

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Minnie Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
 OTIS, Meredith Ann "Minnie" — 10 a.m., First Methodist Church, Silverton. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.

Obituaries

DANNY LYNN MONROE
 HEDLEY — Danny Lynn Monroe, 42, father of a White Deer resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999. Services were at 2 p.m. today in Hedley School Gymnasium with Bright Newhouse, minister of Hedley Church of Christ, Don Stone, minister of Hedley Church of Christ, and Tom Farris, elder of Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Rowe Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Monroe was born at Clarendon. He married Shauna Lee White in 1975 at Hedley. He had formerly resided in Hedley and had lived in Afton and Matador prior to returning to Hedley. He worked in highway bridge construction at Monroe and Sons for 13 years and had been a peanut producer with White Monroe Partnership.

He belonged to Hedley Church of Christ, Panhandle Peanut Growers Association and Hedley High School Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife, Shauna; a daughter, Dana Ford of White Deer; a son, Dustin Monroe of Hedley; his parents, E.H. "Curly" and Hazel Monroe of Amarillo; and two brothers, Everett Monroe of Lubbock and Roy Monroe of Howardwick.

The family requests memorials be to Rowe Cemetery Association or to Chuck Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Hedley High School at Hedley.

MEREDITH ANN 'MINNIE' OTIS
 SILVERTON — Meredith Ann "Minnie" Otis, a former Canadian resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First Methodist Church of Silverton. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery at Canadian under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mrs. Otis was born at Dickens, to Pete and Jo Emmert. She grew up at Spearman. She married Floyd Otis, Jr., in 1964 at Canadian; he died in 1982. The couple lived on ranches in Canadian and Kansas for 17 years.

She had been a Silverton resident for the past several years.

Survivors include two sons, Bronc Otis of Silverton and Farris Otis of Arizona; two sisters, Jody and Jan; a brother, J.C.; and three grandchildren.

SUE SMILEY
 LEFORS — Sue Smiley, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smiley was born June 8, 1921, at Garfield, Ark. She married Charles Smiley on Aug. 8, 1940, at Bentonville, Ark. She had been a Lefors resident since 1953. She was a cook at Pampa Country Club for three years and was a member and past worthy matron of Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Pampa, Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary, American Business Women and Rebekah Lodge of Borger, serving as past noble.

Survivors include her husband, Charles, of the home; two daughters, Barbara Louise Smith of Amarillo and Carolyn Kay Morton of Eldorado; a son, Charles Everett Smiley of Amarillo; a brother, E.L. Ford of Borger; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and 16 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 1
 Debra Kay Howard, 43, 821 W. Brown, was

arrested about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Two female students, ages 16 and 18, were arrested for fighting at Pampa High School.

Thursday, Dec. 2
 Don Abney, 50, 1230 E. Francis, was treated about 1:30 a.m. today for a cut to the head in connection with a fight. No charges were filed.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1
 Steven A. Menyard, 30, 1233 S. Faulkner, was arrested about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on charges of theft. He was released after his attorney filed a motion to dismiss the charges Wednesday afternoon.

James Brandon Elder, 20, of Sharon, Wisconsin, was arrested about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for failure to identify himself, no driver's license, no insurance and not wearing a seat belt.

Charles Eldon Mehaffey, 40, 409 N. Wells, was arrested about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of issuance of four bad checks.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1
 The pickups of Jackie Lynn Langham, 44, of Fritch, and John Frank Cook, 66, 1200 N. Wells #30, collided about noon in the 400 block of South Cuyler. Each man was cited for unsafe backing.

Charlie Richard Thomas, 44, 326 Henry, and Brenda Lee Lopez, 26, 233 S. Canadian, were in collision about 5 p.m. Wednesday at Cuyler and Tyng. Thomas was cited for following too close. Lopez was cited for defective equipment, expired registration and expired safety sticker.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1
 11:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo to transport a patient to Pampa Medical Center.

12:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility to transport a patient to Pampa Medical Center.

4:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen Street for assistance.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Purviance on a welfare check.

10:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Price Road. One patient was taken to Pampa Medical Center.

Thursday, Dec. 2
 3:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 1200 block of East Francis. One patient was transported to Pampa Medical Center.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.08	Coca-Cola	67 3/16	dn 1
Milo	2.64	Columbia/HCA	27 9/16	dn 31/128
Corn	3.08	Enron	37 13/16	up 5/64
Soybeans	3.99	Halliburton	39 3/8	dn 1 3/4
		IBM	104 5/16	up 1/16
		KMI	20 5/16	up 3/16
		Kerr McGee	57 9/16	dn 9/16
		Limited	41 1/8	dn 7/8
		McDonald's	45 9/16	dn 29/64
		Mobil	104 5/16	up 1/16
		New Atmos	22 3/16	dn 1/16
		NCE	31 5/16	up 1/16
		Penney's	21 3/4	dn 11/16
		Phillips	48 3/8	dn 1/4
		Pioneer Nat.	8 3/8	up 1/16
		SLB	60 7/8	dn 1/64
		Tenneco	7 13/16	up 1/16
		Texaco	60 3/16	dn 13/16
		Ultramar	24 11/16	dn 5/16
		Wal-Mart	57 7/8	dn 89/128
		Williams	33 13/16	up 11/16
		New York Gold	289.50	
		Silver	5.20	
		West Texas Crude	24.46	
		Chervin	91 3/4up 1 171/256	

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

Occidental	22	dn 1/4
Fidelity Magelln	133.18	dn 1/4
Puritan	19.09	up 1/16

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

Amoco	59 7/8	dn 1 5/8
Arco	88 7/8	dn 3 3/16
Cabot	19 3/8	NC
Cabot O&G	14 13/16	dn 1/4
Chervin	91 3/4up 1 171/256	

Anti-cholesterol drug may build strong bones

By PAUL RECER
 AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An anti-cholesterol drug taken by millions of Americans to prevent heart attacks may have the added benefit of restoring bone ravaged by osteoporosis, the brittle-bone disease.

A new study in laboratory rats shows that the statin drugs, which patients take to lower cholesterol levels, prompt growth cells to build new bone, replacing bone that has been leached away by osteoporosis.

The study will appear Friday in the journal Science.

Although the bone-building use of statins has not been tested in humans, a retrospective study of osteoporosis patients who also took the drugs shows evidence that their bones became more dense than did bones of osteoporosis patients who did not take the drug.

A team led by Dr. Greg Mundy, an endocrinologist at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, found the potential new use for the statin drugs after screening more than 30,000 compounds for possible bone-strengthening effects.

"The statin discovery came out of the blue," said Mundy. "We did not expect it."

Mundy said the drug works by encouraging production of BMP2, an enzyme that prompts bones to grow new cells. There also is some evidence that the drug reduces the number of osteoclasts, the cells that reduce bone density.

When tested on laboratory rats, the statin drugs doubled the density of bones in the leg and spine.

More than 10 million Americans have been diagnosed with osteoporosis.

Mundy said the drug also was tested on rats that had been surgically altered to develop bone loss in the same way that elderly women do. After treatment with the statin drugs, the bones strengthened, increasing in volume by up to 96 percent compared to altered rats not taking the drug, he said.

Dr. Sundeep Khosla, an osteoporosis researcher at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said Mundy's research "offers a lot of promise."

Khosla said some drugs will slow bone erosion in osteoporosis but the statins could be the first to actually restore bone that has been lost to the disease.

"It is a very intriguing discov-

ery and really unexpected," said Khosla. He cautioned, however, that the work needs to be verified by other researchers and that it will be tricky to find the proper dose that safely prompts the bone-strengthening effect in humans.

More than 10 million Americans have been diagnosed with osteoporosis. The disorder most commonly strikes women after the age of menopause. It causes bones to lose density and become brittle. Fractures of the hip, vertebrae and other bones are very common, crippling and painful for osteoporosis sufferers.

The statin drugs used in the rat experiments were lovastatin, marketed under the brand name Mevacor, and simvastatin, sold under the brand name Zocor. Both are made by Merck & Co. Inc. of Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Mundy also is founder of a San Antonio company called OsteoScreen which is conducting osteoporosis research. He said the company could benefit financially if his statin discovery is validated and becomes a standard of care.

Science, which published the study, is a peer-reviewed journal. All research in the journal is evaluated critically by independent, anonymous experts before it is accepted for publication.

Businesses to stay open for late shoppers.

Pampa businesses are staying open late tonight.

More than two dozen Pampa businesses will stay open late tonight in connection with the annual Christmas parade.

Pampa's Christmas parade is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. today.

Beall's in Coronado Center will be open until 10 p.m. tonight. Dunlap's will stay open until 9

p.m., store officials said this week.

Watson's Garden Store and Celebrations will be open during and after the parade.

Best Kept Secrets will be open until 8 p.m. today.

Among those staying open until 7 p.m. Thursday are Freeman's Flowers, Jiffy Cleaners, Dollar General, Rheams Diamond Shop,

Carousel Expressions, Tarpley Music, Coffee Shop, Heard Jones, Top of Texas Awards and Gifts, Christmas Shop, Pampa Office Supply, Hobby Shop, VJ's Fashion and Gifts, Bank of America, the Gift box, T-Shirts and More, Best Finance, Sands Fabrics, Images, Kids Stuff, All Its Charm, Brown's Shoe Fit, Foto Time and Taylor's Men Store.

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children also are in need of counseling. The abuse may not always be physical. It is also sexual and emotional.

Women who are physically abused who finally press charges usually have been attacked an average of 35 times, according to literature provided by Tralee Crisis Center.

Teachers and counselors say learning ability of children is hampered, and children are in need of a safe and protective environment.

When a mother seeks assistance, she may not have any money, food, a job, transportation or even a home. Many times women are in need of skills to get

a job, and must undergo training.

In the meantime, she may require assistance for food, shelter, personal items, and clothing for her children and herself, and a vehicle to ensure transportation to and from work.

Many of these women have never received assistance before, and it is very difficult for them to take help.

In an extremely emotional state, the mothers must make decisions regarding their families and prepare for a future of supporting themselves and their children. Childcare must be obtained as well as the funds necessary to provide it. Toys for the children are luxuries for some of these families.

Tralee Crisis Center provides

counseling and support groups for the women and their children, and helps them to improve their lives.

The center hopes the public will again recognize the needs of those served by the organization and will help bring the Christmas spirit into their homes and their lives.

Anyone interested in participating in this project of assisting these families may contact a Tralee representative. Deadline for adopting a child or family from the clients the agency has served is Dec. 15. Additional information may be obtained by calling 669-1131 or going by the office at 310 S. Cuyler.

Tralee Crisis Center is a participating United Way Agency.

New-home sales surge to record level; new jobless claims rise unexpectedly

By JEANNINE AVERSA
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes soared 16.3 percent in October to an all-time high level even as mortgage rates continued to climb. The sales increase was the biggest in more than six years.

The Commerce Department reported today that sales of new single-family homes sprinted ahead to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 986,000 units in October.

The percent surge marked the biggest jump in new-home sales since a 16.7 percent increase in April 1993, the government said.

Sales were up significantly in all parts of the country except the Northeast, where they fell.

October's growth was bigger than many analysts expected. They were forecasting sales to rise to 875,000 units.

In September, new-home sales plunged 8.1 percent to an annual rate of 848,000 units, not as bad as the 12.8 percent decline the government previously estimated.

The nation's retailers reported today that a buying blitz over the Thanksgiving weekend helped offset disappointing sales the first three weeks of November, when unseasonably warm weather failed to put shoppers in the mood for sweaters, scarves and coats.

Last weekend's surge in sales got the holiday season off to a promising start, boding well for merchants who tally as much as 50 percent of their annual sales at Christmas.

Many merchants reported lower-than-expected sales for the month, with the late buying unable to completely offset the setbacks from the warm spell.

The Labor Department said 291,000 Americans filed new claims for unemployment benefits last week, an increase of 15,000. That marked the highest level since Nov. 6.

The higher-than-expected increase followed back-to-back sharp declines in the two previous weeks.

The growth in new-home sales came despite an upward spiral in mortgage rates.

The monthly average for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in October was 7.85 percent, up from September's 7.82 percent and much higher than the 6.71 percent rate for October 1998.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that higher mortgage rates drove down sales

of existing homes by 6.6 percent in October, the lowest level in almost two years.

The Midwest posted the biggest increase in sales of new homes, a whopping 40.3 percent to an annual rate of 240,000 units. Sales in the West rose a hefty 18 percent to an annual rate of 268,000 units. The South saw sales rise 10.3 percent to an annual rate of 406,000 units.

Sales fell by 11 percent in the Northeast to an annual rate of 73,000 units.

The average price for a new home sold in October rose 2.6 percent to \$198,900, up from \$193,900 the previous month.

The median price for a new home was \$159,000, slightly less than September's median price of \$159,900.

On the jobless-claims front, the four-week moving average, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, fell slightly last week to 286,500, the lowest level since Sept. 18.

Economists consider jobless claims levels below 300,000 an indication of an extremely tight labor market, meaning it's difficult for some employers to find workers.

That's good news for workers but it is potentially troublesome to economists. They fear that employers scrambling to fund scarce workers for job openings will lure them with higher wages and benefits — increased costs that could drive up prices.

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates three times this year in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. One of the Fed's key concerns is that the tight labor market could lead to wage and price inflation down the road.

Economists believe Fed policymakers will leave rates unchanged when they meet next on Dec. 21, citing concerns about the Y2K computer changeover. However, many economists have raised their expectations that the Fed will bump up rates again early next year.

The government will release November's employment report Friday. The nation's unemployment rate is now at 4.1 percent, a 30-year low. Many economists believe it will stay at that rate but some think it will tick down a notch to 4 percent, renewing concerns about wage and price inflation.

City Briefs

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SHOP LATE Thursday at Watson's Garden Center and Celebrations, open during and after the Christmas Parade, 125 N. Somerville.

Weather focus

PAMPA — It will be windy and cloudy today with a high of 54 degrees.

Winds will be out of the northwest 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

The low tonight should be about 32 degrees.

Friday's high will be in the mid-50s.

It will be cloudy with possible showers Saturday.

STATEWIDE — An upper level disturbance over northern New Mexico was expected to move across the Texas Panhandle and combine with a cold front to produce some precipitation across much of the state.

It will be partly cloudy across West Texas tonight and Friday with cooler temperatures forecast for the Panhandle. There is a slight chance of showers through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the mid 20s in the extreme northern Panhandle and in the 30s and 40s elsewhere. Highs Friday will be mostly in the 50s and 60s, ranging from the mid 40s in the Panhandle to the lower 70s in the Big Bend area.

North Texas will have cloudy skies and windy conditions tonight with a chance for thunderstorms that may reach severe levels in central and eastern areas. There is a slight chance of

thunderstorms in western sections.

It will be mostly cloudy over all of North Texas on Friday with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in eastern areas. It will be partly cloudy and windy in western and central areas.

Lows tonight will be in the 40s and 50s. Highs Friday will be in the 60s and 70s. Highs Friday will be in the 60s and 70s.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast in south central and southeastern areas of South Texas tonight. It will be mostly cloudy, windy and humid through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 50s and 60s. Highs Friday will be in the 70s.

Pampa native, Miss Amarillo Area honors civic leader in essay

By LAURA JOHNSON
1999 Miss Amarillo Area

(Editor's Note: The following is an essay Laura Johnson, 1999 Miss Amarillo Area, wrote in competition for scholarships in the 1999 Miss Texas Competition. This particular scholarship competition was for the LaRona Maxwell Community Pride Award. LaRona Maxwell was the executive director of the Miss Lake Meredith Pageant in Borger for 17 years before her death in July of 1998. LaRona was Laura's director when she competed in the 1998 Miss Texas Pageant. She was too ill to go to Fort Worth with Laura and passed away just four days after the 1998 Pageant. The criteria for the essay was specified in regard to the number of words and points that must be covered. Laura said there were many more things she would have liked to have said about Pampa, but the word limit caused her to have to edit and omit parts of the essay to fit the guidelines. She wrote the essay from her recollections about being raised in Pampa. Laura said if her facts and exact numbers were inaccurate, she was sure people would still get the point of the positive feelings she had about growing up in Pampa.)

It is an honor and a privilege to compete for the LaRona Maxwell Memorial Community Pride Award. LaRona's name was synonymous with the Miss Lake Meredith Pageant and Texas Panhandle Lions Club Sweethearts. I had the good fortune to know and love LaRona, working with her as her last Miss Lake Meredith and serving with her as the Texas Panhandle Lions Club District Queen. I saw firsthand how proud she was of her hometown, her Lake Meredith Pageant, her involvement in her community and how fiercely loyal she was to them all.

LaRona was the epitome of community pride. She was an avid Borger Bulldog and she was known all over the Texas Panhandle for her unselfish work with "Her pageant," the work she did for the Borger Chamber of Commerce and the District 2T-1 Lions Clubs. She had many, many friends; she touched the lives of many young women and hundreds of Lions every year because of her dedication and enthusiasm for her community.

Pampa, my hometown is only 29-miles from Borger, and both towns go a little nuts with community pride every time the two high schools meet for any contest from checkers to football. Pampa is located at the Top of Texas, "where the wheat grows and the oil flows." Our friendly little city of 20,000 is just 55-miles northeast of Amarillo. Interstate Highway 40, the old Route 66 misses our town by 20 miles, so travelers have to plan to come to my town to get there. Our location may make us one of Texas's best-kept secrets, but we are not complaining because while we welcome

newcomers and new businesses we are thrilled to have the friendliest people in Texas living inside our city limits.

Much of the land around Pampa is flat, and you can see for miles and miles on a clear day. However, a normally dry creek runs right through the middle of town, and fortunately the city planners had the foresight to make most of the creek area a city park.

Nine parks run several miles through town and are enjoyed by our citizens and guests of all ages. This positioning of a small town around a park system makes Pampa a unique place to live and one all are proud to call home.

Pampa has many qualities which make it an ideal place to live and enjoy your family. The first thing that comes to mind when I think about my hometown is the people who live there. The people of Pampa are the most caring people you could ever meet. Many people donate their time, talents and financial resources in order to make special things happen there. Volunteers of all ages join forces on projects big and small to make this a special place to live.

Nearly everyone knows everyone, or so it seems. This quality might seem less than ideal at first glance, but it really is a wonderful thing. My parents always told me, "If you misbehave, someone will probably see you and probably tell us." Since I never misbehaved, that never happened to me. However, one morning a friend left her car lights on at school, and by 8:10 a.m. five people had recognized her car and called her dad to report the lights. I can see now that this type of concern is something I miss in a large university town.

Another quality of our town is the pride the entire town feels in the single high school. In a town our size with only one high school, the whole town gets involved in and is incredibly supportive of all the activities of the school. It is not unusual to have 4,000 or 5,000 fans at a football game or 3,000 screaming fans in a 2,500-seat gym for a basketball game. When I was a senior at Pampa High School, our basketball team won the state championship. Fifteen hundred tickets were sold in Pampa, 500-miles from the game in Austin. Approximately 2,000 fans made the trip to support their team. Talk about community pride — nothing causes community pride to swell like the bragging rights of a state championship.

Pampa has excellent schools, a diverse economy, chemical plants, processing plants, industry, oil, farming and ranching and strong active churches, but the thing that really makes my hometown exceptional is the people. My dad has said many times he could have practiced anywhere in Texas, but he came back to Pampa because it was where he wanted to



Laura Johnson, 1999 Miss Amarillo Area

raise his family. Three of my grandparents and both of my parents grew up in Pampa and returned there to live because they knew this well-kept secret.

A special location in Pampa is the M.K. Brown Civic Center, which is named for a philan-

thropist who lived in Pampa until the early 60s and left most of his fortune in a trust for city improvements. M.K. Brown himself was so proud of Pampa that he left his wealth to be used for the good of the city. Many memorable events have taken place at the civic center

— concerts, dance recitals, parties and the list goes on and on. The point is so many events take place here on a weekly basis, the personality of our town is shaped and seen in many ways at the center.

The location of greatest interest for me is my church. This interest once again goes back to the people and really has nothing to do with the physical structure. Even though I have been at college for the last three years, it is always wonderful to see my old friends and my friends' parents when I return for a visit. These people are the definition of community pride. Most of them are involved in many aspects of the community and they live there because they think there is no better place to live.

When I think about the pride I have for my community, many people come to mind. I think about Jeanne Willingham who has taught dance in Pampa for 51 years and still has the enthusiasm

and the figure of a first year instructor. (My mom took from her.) I think about Rufe Jordan who was our county sheriff for nearly 40 years. I think about Earl Davis who had a radio show every morning for who knows how long. (He gave daily reports to the town when I had surgery in Houston.) I think about the people who prayed for 24-hours the day I had surgery.

Everything changes and looking ahead to the new millennium — nothing is more certain than change. I am sure my hometown will also be affected by change. Our local hospital just began a \$6 million addition and renovation. Earlier this year our junior college broke ground for a totally new campus. Since the town has had so many positive things happening, the secret may not be safe any longer. If it really does take a village, the people of Texas would be hard-pressed to find a better village.



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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

The El Paso Times on the wildlife conservation license plate:

It's about time. The state recently unveiled its first wildlife conservation license plate, complete with a Texas horned frog, aimed at raising money to help preserve habitats of threatened species.

The plate, which features a color illustration of the horned frog and says "Keep Texas Wild" at the bottom, will cost an extra \$25, \$20 of which will go toward the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The revenue from the new plates will be used to promote wildlife diversity, to support research, monitoring and educational programs about Texas wildlife, and for habitat conservation.

The horned frog, as something of an emblem for threatened species, is appropriate for Texas. Once very common, the species has been decimated during the past 20 years as development continues to encroach on habitat. The little reptile is now on Texas' threatened species list.

As Parks and Wildlife executive director Andrew Sansom points out, the beneficial aspect of the plate is that it's a great way for thousands of Texans to help fund state wildlife-conservation work — the lion's share of which traditionally has been funded through hunting and fishing licenses.

Such a license plate was overdue in the Lone State state. More than half of the states have offered wildlife-conservation plates for several years. As a result, they have taken in millions to support their wildlife-conservation efforts. As an example, since 1990, Florida has generated \$19.5 million, while Indiana has generated \$8.5 million since 1993.

Texans should embrace this opportunity to support wildlife conservation.

Houston Chronicle on opposition to Harry Potter books:

The hysterical opposition to the wildly popular "Harry Potter" books proves that some people just can't stand the thought that some child somewhere is having a good time without bothering anybody.

Parents with too much time on their hands have tried to get the books banned from schools and libraries, branding them morbid, hateful, disrespectful, even "sheer evil." Please.

The idea that British author J.K. Rowling's best sellers encourage childhood witchcraft and wizardry is sheer nonsense. Children know the books are just entertaining stories, just as they know that, Peter Pan to the contrary, humans cannot fly without mechanical assistance and do not persist in trying.

While the books stimulate young imaginations, they gently deprecate the notion of wizardry by their absurd treatment of the subject. If only more adults could be dissuaded from clinging to their superstitious delusions.

A recent Gallup poll found that a third of the Americans surveyed believe in ghosts. One in five believes in witches with magical powers and spells.

Many Americans believe not only that this planet is frequently visited by aliens from outer space, but also that they have been abducted by same. A large, overlapping segment of the population thinks the moon landings were fake, but professional wrestling is real.

Fairy tales and other fictions are helpful and perhaps essential in the development of children's imaginations. They also help children learn the nature of reality and the difference between the real and the imaginary.

Americans worried about "Harry Potter" should just be glad that more children are finding pleasure in reading. Children know there are no schools for wizards in their neighborhood, just as they know they don't have to keep clapping for Tinkerbell after a performance of Peter Pan ends.

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Christmas is likely to be 'lively'

Change has been in the air of my life recently.

My home has been dubbed "The Land of the Little People." My youngest daughter recently moved back home, and with her came her three small children.

Gone are the evenings of just listening to the quiet. It is once again organized meal times, homework and getting wet when I'm not the one taking the bath. The washer and dryer seems to run constantly again.

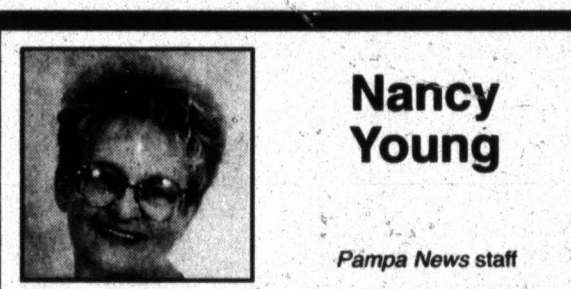
By the time the children are in bed, I'm too tired to enjoy the quiet and find myself putting off to an early bed time, and sleeping very soundly.

My daughter's energy amazes me as she works and goes to school. How she does this day after day is impressive. Of course, she's 30 years younger, too.

The talents of my grandchildren are amazing. Eighteen month old Paige is destined to become an artist. She is such a talented creative artist. My refrigerator has her "original drawings" on it. The blue crayola marks across the front and side make my appliance original.

Paige is also proficient with pink felt-tipped pens. She apparently felt my entry room and hall walls were dull, and has helped me to begin plans of redecorating.

She may also have quite a future in computers, as she recently was able to make the background scene on my PC disappear in a matter of seconds. (It took me considerably longer to replace it.)



Nancy Young

Pampa News staff

Determining the inner workings of appliances and toys seems to be 3-year-old Christian's calling. He is so talented with screw drivers and measuring tape. He has not mastered the use of a saw or hammer yet. Thank heavens!

He loves to sing as he works, too. The turkey gobble song is his favorite. Hopefully, his teacher will be teaching him Rudolph and Jingle Bells soon. I have been trying, but he just laughs at me. His mother says it is because I can't carry a tune.

Five-year-old Peyton will probably become publisher of a newspaper. As she picks up the newspapers from the yard daily, she studies the pictures and wants to know all about the stories. She also likes to tell everyone what to do, especially her younger siblings.

Her teachers describe her as very "social." As she was helping me set up the nativity scene in the yard over the weekend, I was telling her about that long ago year of 1997 when she was only three years old, and she

had come to visit me to help with outdoor decorations.

When she looked into the box containing the nativity scene. Bright-eyed with those innocent brown eyes, she reached in the box and exclaimed, "Jesus," as she swept him in her arms. As she looked further in the box, recognition swept her face again. "Mary," she said. Her eyes quickly darted to the remaining figure. "Daddy," she said.

As I related this story to her, she giggled and said, "Nana, everybody knows that is Joseph." I explained to her that she had learned a lot since then and was proud she knew it was Joseph. She also proudly added that she knew that it was an angel hovering above the nativity scene.

As we were scanning the decorations, Paige had already located the stockings. She was putting one on both of her short legs. Christian located the ornaments of wagons and cars, and was seeing if they really rolled.

Saturday evening, as the little darlings were preparing to watch Babe, the VCR quit working. Quickly, I called my daughter at her job and informed her we had a crisis. She knew that a cleaning tape for the VCR was not a luxury, and quickly ran to a local department store as she got off work. That was close!

Christmas promises to be lively around my house this year. My ten-year old Red Heeler has even gotten a lively gait about her. She looks younger and smiles constantly at the little ones.

Now, I won't go so far as to describe me as looking and acting younger though.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 1999. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 2, 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

On this date:

In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1816, the first savings bank in the United States, the Philadelphia

Savings Fund Society, opened for business.

In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1939, New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at 12:01 a.m.

In 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1969, the Boeing 747 jumbo jet made its debut as 191 people, most of them reporters and photographers, flew from Seattle to New York City.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellín.

Ten years ago: President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev held the first talks of their wind-tossed Malta summit aboard the Soviet cruise ship "Maxim Gorky." V.P. Singh was sworn in as prime minister of India.

Don't give up when it comes to politics

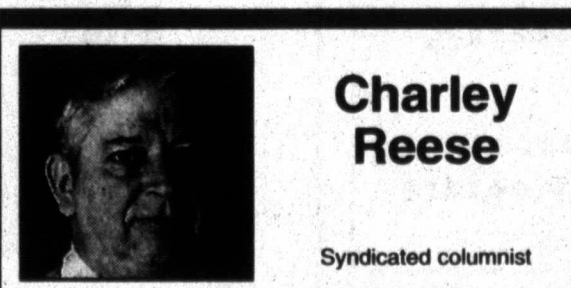
Many Americans feel frustrated by what they perceive to be their inability to influence the national government.

They are right. An ordinary individual has almost no chance of being heard in opposition to well-funded lobbyists and super-rich individuals. But they are wrong to believe that the situation is hopeless.

What most people forget is that when we are talking about influencing political changes, we are talking about organizing. Politics is a collective enterprise. People who are organized can influence government. They do it all the time. Except for those lobbyists hired by corporations or foreign governments, most of the lobbyists in Washington represent citizens who have organized around one or a few issues of special interest to them.

So, if you want to influence government, you need to join an organization or form your own so that what a politician will hear is not a lone individual but many voices saying the same thing. That's the way a democracy in a nation of 270 million people must necessarily function.

An individual congressman today represents about 600,000 people and can receive as many as 300,000 pieces of mail per year. Obviously, no congressman can get to know 600,000 people or read 300,000 letters. The staff will sort through the letters, tabulate them and send out canned responses in most cases. There is no other way to handle that volume of mail.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Conservatives and libertarians especially have a difficult time organizing because they both tend to be individualistic. Nevertheless, if they wish to effect change, they are going to have to change and learn how to organize people around key issues.

A sure way to spot an amateur in politics is when you see someone who demands 100 percent agreement as a basis for a political alliance. Such people are doomed to failure. You take allies who agree with you on the main issues you wish to influence, and you ignore the fact that they may disagree with you on others. If, for example, we both agree that foreign aid should be eliminated, then we can work together on that issue even though you may be a Republican and I may be a Democrat. Our agreement to cooperate starts and stops on the one issue of foreign aid.

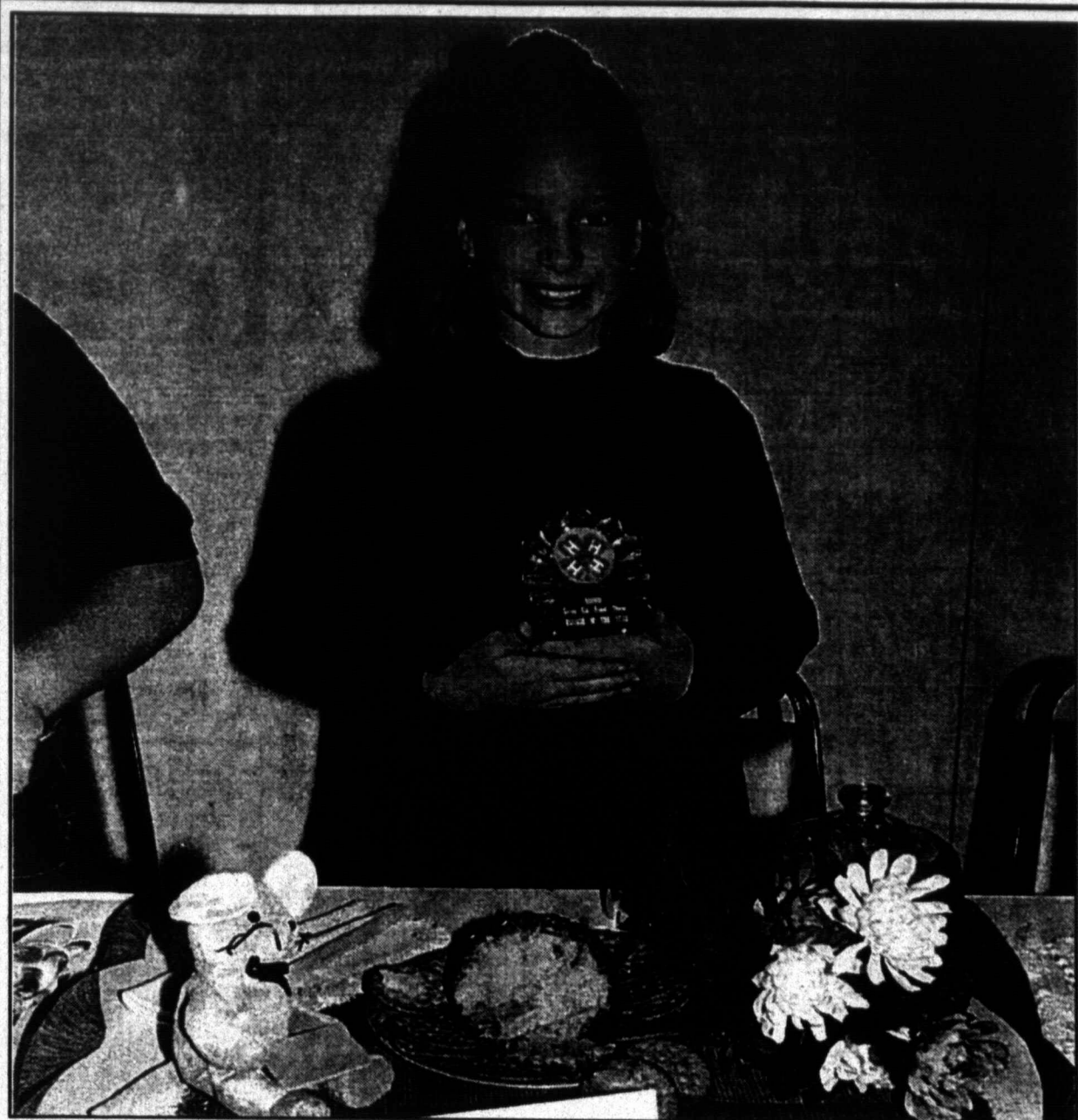
Southerners, for example, have begun to organize themselves to combat the assaults on

our Southern heritage and its Confederate symbols. When we come together, we don't care whether we are Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives. We work together to preserve our common history, heritage and culture.

Politics is a lot of trouble. It costs time and it costs money, but it's better than living in a dictatorship or trying to stage an armed revolution, which is a thousandfold more costly. We have forgotten, many of us, that the price of liberty is not only vigilance but active participation in public affairs.

So don't give up. If you don't belong to any political organizations, join some. Volunteer to work in somebody's campaign. And develop patience; political change comes slowly. Remember this, too: Elections are won by a majority of the turnout, not by a majority of the registered voters, much less of the people — many of whom are not even registered. You don't need to win over the whole population. You just need to get your small band to the polls on election day.

Politics gets a bad rap, but like everything else, it is no better or no worse than the people who are in it. If you want honorable politics, then bring honorable people into it. Personally, I'd like to see more preachers run for office and fewer lawyers. Legislating is not a legal matter, it is a moral and philosophical matter. Finally, don't surrender — either the country or yourself.



Emily Jackson of Lefors took Rookie of the Year recently at the 1999 Gray Co. 4-H Food Show.

Rookie of the Year receives awards during Gray County 4-H Food Show

Nineteen area youth representing four clubs recently competed in the Gray County 4-H Food Show. For competition, 4-H members: completed a Foods and Nutrition Project; a Project Record Form; prepared a nutritious dish; and participated in an interview answering questions about their project and dish.

Those 4-H members receiving top honors and representing Gray County at the District Food Show scheduled for Dec. 4 include:

• Juniors Nicholas Odom, Main Dish, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club; Drake Jackson, Fruits & Vegetables, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; Gabriel Miller, Breads & Cereals, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; and Amanda Lawrence, Nutritious Snacks, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club.

• Intermediates Emily Elliott, Main Dish, Sew Fine 4-H Club; and Emily Nusser, Fruits & Vegetables, Prime Time 4-H Club. Also representing Gray County in the Intermediate Division as alternates to District will be Nicholas Miller, Fruits & Vegetables, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; and Kevin Smith, Breads & Cereals, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club.

• Seniors Cory Jackson, Main Dish, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; and Jessica Fish, Nutritious Snacks, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club.

Also competing in the Food Show this year in the Junior Division:

—Main Dish. Mark Smith, McLean 4-Clover; Rebecca Lawrence, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; Anna Shackelford, McLean 4-Clover.

—Fruits & Vegetables. Kristen Odom, McLean 4-Clover.

—Breads & Cereals. Travis Fish, McLean 4-Clover.

—Nutritious Snacks. Dustin Forsyth, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; Emily Jackson, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; Matt Daugherty, Lefors 5-H 4-H Club; and Lucas Webb, McLean 4-Clover.

The Rookie Of The Year Award — given to a first time participant — went to Emily Jackson of Lefors and the "Best Display" award went to Emily Nusser of Pampa.

The objectives of the Foods and Nutrition Project are:

—Understand the interrelationships between food preparation, science and nutrition.

—Understand that all individuals need the same foods, but in varying amounts, depending on age, sex and lifestyle.

—Develop appropriate eating habits.

—Learn to select and purchase food in order to get the most nutrition for money spent.

—Develop management skills to plan, prepare and serve nutritious and safe meals and snacks.

—Understand the social and cultural roles of food in daily living.

—Develop leadership and work skills to enhance personal growth and citizenship.

For more information about this project or other projects conducted through 4-H, contact the county Extension office at 669-8033.

Hospice Tree of Love brightens throughout year

BSA Hospice will kick-off its annual Tree of Love fund-raiser in Pampa with a tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 on the south lawn of the BSA Hospice office, 800 N. Sumner. Austin Elementary School Choir, directed by Wanetta Hill, will perform Christmas music as special entertainment. Pampa Junior Service League volunteers will host a reception in the Hospice Conference Room following the brief outdoor ceremony.

Each light on the Tree of Love represents a gift to BSA Hospice-Pampa/Borger area. Funds raised by the project will be used to meet the needs of hospice patients and their families that cannot be met through any other means. These needs may include basic hospice care, medications and medical equipment.

bereavement and counseling services or such things as telephones, Lifelines, groceries, dental care or transportation for a family member.

Donations of \$10 or more for each light on the tree may be made in memory or honor of a family member or friends, in celebration of the birth of a child or to observe a special occasion. The names of people who are honored through a gift to the Tree of Love will be displayed on a holiday tree in the lobbies of

the Pampa and Borger Post Offices.

All donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged to the donor and the person or family who is being honored or remembered. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of December.

To learn more about BSA Hospice Tree of Love, call (806) 665-6677. Also, donations may be made to BSA Hospice Tree of Love, P.O. Box 2798, Pampa, TX 79066.

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In the Kmart December 2, 1999 midweek ad circular, on page 5 features the Nintendo 64 Game "Space Invaders". This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's delay in shipping.

We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.



Amarillo National Research Center names new director

AMARILLO — Michael D. Allen, Ph.D. has joined the Amarillo National Research Center staff as an associate director for Research. In his new capacity, Dr. Allen is responsible for managing ANRC's environmental programs, directing and reporting ANRC research activi-

ties, and working with researchers at consortium universities to develop research.

Dr. Allen was formerly chief technical officer of Department of Defense programs for Lockheed Martin's advanced environmental systems. Prior to that, he was a department manager at Sagdia

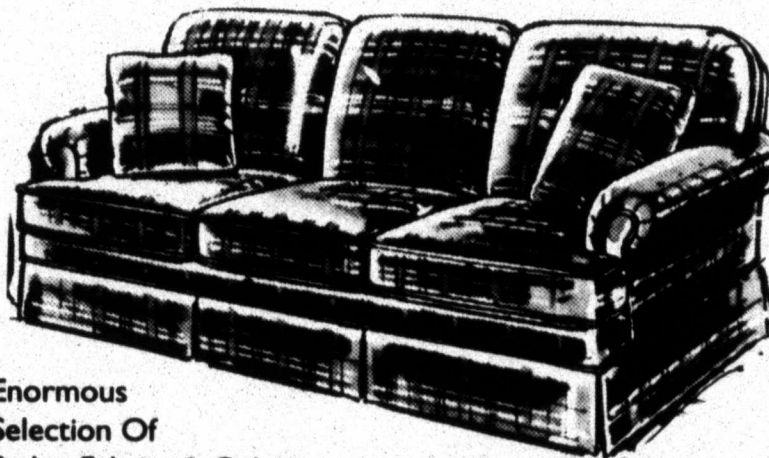
National Laboratories' Nuclear Energy Technology Center. In 1997, Allen went on special assignment from SNL to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he served as technical advisor to the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Chemical Demilitarization. (See, ANRC, Page 7)

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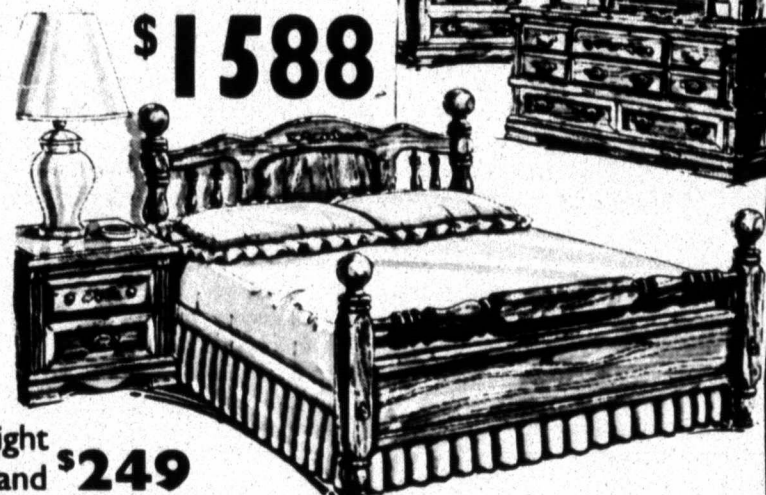


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Ties to Mother-in-Law Endure Despite Divorce From Her Son

DEAR ABBY: After reading your column about outrageous mothers-in-law, I had to write. When I was 17, I married my high school sweetheart. He was only 20. We were entirely too young to get married. However, his mother never said a negative word about it. In fact, she was our most ardent supporter.

The following year, we had a baby boy. We were too immature to have children, but my mother-in-law never said an unkind word. She was extremely kind and generous to my son and to me as well. She never once criticized the way I took care of the baby. When she came to visit, she asked me nicely what I wanted her to do, and then she did it. When I think of this now, it brings a smile.

I was only 19 and knew nothing about babies, but still she respected my wishes as the mother of this child. If she had a negative opinion about me, she kept it to herself.

After a few years, the marriage fell apart. The subsequent divorce and custody battle got very ugly. My mother-in-law never took sides. I am now happily remarried and live about 3,000 miles away from my former mother-in-law. My former husband has also remarried. Neither of us has had any more children, so my 12-year-old son is my former mother-in-law's only grandchild. He visits her every summer, and I keep her up-to-date as much as possible about his activities via e-mail and pictures.

Sometimes people are curious



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

about why I work so hard to keep this connection to my ex-husband's family. After all, according to the world's expectations, we're supposed to "hate" each other, right? Wrong! This lady is a gem. She's a sterling example of how people should treat each other.

She and I had a long talk this summer about this very subject. I told her that I do not "own" my son. He's part of her, too. And I would be doing a grave disservice as a parent to deny my child the gift of knowing this wonderful grandma. I only hope that someday I will be as terrific a mother-in-law and grandmother as she is.

RACHAEL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RACHAEL: I'm sure you will be — because you fully appreciate the maturity, generosity and diplomacy that are required to fulfill those roles. Many people could take a lesson from your former mother-in-law.

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter about checking to see that a security whistle is in working order. Many years ago, I had a persistent obscene caller. Hanging up on him did not dampen his enthusiasm, so I decided to blow a shrill whistle during his next call. As expected, he called late one night, so I grabbed the whistle and began to blow.

Instead of making a shrill noise, the whistle made an odd rattling sound. Undaunted, I continued trying to whistle — but I began to laugh at the pathetic noise. A moment later, the caller asked in an incredulous voice, "What on earth is that noise?" I explained, laughing, "I'm trying to blow a whistle in your ear!" With that, he howled with laughter, hung up and never called back.

STILL LAUGHING IN DALLAS

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: Congratulations. Even though the whistle malfunctioned, you succeeded in "blowing off" the obscene caller. That's a victory.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 3, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You might be overwhelmed by what is going on with a partner or loved one. Allow your energy to help part the waters for others. Sometimes you can accomplish things that others can't. Your efforts will be appreciated. Relish the good will and the moment. Tonight: Let another express his affection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You have abundant energy, but what your imagination might trigger could startle you. You'll feel much better. A co-worker has strong feelings about you, but be sure you want to invite this interest. Think about mixing work and play first. Tonight: Partake in some egg nog and early holiday cheer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your creativity, wit and caring make an unbeatable combination. Know what you want, and others will respond. Recognize how much a key group of friends means to you. Put forth that extra effort to keep communication flowing. Tonight: Make it an early night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Handle personal matters quickly so that you can clear out an overwhelming amount of work. Express your artistic side through your holiday choices.

Others appreciate your creativity, mixed with caring, in your work or personal life. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You could be overwhelmed by the amount of calls and messages that come in. Get organized so you can cover as much ground as possible. Visit with a co-worker or friend over lunch or plan for an early day in order to get together. Tonight: Visit and catch up on news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Make an additional effort toward a partner. Clearly, the two of you have a lot of common ground to cover. An associate has many good money-making ideas, but you might need to invest some of your own money. Tonight: Do some Santa errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You clearly draw attention; others find you attractive and interesting. However, you'll need to make a decision. Determine where you want to establish limits and where you are willing to use your charisma. An offer might actually be too good to be true. Try a little cynicism! Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Focus on getting work done; take time at lunch, if necessary, to clear off your desk. An emotional matter needs to be kept under cover for now — others don't need to know your business. Gather information, do research and postpone a decision for right now. Tonight: Head home first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Make an additional effort to touch base with friends. A meeting proves to be most important and helps you clear out problems that have been

lurking. You could be surprised by how a friend dotes on you. Might he like you more than you thought? Tonight: Friday night at last!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Build on established ground. Your softer side emerges when dealing with a family member. You break down natural barriers, revealing your true self. Realize what another really wants. Get past formalities. Plan a get-together with co-workers in the afternoon. Tonight: Still handling work matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Take time to connect with another at a distance. Discussions involve new techniques and greater efficiency. Work becomes highly demanding, with many new opportunities. Express a greater sense of concern and caring. Others respond wholeheartedly. Tonight: Go caroling or buy Christmas music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Build better relationships by taking time with a partner or co-worker. You both exude good feelings; your bond could develop into more. Clear away any mistletoe quickly, if you don't want that! Work on your Christmas errands. Get into the holiday spirit. Tonight: Get tickets for a concert.

BORN TODAY

Singer Ozzy Osbourne (1948), singer Andy Williams (1930), auto racer Rick Mears (1951)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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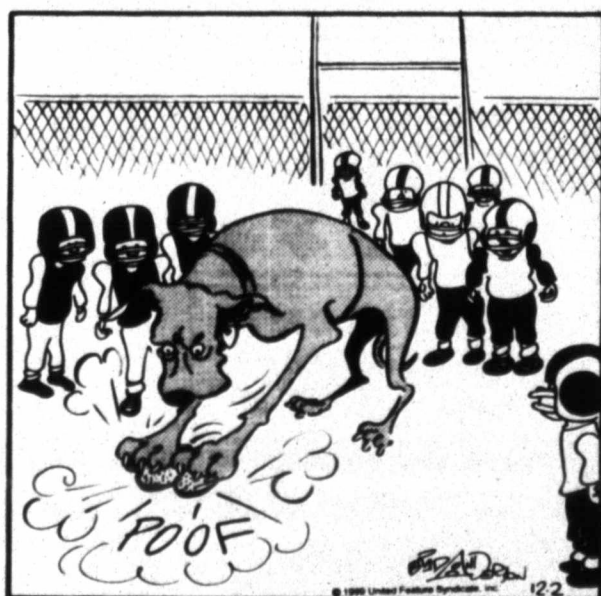
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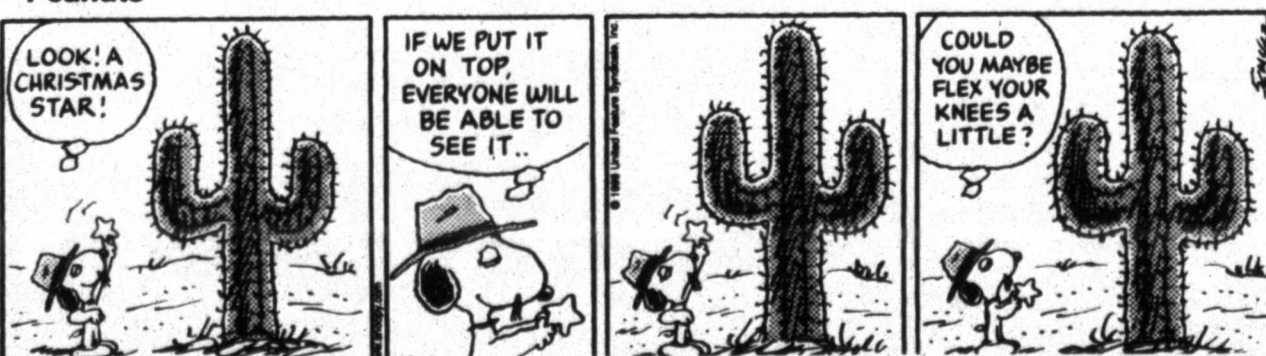
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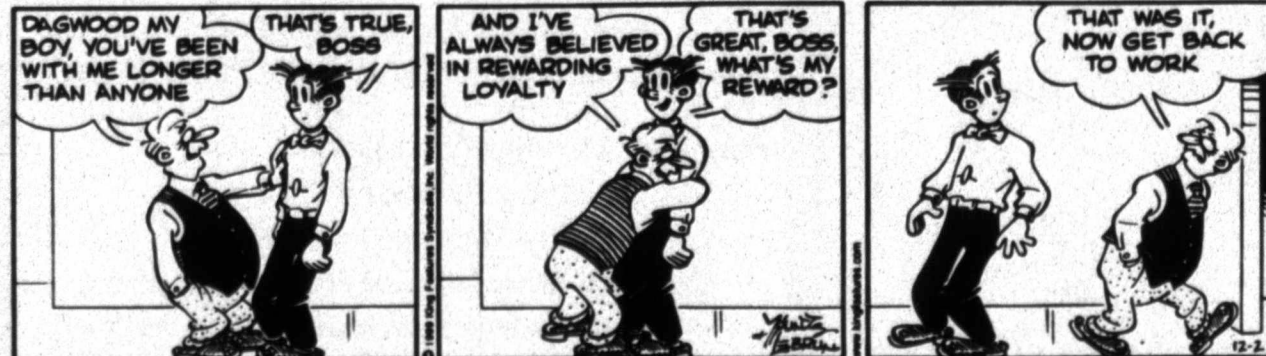
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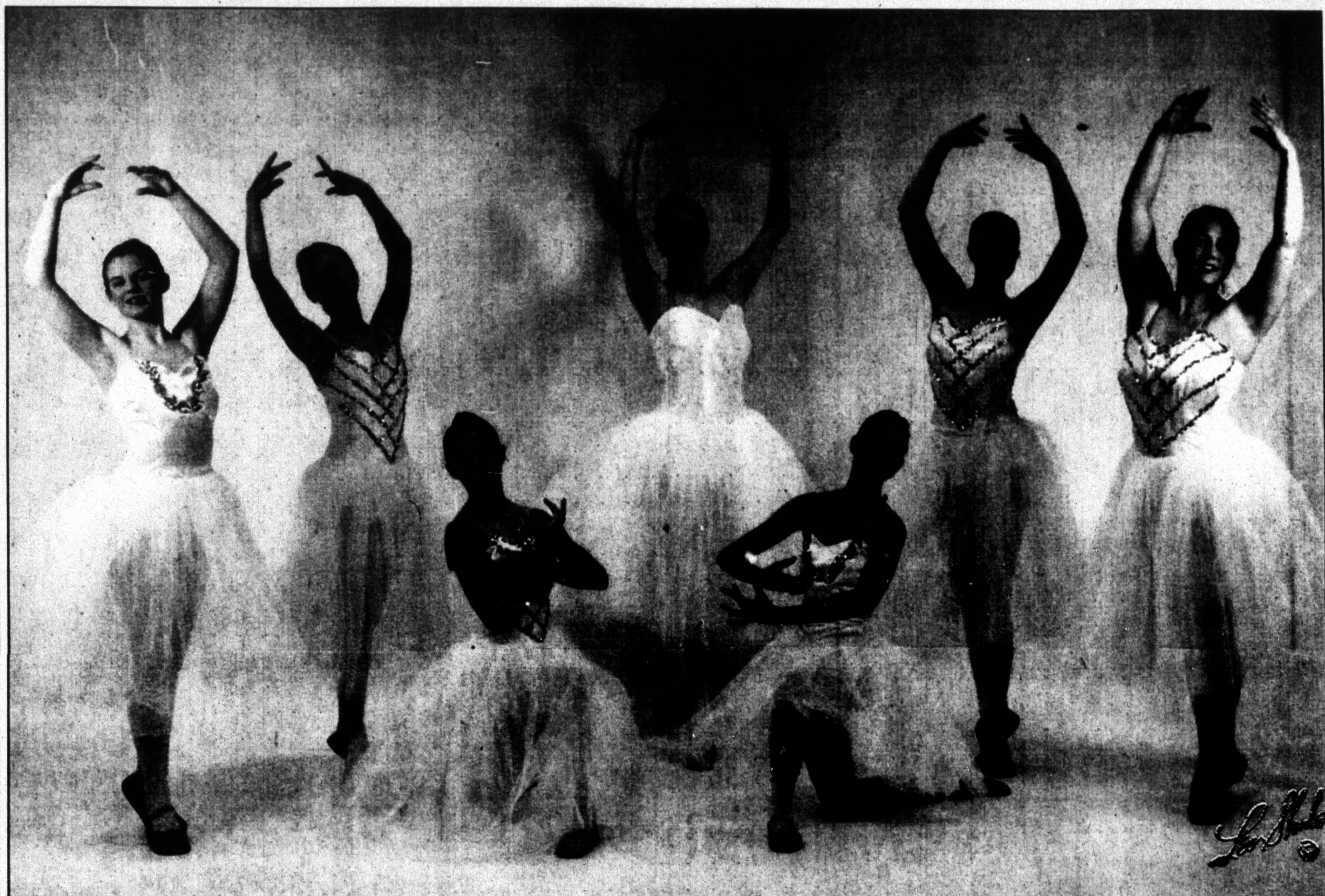
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'The Nutcracker'



Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: Cast as snowflakes are (back, l-r) Stephanie Harbeson, Janis Piersall, Melissa Dodge, Molly Baker, Angie Woelfle, (front) Maegan Wheeler, Brooke Colton. (Special photo)

Study ranks West Texas A&M among low-crime risk campuses

CANYON — West Texas A&M University enjoys the lowest violent crime risk of any residential university in Texas, according to data compiled in the 1999 APBnews.com/CAP Index College Community Crime Risk Assessment.

The study, which ranked all of the nation's 1,497 four-year colleges by neighborhood crime risk, focuses on violent crime, which is defined as murder, rape or robbery. The assessment of neighborhood crime risk looks at the total environment encountered by students as they move around the campus and its surrounding areas.

The institutions are ranked 1 through 1,497, with the largest number representative of the nation's lowest-risk campus environment. WTAMU came in at 1,041, the only public four-year school in Texas to place higher than 1,000 on the list.

"This figure, 1,041, is a significant accomplishment," Eddie

Wilson, WTAMU police chief, said. "It puts us in a category that represents the lower-risk portion of the nation."

CAP Index — its name stands for "Crime Against Persons" — provides neighborhood crime risk assessments to clients that include the U.S. Department of Justice and companies such as the Bank of America, Exxon and McDonalds. APBnews.com has retained CAP Index to provide various crime-risk data consulting services.

The system does not measure actual crime rates but estimates the risk of crime for the coming year through a sophisticated computer model that compares socioeconomic data to past reports of actual crime. Factors that drive CAP Index's estimates of crime risk include household income, family structure, migration patterns, housing values and average level of education.

Wilson believes several factors contributed to WTAMU's solid ranking.

"Our major crime rate has dropped 70 percent since 1992," Wilson said. "And we utilize a pro-active means of crime prevention, which has had a great affect and probably contributed to pushing us out ahead of some other four-year schools that are otherwise quite similar. We have no-tolerance policies for assault as well as for alcohol and drug abuse."

Longer periods of incarceration in Texas, a strong push

within the state toward community policing programs and strong working relations with outside and on-campus organizations are other factors Wilson points to.

"The results of this study are very pleasing," Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, said. "The safety of our students is of utmost importance, so maintaining a safe campus environment is something on which we place a great deal of emphasis."

Anna Maria College, a small Catholic liberal arts school in Paxton, Mass., made the list as the lowest-risk school, No. 1,497.

The highest campus neighborhood risk found in the study was that of Morris Brown College in Atlanta's University Center in Atlanta, Ga., No. 1.

Only two private non-residential institutions in Texas received higher rankings than

WTAMU: DeVry Institute of Technology in Dallas ranks 1,409, while Northwood University in Cedar Hills ranks 1,379 on the list.

Some of the Texas universities that rank beneath WTAMU on the College Community Crime Risk Assessment are Texas A&M University-Commerce at 971; Midwestern State University at 934; and University of Texas-San Antonio at 910.

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ANRC

Dr. Allen received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in nuclear engineering from Texas A&M. He received his Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the University of California-Davis.

ANRC is a research consortium of The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University System and The

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'The Nutcracker'



(Special photos)

Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (left) Deanna McGill as the Dewdrop Fairy and (right) Anna Johnson, Arabian.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-

10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION

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

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. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

First United Methodist Church of White Deer, 101 W. 8th, is presenting "Journey to Bethlehem," a drive-thru live nativity scene, from 6-8 p.m. nightly including two Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12. Admission is free. The nativity includes live animals, costumed Bible characters and 14 viewing stations.

DON AND SYBIL 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 Dec. 13 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. 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) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

Commercial and portrait photographer, Leo Shuler, is showing some of his award-winning photographs at the White Deer Land Museum, 112 S. Cuyler. Shuler has been a photographer for 35 years and his specialty is portraits and

wedding pictures. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free.

U.S.N. ARMED GUARD VETERANS

U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII Naval Service who manned guns and communications on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate

other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky. 1-800-354-9793-9866.

ASAA

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers will offer a 4 1/2-day Personal Property Appraisal seminar in Dallas-Fort Worth Dec. 4-8. The seminar is designed in accordance with the new AQB Minimum Qualifications Criteria for Personal Property Appraisers recently adopted by the Appraisal Foundation in Washington, D.C. For more information write or call: ASAA Seminars, P.O. Box 186, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0186, (208) 733-2323.

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 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
 Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

2nd Week
Sleepy Hollow (R)
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 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
 Fri., Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

3rd Week
Pokemon (G)
 Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00
 Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10
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Clara with the Nutcracker



(Special photo)

Pampa Civic Ballet will present its 28th annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: Shauna Friend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Friend, will play Clara.

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Both the Pampa boys' and girls' junior varsity teams are entered in the Tomahawk Invitational, which tips off today in Miami.

Both Pampa JV teams played the Fort Elliott varsity teams Thursday morning.

Pampa JV boys played Fort Elliott varsity in a recent regular-season game and lost by a score of 77-55.

"The positive thing about that game is that all 11 players for us got in the scorebook," said Pampa coach Ryan Dykes. "We also got to play against a very talented 1A varsity team and that's going to make us a better."

Jon East led Pampa in scoring.

Other teams entered in the tournament are Spearman, White Deer, Groom, Trinity, Wellington, Borger JV, Booker, Samnorwood, Follett, Claude, Hedley, Dumas JV, Miami and McLean.

The championship games are set for 7 and 8:30 Saturday night.

PHOENIX (AP) — A double-overtime loss filled with unpopular calls resulted in a straight overtime game.

Barkley's uncharacteristically brief remarks after the Houston Rockets lost to Phoenix 128-122 Wednesday night, the Suns' seventh victory in a row, were aimed squarely at the game's lead official.

"We lost the game because of one reason — Mike Mathis," Barkley said. "I ain't going to say nothing else. He's a bad official."

Barkley, called for a foul while going for a rebound after teammate Kelvin Cato missed a free throw with 3.5 seconds left in the first overtime, has a history of run-ins with Mathis, one of seven officials who resigned following tax charges last year.

"He's been bad the whole time I've been in the league," Barkley said. "He cost us the game, and I hate that he's back in the league."

Barkley's blast punctuated a wild night at America West Arena, where the Suns fell behind by 16 points in the first half and 15 in the third quarter.

The Rockets' third consecutive overtime game tied an NBA record. They lost at Portland on Friday and won at Vancouver on Sunday, becoming the first team since Milwaukee in December 1997 to play three straight OT games.

The Suns' Rodney Rogers was ejected with 44.4 seconds left in regulation on a play that tied the game for Houston, and the Rockets' Steve Francis left the game with an injured left ankle 24 seconds later.

"There were a lot of controversial calls in different directions at the end," Phoenix coach Danny Ainge said. "I'm sure they're not happy with some, but we weren't happy with some either."

Cliff Robinson scored a season-high 25 points, including 4-of-6 3-pointers. Hardaway had 21 points, eight assists and eight rebounds. Kidd, despite a 5-for-19 shooting night, had 17 points, 11 assists, eight rebounds and four steals.

"We stay among the leaders in the Western Conference, and we showed some character," Kidd said, "because we were down a lot."

Tom Gugliotta scored four of his 19 points in the second overtime for the Suns. Gugliotta scored inside and Hardaway sank a 3-pointer to start the second overtime and the Rockets never caught up again.

Hardaway's steal on Shandon Anderson's pass led to Todd Day's layup that sealed it 126-122 with 31.3 seconds left.

Hardaway and Kidd had a hand in virtually every Phoenix play in the two overtimes.

Search for new Texas Tech coach nearly over

"I feel the (interview) process went well with me. I met all the people involved in the decision-making."

— Rich Rodriguez

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The active search for a new head football coach for Texas Tech University is nearly over, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported today.

The newspaper quoted "sources" as saying the search has nearly reached its conclusion.

Athletic Director Gerald Myers said Wednesday he has narrowed his current list to "about five" can-

didates. They include Clemson offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez, Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach and New Mexico State head coach Tony Samuel.

Rodriguez has visited Lubbock twice for an interview and was told by Myers that the active search might be done by today.

Myers, who is leading the search to replace the recently

retired Spike Dykes, declined to divulge the names of other candidates but said no new in-person interviews have been planned.

The next step of the process will be more talks with candidates and university officials.

Myers says the university hopes to name a new coach next week. He denied that the school has made a decision to hire Rodriguez.

According to state law, Tuesday is the earliest Tech could name a new coach because the position is required to have been open to applicants for at least 10 working days.

Tech chancellor John Montford cited the state guideline Wednesday in saying the process remains open and he doesn't consider the search over yet.

"New names have come in

(Wednesday)," said Montford, who declined to disclose them.

Myers has received "several" calls about the opening and will continue to leave open the possibility of additional interviews.

He conducted a first in-person interview at El Paso Tuesday with Samuel, 44. He also contacted Leach, 39, and Rodriguez, 36, by phone that day.

Leach, the former offensive coordinator at Kentucky, did not return phone calls from the Lubbock newspaper.

Myers said he was not scheduled for another in-person interview and had already visited with him "extensively" after Oklahoma played Tech in Lubbock Nov. 20.

Rodriguez made visits to Lubbock on Nov. 22 and Nov. 26. On his latter visit, he brought his wife, Rita, and told the newspaper

he was "looking at neighborhoods" to get a feel for the city.

"I feel good," Rodriguez, the offensive coordinator at Tulane from 1997-98, told the newspaper.

"I feel the (interview) process went well with me. I met all the people involved in the decision-making," he said. "I feel pretty good about everything, but nothing further is scheduled right now."

Myers said he would talk to Rodriguez again and added that he researched several other candidates, including Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt and Georgia Tech offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen.

Both Richt and Friedgen told the Lubbock newspaper they would be interested. Myers says he has not talked to either of them and said he doesn't plan to.

Pampa Takedown Club competes in Raider Rumble

AMARILLO — The Pampa Takedown Club completed in a wrestling tournament last weekend in Amarillo.

The local wrestlers turned in an outstanding performance and are improving every week.

Pampa results from the Raider Rumble are as follows:

Open Division

Division One: 40 pounds — Cameron Wall, first place; 46 pounds — Aric Wagner, fifth place.

Division Two: 52 pounds — Coleby West, second place; 52 pounds — Justin Young, third place.

Division Three: 55 pounds — Richard Leal, third place; 61 pounds — Kasey Urquhart, fifth place.

Division Four: 110 pounds — Brandon Young, third place; 135 pounds — Dusty Langley,

first place.

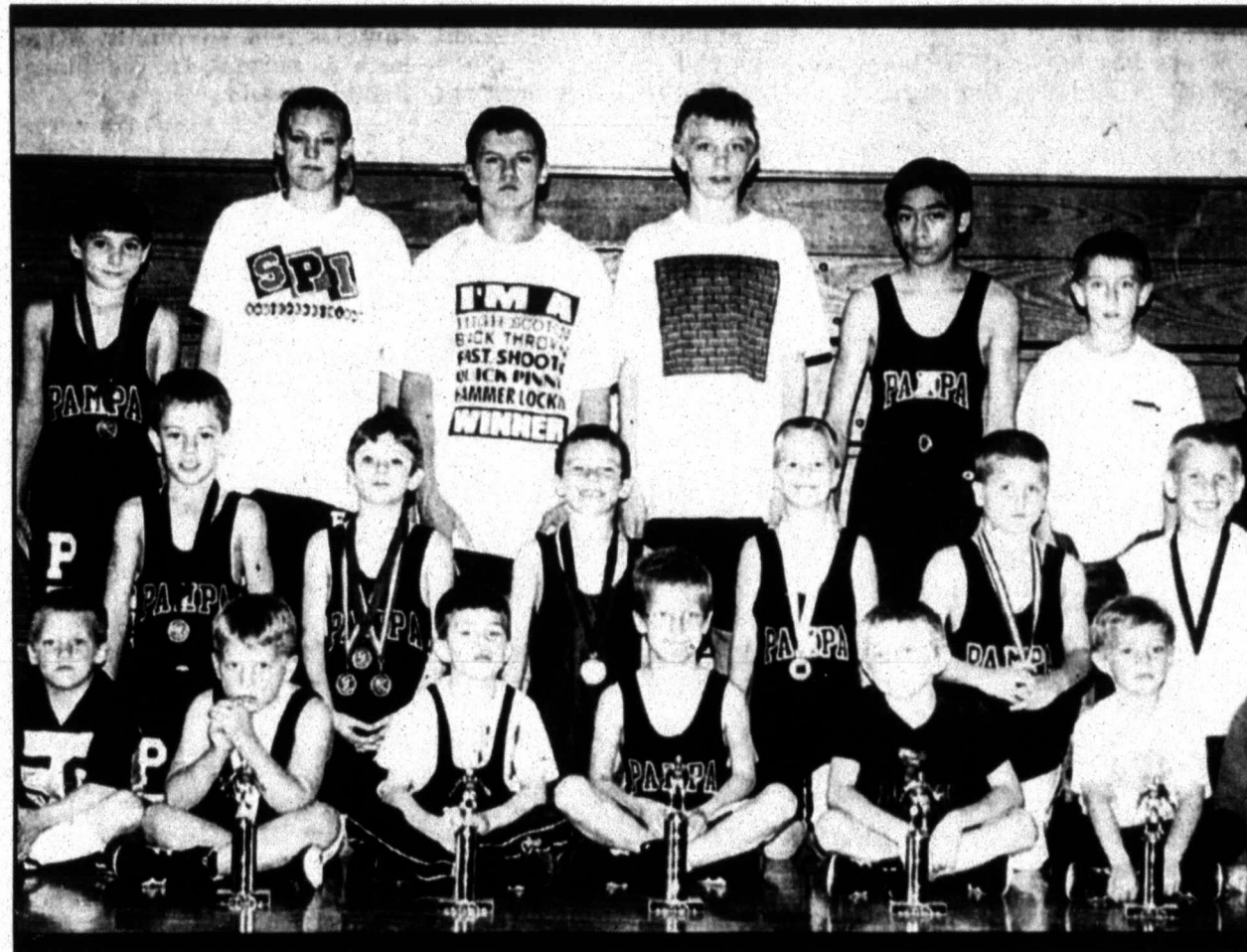
Division Five: 95 pounds — Demetrio Martinez, third place; 135 pounds — Dusty Langley, ninth place; 135 pounds — Stephanie Willoughby, 10th place.

Rookie Division

Division One: 46 pounds — Connor Wilson, fifth place; 52 pounds — Steven Botello, fifth place; 56 pounds — Trent Carter, third place; 65 pounds — Zachary Bradley, first place; 65 pounds — Ryan Pearson, fourth place; 65 pounds — Brandon Chariez, sixth place.

Division Two: 52 pounds — Kade Wilson, third place; 55 pounds — Keith Stevens, fourth place; 70 pounds — Reid Bradley, third place.

Division Three: 55 pounds — Richard Leal, first place; 58 pounds — Greg Wariner, third place; 64 pounds — Ryan Goldsmith, third place.



Takedown Club members who participated in the Raider Rumble were: (front row, from left) Connor Wilson, Ryan Pearson, Aric Wagner, Coleby West, Justin Young, Cameron Wall and Kade Wilson; (middle row, from left) Ryan Goldsmith, Richard Leal, Trent Carter, Keith Stevens, Zachary Bradley and Reid Bradley; (back row, from left) David Tatum, Stephanie Willoughby, Dusty Langley, Brandon Young, Demetrio Martinez, Kasey Urquhart and Steven Botello.

Canadian up against pass-happy Boyd

CANADIAN — Canadian meets unbeaten Boyd at 7 p.m. Saturday in Vernon in a Class 2A Division One semifinal contest. Canadian has a 12-1 record while Boyd is 13-0.

The Wildcats beat Ozona 35-16 last weekend to earn their second straight trip to the semifinals. The Wildcats enter the

game averaging 386 yards per game and holding opponents to only 148 yards a game. Their only loss came against Childress in a 21-20 heartbreaker.

Boyd, which operates out of a shotgun formation, presents a problem for Canadian.

"Boyd is fun to watch, but they're not fun to get ready for,"

said Canadian head coach David Flowers. "They run a shotgun, a no-huddle offense, which is something we haven't seen before."

Boyd's offense is led by quarterback Kaleb Tierce and receiver Brandon Autry.

"Autry is 6-5 and ran the high hurdles at the state track meet last year, so he's pretty fast."

Boyd beat defending Division One champion Paul Pewitt 19-6 last week.

Canadian displayed an overpowering force on both offense and defense in rolling past Ozona 35-16 last week.

Fullback Eric Hall rushed for 91 yards on 14 carries and scored a touchdown. Quarterback Derek Maupin threw two touchdown passes to Nathan Reyes and Maupin has now thrown 21 touchdowns this season.

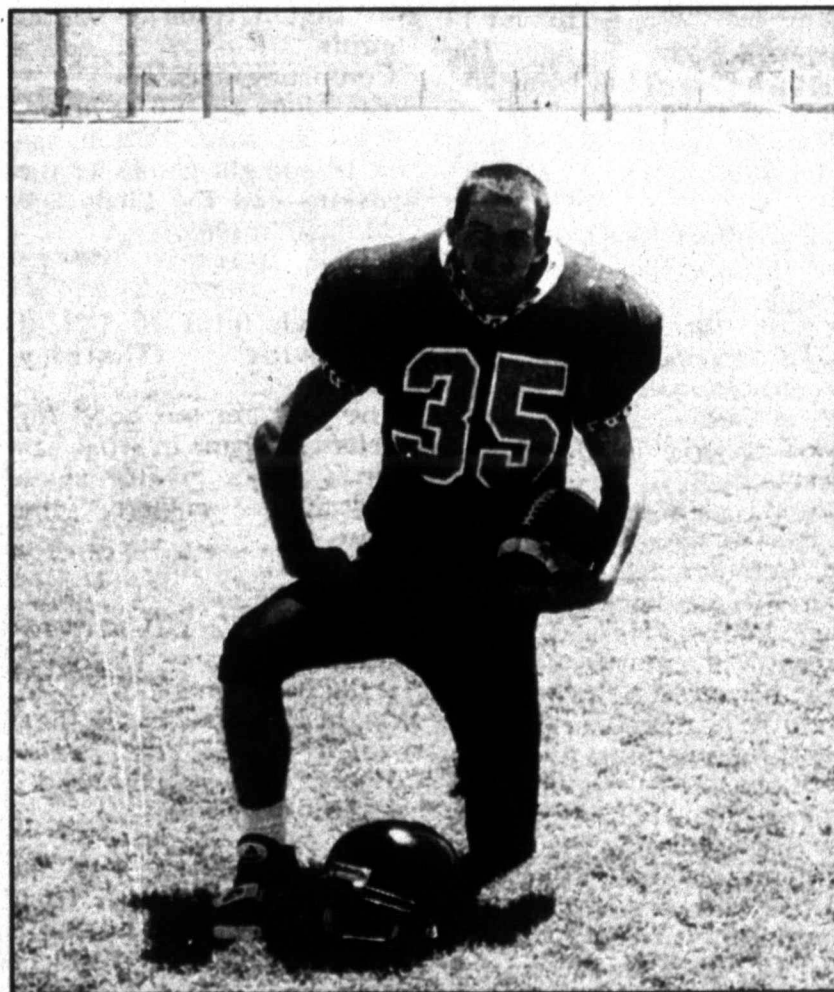
Tailback George Peyton scored his 18th touchdown of the season in the lopsided win over Ozona.

Canadian's defense also scored when end Coleman Bartlett returned a fumble 81 yards to the end zone.

The Wildcats' defense is dominated by seniors. Tackles Eddie Schwartz and Chris Minick, nose-guard Lance Krough, safety Clay Evans, ends Peyton and Bartlett, linebackers Donnie Flowers, Hall and Capp Culver, cornerbacks Tristan Carr and Nathan Reyes are the starters. Bartlett, Culver and Reyes are juniors while the rest are seniors.

Canadian's only weakness appears to be a depleted roster.

"We don't have good depth, we're pretty thin. We've been real fortunate not to get anybody hurt," Flowers added.



(Pampa News photo)

Clay Evans is the starting safety for the 12-1 Wildcats

Red Raiders roll past North Texas, 100-70

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Jayson Mitchell scored a career-high 25 points Wednesday, leading Texas Tech to a 100-70 victory against North Texas and the Red Raiders' third consecutive win.

Texas Tech (3-1) won for the first time in two tries at United Spirit

Arena, the school's new \$62 million sports center, following a season-opening loss to Indiana.

The Red Raiders broke open a close game late in the first half with a 13-2 scoring run that was highlighted by 6 points by Mario Layne and 4 by Rayford Young.

North Texas (1-3) built a 23-20 lead midway through the first half behind the scoring of Chris Davis, who paced the Eagles with 24 points.

The Red Raiders then opened the second half by holding North Texas without a field goal for the first 5:56.

Applewhite, Simoneau named AP Big Twelve Players Of The Year

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Associated Press Big 12 defensive and offensive players of the year won't need to be introduced at this winter's awards banquets.

Major Applewhite might even say he already knows Mark Simoneau all too well.

Simoneau, Kansas State's senior linebacker, intercepted a pass from Texas' sophomore quarterback and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown as the Wildcats beat the Longhorns 35-17 on Oct. 2.

"I made him defensive player of the year," Applewhite laughed. "Seriously, he's a great ball player. His speed, size, strength and aggressiveness makes him a real threat on the field. I think he's best linebacker maybe we've played against."

On Wednesday, a panel of media representatives named Applewhite the Big 12's top offensive player and Simoneau the No. 1 defensive star.

At the same time, Oklahoma

quarterback Josh Heupel and Kansas safety Carl Nesmith were named the offensive and defensive newcomers of the year.

Simoneau, a 6-foot, 240-pound native of tiny Smith Center, Kan., moved from outside linebacker to middle linebacker in 1996 and immediately became a star in one of the toughest defenses in the nation. This year, no longer overshadowed by the graduated Jeff Kelly, he assumed more of a leadership role as the Wildcats went 10-1 in a year that should have been for rebuilding, losing only to Nebraska.

He finished the season with a team-high 91 tackles, which was his lowest output as a four-year starter, and had a career-high 6.5 sacks.

"You listen to all the preseason stuff, people thought we'd have a down year," Simoneau said. "Heck, our whole team was supposed to have a down year, but we wound up 10-1. If 10-1 is what you do in a down year, that's great. And I was glad I was part of it."

7th graders beat Canyon

PAMPA — Brittin East tossed in 23 points as Pampa downed Canyon 53-47 in a 7th grade basketball game.

Teammate Seth Foster added 11 points.

Pampa 7th graders improved their record to 3-0.

Other results are as follows:

7th Grade
Pampa B 38, Canyon B 23

P - Ricky Gattis 13, Janssen Eilenberger 8, Eric McClure 6.

Pampa record: 3-0.

8th Grade
Canyon 44, Pampa 37

P - Johnny Moore 7, Johnny

Story 7, Jed Martin 7.

Pampa record: 0-3.

Canyon B 45, Pampa B 35

P - Jake Hopkins 10, Andy

Rogers 8, Britton White 5.

Pampa record: 2-1.

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Pampa 7th and 8th graders are entered in tournaments in Dumas and Canyon, starting today. Dumas hosts a B tournament while Canyon hosts an A tournament.

The next home games will be Dec. 9 against Valleyview and Westover Park.

Nebraska trying to fix fumbles

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Frank Solich is willing to laugh at the glue, gloves and some of the other suggestions fans have come up with for helping the Cornhuskers hang on to the football.

He won't be laughing Saturday if No. 3 Nebraska's fumble problems continue in the Big 12 championship game against No. 12 Texas, the only team to beat the Huskers this season.

"As a staff, when we go over the tape, there have not been many chuckles whenever fumbles have occurred," he said. "Our players know how serious it is. Our players know that in order to beat a great team like Texas, we can't have happen what has happened to us — certainly what happened the last time we played Texas."

The Huskers (10-1 overall, 7-1 Big 12) fumbled twice inside the Texas 20, including once at the goal line, in a 24-20 loss to the Longhorns (9-3, 6-2) in October. The rematch is Saturday in San Antonio, Texas.

Nebraska has set a team record for fumbles this season

with 47, breaking the mark of 46 set in 1967. The Huskers have lost 23 fumbles, which is three shy of the team record set in 1954.

"What we need to do is just have a stretch where it doesn't happen. I guess you could certainly say we're due," Solich said.

Coughing the ball up nearly proved costly again last week at Colorado when running back Dan Alexander couldn't handle an option pitch at the Buffaloes 16. Colorado recovered and drove for what was nearly a game-winning field goal that drifted wide. Nebraska won 33-30 in overtime.

Solich said fumbles are always a risk when running the option, but a lot of the Huskers' turnovers have come from players who just aren't hanging on to the ball. He said fans have tried to help.

"We've gotten gloves. We've gotten glue," Solich said. "Somebody sent me a football with a handle on it when I was coaching running backs. Over the years, if I had kept what I'd been sent I'd have a pretty good collection of things. But that's just the way it is. If you're not

doing something well, you know and everybody knows."

The Huskers say thinking too much about fumbles can lead to them. They know fumbling like they did against Texas the first time could easily lead to another loss.

"It definitely puts us in a tough position to have that many turnovers or that many balls on the ground," quarterback Eric Crouch said. "Sometimes, maybe it seems like if you're focusing on taking care of the ball and not just being a runner on the field and you're thinking about not fumbling. Maybe you're thinking about it too much and maybe that's what's happening."

Solich said looking back, he wouldn't call the option in the same situation when Alexander dropped the pitch in Colorado. But he didn't hesitate in overtime to go back to Alexander, who took a handoff and broke an 11-yard run that set up Crouch's game-winning dive.

Solich, a former fullback with the Huskers in the 1960s, is confident the number of Nebraska fumbles will eventually come back to normal. He just hopes it's this season.



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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowl Games
At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
(Subject to change)
Saturday, Dec. 18
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payout: \$1.2 million
Utah (8-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
MEAC vs. SWAC, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Wednesday, Dec. 22
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: \$800,000
Texas Christian (7-4) vs. East Carolina (9-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray vs. Blue, Noon (ABC)
Cebu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$800,000
Arizona State (6-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$750,000
Oregon State (7-4) vs. Hawaii (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: \$750,000
Marshall or Western Michigan vs. Brigham Young (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.2 million
Big 12 No. 4 vs. Penn State (9-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$750,000
SEC vs. Syracuse (6-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$1.8 million
Big 12 No. 3 vs. Washington (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Boise State (9-3) vs. Louisville (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Micropc.com Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$750,000
Virginia (7-4) vs. Illinois (7-4), 7 p.m. (TBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$1.6 million
SEC vs. Clemson (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Payout: \$750,000
Big East vs. Big 12 No. 5, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1 million
Oregon (8-3) vs. Minnesota (8-3), 2:15 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1 million
SEC vs. Big 12, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$1.9 million
SEC vs. Purdue (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Payout: \$2.5 million

Scoreboard

At Dallas
Big 12 No. 2 vs. SEC, 11 a.m. (FOX)
College Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.4 million
Georgia Tech (8-3) vs. Big East No. 2, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$3.8 million
Florida-Alabama (SEC title game) losers vs. Michigan State (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$12 million
Stanford (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-13 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. BCS, 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 2
Piesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$11-13 million
BCS vs. BCS, 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Super Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$11-13 million
Florida State (11-0) vs. BCS No. 2, 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 15
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 22
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
2:30 p.m. (TBS)
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Hawaii
4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 29
Gridiron Classic
At Orlando, Fla.
2 p.m. (ESPN2)

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	3	.800	—
New York	8	8	.500	4 1/2
Boston	7	7	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	8	9	.471	5
Orlando	7	8	.467	5
Washington	5	11	.313	7 1/2
New Jersey	2	13	.133	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	9	6	.600	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	1/2
Indiana	9	7	.563	1/2
Charlotte	8	7	.533	1
Detroit	7	9	.438	2 1/2
Atlanta	6	9	.400	3
Chicago	1	12	.077	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	3	.813	—
Minnesota	7	5	.583	4
Utah	6	6	.571	4
Denver	7	7	.500	5
Dallas	5	11	.313	8
Houston	4	12	.250	9
Vancouver	3	12	.200	9 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	10	2	.833	1 1/2
Portland	14	3	.824	—
L.A. Lakers	12	4	.750	1 1/2
Seattle	11	4	.733	2
Phoenix	11	4	.733	2
L.A. Clippers	4	10	.286	8 1/2
Golden State	2	12	.143	10 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 107, Toronto 89
Washington 85, New Jersey 78
Cleveland 106, Dallas 99
Sacramento 111, Orlando 102
Minnesota 109, Denver 92
Philadelphia 74, New York 70
San Antonio 106, Detroit 87
L.A. Lakers 101, Seattle 77

Phoenix 94, L.A. Clippers 80
Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 111, Washington 108
Miami 90, Philadelphia 83
Phoenix 128, Houston 122, 2OT
Denver 100, Detroit 96
Indiana 96, Vancouver 89
Portland 94, Charlotte 90
L.A. Lakers 93, Golden State 75
Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Nick

Levy manager for Charlotte of the

International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Grady

Little bench coach. Re-signed Dan Williams,

working coach.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with

OF Mike Cuddihy on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed DH Chili

Davis on waivers for the purpose of giving

him his unconditional release.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with SS

Manny Alexander on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Named Cotton Nye

and Mark Corey as scouts.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Pat Hernan

ticket and public relations manager for the

team's Brevard County operations.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to

terms with RHP Mike Jackson on a one-year

contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed G

Chris Carr.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Activated G

Kobe Bryant from the injured list. Placed G-

F DeSean George on the injured list.

MIAMI HEAT—Placed G Tim Hardaway on

the injured list. Activated F Harold Jamison

from the injured list.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Placed F-C

Jermaine O'Neal on the injured list. Activated

C-Joe Kleine from the injured list.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Activated G

Dennis Scott from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR

Tyroe Goodson from the practice squad.

Signed LB Deon Humphrey to the practice

squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Placed WR Brett

Seach on injured reserve. Signed DT Robert

Newkirk.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed QB

Scott Milanovich to a one-year contract.

Waived WR Yo Murphy. Released OT

DeMarcus Curry from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled LW Jay

Henderson from Providence of the AHL.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled G Aren

Miller from Cincinnati of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned C Rob

Murray to Hamilton of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Placed F Mark

Lawrence and D Rich Pilon on waivers.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Claimed D Rich

Pilon off waivers from the New York

Islanders.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Traded C Rob

Murray to the Edmonton Oilers for C Eric

Houde. Assigned Houde and RW Tavis

Hansen to Springfield of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Ladislav

Nagy to Worcester of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned F

Jarkko Ruutu to Syracuse of the AHL.

Colts may have trouble in Miami

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

With first place in the AFC East on the line, something has to give when the Indianapolis Colts play at Miami.

The Colts have won seven straight and have scored fewer than 25 points in a game just twice — 16 and 13 in wins over the Jets. The Dolphins are 4-1 at home and have allowed just 69 points there, an average of less than 14 a game.

The oddsmakers seem to believe in the Colts. The Dolphins are a 2-point favorite for Sunday's game, but that's one less than they would normally get for the home field — and a team as good at home as Miami often gets more.

Step back in time. The Dolphins beat the Colts in Indianapolis 34-31 with Dan Marino playing like vintage Marino. He put up 23 points in the fourth quarter to rally Miami with the help of a controversial replay call.

But Marino threw five interceptions in Dallas on Thanksgiving in his first game back after missing five weeks with a neck injury. But the Colts' defense seems to have improved.

The Colts' offense has been no problem, except against the Jets. And Indianapolis needs this win badly. If the Colts lose, they're tied at 9-3 with the Dolphins, but Miami will hold the tiebreaker.

Hunch.

COLTS, 20-19

Minnesota (minus 2 1/2) at Tampa Bay (Monday night)
Irresistible force (the Vikings' offense) vs. immovable object (the Bucs' defense). Or movable object

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(Vikings' D) vs. resistible force (Bucs' O).

Jeff George vs. Shawn King. Five-game winning streak (Vikings) vs. three-game winning streak (Bucs).

VIKINGS, 24-23

Washington (plus 3 1/2) at Detroit

Conflicting stats. The Lions are 5-0 at home, 2-4 on the road. Detroit has lost 18 straight games to the Redskins and the Lions last beat them in 1965.

LIONS, 31-24

Pittsburgh (plus 10 1/2) at Jacksonville (Thursday night)

The Jags are too good (or Steelers too bad) in what has been a major rivalry since Jacksonville entered the league.

JAGUARS, 31-10

Dallas (plus 2 1/2) at New England

If the Pats are sinking (three straight losses), why are they favored? Because the Cowboys are 1-5 on the road.

PATRIOTS, 13-10

St. Louis (minus 7) at Carolina

The Rams clinch early. RAMS, 31-20

Seattle (plus 1) at Oakland

Somehow, Mike Holmgren won't let the Seahawks lose two straight.

SEAHAWKS, 24-21

New York Jets (minus 2 1/2) "at" New York Giants

Spouting stars: Keyshawn Johnson is angry with some Jets teammates; Michael Strahan and Jessie Armstead are angry with the Giants' offense.

JETS, 6-2

Tennessee (plus 3 1/2) at Baltimore

The Ravens play just badly enough to lose. Jevon Kearse plus Tony Banks equals turnovers.

TITANS, 16-13

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