Tuesday night. "He still doesn't have all his mobility back and he still isn't totally free with himself. But he's pretty darn close."

With 36 points, Robinson set a season scoring high for the third straight game. His point total has improved each of the last five games, and Tuesday night's 16 rebounds also were one off his season high.

He also matched a season high with six assists, most of them to rookie Tim Duncan, who scored a career-best 22 points to go with nine rebounds.

Rusty? Robinson thinks so after sitting out with back and foot injuries in 1996-97.

"Being out all last year, you don't think it would make as much of a difference, but it has," Robinson said. "And now that I'm just starting to get some of my feel back, I think it's just around the corner where I'm going to be feeling 100 percent."

Robinson's superlative night helped San Antonio improve to 6-1, its best start since 1991-92. It also kept the Wolves from moving four games over .500 for the first time in franchise history .

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's College Basketball Major Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
No major team scores reported from the EAST.

SOUTH
No major team scores reported from the SOUTH.

MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.

SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST
New Mexico 98, Southern Cal 76
Temple 68, Auburn 42

TOURNAMENTS

Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic
First Round
N. Carolina St. 47, Georgia 45
Princeton 62, Texas 56

EXHIBITION
Arizona St. 115, Marathon 103
Arkansas St. 86, Conoco Oil 75
Athletes In Action 91, Northwestern 69
Austin Peay 94, Vasda USA 80
Ball St. 75, Pella Windows 67
Boise St. 111, Russian Central Army 61
Brigham Young 92, California All-Stars 82
Connecticut 95, World All-Stars 41
DC Explorers 74, George Mason 65
Detroit 86, Beovuk, Yugoslavia 74
Drake 99, Venezuela 60
E. Illinois 80, Lithuania 67
Ill.-Chicago 99, Marathon Oil 73
Illinois St. 74, Mornar Yugoslavia 58
Indiana 86, Outback All-Stars 61
Kentucky 86, Court Authority 62
Long Beach St. 94, Next Level Sports 86
Marathon 80, Vanderbilt 70
Michigan St. 84, Ural Great 65
Mississippi St. 77, Arkansas Express 40
N. Arizona 77, Melbourne 69
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Nevada 93, Hungary Select 92
Oklahoma St. 97, California All Stars 83
Saint Louis 69, NBC Thunder 54
San Francisco 80, B.C. Albacomp 65
Santa Clara 99, Silute Lithuania 67
Southern Miss. 73, VASDA 66
Sports Reach 98, Tennessee St. 90
Syracuse 96, Marathon 71
Tenn.-Martin 94, Spirit Express 82
Youngstown St. 75, BC ZTE 66

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Six-man pairings

DALLAS (AP) — High school football playoff pairings:

Sixman
Follett (9-0) vs. Chillicothe (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shamrock.
Lazbuddie (9-1) vs. Rochester (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crosbyton.
Ropes (8-1) vs. Westbrook (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klondike.
Sands (9-1) vs. Sanderson (5-3), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Imperial.
Miami (6-2) vs. Samnorwood (7-3), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Lefors.
Silverton (7-3) vs. Jayton (9-1), 7:30 Thursday at Crosbyton.
Southland (6-3) vs. Borden County (10-0), Friday, 7:30, Lubbock Cooper at Woodrow.
Grady (7-3) vs. Grandfalls Royalty (10-0), 7:30 Friday, Lenorah Grady.
Newcastle (8-1) vs. Panther Creek (9-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Clyde.
Mullin (7-3) vs. Richland Springs (7-3), Friday, 7:30 p.m., San Saba.
Gordon (10-0) vs. Jonesboro (9-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Dublin.
Woodson (5-4) vs. May (7-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Gorman.
Brookesmith (7-3) vs. Lohn (7-2), Friday, 8 p.m., Brady.
Strawn (8-2) vs. Buckholts (8-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Hamilton.

Byes
Trinidad (10-0) will play winner of Strawn-Buckholts game.
Covington (7-3) will play winner of Gordon-Jonesboro game.

CLASS 4A Pairings
Division I
Region I
Canyon Randall (7-3) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon.
El Paso Ysleta (8-2) vs. Big Spring (7-3), 2 p.m., Saturday at Memorial Stadium, Big Spring.
Brownwood (8-2) vs. Fort Worth Western Hills (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington.
Sherman (7-3) vs. Saginaw Boswell (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Goldsmith Stadium, Lewisville.

Region II
Grapevine (7-3) vs. Dallas Spruce (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Highland Park.
Dallas Jefferson (3-7) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), 5 p.m. Saturday at Cotton Bowl.
Burleson (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday at Carrollton's Standridge Stadium.
Texarkana Texas (3-7) vs. Longview Pine Tree (4-6), 2 p.m. Saturday at Pine Tree.

Region III
Jacksonville (10-0) vs. New Caney (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday at Waco Floyd Casey.
Dayton (7-3) vs. Nederland (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday at Humble.
Worthing (7-3) vs. Clear Brook (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday at Pasadena Memorial.
Texas City (9-1) vs. Bay City (6-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Angleton.

Region IV
Waco Midway (9-1) vs. Austin McCallum (5-5), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Hyde Park, Austin.
Uvalde (4-6) vs. Hays Consolidated (6-4), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Hays.
Schertz Clemens (10-0) vs. San Antonio McCollum (3-7), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Harlandale Stadium. San Antonio.
Alice (8-2) vs. Los Fresnos (7-2), Friday, 8 p.m. at Los Fresnos.

CLASS 4A
Division II
Region I
Dumas (9-0) vs. Snyder (3-7), 2 p.m. Saturday at Plainview.
El Paso Riverside (8-2) vs. Andrews (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, site TBA, El Paso.
Stephenville (7-3) vs. Fort Worth Eastern Hills (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Glen Rose.
Denison (10-0) vs. FW Brewer (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pennington Field, Bedford.
Lubbock Estacado (9-1) vs. Borger (6-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Hereford.
Sweetwater (10-0) vs. El Paso (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fort Stockton.
Fort Worth Arlington Heights (5-5) vs. Graham (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington.
Springtown (9-1) vs. Burkburnett (3-6), 7 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field, Denton.

Region II
Highland Park (9-1) vs. Seagoville (7-3), 9 p.m. Friday at Cotton Bowl.
Dallas South Oak Cliff (10-0) vs. Greenville (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Cotton Bowl.
Waxahachie (9-1) vs. Lancaster (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday at DeSoto.
Mount Pleasant (5-5) vs. Carthage (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Longview Lobos Stadium.
Southlake Carroll (6-4) vs. Dallas Lincoln (8-2), 6 p.m. Friday at Cotton Bowl.
Dallas Roosevelt (6-4) vs. Terrell (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.
Cleburne (7-3) vs. Ennis (8-2), 7:30 Friday at Fort Worth's Farrington Field.
Paris (5-4) vs. Kilgore (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gilmer.

Region III
Whitehouse (8-2) vs. Willis (6-4), 8 p.m. Friday at Whitehouse.
Cleveland (8-2) vs. LC-Mauriceville (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday at Deer Park Abshier.
Houston Kashmere (6-4) vs. Houston Forest Brook (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Aldine Thorne
Lamar Consolidated (8-2) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rosenberg Traylor.
Brownsboro (7-3) vs. Waller (7-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Bryan Viking.
Jasper (4-6) vs. West Orange-Stark (10-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Conroe Moorhead.
Waltrip (4-6) vs. Friendswood (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Pasadena Memorial.
La Marque (7-3) vs. El Campo (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Sugar Land Mercer

Region IV
Austin Lanier (8-2) vs. Marble Falls (4-6), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Nelson Field, Austin.
Fredericksburg (6-4) vs. Smithson Valley (9-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Boerne.
Alamo Heights (8-2) vs. Floresville (8-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at South San Stadium, San Antonio.
CC Calallen (10-0) vs. Sharyland (6-4), Friday, 8 p.m. at Sharyland.
Austin Reagan (5-5) vs. Waco Connally (5-5), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Burger Center, Austin.
Kerrville Tivy (7-3) vs. Bastrop (7-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Seguin.
San Antonio Sam Houston (5-5) vs. Pleasanton (8-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Alamo Stadium, San Antonio.
Kingsville (6-4) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (10-0), Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Edcouch-Elsa.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Ray Miller manager and Mike Flanagan pitching coach.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Andujar on a minor-league contract.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Traded RHP Felix Rodriguez to the Arizona Diamondbacks and OF Mike Kelly to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for players to be named. Acquired OF Mel Nieves from the Detroit Tigers for C Paul Bako and RHP Donne Wall.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded OF Moises Alou to the Houston Astros for RHP Oscar Henriquez, RHP Manuel Barrios and a player to be named.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Acquired 3B Charlie Hayes and cash from the New York Yankees for OF Chris Singleton, LHP Alberto Castillo.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed QB Gino Torretta. Placed DB Damon Watts on injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed DT Don Davey on injured reserve. Signed DT Jose White.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed TE Alfred Pupunu to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived OT Marc Lamb from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Washington Capitals LW Chris Simon for two more games for his racial slur about Mike Grier.
COLUMBUS—Announced that the franchise will be called the Blue Jackets.
DALLAS STARS—Placed LW Patrick Cote on injured reserve. Recalled RW Jeff Mitchell and LW Jamie Wright from Michigan of the IHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled RW Johan Lindbom from Hartford of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed D John Slaney to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Named Bill Craig director of business development.

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League At A Glance

All Times EST
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	4	0	.600	206	186
New England	6	4	0	.600	254	165
N.Y. Jets	6	4	0	.600	237	196
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	170	225
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	154	258
Central						
Jacksonville	**7**	**3**	**0**	**.700**	**262**	**202**
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	241	200
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	217	197
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	210	231
Cincinnati	3	7	0	.300	191	263
West						
Denver	**9**	**1**	**0**	**.900**	**302**	**160**
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	204	167
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	233	238
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	202	251
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	237	269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	192	190
Washington	6	4	0	.600	203	152
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	212	154
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	170	214
Arizona	2	8	0	.200	170	230
Central						
Green Bay	**8**	**2**	**0**	**.800**	**233**	**176**
Minnesota	8	2	0	.800	238	201
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	208	172
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	197	205
Chicago	1	9	0	.100	167	292
West						
San Francisco	**9**	**1**	**0**	**.900**	**251**	**120**
Carolina	5	5	0	.500	166	187
New Orleans	3	7	0	.300	131	208
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	189	271
St. Louis	2	8	0	.200	171	238

Sunday's Games
Dallas 24, Arizona 6
Minnesota 29, Chicago 22
Cincinnati 28, Indianapolis 13
Washington 30, Detroit 7
Jacksonville 24, Kansas City 10
Miami 24, New York Jets 17
Green Bay 17, St. Louis 7
Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 10
Denver 34, Carolina 0
New England 31, Buffalo 10
New Orleans 13, Oakland 10
Tennessee 10, New York Giants 6
Seattle 37, San Diego 31
Pittsburgh 37, Baltimore 0

Monday's Game
San Francisco 24, Philadelphia 12

Sunday, Nov. 16
Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17
Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

MILITARY VETERANS

A Texas Workforce Commission Employment Counselor is in Pampa every Tuesday to assist veterans in their specific job search needs. He can help with job market info, automated job line access and other job search needs.

Hosted by the Clarendon College - Pampa Center, 900 N. Frost, he can be found in Rooms 1 or 15, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more details call the Pampa TWC, 665-0938

Fat cats in loud blazers win national title, again

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

It's already the middle of November and the coaches and writers can't agree whether Michigan or Florida State is the No. 1 college football team in the land.

Not to worry. We already know who will win the national championship. It will be fat cats in loud blazers. Those guys win every year. And they'll keep on winning unless or until there is a playoff.

This is the same bunch of fast-talking, fashion-challenged, deal-making CEOs who promised to clean up after the messy split-championship seasons of 1990-91 by guaranteeing a No. 1 vs. No. 2 bowl matchup to end every season. They started out calling themselves the "Bowl Coalition," then the "Bowl Alliance." Now that they control the Orange, Sugar and Fiesta Bowls, they call themselves the "Super Alliance."

But one thing has remained constant: they and the bowls they represent are lining their pockets and still making promises on which they can't always deliver. So many deals have been struck with conferences and TV networks to further the Alliance's ends — or else thwart them — that when an undisputed national champion turns up, it's more by accident than design.

Just how much more was evident again Tuesday during a conference call with Big Ten coaches Lloyd Carr of Michigan and John Cooper of Ohio State.

Michigan is ranked No. 1 by the sportswriters in The Associated Press poll. But because the Big Ten is not part of the Alliance until next year, if the Wolverines remain undefeated, they get the conference's spot in the Rose Bowl. What's wrong with that? Even if Michigan wins that game, too, its Pac-10 Conference opponent won't be ranked high enough — currently, UCLA is highest at No. 9 — to secure the Wolverines the top spot in both polls.

But Ohio State's situation is even wackier. If the Buckeyes, now ranked No. 4, beat Michigan in two weeks and end the season ranked No. 2 and in a three-way tie for the conference title, a never-before-used rule would be employed as a tiebreaker so they would go to the Rose Bowl instead. And the only reason that rule is in place is to ruin the Alliance's shot at staging a No. 1 vs. No. 2 match.

"I think you can go crazy at this time of year," Cooper said, "worrying about that stuff."

Yet that's how convoluted things have become. When the coalition first went into business and offered certain conferences automatic bowl bids as inducements to join, the Big Ten and Pac-10 Conferences opted out. They had the Rose Bowl locked up (with their own network TV deal and a sizable payoff) and saw no need to get on board.

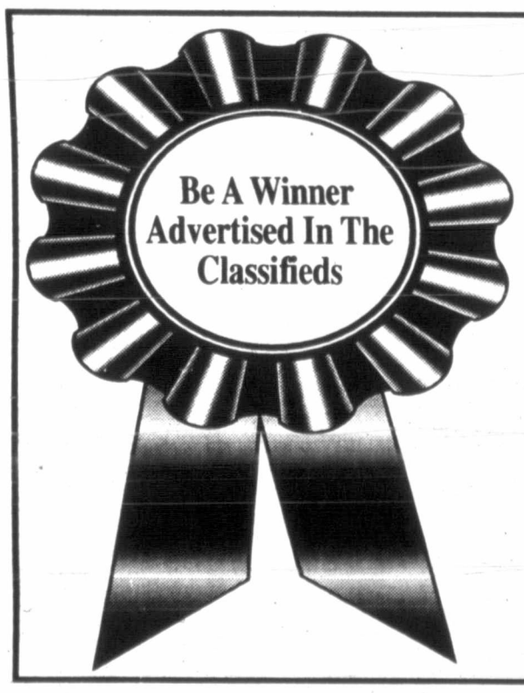
Though that will change next year, in the meantime, to protect the Rose Bowl's importance, they had already agreed to make an exception so any Big Ten or Pac-10 team tied for the conference title that was ranked No. 1 or No. 2 would automatically get the bowl bid.

Which means that just like Michigan, the Buckeyes' chance at an undisputed national title would be sacrificed to spite the Alliance. Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany admitted as much in an interview with the Chicago Tribune. "Otherwise," he said, "what we'd be doing is setting up a national title game for the Bowl Alliance."

Even though yesterday's enemies will become tomorrow's pals when the Big Ten and Pac-10 join the alliance next season, there still is no guarantee of matching No. 1 and No. 2.

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Gray County Appraisal District is requesting proposals for bank depository contract. The deadline for receipt of the proposals is 3:00 P.M. on December 1, 1997. Proposals shall be mailed or delivered to W. Pat Bagley, Chief Appraiser, Gray County Appraisal District at 815 N. Sumner, P.O. Box 836, Pampa, Texas, 79066-0836, and marked **"sealed proposals for bank depository contract."**

The Chief Appraiser will open the proposals at 3:05 P.M. on Monday, December 1, 1997. The proposals will be reviewed for presentation to the Board of Directors, for their consideration.

The Board of Directors will consider proposals for award at their meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 at the Appraisal District offices at 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

Information for the preparation of this proposal and specifications for the bank depository contract may be obtained from Jennifer Read or Pat Bagley at the Appraisal District offices at 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The Gray County Appraisal District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities.

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3 Personal

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5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, study and practice, Tuesday night 7:30 p.m.

PAMPA Lodge #966
No Meeting
Thursday, November 13th

10 Lost and Found

LOST 1 1/2 yr. old Huskey-male, black/white with marble blue eyes, purple collar. 669-7313.

FOUND- St. Matthew's vicinity, blk. & white kitten, approx. 6 mo. old. 665-5990 days.

11 Financial

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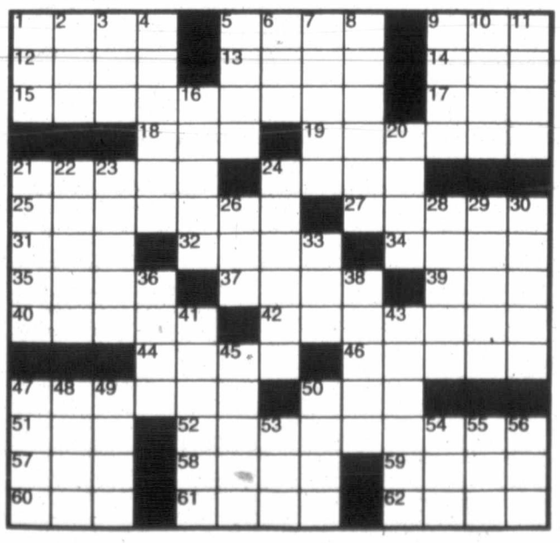
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5 Sound mental faculties
9 Dad
12 E pluribus —
13 Lotion ingredient
14 — — tree (cornered)
15 Most friendless
17 Fall behind
18 Permit
19 Pair
21 Once more
24 Author Bellow
25 Of the liver
27 Nips and —
31 Curvy letter
32 Semi-precious stone
34 Japanese aborigine
35 Poisonous plant
37 Mix
39 — Moines
40 Basil-and-garlic sauce
42 Florida race track
44 Christmas
46 — Gras
47 Brie or Camembert
50 Religious sister
51 Sweet potato
52 Astronomer's tool
57 As far — — know
58 Silkworm
59 Author Hunter
60 NJ Devils' org.
61 Invitation inits.
62 Marathon

DOWN
1 Actor Brynner
2 Lennon's love
3 Type of fight or powder
4 Aviator Earhart
5 Work as a food server
6 — de France
7 Italian opera
8 Begin (2 wds.)
9 — Fiction
10 Girasol
11 Beep
16 Slow (mus.)
20 Hawaiian food fish
21 In a pile
22 Beau —
23 Orbital point
24 Mowing blade
26 Those holding office
28 Apple juice
29 Do a baking task
30 Raw fish dish
33 Roman dozen
36 Eyelid problem
38 Branch
41 Eviction
43 Cavalry soldier
45 Desirous looks
47 Shade of blue
48 Corned beef —
49 Biographer Ludwig
50 Tide type
53 Actress Ullmann
54 Eggs
55 Logger's boot
56 Chemical suffix

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Santa molester:

Volunteer Santa's seedy side devastates community

LAKE FOREST PARK, Wash. (AP) – To many children for many years, a picture with Ronald Carroll McDonald at the neighborhood mall was a Christmas tradition.

With his cherubic face, snowy beard – the real thing – and ready laugh, the 71-year-old McDonald embodied everything they thought old St. Nick should be – and nothing like the child molester he admitted to being.

"I'm really disgusted. I feel betrayed because there's so much evil in this world and I thought Mr. McDonald was one good thing in it," said Emily Moon, 17, who had her picture taken with him every December until he stopped working at the mall three years ago.

"He was like the real Santa. He always just seemed so cheery and happy," she said. "I thought he was one of the last few genuinely nice people in this world."

Moon, like many in this tightknit, affluent suburb northeast of Seattle, was devastated when she learned that McDonald admitted he had sexual contact with youngsters at his home over the last six years.

Court documents filed by prosecutors allege McDonald told police that his sexual contacts with children "extended over the past 60 years and include at least 45 victims."

McDonald pleaded guilty Monday to four counts of first-degree child rape and three counts of first-degree child molestation, including having two youngsters – one of them a six-year-old relative – perform sex acts with each other.

Sentencing was set for Jan. 9. Prosecutors were asking for at least 26 years in prison.

For years McDonald, who is married and has five children, surrounded himself with youngsters. The 5-foot-8, 185-pound man baby-sat neighborhood kids, played Santa at the Lake Forest Towne Centre and was a volunteer childcare worker at the University of Washington Medical Center and a church nursery in suburban Kenmore.

"He's absolutely obsessed with children," deputy prosecutor Scott O'Toole said before McDonald's plea. "Here's a person who made every possible effort to be close to children."

McDonald told police there was a "special room" in his house, crammed with toys and children's videos, where he would fondle his victims as they sat on his lap.

O'Toole said the case was exceptional because of how long it took before McDonald was caught, the number of victims involved and because "he began grooming and desensitizing the children at this young age." Complaints listed in court papers said McDonald had sexual contact with one of the children when she was two months old.

"It's not as if he's a dirty old man jumping out of the bushes at a 6-year-old. He's been a trusted figure in their lives ever since they've had memory," O'Toole said.

McDonald also has no criminal record, unlike a case in Pittsburgh last year in which a convicted child molester who worked part-time as a Santa Claus was sent to prison for molesting seven boys entrusted to his care.

McDonald's allegations came to light Oct. 14 when a family member approached police after learning the 6-year-old relative was being molested.

Defense lawyers, who said McDonald was deeply sorry, would not allow him to be interviewed.

"What I did was the lowest of the low," McDonald told *The Seattle Times* in an interview last month. "I had been deceiving myself and deceiving others. I have devastated so many children and families."

"I'm glad he admitted his guilt," said Faith Thayer, 47, of Everett.

Thayer was almost eight when she met McDonald, her best friend's father. A year later, dressed only in khaki-colored pants, he exposed himself to her, she said.

"One day he cornered me ... and asked if I'd like to touch him," Thayer said. "Of course I was freaked out and I thought 'No, I don't want to touch you.' I ran away."

Thayer, who has five children of her own, never spoke publicly about what happened until after his arrest.

"Sexual abuse is something hard for people to get over. It's going to haunt the children forever. It still haunts me," Thayer said. "He belongs in jail. He belongs there without parole for the rest of his life."

Upcoming Rural Issues Summit to be held in Lubbock

AUSTIN – Susan Weddington, Republican Party of Texas chairman, has announced a Rural Issues Summit slated from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 20 in the International Cultural Center on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock. The public is encouraged to attend.

"Republicans are concerned about the issues facing the Panhandle and West Texas. We hope citizens will bring their concerns and ideas to this summit and give Republicans the opportunity to listen to the problems they face every day," Weddington commented.

The Rural Issues Summit is intended to provide a forum for citizens to voice their concerns and to discuss issues important to rural Texas with Republican elected officials.

Numerous Republican state representatives and state senators will be present to listen to citizens concerns and ideas. In addition, representatives from the Governor Bush Committee and a commissioner from the Parks and Wildlife Department will also be on hand.

"Republicans have always been the protectors of private property rights and those issues most important to rural Texans. We want to continue to provide for the Texas heartland," Weddington concluded.

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Medical Association launches organ donor awareness campaign

Fewer than half of all Texans have made the commitment to become organ donors, according to a poll recently commissioned by Texas Medical Association.

In a survey of 1,005 Texans conducted as part of the Harte-Hanks Texas Poll, 42 percent of respondents said they have signed an organ donor card or the back of their license to indicate they are organ donors. Of the 575 Texans who said they were not organ donors, 41 percent said it was because they had never thought about it. The poll was commissioned as part of TMA's "Live and Then Give" organ donor awareness campaign.

The poll also showed that Texans who are more affluent and educated are more likely to become organ donors than those who are not, and that minorities are less likely to be organ donors. The poll found that 45 percent of Anglos are pledged organ donors, compared with only 32 percent of Hispanics and 19 percent of blacks.

The poll found that there is no gender difference when it comes to signing organ donor cards. Forty-two percent of men and women are organ donors. Regionally, East Texans are least likely to sign donor cards – 31 percent – compared with 47 percent of Texans in the west and central portions of the state.

The "Live and Then Give" campaign encourages potential donors to sign uniform donor cards and to discuss their intentions with their families. That second step is crucial, Dr. Berry says, so that family members can confirm the donors' wishes.

A liver transplant survivor himself, Dr. Berry is leading the campaign. He contracted hepatitis B in 1983. After becoming chronically ill and unable to work, he received a liver transplant from a 30-year-old housewife in 1986. Today, in addition to managing a very busy orthopaedic practice, Dr. Berry donates much of his energy toward increasing public awareness of the need for organ donation and improving the delivery of organs to those in need.

The "Live and Then Give" campaign is sponsored by TMA, the TMA Alliance, the TMA Foundation and the Texas Transplantation Society.

Fine Arts Association featured at Square House Museum

PANHANDLE – Members of the Amarillo Fine Arts Association have contributed works for a wonderfully varied show at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

This show features the works of 33 artists, representing both professional and amateur members of the AFAA. Visitors to the recent "Best of the Southwest" fall show will recognize a number of these works. The contributing artists were given free rein to select one of their works for exhibition, and so it is not surprising that there is a wide range of media and subject matter on display.

The seven different media represented among these works include oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, chalk, ink and even glass. Subjects range from landscapes and buildings to still lifes; there are portraits, animals and birds and several floral depictions.

One purpose of the Amarillo Fine Arts Association, a non-profit organization, is to increase the possibilities of the art experiences for Amarillo and surrounding areas. Contributors to the show at the Square House Museum include residents from all over the Texas Panhandle. AFAA membership is open to all serious artists, craftspersons and patrons, professional or amateur, committed to the advancement of the arts in Amarillo and the surrounding areas.

Founded in 1963, the AFAA boasts a membership of more than 200 today. A major emphasis of the organization is art education and the encouragement of young and aspiring artists. To this end, the AFAA sponsors several juried competitions and scholarship programs each year.

The Amarillo Fine Arts Association show can be viewed between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday through Jan. 4, 1998. The gallery is in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building, fronting Hwy 207 on the south side of Fifth Street in Panhandle. For more information, call the Square House Museum at (806) 537-3524.

The public is invited to a reception for the artists scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the gallery. Refreshments will be served.

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