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PAMPA — Pampa United Way will hold a celebration luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 in the large meeting room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. During the event, outstanding volunteers, company campaigns and individual donors will be recognized. According to UW officials, the 1999 campaign was the most successful in the history of the local organization, raising over \$387,000 — more than meeting the projected goal of \$343,000. The meal, to be catered by Dyer's, will cost \$6.50 per person. To make a reservation, call the UW office, 669-1001, by 12 noon Friday, Jan. 21.

RANGER (AP) — Eight vacant houses and a barn burned overnight near the West Texas town of Ranger in a series of 12 fires authorities suspect were deliberately set. Fire Chief Darrell Fox says that six of the burned structures are total losses. But the barn, packed with hay, is still burning — and may continue to burn for days.

- **Herman Armstrong, 91**, former Cabot, PISD employee.
- **Shirley Laurie Beal, 64**, retired teacher.
- **Brennan Jay 'B.J.' Collins, 24**, manager Booker Water Works Department.
- **Steven Lynn Dedrick, 35**, former employee of Graham Furniture.
- **M.B. Ferris, 64**, retired truck driver.
- **Robert A. 'Bob' Jewell, 77**, retired owner Bob's Upholstery.
- **Paul C. 'Mickey' Ledrick, 80**, former assistant postmaster general.

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Western drought ... Panhandle in better shape than many areas

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

While ranchers across the Western United States are suffering from drought conditions, ranchers around Pampa are in better shape than most. "We didn't have any moisture to speak of from mid-September until the snow in mid-December," said Bill Arrington of Pampa. "We got 12 inches out here at the ranch."

That translates into about two inches of good soaking moisture. "We were very fortunate," he said.

It helped the pastures where his cattle graze but it may have been too late for the wheat.

"We had a good snow in January last year," Arrington said, "and a nice early summer. Then it dried up."

Rain in September got the winter wheat up, but then it turned dry again. Arrington said he's worried that stressed dryland wheat may not make it this year.

Dry conditions across the west have caused problems, but the worst may be yet to come.

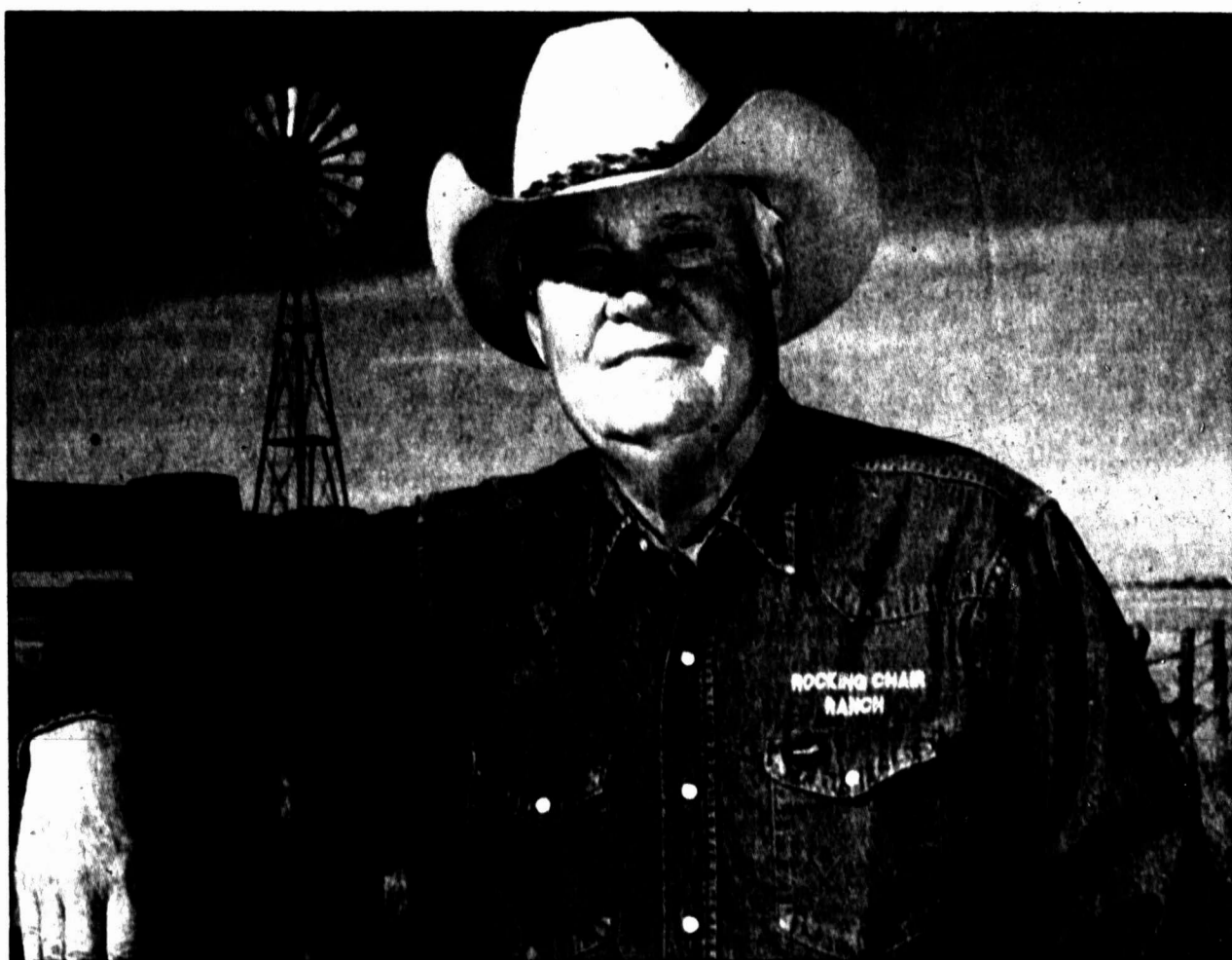
"What's scary is if we don't get a lot of winter moisture, the spring feed will be very limited because the fall has been so dry," Arizona rancher Judy Prosser told the Associated Press earlier this month.

Prosser moved 900 cattle from her ranch between Flagstaff and Winslow, Ariz., to a feedyard near Phoenix to rest the land.

Rainfall has been sparse in many parts of the West, with near-

"What's hurting us worse than the weather," is the low commodity prices on corn, wheat and soybeans. Papa sold wheat at \$5 a bushel after World War II, and a new Ford was \$1,500. In 1999, wheat was \$2.12 a bushel and a Ford was \$25,000. Now, wheat's \$2.20 or \$2.21 and a new Ford costs \$25,000.

— Bill Arrington
rancher



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Pampa rancher Bill Arrington leans against a barbed wire fence post at one of the windmills on his ranch near Skellytown. Windmills may be of increased importance this year as dry weather is forecast for the opening months of the year 2000.

Home burglary nets large haul

Police today were investigating the burglary of a Pampa home in which several thousand dollars worth of computer equipment, electronic equipment and firearms were taken.

Officers said someone apparently broke into the home of Karmen Hampton Hill, 48, at 1216 Garland, between Jan. 7 and Jan. 15 while she was out of town.

Authorities said Hill discovered the burglary when she returned home from a trip to New Mexico. She called police Saturday to report the burglary.

Pampa Police Lt. Jerry Young said a back door leading to the home's kitchen appears to have been forced open.

Law enforcement officers said items taken from the home included a computer, a

television, video tape recorders, speakers, a printer and a chair.

Several rifles, shotguns and handguns were also taken.

Officers said among the items taken were a Gateway Pentium 2 computer, a Hewlett Packard color printer, a computer scanner, a gray chair, three computer speakers, a 25-inch television set, a cable TV box and two video tape recorders.

Officers said a gun collection was also taken. The weapons included three shotguns, five rifles and five pistols. Two of the shotguns were 12 gauge. The rifles included a .30-30, a .270, a .223, a .22 and an AK-47 assault rifle. The pistols included a .22, a .44, a .357 and a .45 automatic.

Officers estimated the value of the items taken between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Celanese offers 14-15 early retirement packages in Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A Celanese official said today there will be no great number of layoffs at the Pampa plant.

An early retirement package that is being offered to employees of the Celanese chemical division sparked rumors there would be a large reduction of the workforce at the Pampa plant.

"We aren't going to have any massive layoffs," Larry Ogden, the Pampa plant's administrative manager, said today.

He said there will be people at the plant who will take the early retirement package and Pampa will be impacted, but no one is sure yet how many will sign up for the early retirement program.

"There is a rumor that 160 people will take the early retirement," Ogden said. "I think that's company-wide."

He said that perhaps 14 or 15 people at the Celanese Pampa plant may opt for the program.

"We won't know for sure until the end of February," Ogden said.

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Food co-op on PISD agenda

Pampa Independent School trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa High School Library Thursday to consider participation in the West Texas Food Service Cooperative and Commodity Processing.

The goal of the cooperative is to obtain substantial savings on specific purchased items for member districts through volume purchasing.

PISD administration will recommend to the board participation in the food service cooperative for the 1999-2000 school year.

Also on the agenda is consideration of paper bid along with financial and energy management

reports. An executive session may be held. The annual evaluation of the superintendent is listed.

Administrative reports include block schedule evaluation, school calendar for 2000-2001, and Reading Grant: Academics 2000.

Upcoming school-related meetings are PAASB-2000 Grassroots Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Education Service Center; school calendar meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Middle School Library; Team Building Workshop at 6 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Carver Center; and the regular board meeting at 6 p.m., Feb. 24, at the Carver Center.

Quite frankly... What is your favorite sport?



"Football. My son played and that's how I got interested. I like watching the Cowboys and Dolphins."

— Rhonda Williams



"I really don't have a favorite, but I guess I watch football more than anything else."

— Jerry Pollard



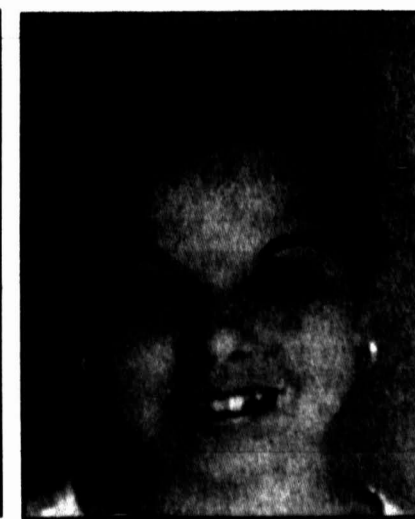
"Football. I watch a lot of it on TV. The Cowboys are my favorite team."

— Vanessa Portillo



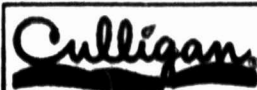
"Football. I like the action and it's rough."

— Pansy Pester

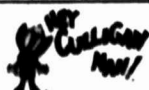


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Services tomorrow

ARMSTRONG, Herman — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

BEAL, Shirley Laurie — 10 a.m., St. Stephen United Methodist Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Lipscomb County Cemetery, Lipscomb.

FERRIS, M.B. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

JEWELL, Robert A. "Bob" — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

HERMAN ARMSTRONG

Herman Armstrong, 91, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Pollard, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Armstrong was born April 20, 1908, at Mineola. He married Alice Ashcraft on Feb. 12, 1930, at Lindale; she died in 1990. He had been a Pampa resident since 1951, moving from Lindale. He worked for Cabot Corporation for 10 years and was a custodian with Pampa Independent School District for 15 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in the Philippines during World War II and serving from 1943-45.

He belonged to Calvary Assembly of God Church, Pampa Kiwanis Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a daughter, Jill Campbell of Pampa; two brothers, Marvin Armstrong of Longview and Herschel Armstrong of Mineola; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065.

SHIRLEY LAURIE BEAL

AMARILLO — Shirley Laurie Beal, 64, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Stephen United Methodist Church with the Rev. Terry Lowe and the Rev. Dean Wynn officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. in Lipscomb County Cemetery at Lipscomb under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Beal was born at Canadian. She grew up around Darrrouzett and graduated from high school there in 1953. She earned a degree from West Texas State University in 1972. She married Billy Beal in 1977 at Amarillo. She taught school at Dimmitt and Rolling Hills, retiring in 1980.

She belonged to St. Stephen United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Billy; four daughters, Cindy Jenkins of Guymon, Okla., and Laurie Benedetti, Gayle Phillips and Debbie Green, all of Amarillo; a son, David Beal of Amarillo; three sisters, Cheri Steed of Bakersfield, Calif., Kathryn Paul of Lipscomb and Karen Minyen of Canadian; three brothers, Jimmie Laurie of Roby, R.T. Laurie of White Deer and David Laurie of Booker; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BRENNAN JAY "B.J." COLLINS

BOOKER — Brennan Jay "B.J." Collins, 24, son of Canadian residents, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Danny Trussell, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Skellytown, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery at Higgins under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Collins was born at Perryton and had been a lifelong Booker resident. He worked for John Floyd Earth Moving and was manager of City of Booker Water Works Department.

He belonged to United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Ilene and John Floyd of Canadian and Bill and Doris Collins of Tahoka; a sister, Brandi Ellen Wright of Richardson; and a brother, Kaleb Clay Collins of Tahoka.

The family requests memorials be to Florence Lee Hance Memorial Scholarship in care of First Bank of the Southwest in Booker.

STEVEN LYNN DEDRICK

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Steven Lynn Dedrick, 35, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000. Graveside services will be Friday in Syvian Cemetery with Bishop Ray Burton, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, officiating.

Mr. Dedrick was born May 20, 1964, at Sacramento. He moved to Pampa in 1995 and worked for Graham Furniture for 1 1/2 years. He became ill and returned to Sacramento in March of 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Kane Dedrick; and three children, Kayla Diere, Amber Lynn and Antony Steven, all of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Pampa.

M.B. FERRIS

M.B. Ferris, 64, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ferris was born Sept. 28, 1935, at Brinkman, Okla. He married Clessie Kimbrell on Jan. 5, 1957, at Shamrock. He had been a Pampa resident since 1959, moving from Shamrock. He worked in the oil fields and was a truck driver for Chase Oilfield Service from 1967 until retiring in 1996.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Clessie, of the home; two daughters, Kathy Williams of Canadian and Christine Moman of Pampa; two sons, Bruce Ferris and Dale Ferris, both of Pampa; two sisters, Mary Jones of Fritch and Betty Felton of Amarillo; four brothers, Howard Ray Ferris of California, Fred Ferris and Tex Ferris, both of Shamrock, and Kenneth Ferris of

Elk City, Okla.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

ROBERT A. "BOB" JEWELL

Robert A. "Bob" Jewell, 77, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, at Amarillo. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez and the Rev. Ronald Ramirez, of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Louis, Mo., co-celebrants, officiating. Cremation will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jewell was born April 6, 1922, at Syracuse, N.Y. He had been a Pampa resident since 1945. He married Klahr Baker on March 10, 1945, at Amarillo. He owned-operated Bob's Upholstery for 50 years, retiring in 1995.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II.

He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Frank Keim Council of Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Klahr, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Dennis Wyatt of Pampa and Marsha and Cam Varner of Evans, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Linda Jewell of Clearwater, Fla.; four sisters, Helen Wright of Tempe, Ariz., Gloria Wiatrak of Conover, N.C., and Gladys Bednarski and Fern Barrella, both of Liverpool, N.Y.; two brothers, Erwin Jewell of Liverpool and Donald Jewell of New York; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 5:30-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and after mass Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler, and requests memorials be to American Kidney Foundation, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852; or to a favorite charity.

PAUL C. "MICKY" LEDRICK

Paul C. "Micky" Ledrick, 80, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel officiating. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ledrick was born June 29, 1919, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1938. He later attended Texas Tech and held a bachelor's degree from the university. He once served as assistant postmaster general in Washington, D.C., and was Texas campaign manager for Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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

Survivors include three nieces, Katy Wilde and Mary Kneisley, both of Pampa, and Jenny Sullivan of Telluride, Colo.; three great-nieces; three great-nephews; three great-great-nephews; and a great-great-niece.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following report for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 17

Burglary of a habitation was reported at the 2200 block of Lea.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Jan. 17

Valerie Peterson, 40, 701 N. Frost, was arrested on two bond surrenders and a capias warrant.

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 27, 512 Harlem, was arrested on arrested on two outstanding warrants for delivery of a controlled substance.

Fedancio Ricky Arguijo, 26, 1811 Hamilton, was arrested on a felony charge of hindering apprehension.

Patricia Bird Arguijo, 24, 405 Pitts, was arrested on a felony charge of hindering apprehension.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.18	Coca-Cola	.62 7/16	up 1/8
Milo	2.89	Columbia/HCA	.31	dn 1/8
Corn	3.34	Enron	.55	dn 1/8
Soybeans	4.05	Halliburton	.39 13/16	up 1/16
		ICI	.4 5/16	up 1/16
		KML	.24 3/16	up 1/8
		Kerr McGee	.66 1/8	up 1/16
		Limited	.35 5/16	up 3/16
		McDonald's	.42 3/16	dn 27/64
		Exxon Mobil	.83 5/8	dn 1/8
		New Atmos	.18 3/4	dn 1/16
		NCE	.29 13/16	dn 1/4
		Penney's	.21 1/4	up 1/4
		Phillips	.43 15/16	up 3/16
		Pioneer Nat.	.8 15/16	up 1/4
		SLB	.63 13/16	up 2 5/16
		Tenneco	.10 1/8	up 3/16
		Texasco	.59 5/16	up 1/8
		Ultramar	.21 7/16	NC
		Wal-Mart	.64 5/8	up 1/8
		Williams	.35 11/16	up 3/4
		New York Gold	.284	20
		Silver	.53	13
		West Texas Crude	.28	02

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Occidental	.21 3/4	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magell	.134.91	
Puritan	.19.00	

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

Amoco	.55 1/4	dn 1/16
Arco	.76 3/4	up 1/16
Cabot	.23 1/2	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	.14 9/16	up 1/16
Chevron	.88 3/16	up 1/16

Emergency numbers

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Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

DROUGHT

record dryness in southern New Mexico and parts of Montana.

Jupe Means, a rancher near Mule Creek, N.M., called last spring and summer one of the worst droughts he has seen.

In Arizona, all but two of 17 areas tracked by the U.S. Department of Agriculture had below-average precipitation in 1999. Most of Arizona's rain came in the summer, with almost none in the last three months.

Barbara Marks, who ranches with her husband about 25 miles south of Alpine, Ariz., said that area has had some snow in the new year.

"Every little bit counts," she said, "but we had not had any measurable moisture since September."

Marks said she and her family are making sure stock tanks are kept filled and springs are running. They also purchased additional hay and vitamin-rich food supplements in case grazing lands aren't sufficient.

Even as far north as Wyoming, lack of rain is a concern.

"Water is a huge issue," said Dick Loper, a range-land consultant for the Wyoming State Grazing Board.

Normally, ranchers can rely on snow to provide water for livestock, he said. Ranchers in Wyoming, he added, will likely be hauling a lot more water this year.

Friday, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture said 1999 was one of the driest years on record in the Lone Star State.

Arrington said the Texas Panhandle is probably a lot better off than other parts of the state.

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CELANESE

That is the deadline for signing up for the early retirement program, he said.

"It's a pretty good deal," Ogden said, indicating that he is participating in the program. "I'm old enough to retire. I can leave Celanese and stay in Pampa and do some other things."

He said that while he planned on retiring early and staying in Pampa, most of the participants in the early retirement program will probably be in Dallas.

The program, he indicated, is a company-wide cost-cutting measure.

"We were down at Nacogdoches last spring, and it was really dry," he said. "Down there and along the Gulf Coast, they're used to getting 35 to 40 inches of rain a year. They'd had 10."

He said friends and acquaintances in from Big Spring to San Angelo to Midland were selling off their cow herds because of the drought.

"They had a horrible spring and summer," he said.

But it's not the weather that Arrington is concerned about.

"What's hurting us worse than the weather," he said, "is the low commodity prices on corn, wheat, and soybeans. Papa sold wheat at \$5 a bushel after World War II, and a new Ford was \$1,500. In 1999, wheat was \$2.12 a bushel and a Ford was \$25,000. Now, wheat's \$2.20 or \$2.21 and a new Ford costs \$25,000. I think something's wrong with our economy as far as the producer's concerned. He's investing all this money and not making any return on investment."

With the work involved, he admitted that producers would be better off putting their money in stocks and bonds.

"It might make you 10 or 12 percent and you don't have to do anything," Arrington said. "If you're feeding cattle and planting wheat, you have to get out here and work your rear end off on a farm or ranch. You have to get up in the middle of the night and get your cattle off the road and pull calves and get up before daylight and work cattle. You don't get done 'til after dark."

Stocks and bonds, he said, makes four or five times the money.

"We have a whole lot of money invested in agriculture, and we're not making a reasonable return on our investment," Arrington said, "and nobody else is in agriculture, either."

"As a company, we need to stay cost competitive," Ogden said.

He said that Celanese for a number of years has tried to keep costs down. Keeping costs down, he added, will help maintain the Celanese plant in Pampa.

"It will keep the plant here running for a long time," he said.

Ogden said that the company's cost cutting programs are an on-going project. The reduction in force through the early retirement program is only a part of their effort to reduce costs.

Celanese is the largest private employer in Pampa. The latest available figures show they employ 420 people at the Pampa plant.

Judge continues bond in counterfeit certificate case

CANADIAN — A Kansas man was free on bond today after being charged with possession of a counterfeit inspection certificate with intent to deliver or pass.

Judge Steven Emmert continued the \$1,500 bond set by Hemphill County Justice of the Peace Frankie Hill during the arraignment this week in 31st District Court here of Pablo Bentura, 43, of Liberal, Kan.

Bentura pleaded not guilty and asked for a court appointed attorney during Monday's arraignment.

Authorities said Bentura was initially stopped by Department of Public Safety troopers about 12:30 p.m., on June 6, 1999, as he walked along U.S. 83 north of Canadian.

Troopers at the time were looking for people who might have information concerning the killing of Imogene French, 76, a clerk at the Oasis Truck Stop in Canadian, whose body was discovered about noon Sunday, June 6, in a locked storeroom at the

truck stop.

Officers said Bentura was on foot about 16 miles north of Canadian, carrying a Chihuahua dog, when they stopped him. Bentura told the troopers he had run out of gas. Bentura said he had stopped at the truck stop earlier and bought two soft drinks.

Officers said when they searched Bentura's car, they found a small amount of marijuana and a counterfeit inspection certificate.

While the marijuana is a misdemeanor because of the small amount found by officers, possession of a counterfeit inspection certificate is a third degree felony, authorities said.

Hemphill County Attorney Charles Kessie said Bentura pled guilty in July to the marijuana charge and was given a one year probated sentence.

The marijuana and counterfeit inspection certificate charges are unrelated to the truck stop murder, officers said.

Fires

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

7:32 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 1500 block of North Wells.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

12:26 a.m. Two units and six personnel responded to a false alarm at the 1500 block of West Kentucky. Cigarette smoke had set off the alarm.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

ALL BASEBALL and Softball bats on the wall, 50% off regular price. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler.

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Tuesday morning temperatures in West Texas ranged from 35 at Borger to 56 at Fort Stockton.

South Texas clear skies were expected to keep the rains away, at least till Saturday.

Temperatures for region were expected to remain higher than normal on Tuesday, with morning readings of 66 at Rockport.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly cloudy with a high of 60 today and north-northeast winds at 5-15 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 35 and east winds at 5-10 miles per hour.

Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the mid 60s and west winds at 10-15 mph. Yesterday's high 51; the overnight low 35.

STATEWIDE — Clouds spread out over much of the state today, except South Texas, where skies were expected to remain clear to partly cloudy

through most of Tuesday.

North Texas conditions in the morning included variable high clouds with a westerly wind flow. Winds varied from south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, except for northerly winds around 10 mph in the Wichita Falls area.

Morning temperatures in the north ranged from 40 at Wichita Falls to 61 at Lufkin.

West Texas was forecasted to see mostly sunny skies through Wednesday, with variable high cloudiness over the north and west parts of the region.

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the men-

tally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER

OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE-CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting

from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

MARDI GRAS DANCE AND CASINO

Beta Sigma Phi of Pampa will present its annual Valentine Dance and Mardi Gras Casino from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Set-ups and snacks will be furnished and music will be provided by Fence Walker. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 per

couple or at the door for \$30 per couple. Proceeds will benefit BSP scholarship fund. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, call 665-6037 and leave a message.

MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA

The second Annual "Miss Top of Texas Area" scholarship pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Borger. The executive directors are Carolyn Scott, Johnny Scott and Karmin Pool. To enter, the female participants must be at least 17 and a senior in high school. A Junior Miss Top of Texas Area pageant for ages 2-17 will also be conducted. Titles are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Teen Miss. To enter or for more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804. Scholarships will be awarded only in the Miss Top of Texas pageant.

FPC SERVICE PROJECTS

Students at Frank Phillips College in Borger will begin their semester service projects Jan. 23 at Buttercup House, Inc. If your civic group or church would like to participate, volunteer or offer any suggestions to the students or if your organization is interested in 100 hours of service, visit www.student-service-awards.org or contact Jewel Austin, director of Library/LRC at FPC, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 733.

HARRINGTON

CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Jan. 31 at

Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, in Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ART SHOW FUND-RAISER

A "Spring Art Soiree" will be held beginning with a cocktail buffet at 6 p.m. followed by a live art auction with Tim Assiter on March 10 at Amarillo Civic Center. Show hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. March 11 and 12-4 p.m. March 12. The Art Committee has established four levels of sponsorship. Host couples are assigned to an artist for the event to assist as needed. The proceeds will benefit High Plains Epilepsy Association.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

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(Community Camera photo taken by Jennifer Scoggins)

Pampa High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Fred Mays, will present "The Pajama Game" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: Nathanael Hill, Joanna Wheeley, Hayle Garrison and Greg Hartman as Charley, Poopsie, Mae and Pop.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service to sponsor ag-related computer courses

AMARILLO — The 'have computer will travel' software training workshops sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be returning to the panhandle next month. Area farmers and ranchers can start registering now for upcoming courses.

The Extension Service uses its 'traveling laptop computer lab' to teach farm and ranch operators records management and the use of futures and options in marketing agriculture commodities. Each short-course will be taught by Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist.

This year's series will feature Quicken 2000 for Windows, a convenient, easy-to-learn financial management tool, widely used by producers, offered in two-day workshops. Also offered are one-day workshops with BUDPRO for Windows. The BUDPRO program aids producers in making key management decisions for profit in their operations.

"There's always a high level of interest in these particular programs," Amosson said.

Each session will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. The software applications are powered by the WINDOWS 95 operating system.

The two-day Quicken course fee is \$75 and will be offered Feb. 2 and 3 at Dumas; Feb. 14-15 at Perryton; and Feb. 17-18 at Dalhart. The one-day BUDPRO course is \$50 which includes the software, a \$100 value. The BUDPRO series will be offered Feb. 4 at Dumas; Feb. 7 at Clarendon; Feb. 8 at Dalhart; and Feb. 16 at Perryton. A fee covers teaching materials for the courses and computer lease payments. Payment must accompany the registration form to be accepted. Forms are available through Amosson or any county Extension office in the Panhandle.

"We also encourage couples to come as a team. They can pay one registration fee when sharing a computer," Amosson explained. Registration will be limited to 14, in order to pro-

vide hands-on experience for all participants.

"Quicken is an inexpensive, easy-to-use record-keeping program that is now widely used by agricultural producers," Amosson said. Participants will use a case study to learn in a hands-on setting. Tasks include entering transactions in the register, write check screens, categorized by type of income and expense, split and saving transactions to help develop meaningful financial reports. No prior computer experience is necessary.

"BUDPRO is a stand-alone, menu-driven package, containing six 'user friendly' programs to project budgets for corn, wheat, sorghum, cotton, stocker cattle and cow-calf enterprises." It also addresses the ques-

tion of "to make or not to make money."

"This program calculates break-even prices, provides sensitivity analysis for varying prices and quantities produced," he said. Among the software's many capabilities is an irrigation cost calculator.

To register, send a check with the registration form to reserve a place in the workshop. Checks should be payable to Texas Agricultural Extension Service and mailed to: Steve Amosson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo TX 79106.

For more information, call Elizabeth Cagle, Extension Service District Office in Amarillo, at (806) 359-5401.

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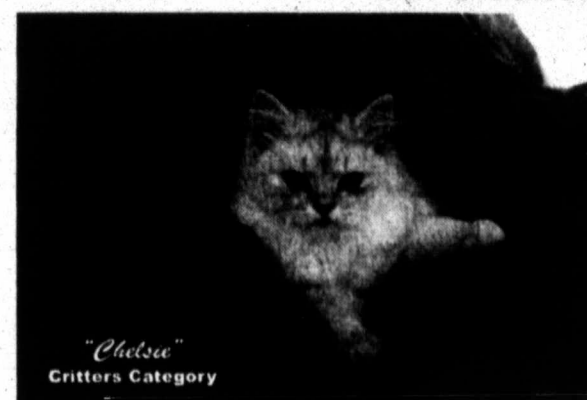
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

Austin American-Statesman on Y2K "OK":

Chaos never materialized, and the frenzy was so contained that the New Year's celebration all the world around appeared more conventional than millennial.

The thousand-year party was muted by the fears that the doomsayers had been peddling throughout the last years of the 20th century. Those fears were unfounded, it happily turned out, and the beginning of the year 2000 was rather ordinary.

Many cities, Austin among them, celebrated with public parties, dazzling light shows, extravagant fireworks and popular music. But stirring Y2K fears into the festivities celebrating a new millennium had a sobering effect. It's hard to be uninhibited while looking over your shoulder to make sure everything's still all right.

Now that the end-of-the-world scenarios — human and silicon alike — have passed into history, looking ahead to the new century is exciting. Optimism about tomorrow is high because the possibilities are limitless. It's virtually assured that in the years to come mankind will explore other planets, develop gene therapy and continue to extend the average life span.

But events on the last day of the old century and the dawn of the new added a cautionary voice to the celebrations. Terror didn't pause to toast a new century, nor did political confusion in Russia, Africa and elsewhere. The sobering reality the morning after the world's biggest party is that the challenge of a peaceful, healthy and contented world is still before us.

War, famine, environmental destruction and human rights abuses exist alongside advances in medicine, a long-breaking wave of democratic rights and stunning improvements in the quality of life in many parts of the world. This incongruity is evidence that a breakthrough becomes progress only when its benefits can be found in the world at large.

Austin is a good place to observe progress and its obstacles because Texas is rich in both. Texas is a wealthy state and home to the poorest region in the United States. Texas has low unemployment and an ever-widening gap between rich and poor, some of the best medical care in the world and thousands of unimmunized children, heralded universities and millions of school dropouts.

Central Texas can be a great incubator for strategies to meet these challenges that we carry with us into the new millennium. The Austin area is a center of progress in America now, and the world is watching. Here there is the wealth, power and creativity to make a difference in the lives of the many, not just the few — the ultimate test of social progress.

At first light, the 21st century's horizon is glowing with promise and bright with the hope that peace and prosperity are not ideals but possibilities.

San Angelo Standard-Times on it pays to be a kid:

Is it a case of being out of touch with the times to experience something akin to shock on reading that the median allowance for teens who get one is \$50 a week?

It's true, of course; that inflation has taken its toll on movie tickets, snacks, CDs, video games and the like. Things have changed considerably since a few dollars a week seemed generous. That amount wouldn't buy you many school lunches these days.

But inflation or no inflation — FIFTY DOLLARS? That's a huge amount of money, translating into weekly buying power of \$1.05 billion. And when you consider that \$50 is the median — meaning that half of those receiving allowances pocket more than that — it boggles the mind even more.

If the trend keeps up, a lot of grown-ups are going to start wondering how you go about applying to be a teen-ager again.

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Talk radio is funnier than Clinton

I listen to talk radio on long car trips. Talk radio stations fill the AM frequencies. Sports, politics, religion, debate, advice — whatever you want, talk radio's got.

I listened to a show called Strange Universe on AM 1090 Sunday night. I was driving from Lubbock to Amarillo. The "same ol', same ol' FM stations couldn't keep me awake.

Strange Universe was focusing on religion. Not traditional religion, the fringe stuff. Near death experiences, ghosts, atheists, reincarnation.

The atheist guest went first. He was hawking a book of his called *At least in Hell the Christians Won't Bother Me*, or something like that.

The interviewer would ask a question guaranteed to provoke a shocking answer. "Christians are exclusionary. They do not exclude themselves from sin, they search it out, but guys like me, guys that think differently, they exclude. I've lost family, friends." The phone lines would light up. Men and women from all over America would vent their horror at the atheist.

The show was fun to listen to. I laughed as my wife's eyes opened in astonishment at the atheist's comments.

My wife might be too sensitive for talk radio.

The guy who had proof of near death experiences went next. He was hawking a book, too.

This guy was shocking in his own way. He



Keith Anderson
Staff writer

said people did not go to Hell for eternity, just for a little while. He said that Hell in Aramaic meant "blindness, absence of God, darkness," not "lakes of fire, serpents, torment."

He said that everyone who commits suicide "because their girlfriend leaves them or something," goes to Hell for a while, that all of the suicides-committed-for-foolish-reasons people that were brought back to life reported near death experiences of Hell.

Of course, he said, even more shockingly, all your right-wing fundamentalist types come back from a near death experience singing a different tune.

Apparently God is not so concerned about dogma.

A man came on next to tell us that some ghosts need our prayer to escape purgatory. He said that some people can see ghosts, just like the movie *Sixth Sense* with Bruce Willis, and that those people are regularly helping ghosts to depart.

According to this guy, the following will

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2000. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had already been there. Scott and his party perished during the return trip.

On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, John Tyler, the 10th U.S.

president, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. He was sentenced to life and killed by an inmate in 1973.

In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at age 96.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after 62 years in business.

Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges. In an FBI sting, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for drug possession. He was later

convicted of a misdemeanor.

Five years ago: The death toll climbed past 6,000 in the earthquake in Kobe, Japan. South African President Nelson Mandela's cabinet denied amnesty sought by 3,500 police officers in apartheid's waning days.

One year ago: Defying global outrage over the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, Serb forces pounded villages with artillery. The Yugoslav government also ordered the American leader of the Kosovo peace mission to leave and barred a U.N. investigator.

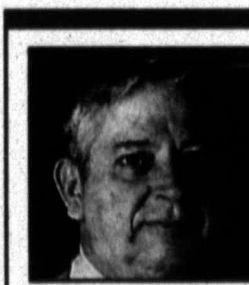
It's January 2000 and we're still here

Well, it's January 2000, and the world is still here. Wow, what a surprise. Of course, despite the media hype, we are a year away from the new millennium. The 20th century won't end until the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31.

The whole millennium business is nothing but hype anyway. Turning the page on a calendar, a manmade device for counting, changes nothing. I don't think God uses a Day-Timer or a Palm computer based on the Gregorian calendar. Nevertheless, for all their technology, humans are a superstitious lot and prone now and then to bouts of mass hysteria. Most any excuse will do.

I'm sure there have been, and will be, some computer glitches. After all, computers are naturally glitchy. But if you get a power bill, as the folks in Jacksonville, Fla., did, that states that it's due in January 1900, pay it anyway. Lots of people can't count, so it's no big deal if a few computers get their dates wrong for a while. You will take note that the inability of the power company's computer to write 2000 didn't prevent it from producing the bill. The number that counts — the amount the customer owes — it got right.

I've resisted making up lists, which seems to be an occupational fetish of some journalists. I'm also dispensing with resolutions and with advice on how to cope with the new century when it finally does get here. People who



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

know me would find the idea of my giving anybody advice laughable. After all, my current goal is to devise a way to live a 19th-century life in the 21st century. In moderation, naturally. I'm not giving up the air conditioner and the car.

Doctors inadvertently have assisted me in this project by overprescribing antibiotics so that infectious diseases, a big part of the 19th century, are making a comeback. Too much and too careless use of antibiotics have resulted in new generations of little beasts that are immune to antibiotics. Tuberculosis and malaria have made a comeback, and perhaps even old Yellow Jack will reappear. The little beasts now can travel by jet, which greatly facilitates the spread of infectious diseases. I suspect that the fight against infectious diseases will be one of the big projects of the new century.

How's that for a cheerful prediction?

Actually, I'm not trying to depress you. The pharmaceutical companies are already making obscene profits, and they don't need my help to sell their feel-happy pills. I'm just one of those old mossback conservatives who thinks that reality is a good thing to stick to, even if it is on the dark side some of the time.

But here's a bit of cheerful news as an offset: You can expect a new Star Wars movie in 2002.

As for real wars, you can expect a few of them, too. Jeff Davis certainly was right when he said a question settled by force remains forever unsettled and sooner or later will reappear. Nearly all the wars have settled nothing except which side had the stronger military forces at that time. Thanks to Bill Clinton's blundering, which has reignited the Cold War, there may even be serious war in the future with Russia or China. It does seem to me, at least, to be the twilight of the white, European civilization. A sure sign of a dying civilization is when the citizens of the empire lose the will to defend themselves.

Oh, I know, these multinational honchos have their dream of the Earth as one big plantation financed and run by the corporate elites in New York and London. But that is a pipe dream. I don't think the Chinese, the Indians, the Russians or the Arabs have any intention of being the field hands on a Euro-American plantation. In sum, the new century will be distressingly like the old one.

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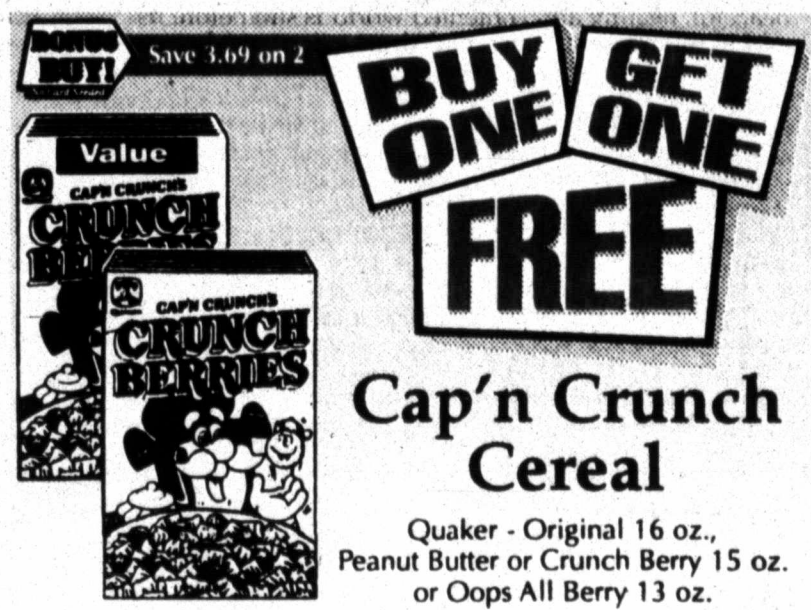
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List of Warning Signs Gives 15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover

DEAR ABBY: Last month you printed a letter from "Hawkeye Gal in San Francisco." In it she talked about clipping a column of yours containing "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover." It listed the warning signs of an abusive mate. Please, Abby, run it again.

AT MY WIT'S END IN WISCONSIN
DEAR WIT'S END: I'm pleased to help. Yours is only one of a stack of more than 100 similar requests on my desk. This was adapted from "Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality," with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Fayetteville, Ark.

15 REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER. WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE PERSONALITY

Something's just not right in your relationship, and you can't put your finger on it. So here's some help. If your mate is displaying a combination of these behaviors, then you may have a potential batterer on your hands.

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the woman for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUSY: excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to, and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect woman and meet his every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: The boss, you — it's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of, "I am angry" or, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you." Less obvious is the claim: "You make me happy."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted; claiming that his

feelings are hurt when he is really mad. He'll rant about the injustice of things that are just part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; says he finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes you, or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits hitting women in the past, but says they made him do it or the situation brought it on.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Makes statements like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way."

out some work at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Re-establish stronger guidelines. Another doesn't always have to agree with you. In fact, a disagreement is healthy and provides an opportunity to see a question differently. Talks promote concrete thinking. Let another play devil's advocate. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Spending money could become your forte right now. Pressure to do what you want and to meet a friend's expectation could lead to trouble. Review priorities. Work gets done because you are willing to put in that extra effort. Tonight: Bring work home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You cannot avoid a problem at work. The pressure proves to be enormous. Buckle down and get the job done, rather than blow a fuse. Allow ingenuity to help you streamline red tape. Make time for a loved one at lunch. Tonight: A midweek break delights you.

BORN TODAY

Singer Dolly Parton (1946), actor Michael Crawford (1942), singer Robert Palmer (1949)

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Temper flare. Rethink recent decisions. A family member might have news that's worth listening to. Be sensible when dealing with those who are key to making your life work. A close associate will understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Speak your mind. Another understands more than you had anticipated. An associate who gives you flak over money matters won't agree. Bypass negativity if possible. Make calls and explore options. Refuse to corner yourself. Tonight: Join a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

A financial matter remains at the top of your agenda. Partners have different ideas about your work than you do. Remember, you don't have to answer to everyone. Build your personal empire through a willingness to put in extra hours. Tonight: Do what you must.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Information that comes out of a misunderstanding may make you uncomfortable at first. Use it for your personal gain, however. Know where you are heading with a project. Your per-

sonality melts another's barriers.

Tonight: Beam in whatever you want!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Close loved ones become touchy and difficult. While you want to risk, their behavior curbs your alternatives. Discussions become instrumental on a one-on-one level. Not everyone understands you as clearly as you would like. Tonight: Explain a plan to a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Friends mean well, but they cannot compensate for a difficult situation at home. Revamp plans. Share your goals with co-workers. A meeting proves to be unusually fruitful. Network and discuss ideas to move a project forward. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Dig into work. You might be entrenched in a situation that seems to thwart your creativity and energy. Move past it. Take the next step. You might not be sure of yourself when dealing with a tempestuous person in your life. Count on yourself more. Tonight: Ask for a back rub.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Financial matters force your hand. Put the brakes on. Though you might not understand another's logic, it is important to get down to basics. Seek assistance. Take the high road if possible. You'll find the answers you're looking for. Tonight: Take in a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Establish strongest ties with family, even if they have a tendency to create uproar. Out of disagreement come peace and understanding. Work with another, be a winning team. What you both want is attainable. Tonight: Clear

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Iron, for one
- 6 Pay the bill
- 11 Keen
- 12 Dutch city, with "The"
- 13 Grammy-winning trio
- 15 Cargo unit
- 16 Astonished cry
- 17 Used a chair
- 18 Dwight's wife
- 20 "Forget it!"
- 23 Congo's former name
- 27 Perfect place
- 28 Pesky insect
- 29 Hinder
- 31 Dollar divisions
- 32 Private teacher
- 34 Weep
- 37 Unruly crowd
- 38 Pub brew
- 41 James Gandolfini show
- 44 Computer key
- 45 Misbehavior
- 46 Castle surroundings
- 47 Run-down

SURE AMIS
PANEL PINTO
ALIBI ETHAN
COQUET AGE
EMUS WHOLES
SEE BOOKED
NAILS
FLURRY BIB
BLOTTO ERNO
EAU NAVAJO
EXILE MAZES
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NEED DENT

Yesterday's answer

21 Keats poem

22 Sopping

24 B & B

25 Scoundrel

26 Aliens, for short

30 Bits of gossip

31 Hooded snakes

33 Pinnacle

34 Goblet part

35 "Dear me!"

36 Second letter

38 Pot starter

39 Blaring

40 Spot

42 Collection

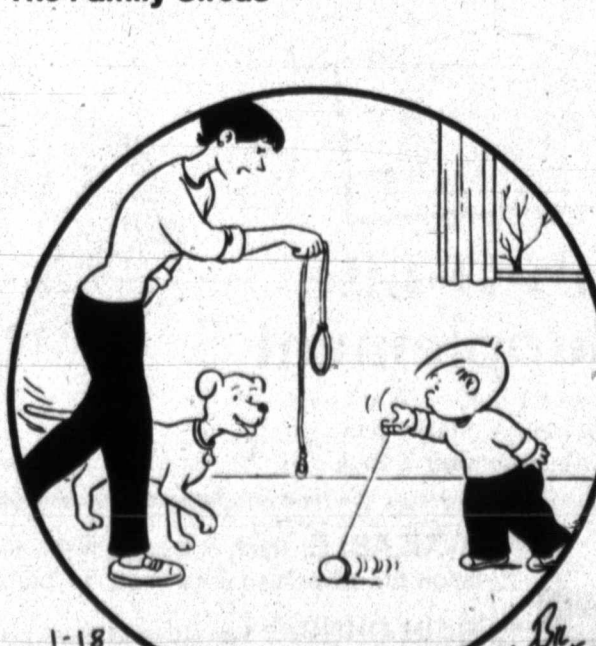
43 Top card

Marmaduke



"Marmaduke doesn't know what to make of a talking doll."

The Family Circus



"Here — try walking a REAL dog."

For Better or For Worse



Zits



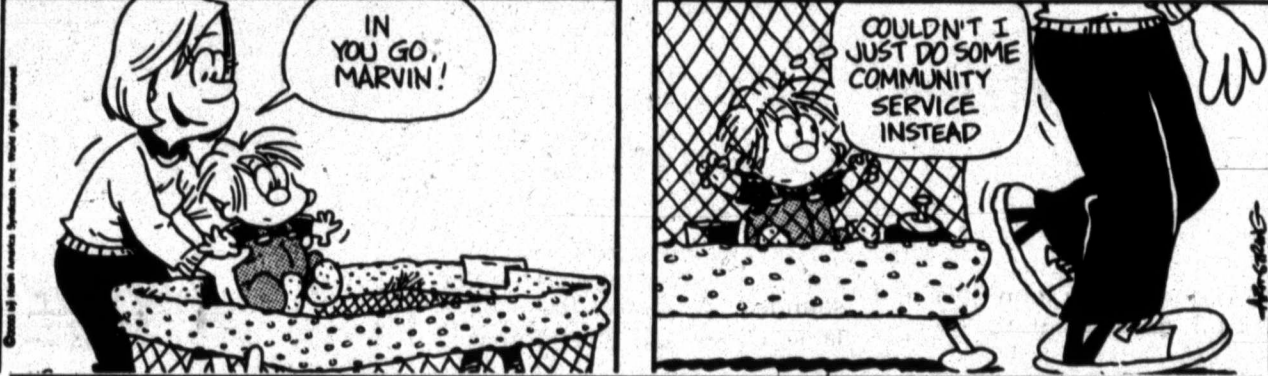
Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



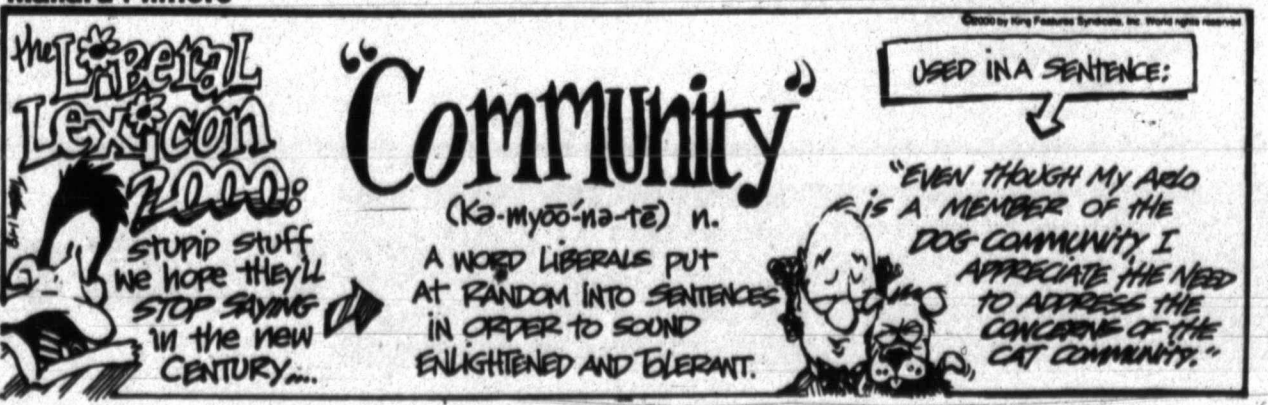
Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — Both Fort Elliott boys' and girls' teams will try and keep their perfect District 5-1A records intact against Follett tonight on the homecourt.

Both Fort Elliott squads are 2-0 in district play.

Fort Elliott is coming off lopsided wins over Samnorwood last weekend.

Curt Smith scored 21 points as the Cougars won by a score of 77-33. Richard Rowe added 14 points.

Fort Elliott won the girls' game 73-30.

Kirbie Kinnaman had 18 points and Amber Estes 15 to lead the Lady Cougars in scoring.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills seniors held a four-man scramble recently.

Results are as follows:

First place: Elmer Wilson, Howard Wells, Everette Butler and Louis Haydon 61.

Second place: Ted Jett, Oscar Sargent, Preston Cox and Dale Butler 61.

Third place: Darrell Phillips, Bob Conway, Ralph Ridgway and Jess Mathis 64.

Closest to pin: Elmer Wilson, No. 15.

BASEBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — Plenty of people have been taking swings at John Rocker. Al Gore and Bill Bradley didn't shy away when they had their chance.

The Democratic presidential candidates criticized Rocker's disparaging remarks about foreigners, minorities and gays during Monday night's Democratic debate in Des Moines, Iowa.

"I don't know John Rocker and I don't want to know John Rocker," said Bradley, a former NBA star. "But I do know one thing: This would not have happened had an organization and a team (been) attuned to the kind of things that he said."

"When I was on the Knicks, one of my jobs was when there was a white player that came on the team who didn't quite understand — used the wrong words ... I took him over to the side and said, 'Look, that doesn't work on this team. If you want to be on this team, you respect everybody,'" he said. "If that had happened on the Atlanta Braves, you wouldn't have had John Rocker."

Said Gore: "I, first of all, think what he said was reprehensible and disgusting. And I condemn it without any reservation, of course."

Last week, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said he agreed with baseball commissioner Bud Selig's decision to have the Braves relief pitcher undergo psychological testing.

In a Republican debate, Bush, a former managing general partner of the Texas Rangers, said: "The fellow said some incredibly offensive things. He is a public person. And I appreciate them trying to get the man help."

In an interview in Sports Illustrated last month, Rocker said he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also bashed immigrants, saying "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. ... Hents were in retaliation for verbal and physical abuse he said he received from New York Mets fans during the NL Championship Series."

That was not enough to prevent the heavy metal band Twisted Sister to ask the Braves to stop using their song "I Wanna Rock" to introduce Rocker when the reliever enters games.

"We've got Hispanics in this band, people who are Polish and Russian," said guitarist Jay Jay French, the heavy metal band's co-founder.

Rams' playoff victory doesn't change Warner

ST. LOUIS (AP) — How's this for a wild celebration? Kurt Warner leads the St. Louis Rams to the NFC title game, then marks the moment that night by watching TV with his family.

"I did absolutely nothing," Warner said Monday, a day after he shredded the Minnesota Vikings' defense with five touchdown passes in a 49-37 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

"I came home, ate a little pizza and hung out with my family, watched a movie with my daughter and ate some popcorn."

Just another day in life for the unassuming league MVP.

"That's par," coach Dick Vermeil said. "He's not ready to

celebrate because he has more work to do."

Warner has been insisting for weeks that success wouldn't change him from the third-stringer with the buzz haircut. He was relaxed in the days before the game, and then afterward. He never bristles at questioners.

But lately the guy who five years ago was stocking shelves at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and waiting for his chance in the Arena League has developed the tiniest bit of bluster.

Were there any nerves heading into his first career playoff game? Not any bigger than when he played in the Arena Bowl.

"To think I was going to freak

out or get all nervous because I was playing in my first NFL playoff game to me was kind of crazy," Warner said.

What does he think about those who remain dubious of his ability, given his skimpy body of work?

"Hey, if they think it's still a fluke after 17 games, they think it's a fluke," Warner said. "If people out there watching TV want to be skeptical, they can be skeptical every time I play."

Warner threw five touchdown passes against the 49ers in Game 4, but he said the turning point for his confidence was rallying the Rams from a 21-0 halftime deficit against the Tennessee Titans in Game 7.

St. Louis eventually lost 24-21, but would have forced overtime

had Jeff Wilkins made a 38-yard field goal with seven seconds to go.

"That was a big game for me from a standpoint of gaining confidence in my teammates," Warner said. "We'd dominated a lot of games and they'd never seen me when the chips were down, and how I'd respond."

"I always feel that's when I play my best. I pride myself on stepping up and making plays."

The Rams were so unsure of Warner's potential that they exposed him to the Cleveland Browns in the expansion draft.

Then they shopped around for a veteran backup quarterback in training camp because they still didn't know Warner was good enough to back up Trent Green.

"Throughout training camp, it

didn't seem like I could do anything right," Warner said. "I was the whipping boy. The coaches were all over me."

After Green's season-ending knee injury in the third preseason game, there was a feeling of despair around Rams Park. Vermeil cried when discussing Green's injury.

Fast forward to Sunday, when Warner went 11-for-12 to start the second half, leading the Rams from a 17-14 deficit to a 49-17 lead over the Vikings with about eight minutes to go.

He finished 27-for-33 for 391 yards.

"It was typical Kurt Warner," wide receiver Az-Zahir Hakim said. "He does that on a day-to-day basis."

Big 12 practices damage control

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The officiating debacle at Texas Tech that triggered the suspension of a referee and drew laughter from all over the country has not given the Big 12 a black eye, commissioner Kevin Weiberg maintained Monday.

"We tried to get all the facts," said Weiberg, who suspended Charles Range from working any more Big 12 games for the rest of the season.

"You have these kind of problems, which come up from time to time," Weiberg said from his office in Dallas. "We tried to get all the facts. To me, there would be a bigger credibility problem if we equivocated or took no action."

Nevertheless, the bizarre end of Texas A&M's 88-86 victory, in which the winning bucket was allowed, then disallowed and then about 45 minutes later counted again, had a lot of people laughing.

Range first said the follow shot by A&M's Andy Leatherman had gone up before the final buzzer sounded. As Texas Tech coach James Dickey and athletic director Gerald Myers protested, A&M coach Melvin Watkins sent his players to the locker room.

A TV replay showed that time expired before Leatherman's shot. But Watkins refused to bring his players back out for an overtime, saying Range had confirmed to him that the basket was good. Watkins hurried his players onto a bus, and conducted his postgame news conference via cell phone from the bus as the team was taken to the airport.

Range confirmed that the two other officials differed with his call, but said the rules don't allow officials to look at a replay to determine if a call is correct. The purpose of the consultation was only to confirm that the clock was restarted with eight seconds to play, Range said.

Weiberg said Range was suspended on Sunday night because of the way he handled the end of the game and the communication among the coaches and the other two game officials. Weiberg conceded the other two game officials had not agreed with Range's call.

"We had a number of concerns about the conclusion of the game, irrespective of judgment calls or decisions. We had concerns about the intention of the communications which took place, and the procedure under which it took place with the respective head coaches," Weiberg said.

He indicated that Range would be allowed to officiate at Big 12 games in the future.

The Big 12 requires that both coaches be present when officials are discussing a controversial call. Watkins said he left the court based upon Range's confirmation that the basket was good.

In the weekly teleconference with league coaches on Monday, Dickey took issue with remarks that characterized his school's report of the incident as angry.

"That could not be further from the truth. What we did was follow channels. All we did was give information," he said.

He also took pains to praise the A&M players.

"They came in, did what they had to do, and I don't want that to be lost in this situation," he said.

Asked if Watkins should have brought his team back onto the court for the overtime, Dickey said:

"You have to ask him that. I have enough trouble coaching my own team."



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Casey Owens eyes a foul shot in the Harvesters' District 3-4A opener against Hereford last weekend in the Whitefaces' gym. Both the Pampa boys' and girls' teams travel to Palo Duro for more district action tonight. The girls' game tips off at 6, followed by the boys' game around 7:45.

PHS girls' team is young, but talented again

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' soccer team will be looking to even their record when the Lady Harvesters host Perryton at 4:15 p.m. today on the home field.

The Lady Harvesters opened the season last weekend with a 2-1 setback to Midland High. Misti Northeutt scored Pampa's goal with an assist from Candace Cathey.

"So far I think we're looking really good," said Pampa coach Lori Patulea. "We've got a lot of good players coming back."

Cathey is the lone senior returning as a starter. The other returning starters are all sophomores: Allison Earl, Samantha Ford, Danielle

Soccer

Martinez, Jessica Burns, Desiree Vigil and Northcutt. Three freshmen — Mary Alice Warner, Sarah Porter and Stephanie Goldsmith — have made the starting lineup. Coach Patulea will also be counting on senior Lindsey Earl, a newcomer to the high school soccer program.

Pampa was scheduled to play Lubbock High instead of Perryton today, but the Lady Westerners were unable to make the trip because of an illness on the coaching staff.

The Lady Harvesters leave Thursday to compete in the Duncanville Tournament.

PHS Girls Schedule

Jan.
20 — Duncanville
Tournament; 25 — Tascosa, 4:15 home; 28 — Lubbock Coronado, 12 noon away.

Feb.
1 — Lubbock Monterey, 4:15 home; 5 — *Randall, 12 noon home; 8 — *Caprock, 4:15 away; 12 — *Canyon, 12 noon home; 15 — *Borger, 4:15 home; 19 — *Palo Duro, 12 noon away; 26 — *Randall, 12 noon away; 29 — Caprock, 4:15 home.

March
4 — *Canyon, 12 noon away; 7 — *Borger, 4:15 away; 10 — *Palo Duro, 4:15 home.

*denotes district games

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Former Argentine soccer great Diego Maradona, whose recent hospitalization was brought on by cocaine use, will seek treatment for drug addiction in Cuba.

Alfredo Cahe, Maradona's personal doctor, said the former Argentine national team captain was to leave the Buenos Aires clinic where he has been under treatment for heart problems.

Cahe said the 39-year-old soccer star was to travel aboard a commercial flight operated by a Cuban airline, accompanied by a team of doctors, his wife, parents and manager, Guillermo Coppola.

Jags' Taylor combines elusiveness, speed

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — When he talks about his injured hamstring, Fred Taylor isn't trying to boast, scare anyone or inflate his own ego.

The Jaguars running back is simply telling the truth.

The hamstring, he says, really felt better two weeks ago in a game against Cincinnati than it did last weekend in his electrifying performance against Miami.

"I felt I was quick in the Cincy game and I started to feel like it was coming back," Taylor said. "Against Miami, it was one long run, a couple stops here and there, another two or three bursts here and there. ... I didn't feel overly quick — not as quick as I felt in the Cincy game — but I felt good."

In the 62-7 victory over the

Dolphins, he looked good, too. And the thought that he wasn't at 100 percent is a daunting one, especially for Jacksonville's next opponent, the Tennessee Titans.

On a 90-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, Taylor showed off a rare combination of elusiveness and speed. He stutter-stepped his way through a line of defenders, then got in the open field, where a burst of speed helped him outrun Dolphins safety Brock Marion.

Later, he scored on a 39-yard reception off a screen pass. Many experts said it was a textbook example of awful tackling on the Dolphins' part. Nevertheless, Taylor broke the four tackles and weaved his way into the end zone for another highlight-reel score.

"It demonstrated not only his elusiveness, but his accel-

eration and what a dangerous threat he is once he's in that secondary," coach Tom Coughlin said. "He has presence about him. He sees people most of us might not see."

One other thing: "I still don't think he's at full strength yet," Coughlin said.

Pegged as possibly the NFL's next 2,000-yard rusher before the season, Taylor never came close. He sat out parts of 10 games with the injury that cropped up in October and never went away. He finished with 732 yards.

He had several reasons to be thrilled about his re-emergence. Among them are the reactions from his friends — guys like Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors and former University of Florida teammates Reidel Anthony and Jacques Green, who play for Tampa Bay and still hang out

with Taylor whenever they can.

"All my boys get a chance to see the highlights," Taylor said. "It feels pretty good, especially when they open up the show and I get a call from Vince Carter. He said, 'Man, you're trying to steal my show,' and all this crazy stuff. That feels pretty good."

The hamstring is another issue. Taylor says he still feels the soreness and knows only one thing will bring his leg back to full health.

"It won't be until after the season, until I get a chance to rest it two, three weeks in a row doing nothing," Taylor said. "I mean, barely walking, just laying on the couch. I might gain 15 pounds in the process, but I don't care. I'll gain 15 pounds to get my legs back to 100 percent."

Super sophomore



(Pampa News photo)

Jana Francis, a 6-2 sophomore, is one of the main reasons the Canadian Lady Wildcats are off to a 3-0 start in District 5-2A this season. Francis scored 17 points in Canadian's 45-41 win over Stratford last weekend. Canadian hosts Spearman in district action tonight.

Jayhawks rip Aggies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M was outmanned against Kansas, and it finally showed.

Kenny Gregory scored 15 points and led a second half run as the seventh-ranked Jayhawks used their height and balance to beat Texas A&M 78-57 Monday night. The Aggies made it interesting until they collapsed in the second half.

"It's not fair, they are bigger than us and they had more guys than us," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said jokingly. "I've got to talk to the NCAA about spreading things out a little more evenly."

Kansas (15-2, 4-0 in Big 12) overcame Texas A&M's (5-10, 1-3) early defensive stand for a 38-29 halftime lead. The Aggies were bolstered by a controversial last-second victory over Texas Tech on Saturday night, but this time they weren't even close.

"I think the key to our team is our depth. We try to wear teams out," Gregory said. "You can see it in a guy's eyes when he's winded. We try to bury a team as soon as possible, not leave them any hope to come back in the last five minutes."

Leading 45-39 with 16:51 to play, Kansas erupted with a 27-9 run for a 72-48 lead with 3:21 left. Gregory had 10 points in the second half.

The Jayhawks outrebounded the Aggies 55-32, led by Drew Gooden, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Kansas had four players scoring in double figures.

Kansas has won seven straight games since losing to Illinois 84-70 on Dec. 18.

Vanderbilt works itself into basketball rankings; Cincy holds number one berth

By TOM SHARP
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt supporters, pointing to the Commodores' three victories over ranked teams the last two weeks and their absence from the Top 25, were asking: What is wrong with this picture?

Nothing, now. Vanderbilt (12-2) rode victories over Florida, Tennessee and LSU to No. 20 in this week's rankings by The Associated Press, the Commodores' first ranking since 1994.

Cincinnati stayed on top for the second week in a row, setting a trend for the Top Ten, which changed little.

But there was plenty of movement in the rest of the rankings, including four new teams: St. John's (No. 19), Vanderbilt, Utah (No. 22) and UCLA (No. 25). All but Vanderbilt were ranked earlier this season.

"To me personally, it's not a big deal. I'd like to get our program to the point where it's not such a novelty to be involved in the Top 25," first-year Vandy coach Kevin Stallings said.

"However, if the recognition of being ranked pleases our fans in any way, and if it provides recognition for our players' effort, then I think it's a very nice thing."

The Bearcats (16-4), who beat Tulane and Ohio last week,

again were the runaway choice for No. 1, receiving 61 first-place votes and 1,738 points from the national media panel.

Arizona, Stanford and Auburn remained second through fourth in the balloting, while Duke, Syracuse and Kansas each moved up one place to be fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. Connecticut dropped from No. 5 to No. 8, Florida moved up one spot to ninth and Michigan State did the same in rounding out the Top Ten.

Illinois, Temple, LSU and Louisville, Nos. 22 through 25 last week, all fell out of the rankings after a week that saw more than half of the Top 25 lose (13 teams lost 17 games).

Arizona (15-2) had four first-place votes and 1,657 points, 133 more than Stanford (14-1), which had one No. 1 vote. Auburn (15-1) was No. 1 on three ballots and Syracuse (14-0), the only unbeaten team in Division I, had one first-place vote.

Indiana dropped from No. 9 to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Oklahoma State, Ohio State, Texas, Tulsa, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, St. John's and Vanderbilt.

North Carolina, Utah, DePaul, Maryland and UCLA rounded out the Top 25.

St. John's (12-2) was ranked 18th in the preseason poll and 15th in the first one of the regu-

lar season before falling out after a loss to Samford. The Red Storm have won six straight, the last an impressive 82-77 victory at Connecticut.

Utah (13-3) was ranked for the first four polls of the season, then was out for three polls after a loss to Weber State, back in for two weeks and then out for one after a blowout loss at Louisville. The Utes are back in following Mountain West Conference wins over San Diego State and BYU.

UCLA (10-4) fell out of the rankings after losing two of its first three Pac-10 games to Washington and Southern California. The Bruins were out for only one week, however, after winning 71-68 at North Carolina on Saturday.

The four teams that dropped out of the Top 25 lost a total of seven games.

Illinois (9-6), ranked in every poll and reaching as high as No. 15, lost to Purdue and Michigan. Temple (9-4), which returned to the Top 25 after a one-week absence, split its two road games last week, beating Fordham and losing to St. Bonaventure.

LSU (13-3), which broke into the Top 25 three weeks ago, saw its losing streak extend to three with losses to Florida and Vanderbilt. Louisville (10-5), which was ranked for only one week, lost to UAB and Marquette.

Appleton and ESPN first reported Sherman's hiring. Sherman doubled as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach for the Seahawks, but his name hadn't been widely mentioned for any of the six NFL coaching vacancies this offseason.

But Sherman made a strong impression when Wolf interviewed him in Green Bay on Saturday. Wolf said the search for Rhodes' replacement would be "a lengthy process," yet he settled on Sherman just two weeks after firing Rhodes.

Like Holmgren in 1992, Sherman comes to the Packers with no head coaching experience, but a background in the disciplined, hard-nosed style of football favored by Wolf. Four of Holmgren's assistants in

Sherman is surprise selection as Green Bay's new head coach

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mike Sherman is Ron Wolf's surprising choice to take the Green Bay Packers back to the top of the NFL.

Sherman, the Seattle Seahawks' offensive coordinator and a former Green Bay assistant, was to be hired today as the new coach of the Packers, a team source told The Associated Press on Monday.

The team scheduled a news conference for 11 a.m. EST.

Sherman is a long-time college assistant coach with just three years of NFL experience, two of them as Mike Holmgren's tight ends coach in Green Bay. He gained a reputation as a detail-oriented disciplinarian, much like Holmgren himself.

Wolf, the Packers' GM, fired

Ray Rhodes and his staff on Jan. 3 after the Packers completed an 8-8 season, Rhodes' first in Green Bay. The GM cited a team-wide lack of discipline and focus, and he vowed his new coach would create a "well-disciplined, tough and hard-nosed football team."

Sherman was one of eight assistant coaches Holmgren took with him from Green Bay to Seattle last year, but Wolf decided to bring him back to Wisconsin after the pool of coaching candidates began to dry up.

Wolf's early favorites — former Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer and Rams offensive coordinator Mike Martz — took themselves out of the running over the weekend. The Post-Crescent of

Spurs shave Utah's lead in Midwest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs, after winning a championship in a lockout-shortened 50-game season, are aiming to find out if they can do it in the more conventional 82-game grind.

On the surface, Monday night's 99-93 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers wasn't too impressive. It evened the Spurs' road record to 11-11, which is also their overall record since a franchise-best 14-3 start.

"This was a great win for us," Tim Duncan said after the Spurs shaved Utah's lead in the Midwest Division to one game. "I don't care what the score was. Road wins are great for us because we're not playing very well on the road right now."

"It's tough playing in other people's houses. They really get up for it, the crowd really gets up for it and it's a real big game for them. And to match that kind of energy every night on the road is really tough for us."

The Spurs have beaten the Clippers eight consecutive times after losing the previous six meetings. But San Antonio's last three victories against them — all in Los

Angeles — have been decided by six points or less.

"It's just a matter of time," said Clippers rookie Lamar Odom, who shot 3-for-15 and finished with eight points. "We've been in these games right until the last minute. We just needed that one more consistent scorer on the court and couldn't get it."

Maurice Taylor had 23 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers, and 7-foot-3 backup center Keith Closs had a career-high 13 points. But they were hardly a match for Duncan and David Robinson.

Robinson scored a season-high 38 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Duncan had 23 points and 13 rebounds. It was like old times for Robinson, who who scored 71 points against the Clippers at the L.A. Sports Arena in the 1993-94 season finale to clinch his only NBA scoring title.

"We need David to be more demonstrative every night — not just against the Clippers," Avery Johnson said. "If he comes with that same type of aggressiveness against Portland and the Knicks next week, then we'll really be excited because he'll be playing

against Arvydas Sabonis and Patrick Ewing."

Robinson powered the Spurs to a 58-52 halftime lead with 25 points on 12-for-17 shooting. It was the highest total for one half by a Clippers opponent this season, two more than Shaquille O'Neal had for the Lakers on Jan. 4.

In the final minute of the third quarter, Robinson made a short hook shot, a dunk and a 14-foot jumper to give the Spurs an 81-75 edge.

"It was nice to get on that kind of roll again," the 7-foot-1 center said after reaching the 30-point mark for the 181st time in his career and the first time in 98 games.

"These last two weeks or so, (coach Greg Popovich) has really made an effort to get me involved in the offense."

The Spurs pulled away to a 94-81 lead with an 11-2 spurt, capped by Malik Rose's layup with 6:13 to play. Clippers guard Eric Piatkowski scored the Clippers' next seven points, narrowing the gap to 96-88, then sank three free throws with 1:24 remaining after Johnson fouled him beyond

unable to get out of their current contracts. Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez took himself out of the running last week, as did Miami coach Butch Davis.

Before joining Holmgren in Green Bay, Sherman was an offensive line coach at Texas A&M and UCLA from 1989-96.

He was hired as Texas A&M's offensive coordinator in 1997, but left for the Packers before the season began. Sherman also was an assistant at Holy Cross, Tulane and Pittsburgh.

Sherman was the offensive coordinator at Holy Cross from 1985-88. In Seattle, he coordinated the team's offense, but Holmgren called the plays, just as Holmgren did with offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis during his seven seasons in Green Bay.

Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Tennessee 22, Buffalo 16
Washington 27, Detroit 13
Sunday, Jan. 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
Miami 20, Seattle 17

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 16
Jacksonville 62, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 14, Washington 13
Sunday, Jan. 16
St. Louis 49, Minnesota 37
Tennessee 19, Indianapolis 16

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu, 6 p.m. (ABC)

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Miami	24	12	.667	—
New York	23	14	.622	1 1/2
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	3
Boston	17	20	.459	7 1/2
Orlando	16	23	.410	9 1/2
New Jersey	15	22	.405	9 1/2
Washington	12	27	.308	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	25	12	.676	—
Detroit	21	16	.568	4
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	4
Charlotte	19	17	.526	5 1/2
Toronto	20	18	.526	5 1/2
Cleveland	16	21	.432	9
Atlanta	13	23	.361	11 1/2
Chicago	5	29	.147	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	11	.686	—
San Antonio	25	14	.641	1
Minnesota	19	16	.543	5
Denver	17	19	.472	7 1/2
Houston	13	24	.351	12
Dallas	12	25	.324	13
Vancouver	10	27	.270	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	7	.821	—
Portland	28	9	.757	3
Seattle	25	13	.658	6 1/2
Sacramento	23	12	.657	7
Phoenix	21	15	.583	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	27	.270	21
Golden State	7	30	.189	24

Sunday's Games
Miami 94, Vancouver 83
Phoenix 113, Denver 100
Sacramento 113, Cleveland 102

Monday's Games
Boston 106, Washington 101
Milwaukee 107, Atlanta 101
Philadelphia 101, New Jersey 96

Seattle 82, L.A. Lakers 81
Golden State 113, Orlando 100
New York 105, Detroit 94

Charlotte 115, Toronto 94
Minnesota 101, Indiana 100
Houston 121, Dallas 111
San Antonio 99, L.A. Clippers 93

Tuesday's Games
Chicago vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.

Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday's Major College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Albany, N.Y. 80, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 78
Bucknell 73, Iowa 67
Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Wagner 53

Marietta 56, Canisius 51
Miami 67, Villanova 56
Monmouth, N.J. 70, Sacred Heart 55

Mount St. Mary's, Md. 74, Robert Morris 69
Quinnipiac 76, Long Island U. 70
Sierra 99, Niagara 78

UNBC 69, St. Francis, Pa. 58
SOUTH
Alcorn St. 79, Alabama A&M 47
Appalachian St. 97, VMI 72

Chattanooga 68, The Citadel 59
Coastal Carolina 52, High Point 50
Coll. of Charleston 62, Georgia Southern 68

ETSU 60, UNC-Greensboro 58
Elon 76, Charleston Southern 67
Furman 73, Wake Forest 55

George Mason 75, East Carolina 66
Hampton 71, Delaware St. 67
Louisiana-Lafayette 101, Texas-Pan American 68

Md.-Eastern Shore 70, Coppin St. 63
N. Carolina A&T 82, Bethune-Cookman 73
N.C.-Wilmington 54, Ill.-Chicago 52

Norfolk St. 97, Howard 85
Northwestern St. 63, Louisiana-Monroe 61
S. Carolina St. 81, Florida A&M 68

South Florida 96, Cleveland St. 81, OT
Southern U. 67, Alabama St. 62
Winthrop 73, Liberty 71

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 77, Cent. Michigan 74
Drake 69, Illinois St. 46
Evansville 74, N. Iowa 71

Kent 73, N. Illinois 54
Miami, Ohio 73, E. Michigan 64
Ohio St. 66, Buffalo 71

SOUTHWEST
Kansas 78, Texas A&M 57
MVSU 100, Prairie View 82
Texas Southern 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 61

FAR WEST
Arkansas St. 83, Denver 82
UNLV 85, New Mexico 73

Monday's Women's College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Adelphi 90, C.W. Post 84
Allentown 85, Cabrini 50
Colgate 71, Columbia 62

Concord 66, Alderson-Broaddus 56
Connecticut 65, Rutgers 50
Davis & Elkins 69, Ohio Valley 64

Dowling 62, N.Y. Tech 50
Drew 77, Mount St. Vincent 53
FDU-Madison 77, Swarthmore 67

Fairmont St. 70, Bluefield St. 45
Gannon 84, Mercyhurst 55
Glennville St. 73, West Liberty 59

Gwynedd Mercy 76, Immaculate 31
Lafayette 76, Bryant 69
Lock Haven 62, Mansfield 55

Mass.-Lowell 64, Felician 33
NYC Tech 80, Stevens Tech 59
Pitt.-Bradford 70, Keuka 64

Queens Coll. 63, Molloy 56
Ramapo 86, St. Elizabeth 41
Rosemont 51, Neumann 48

Salem-Tellico 84, W. Virginia Tech 74
Salve Regina 72, Curry 44
St. Anselm 84, Franklin Pierce 46

St. Rose 83, Southampton 49
Susquehanna 71, Muhlenberg 66
Wesley 58, Salisbury St. 55

Westminster, Pa. 72, Clarion 69
Widener 69, Washington, Md. 64
York, Pa. 69, Lincoln, Pa. 56

SOUTH
Alabama St. 86, Southern U. 63
Alcorn St. 80, Alabama A&M 45
Belmont 88, Martin Methodist 59

Bethune-Cookman 78, N. Carolina A&T 42
Brescia 76, Bethel, Tenn. 56
Charleston Southern 59, Elon 54

Chattanooga 60, UNC-Greensboro 56
Coastal Carolina 52, High Point 50
Coppin St. 73, Md.-Eastern Shore 61

Delaware St. 80, Hampton 76
Delta St. 71, S. Arkansas 42
ETSU 82, Coll. of Charleston 59

Georgia 78, Tennessee 51
Georgia Southern 77, W. Carolina 71, OT
Guilford 80, Va. Wesleyan 52

Lambuth 109, Philander Smith 80
Mississippi St. 86, South Carolina 73
Norfolk St. 71, Howard 68, OT

North Alabama 84, Valdosta St. 72
Northwestern St. 62, Louisiana-Monroe 61
S. Carolina St. 87, Florida A&M 70

Tennessee 83, Union, Ky. 65
Virginia 80, N.C. State 73
Virginia St. 73, Columbia Union 57

West Alabama 63, West Georgia 42
West Florida 77, Lincoln Memorial 69
MIDWEST
Bethel, Minn. 59, Macalester 57

Gustav Adolph 65, St. Mary's, Minn. 62
Kent 106, Bowling Green 84
Michigan 66, Illinois 69

Mid-Am Nazarene 68, Baker 58
Minn.-Morris 72, Presentation 59
Rockhurst 83, NW Missouri St. 84

Saginaw Valley St. 69, Northwood, Mich. 61
Shawnee St. 74, Malone 54
St. Ambrose 82, Culver-Stockton 51

St. Olaf 60, Hamline 52
Toledo 80, E. Michigan 52
W. Michigan 87, Buffalo 47

Wichita St. 62, Evansville 59
Wooster 74, John Carroll 71
SOUTHWEST
East Central 78, SE Oklahoma 65

Houston Baptist 96, SW Assemblies of God 44
Prairie View 73, MVSU 60
Texas Southern 63, Ark.-Pine Bluff 52

FAR WEST
Albertson 93, E. Oregon 60
Pacific Lutheran 63, Willamette 44
Rocky Mountain 73, Carroll, Mont. 61

San Diego St. 57, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 52

Monday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP John Burkett on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP John Frascatore on a two-year contract and 1B David Segui on a one-year contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with LHP Felix Heredia on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone and LHP Gabe White on one-year contracts.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Tyler Houston and OF Mark Sweeney on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Wagner, C Alan Probst on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Wall on a two-year contract; RHP Brian Boehringer and OF Ruben Rivera on one-year contracts; and INF Jed Hansen on a minor league contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Felix Rodriguez on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed F Devin Gray to a 10-day contract.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Activated F Derek Strong from the injured list.

Nickles Industrial Manufacturing Corp. announces acquisition of E-MEC

Nickles Industrial Manufacturing Corp. of Ponca City, Okla., has announced the purchase of D-MEC, effective Jan. 1, 2000. D-MEC, located in Mineral Wells, is a diversified service company for the natural gas compressor market. D-MEC operations include a variety of sales to local customers, repair services (compressor valve, packing case and related compres-

sor items), oil and water pumps, air starter motors, ignition system testing, lubrication system testing, in-shop, in-field and off-shore overhaul of compressors, and the leasing of field compressor units for gas gathering applications. D-MEC was founded in 1985 by Lewis Daniel; Daniel will remain with the company in his present capacity field service project manager.

Bob Nickles, vice president/general manager of Nickles Industrial, said, "We are very pleased to announce the addition of D-MEC to our company. Approximately half of D-MEC's existing operation will blend in with existing NI operations, while the other half will provide diversification to give us an even broader range of products and services."

Nickles Industrial (Hyperlink <http://www.nickles.net>) is headquartered in Ponca City, Okla. Manufacturing/repair facilities are located in Ponca City, Pampa and McPherson, Kan. Warehouse facilities are located in Charleston, W.Va., Memphis, Tenn., Houston, Odessa, Casper, Wyo., and Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

3 Personal

BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics sales, service, makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine, 669-3848

5 Special Notices

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11 Financial

Continental Credit Credit Starter Loans 669-6095

14d Carpentry

CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction, Call 669-6347

ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774

ADDITIONS, remodeling, all types of home repairs. 25 years local experience. Jerry Reagan 669-3943

14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...! Pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-3341. Free estimates.

14h Gen. Serv.

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HOUSE movement? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Children Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, Tx.

14i Gen. Repair

Appliance Broke??? Call William's Appliance 665-8894

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14n Painting

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21 Help Wanted

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AN Amarillo based co. has recently expanded into the Borger area, creating 8 f.t. & p.t. positions. Starting f.t. pay is \$2000 mo. If qualified, & p.t. pay starts at \$1000 mo. If qualified. To book a personal interview call and leave your name & number. 354-6716.

SPECIALITY food merch. sal. plus bene. in Pampa, Borger, Dumas & Ouyman territory. 1 overnight req. Send resumes. Personnel, P.O. Box 750, Stroud, Ok. 74079, attn: Dave Rademeyer.

NEED exp. mechanic. Mon.-Fri., 1/2 day Sat. salary depending on exp. Reply to Box 89, c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198.

WAITRESSES needed full time lunch & dinner. Texas Rose. No Phone Calls. Apply in person 2-5 p.m.

PART Time desk clerk position available at Northgate Inn. Apply in person.

PAID Nursery Worker position available. If interested, fill out application, at Trinity Fellowship, 1200 S. Sumner, or call Sheila at 669-6995.

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BABYSITTER needed in my home references required. Call after 5 p.m. 669-7049.

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Odds and ends ... Texas news round up ...

Book returned ... just a little late

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Art Ogg has finally returned his library book, 40 years overdue.

He checked out the adventure novel "Snow Dog" in 1959 as a 15-year-old and described it as "a really neat story written through the eyes of a trapper in the Yukon."

Ogg, now 56, lost track of the book after he joined the Navy at 17. He stumbled across it again about three years ago while helping his mother tidy up her attic in Dwight, Ill., 70 miles southwest of Chicago.

"It was in perfect shape," Ogg said Monday. "It was absolutely pristine" and even had "my little signature on it."

He brought the book home to Edmond and reread it, but he took "Snow Dog" back to Illinois during the holidays. Ogg's mother returned the book on Dec. 29 — the 40-year anniversary.

He also sent a check for \$292.20 to cover late charges for each of the 14,610 days that the book was overdue, calculated at 2 cents a day. He said the money will help support the library in Dwight, which is in the process of remodeling.

Convicted hookers better watch where they walk

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Convicted prostitutes will have to watch where they stroll in Daytona Beach.

A new police program prohibits streetwalkers, as part of their probation agreements, from returning to the streets where they used to ply their trade.

Former call girls are prohibited from visiting businesses or even taking a walk in the no-prostitute zones. The blocked-off areas include State Road A1A and the core tourist areas around Main Street.

Convicted prostitutes can still drive through the areas, but if they stop, it has to be for a traffic signal, not to pick up customers.

Police started mapping out the special no-hooker zones in October, modeling it after a program in St. Petersburg, Sgt. Al Tolley said.

After the first batch of arrests in 1999, seven women were given the special probationary requirement. Only one has been arrested for entering the off-limits areas.

Flies make family go buggy

OLIVIA, Minn. (AP) — Ron Morris says he is going absolutely buggy over the flies.

The dairy farmer and his family complain that house flies from a neighboring chicken farm swarm around them so much they can't talk outside without getting a mouthful of flies.

The Morrises want a judge to declare the Golden Oval Eggs facility and its 2 million egg-laying hens a public nuisance. A civil trial was scheduled for Tuesday.

In the complaint, Morris says flies swarm over machinery and equipment, making it impossible to hold outdoor picnics or hang clothes, and forced the family to air condition the house to 60 degrees to stop fly activity.

"It is difficult to have conversations outdoors because the flies are so numerous they actually fly into your mouth," Morris said in the complaint.

The Morris family also wants damages for allegedly being deprived of outdoor activities on their west-central Minnesota property, where they operate a 40-plus animal dairy farm.

Another nursing chain to seek bankruptcy protection

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's second-largest nursing home operator is expected to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the latest industry leader to take the step, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Earnings for Mariner Post-Acute Network were off more than \$1.5 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified official close to the Atlanta-based company.

The filing was expected by tonight in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del.

Two other large long-term care chains — Vencor Inc. and Sun Healthcare Group Inc. — have filed for bankruptcy protection in the last six months.

Mariner is Texas' largest nursing-home operator, providing housing to more than 9,000 residents in 101 facilities across the state, the News reported.

Nationwide, the company operates 404 homes across the nation with 47,400 licensed beds and some 55,000 employees.

Arrested students may be banned from school

BLANCO, Texas (AP) — School officials vowed to fight to keep the students arrested in connection with a pipe bomb found at Blanco High School banned from coming back to the school.

"I met with the principal and superintendent and tried to elicit a guarantee about that, and I think I did," said school board President Jim Pepper, about the ban.

His comments came Monday night, as some 250 people filled Blanco High's cafeteria to discuss school safety with the board, prosecutors and police officials.

"Those students under arrest at this time will not be allowed to enter our building. I don't know if that's legal, but we will find out if we have to," Pepper told the San Antonio Express-News.

Superintendent Mike Adkins said he would stand behind the ban, even though the district may be on shaky legal ground. As of yet, a conviction had not been handed down against the pupils.

Dig site to give students first-hand experience

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Anthropology students at Texarkana College soon will be recovering ancient American Indian artifacts from a plot of land near a campus parking lot.

There's just one problem. The land has absolutely no historical significance.

To remedy that, historffered this spring.

"The students will document what's buried there, and later students will dig up the artifacts and bury them again," she said. "They'll have to be more careful in burying them than digging them up. We'll have to put layers over the site to show the passage of time and make sure the artifacts are buried in the right layer."

She's not talking about your run-of-the-mill arrowheads, either. Ms. Rowe said she scoured the Internet to find as many authentic artifacts as she could.

Man faces needle for murder of ZZ Top manager's wife

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Twenty-three hours into his last parole violation and footsore from a long walk with no destination, Spencer Corey Goodman saw in a red Cadillac a clean break from his past.

It was July 2, 1991, and Goodman, a twice-convicted felon, by then

was almost a full day overdue at the Houston halfway house where he was supposed to report after his release from a San Antonio parole center.

Goodman had walked west on Interstate 10, spent a restless night by the train tracks and walked all the next day until he came upon Cecile Ham's Cadillac parked at a pharmacy in west Houston.

"I was going to get out of Houston and say, 'I'm starting over,' just get away from Houston," Goodman said recently. "Like a dummy, I didn't think about reporting again."

The choice Goodman made more than eight years ago led him to the death chamber, where he is to receive a lethal injection tonight for killing Mrs. Ham, 48, the wife of ZZ top manager Bill Ham.

Former promoter seeks permit for separte festival

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Upset with the current plans for Galveston's annual Beach Party Weekend, a former promoter has decided to put on a different kind of party — and in a different coastal Texas city.

Kappa Beach Party Inc. has applied for a permit for a Zydeco and Cajun music festival on the north end of the Corpus Christi Beach, said Dan Whitworth, assistant director of Corpus Christi's parks and recreation department.

Kappa Beach Party co-owner Kevin Sesay announced last week that the promoting company would organize events in Corpus Christi because it had been excluded from this year's Beach Party Weekend in Galveston, according to the Galveston County Daily News.

Galveston officials handed over the event's promotion to another group, KappaFest 2000, in exchange for \$375,000, more than enough money to cover the city's cost of providing security and traffic control, the newspaper reported.

The Galveston event has grown over the last 15 years from an annual gathering of black fraternity members called Kappa Weekend. Last year's party drew an estimated 140,000 visitors, mostly black college students, and spurred officials to estimate crowds of 200,000-plus in coming years.

ELSEWHERE:

LUBY'S STOCK: A 41 percent drop in the stock price of the restaurant chain Luby's is concerning shareholders, but Luby's management is defending its record. About 400 shareholders gathered last week to complain about everything from overly prominent smoking sections in the restaurants to the fact that two members of the board of directors don't own Luby's stock ...

PFLUGERVILLE DROPOUT: Another Austin suburb in giving up it's bus service, Capital Metro. Despite Austin's explosive growth, Pflugerville residents voted 472-186 over the weekend to become the fourth city in 12 years to leave the bus company ...

GATEWAY MOVES: Gateway Inc., will be moving into Dell Computer Corp. territory. Gateway was set to open its first Austin-area store Tuesday, a few miles from Dell, the Round Rock-based computer company that also has made its fortune in direct sales ...

OIL SUMMARY: Global Marine Inc. says that continued strong oil prices should stimulate activity toward the second half of 2000. The company's Summary of Current Offshore Rig Economics, or SCORE, says offshore drillers are beginning to bounce back from a painful 1999, particularly off West Africa and in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Edward Jones has a new investment representative in Pampa: Ben Watson. Watson, 36, of Lefors spoke of investing from behind his new desk in the Hughes building.

New Edward Jones rep. aims to please

"Buy and hold," new Edward Jones Investment Representative Ben Watson said. "Set your horizons. That's the Edward Jones philosophy."

Ben Watson is now working for Edward Jones Investments. Watson began his training with the company in July of 1999 and by December he was fully licensed.

Watson was born in Borger, went to grade school at Grandview-Hopkins, went to high school at Wheeler, and then went to work in the oil fields.

After the oil and gas industry slowed down, Watson decided to go back to school. He attended Tarelton State University in Stephenville, then Clarendon College in Pampa, and then Wayland Baptist in Amarillo. He graduated with a BSOE in Law

Enforcement, with a minor in Business.

In August of 1992, Watson married Maxine. They have two children: 4-year-old Dakota and 2-year-old Paden.

Watson worked at the Rufe Jordan Unit while he attended college. He worked at RJU from Oct. 1992 to July 1999.

From behind the large, smooth, black desk at his new office in the Hughes building Watson tried to explain investing.

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United Kingdom," Watson said.

"And two in Pampa," Watson added.

"Anyone looking to have a financial future should invest. You should set aside money for emergencies, but you should invest any extra cash you have. You want your money to outlast you," Watson said.

Watson said the first question he asks an investor is, "Do you want income or growth?" Watson said that investing is not as expensive as people think it is.

A self-directed IRA is \$30 a year. Stocks have a one-time fee of \$50 per trade, and no cost to sell.

Watson said that some people are trading on the internet for \$8 a trade, but that they have "no analysts, no information, no one to talk to."

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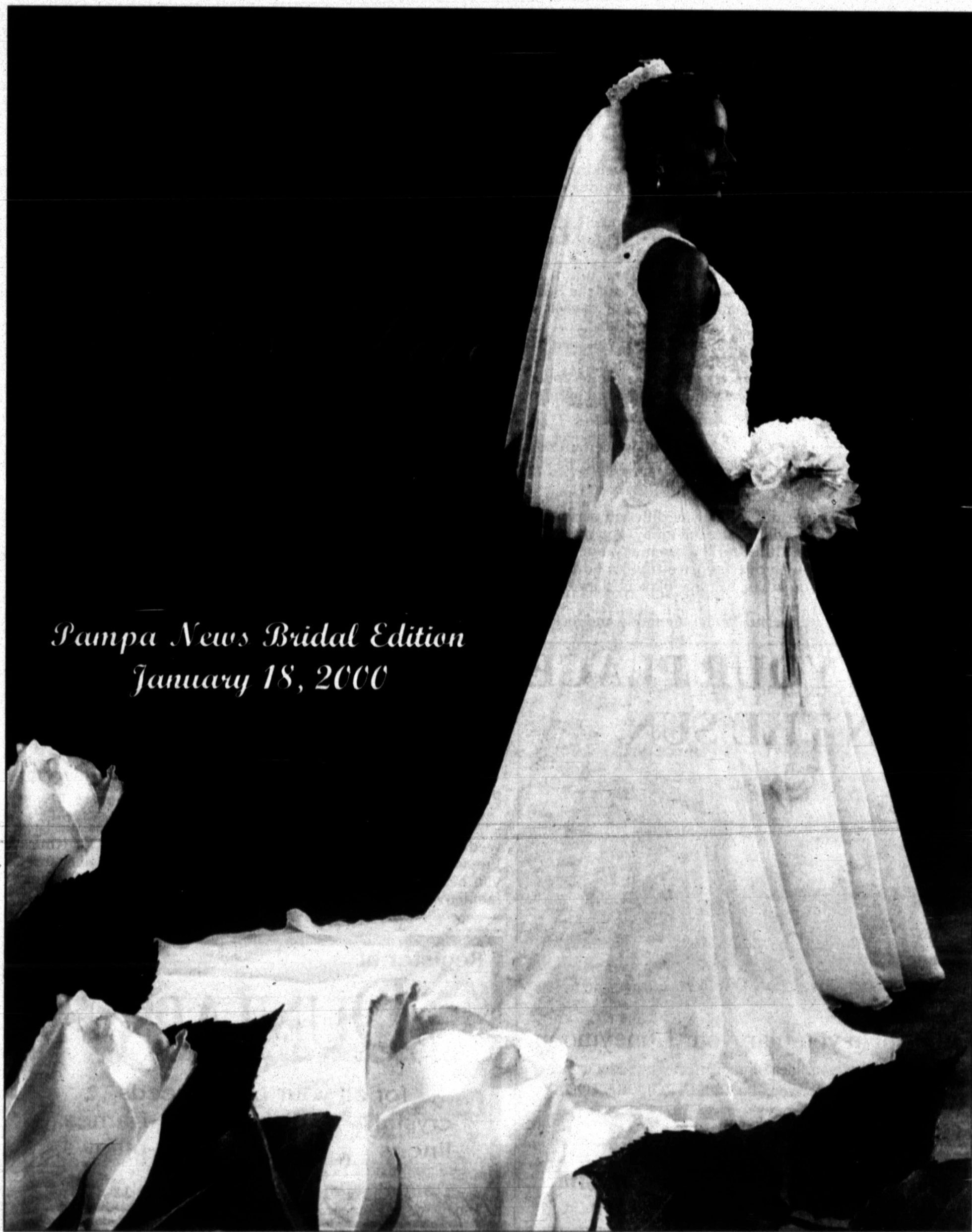
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When it comes to wedding music, don't be left singing the blues

Imagine a beautiful bride, all dressed in white, walking down the aisle without music. The eerie silence would be deafening. When choosing music for your wedding day, don't let every bride's worst nightmare become your reality — take the time and necessary precautions to avoid wedding day music disasters.

Ask friends, relatives and the local musicians union for recommendations and check references. You can call the Better Business Bureau or Consumer Affairs to find out if there have been any complaints about the music providers you are considering. To inquire about disc jockeys (DJs), you also can call the American Disc Jockey Association.

You'll need music for the ceremony as well as the reception, so consider the following when determining what kind of music will be appropriate:

- **Location** — Churches or synagogues may have certain rules and regulations about what kind of music is acceptable. Be sure to ask first, in order to avoid any costly alternatives.

- **Performers** — Chances are, you'll want different performers for the reception than you will for the ceremony. You may want a string quartet, vocalist or flutist for the ceremony, but a DJ for the reception — spinning your favorite tunes. Additional performers to consider: comedian, bagpipe players, dancers.

- **Size** — Keep in mind the size of the ceremony and location.

While a string quartet might be the perfect background for an intimate ceremony, a larger hall will not share the same acoustics.

- **Style** — Is the wedding formal or informal? Contemporary or traditional? A full-piece orchestra would seem a bit lavish for an informal reception with a casual style. Aim for music that suits the style or theme of the wedding.

- **Taste** — Pleasing every guest is next to impossible, however, choosing music that fits your guests' tastes will make for a lively, more memorable wedding. As for the reception, determine whether the crowd will be older or younger, and what you expect of them. If your goal is to have a full dance floor, choose music that will make them want to dance.

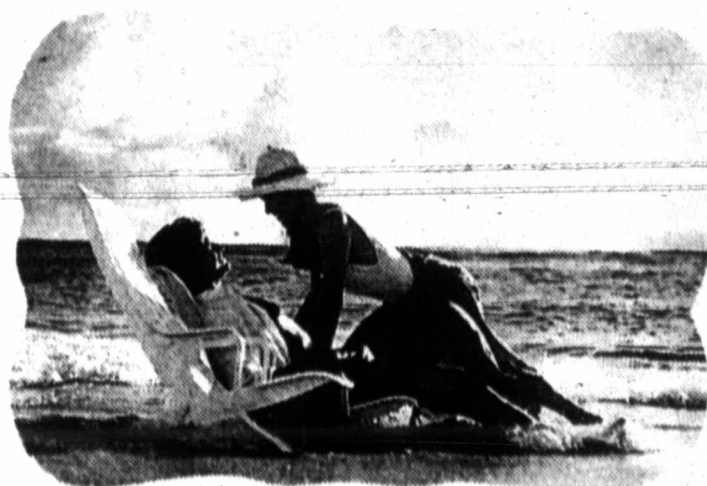
CONTRACTS

Once you've decided on music, it's time to get the perfect wedding signed, sealed and delivered — with a contract. Be sure to include the following items:

- Agreed-upon price, amount of deposit, additional charges (travel, early setup, cocktail hour) and overtime rates
- Names of specific people you want (band leader, vocalist, DJ, dancers); Specify what types of substitutions and compensation will be made if names agreed upon don't appear
- If having a band: the number of musicians and what instruments they play
- If having a DJ: additional duties besides music, like supplying party favors or acting as master of ceremonies
- Date, number of hours they'll be playing music and location
- Number of breaks, what kind of refreshments will be available to them, and how they'll fill-in the breaks (CDs, tapes, other entertainment)
- Style of dress or special costumes you'd like them to perform in.

Additionally, if you have special music requests for the wedding, make sure that you specify this ahead of time. Providing sheet music for the band or CDs for the DJ will ensure you hear the right version of the tune. And, if the band is not familiar with it, at least they'll have time to learn.

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Walking down the aisle with ease

Six Strategies to Tame Pre-Wedding Jitters

(MS) — He's popped the question, she's accepted and the newly engaged couple instantly hears wedding bells. Now, between spending quality time together, dealing with future in-laws and going about everyday activities, there's a new addition to their "to do" list ... squeezing in time to arrange a wedding. With so much planning, it's no wonder so many brides- and grooms-to-be feel stressed and frustrated.

To help future brides, Mindy Weiss, celebrity wedding planner and a spokesperson for the Sears Gift Registry, shares tips for tackling pre-matrimonial anxieties:

• **To invite or not to invite** — Deciding on the guest list can be one of the most daunting tasks for a couple. Torn between parental obligations, friends and co-workers of the bride or groom often are left without an invitation. To accommodate all parties involved, divvy up the list so that the bride and groom, the parents of the bride and the parents of the groom each invite one-third of the guests.

• **Get moving** — A regular exercise routine not only will ease stress and reduce tension, but will make it easier to get a good night's sleep. Also, to alleviate the pressures of the day, take a brisk walk or hit the gym later in the afternoon rather than in the morning.

• **Shopping together ... happy together** — The registry process can be a harrowing experience for some couples as the bride and groom will have different ideas on what they need to start a new life together.

• **Prenuptial hair "do"** — Avoid a "bad hair day" on the big day. Schedule a trial run with the actual stylist two or three weeks before the ceremony. Bring the veil and photos of the gown, if possible, to give the stylist an idea of the image being portrayed. Take a snapshot of the run-through hairstyle as a quick reference for the stylist on the wedding day. More importantly, don't get a drastic haircut less than two months before the wedding, since there won't be time to undo the damage.

• **Bridal party pampering** — For an ultimate stress buster and bridal party thank you, spend the morning of the big day soaking up spa treatments at a local salon. Between appointments with a hairstylist, makeup artist, manicurist or masseuse, there won't be any time to be nervous.

Seven secrets to a great toast

1. Don't be long-winded.
2. Stand to give a toast; remain seated to receive one.
3. Prepare ahead of time — know what you are going to say.
4. Mention those you are toasting by name, your relationship to them and a thought about their good fortune.
5. Add witty anecdotes wherever possible.
6. Speak slowly and loudly enough for all guests to hear.
7. Don't forget to cap off the toast with a hearty "Cheers!"

Who toasts whom?

Generally the best man acts as the toastmaster, and prepares a list of the order in which each person will make a toast. There is an established protocol which the couple may or may not choose to follow.

At the rehearsal dinner:

- The best man toasts the bride.
- The bride toasts the groom.
- The groom toasts the bride's mother.
- The bride's father may toast the groom's parents.

At the reception:

- The best man toasts the bride and groom.
- The groom toasts the bride and her family.
- The two fathers toast the bride and groom.
- The bride and groom toast each other.

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The big day's coming

He popped the question, and she said yes. Maybe he got down on his knees, maybe he didn't. As familiar or traditional as the simple little question, "Will you marry me?" may be, nothing can take away from the one-of-a-kind story of how they fell in love or the look in her eyes when he asked — but this isn't the time to be idling in the moment.

The engagement must be announced, the news spread. Informing family, friends and co-workers is what makes the engagement feel official. And more importantly, it is what gets the wedding planning in motion, beginning with the question, "When?"

Choosing a wedding date, one that allows the bride- and groom-to-be an ample amount of time to prepare, is a must. How much time a couple needs will vary with the size and style of wedding they choose. If planning a traditional wedding, the couple should give themselves at least nine months to a year to prepare for it.

The next step lies in selecting just the right place to exchange vows and with whom to share the experience. This will help the couple determine the size and style of their wedding. If taking a traditional approach, the couple will want to select their honor attendants — bridesmaids for the bride, groomsmen for the groom. Additionally, the two can begin compiling a guest list.

As they compile the guest list, the couple should consider

their gift registry. It's best to register for gifts at more than one store, in more than one price range. This allows guests more flexibility in choosing gifts.

Next, the couple must decide on the wedding professionals — the musicians, photographers, videographer, florist and caterer. A visit with the officiant should be arranged as well, in the event that any pre-wedding requirements need to be fulfilled.

Once the ceremony and reception sites have been booked and the necessary decisions made, the couple should consider their honeymoon. Consulting a travel agent always is a good idea. In doing so, the couple may receive discounts and other unique benefits or travel packages by making it known that they'll be newlyweds.

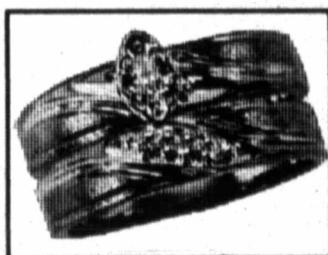
After the reservations have been made, the couple at last can begin focusing on themselves. In order to look as dazzling on their wedding day as smiling figurines atop a wedding cake, the bride- and groom-to-be will need to decide on their

wedding apparel. If wedding attendants are involved, the bride will want to keep her bridesmaids in mind — the color and style of dresses they'd feel most comfortable wearing.

A successful wedding takes time and careful organization. To be safe, the bride- and groom-to-be should purchase a wedding planner. This way, they won't run the risk of forgetting the little things, like bands — not the kind that play music, but the kind they'll be wearing on their fingers for the rest of their lives.

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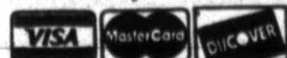
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Divorced parents: How it effects wedding plans

When you first pop the question, or say yes to your fiancée, nothing but lovely thoughts pass through your mind. Emotions run strong.

Everything in life has finally seemed to fallen into place and things could not be better. It is only one day in your life, but it is the one that rises above all the rest in memory and importance. The day of holy matrimony is one of most joyous events you will ever experience.

Children of divorced parents are no different. Well, maybe a little bit different. They are a shade more cautious before committing. Perhaps a bit older than their counterparts from two parent homes. Definitely less inclined to divorce and if they do divorce, have tried harder and longer to keep things together. And statistics have it that this is all actually true!

Surveys taken over the last twenty years are starting to show a clearer picture of children of divorce. These adults are quite accepting of divorce when deemed necessary, but they don't take

it lightly. They have lived the turmoil that can ensue and are not eager for the process to happen in their own lives. They probably have step-families as well. Hence their caution when selecting a mate. They also tend to be cautious and fairly realistic about the wedding plans too.

As much as they love, like or tolerate their families, they know that planning a big event like this will take special consideration. The guest list may not be as straight forward. Nor seating plans. Yet, most of these children will realize some sort of compromise. The key is remembering to ask for tolerance, if not amicability. Let family know that you'd like to look back on this day with fondness and are counting on them to do their part. Or just keep silent. Either way, don't forget your parents love you. Be fair to them but most of all be true to yourselves. Here are some things to keep in mind for that special day:

This is your day. Respect the financial contributions your parents have made to your wedding but don't let it become a power issue. Invitations can come from you and fiancée instead of the parents of the bride and groom.

You don't have to have a receiving line. An informal reception is fine. The more casual the wedding plans the less you have to worry about order and precedence whether in church to seating plans to the first dance. Your parents don't necessarily have to sit with each other at the reception or the ceremony. Perhaps a table of their own at the reception with special family members among them, i.e., grandparents, aunts, uncles.

Wedding photographs: This is often a great time for newlyweds to lessen the tension in these situations. Getting your Father and Mother separately for a photo can be a great opportunity to remind them how much they mean to you on this special day.

Photo tips for guests

While most couples hire a professional photographer to photograph the ceremony and reception, there's still plenty of room for you to also capture this occasion on film. Not only will you have a record of the wedding for your own pleasure, but imagine the joy of the happy couple to receive prints of events that the professional photographer did not see or wasn't asked to cover.

- For instance, many wedding photographers no longer shoot those "table shots" of the guests because these photos don't usually get purchased by the bride and groom. This is the perfect opportunity for you. But shoot these like a pro: Have some of the people at your table stand up and move behind those still seated and take a group shot. Avoid showing the entire table complete with half-eaten food, instead concentrate on the faces of the guests.

- Another photo opportunity exists at your table. Many bridal receptions now include disposable "single use" cameras at every table. You may need to get the show rolling and coax your table mates to start taking pictures. Remember, the bride and groom can't be at every table to take part in the festivities so candid photos from these cameras can show the guests having fun in a way that professional photographers aren't likely to capture.

- A couple of hints on wedding photography etiquette. If you want to take photos at a church, synagogue, mosque or chapel, take your cues from the professional photographer hired by the bridal couple. If you see that he or she is not taking photos at the ceremony, chances are it is because the clergy told the photographer not to do so. Respect the tradition and don't take pictures. The same thing holds true for flash photography. If you see that the pro is shooting, then take an aisle seat. It's the best place to get nice close shots of the couple that fill the frame as they leave the church.

- One other suggestion on wedding photography is to be respectful of the professional photographer. Don't get in that individual's way. You don't want to ruin the photos that the bride and groom are paying the pro to take, and the pro can do a better job of capturing many parts of the event than you can. As we've indicated, there are plenty of different kinds of shots for you too.

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Home sweet home: easy relocation tips

Congratulations — you and your spouse are moving into your first home together as newlyweds. Whether that means a house with a white picket fence or an urban condo on a tree-lined street, the process of moving — even with help from professional movers — can be overwhelming.

By following a few helpful moving tips, you can make the load a little lighter and lessen the chances of letting your excitement about a new home get lost within the rummage. Following are some tips to help you get started:

- **Make a list of addresses and phone numbers** of utility companies, newspapers, magazines and any other publications to which you subscribe. You will need to inform them about your move. Then, familiarize yourself with the new area. Locate the nearest pharmacy and bank; check for branch stores or offices and make sure your new information is in their database.

- **Get a free change-of-address kit from the post office.** For extra flair when informing friends of your move, send specially designed change-of-address cards (available at card shops) or create your own and personalize them using rubber stamps or stickers.

- **Make sure you have plenty of boxes on hand.** First, pack the things you don't use or need right away, and move them in early. Anything you can take care of ahead of time will make the moving day easier. Remember to label the outside of the boxes so you know what is inside each one.

- **Consolidate as much as you can.** Wrap fragile items in towels, linen, tissue or thick layers of newspaper. Use smaller boxes for heavy items like books, and larger boxes for lighter items.

- **Before you start unpacking, make the bed.** Moving can take days, but this way, you're guaranteed a good night's rest, no matter where you leave off in your unpacking. And, you'll be better rested for the next day's labors.

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(Pampa News photos by Keith Anderson)
Best Kept Secret owner Toni Howard shows off a display of Marshall pottery, picture frames, bath and body products, and decorative accessories.



Carol Hermanski, owner of Cakes by Carol, begins work on a Texas wedding cake. The finished cake had icing of bluebonnets and a yellow rose.



Assistant manager Daphne Vike and department manager Barbara Pipkin display Dunlap's wedding wares.

Celebrate repeat marriages in style

A new marriage marks a new beginning — so there's every reason to celebrate! While it's not your first trip down the aisle, it's the first time you're marrying each other. Therefore, you're entitled to have the kind of wedding that suits your age and lifestyle.

To help make your wedding perfect, here are some tips for the second (or, third) time around.

• **What's right for you** — Civil or nonsectarian ceremonies are popular for remarriages. Locations include private homes, judges' chambers, interdenominational chapels or historic sights. If you want a religious wedding, keep in mind that some faiths have special requirements for remarriage. When planning the reception, rely on experts to help organize it in a restaurant, club, hotel or private home.

• **What to wear** — You have every right to look like a bride! White or ivory is a valid fashion choice; long or short, depending on the formality of the wedding. At a formal evening wedding, the groom wears black tie; for day, his choices can vary from formal wear to a blazer and slacks.

• **The guest list** — Who's to be invited? The guest list should include the following: family of both the bride and the groom; the couple's mutual friends and those who may have been close to either of you during your previous marriages and remained so; former in-laws, if you're still close to them. As long as you're all comfortable with that situation, there's no reason to exclude them.

You may have a best man or honor attendant. Older children from your previous marriage may serve in that role or as bridesmaids and ushers.

• **A child's place** — In the case of a second marriage, children from a previous marriage often feel excluded. The Coleman Collection in Kansas City, Mo., has created a special ceremony called "Celebrating the Family." During the wedding, the children are given a "Family Medallion" — three joined circles symbolizing a new family. Other ways to include your children are lighting a unity candle with the newlyweds or sharing a cup — all symbols of merging families.

• **New gift ideas** — Even if you feel you don't need traditional wedding gifts, you'll be surprised at how useful some of them may be. Other gift ideas you may share with guests are season tickets to sports, musical and theatrical events; a year of special wines, fruits or flowers to be delivered every month; something major like a VCR or fitness equipment that may be purchased by a group of relatives.



Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop in Pampa shows some jewelry to Roben Franklin. Below, complimenting wedding rings.



Something old

This refers to the bride's previous way of living, before the wedding. It is supposed to symbolize the transition into her new life, whilst not forgetting the one she had.

Something new

This is the second part of the transition. It signifies the future ahead and all the prosperity it shall bring.

Something borrowed

This item tends to be borrowed from another previously wed bride. You borrow it so that you may have all the luck and joy that the bride who first wore it has now in her marriage.

Something blue

Before Queen Victoria set the standard for marrying in white, blue was the common colour to be wed in. Blue, much before white (in fact during biblical times) was the colour of purity, and thus, women would marry gowned in it. The artifact of blue is merely a testament to the original colour of purity.

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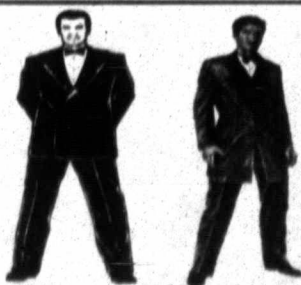
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