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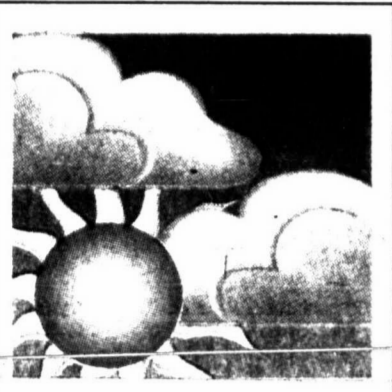
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**HOUSTON (AP)** — A Louisiana woman died Friday after a spotlight fell and struck her at a Houston hotel.  
Police said three other people were hurt in the pre-dawn New Year's accident at the downtown Hyatt.  
Investigators said the 200-pound spotlight fell several stories and crushed 33-year-old Tracy Guy of Kenner, La. Ms. Guy died later at Ben Taub Hospital.

**NIXON, Texas (AP)** — A Gonzales County deputy responding to a disturbance call over loud music was wrestled to the ground and shot with his own weapon on Friday, officials said.  
Deputy Randall Boop was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Victoria with a gunshot wound to the hip. He was listed in stable condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.  
A manhunt continued through the evening for the shooter, who was thought to be armed with the deputy's gun and hiding in the town of Nixon.

Dozens of law enforcement officers from surrounding counties and the Department of Public Safety assisted in the search that began in late afternoon near Nixon, said Sgt. Steve Skinner of the Gonzales County Sheriff's Department.  
Authorities have identified the shooter who fled with another man after the disturbance call but did not release his name.

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News*.

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## Commission haggles over pay request

### Low oil prices have commission discussion possible county employee layoffs.

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

What is a job worth and should the Gray County Commission change the pay scale for one position?  
That question came up during last week's commission meeting because Assistant Treasurer Judy Rutledge is resigning. Treasurer Scott Hahn told the

court he had found a woman who will be getting her CPA license in February who expressed interest in the county position.  
Hahn said the position is very demanding since it deals with IRS and insurance matters and said, "We struck a gold mine being able to talk to a CPA but CPA's don't work for \$21,715.20"

The \$21,715 figure is the amount currently budgeted for the assistant treasurer position. Hahn said he went to ask for an increase last year for Rutledge but held off because the Commission was discussing the possibility of incorporating a step system of pay for county employees.  
Hahn pointed out several cases where extra training had resulted in a pay increase for an individual. He requested the annual salary for the position be raised to \$27,720.

Asked by Commissioner Joe Wheeley how he came up with that figure, Hahn said that was the salary set in the 1999 budget for the assistant auditor.  
"I feel at the very least those two positions are comparable," Hahn said. "I would be certainly open to the possibility that you could approve this based on the person I am hiring and not have it set in stone."

County Judge Richard Peet asked, "Judy is not a CPA. Is it required to have a CPA in that position?"  
Hahn said it was not. Peet said Rutledge had done a "fantastic job", and Hahn agreed, saying the county had been very lucky to keep her.  
Commissioner Jim Greene said, "When we hire somebody in the county, we put them on a lower wage than the one they

are replacing to see if they work out. At the end of six months we raise their salary if they are capable. We didn't give anybody raises this year, I hate to see you step somebody up that far on the first day they go to work. I hate to see this happen at this time."

"I know that since I've been on the board, and some of you too, we've had certain elected officials come to us and ask that a certain position be increased," said Commissioner Gerald Wright. "We went along with the office holder because they are the ones that are primarily responsible for that office."

Wright asked if Auditor Elaine Morris or Tax Assessor Sammie Morris, who were in the courtroom, had any comments.

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## Renovations at Lake McClellan first since 1960s

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

Two new shower houses and increased handicapped accessibility are two of the more recent improvements being made at Lake McClellan.

Appropriated federal funding valued at \$650,000 for McClellan has allowed Gray County and the U.S. Forest Service to work together the last two years on projects including dredging, new restroom facilities, and repavement of area roads.

The state also has contributed to lake improvements by providing prison labor for projects, according to Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright.  
The decision to build shower houses this year, said U.S. Forest Service Engineer Christine Adam, was based on input given by a focus group set up to discuss potential McClellan changes.

The lake hasn't had any major renovations since the 1960s.  
Other improvements in process include upgrading camping spaces to make them large enough for RVs. And by the end of the year, all sites will be handicapped accessible to some degree, said Adam.  
The local economy is getting a boost from the improvements in more way than one, according to Commissioner Wright, because supplies are purchased here whenever possible.

In addition, said Adam, any work the county or state prisoners can't do is offered to local contractors.  
Future endeavors at the lake include more dredging to provide a depth which will help retain water longer. In the next several years, tentative plans are being made to replace toilets on the south side of the lake.  
Also, this summer's schedule includes putting a new toilet at fisherman's point, said Wright.

## First baby of 1999



**Dannon Heath Rickles was the first baby born in Pampa in 1999. He weighed in at 7 pounds 2.9 ounces and was 20 and a quarter inches long when he joined his proud parents, Jarrod Rickles and Tasha Lucas of Lefors. He was born at Columbia Medical Center at 12:29 a.m. New Years Day. He is their first child.**

(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

## Happy thought: 1999 has to be better

**DALLAS (AP)** — Happy times were few and far between in 1998, the Secret Society of Happy People said on New Year's Day.

"Since we had so few happy moments, the ball dropping in New York's Times Square, ringing in 1999, was the best news yet," society founder Pam Johnson said.

The Irving-based society did list 10 of the happiest events of 1998:

10. The Pope visited Cuba, making Cubans the happiest they had been in 40 years.
9. Camryn Manheim won an Emmy and gleefully accepted "for all the fat girls," Ms. Johnson said.
8. Viagra "need we say more?" and Propecia, the bald pill. "Now you've got both ends covered," she said.
7. The McCaughey septuplets celebrated their first birthday.
6. The U.S. Women's Ice Hockey Team won the gold medal in the sport's debut in the Olympics.
5. The return of the Volkswagen Beetle.
4. Jesse "The Body" Ventura elected governor in Minnesota.
3. Home run sluggers Mark McGwire

### The No. 1 happiest time of 1998?

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- and Sammy Sosa were happy for each other "and we were happy for them too," Ms. Johnson said.
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## Y2K lawsuits already begin

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The threat of a worldwide computer meltdown is less than a year away.  
But a wave of Y2K litigation, named for the year 2000, is expected to flood the courts for years to come.

Lawyers already have filed 39 Y2K lawsuits, most of which target software vendors that have no solutions for possible computer glitches, according to the Information Technology Association of America, which maintains a database.  
The first lawsuit, filed in August 1997, claims a company's cash registers crash whenever they process a credit card with a "00" expiration date.

After Jan. 1, 2000, lawyers say a wide (See Y2K, Page 2)

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**My favorite sports team is:** Atlanta Braves.

**My favorite author is:** Mary Downing Hahn.

**The last good movie I saw was:** Armageddon.

**I stay home to watch:** Guinness Book of World Records

**Nobody knows:** I can make my tongue do the wave.

**Someday I want to drive a:** '98 V.W. Beetle.

**My favorite junk food is:** Hershey Kisses with Almonds.

**My favorite beverage:** Dr. Pepper.

**My favorite restaurant is:** McDonalds.

**My favorite pet:** Simon, my rat.

**For my last meal, I would choose:** a mushroom & pepperoni pizza.

**I wish I could sing like:** Mariah Carey.

**I'm happiest when I'm:** with my friends.

**I regret:** having asthma.

**I'm tired of:** Bill Clinton.

**I have a phobia about:** spiders.

**The electrical device I couldn't live without is:** telephone.

**My most embarrassing moment:** when I fell at school in front of my boyfriend.

**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** go on a shopping spree and blow it all in a day.

**If I had three wishes they would be:** to go to heaven, get married, have more wishes.

**If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be:** to have a mall.

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Donna Crow's Pampa High School DECA class visited Miss Molitor's Lamar fourth grade classroom to discuss with them the value of keeping a check register and a personal budget. Instructing the class are Mark McKee, Jonathan Wade, Kellie Roby, Artemio Alfaro, Desarae Hilton and Jill Forman. (Community Camera photo)

## Consumers now able to correct erroneous credit information

Many consumers find themselves grappling with erroneous credit reports. But in an industry that collects more than two billion pieces of credit information monthly and generates more than 550 million credit reports on 80 million consumers every year, there will be mistakes.

At one point, it was estimated that up to 50 percent of credit reports contained errors. However, thanks to new federal legislation, it is easier for consumers to correct erroneous information in their credit files. The following tips — provided by Independent Bankers Association of Texas — may help to protect your credit standing. Once you inform a credit bureau of a mistake in your report, the bureau must investigate and resolve the matter promptly.

The new federal law also puts requirements on lenders and other companies that report information. If a mistake is found, the lender or company must provide corrections to all of the major credit bureaus to which they reported the erroneous information.

Previously, employers could review employees' and prospective employees' credit files. Under the new legislation, you must give written permission for your files to be reviewed.

When you tell a creditor that you are closing an account, it is his responsibility to notify the credit bureaus that the account was closed at the customer's request.

Credit bureaus must provide you with the full name or business name of anyone requesting a copy of your credit report during the past year.

Consumers also have the option to block their credit report from prescreening by companies extending "pre-approved offers."

One way to help reduce the potential for error in your credit file is to use the same name each time you fill out a credit application. For example, if your name is Deborah Kay Jones, then don't use Debbie Jones on one application, Deborah K. Jones on another and D.K. Jones on yet another.

Be consistent. If you discover inaccurate

information in your credit report, complete the special form that comes with your report and return it to the credit bureau. You may also want to attach a letter with an explanation of why you feel your report is in error. Putting your concerns in writing is beneficial to you in several ways: Gives you a record of what you said and the date you said it.

You will know when to follow up with a phone call if you have not heard from the credit bureau in a reasonable amount of time. Lastly, if legal action is necessary, you'll have a record of how you attempted to resolve the problem.

Once your credit report is resolved to your satisfaction, the credit bureau will send a corrected copy of your report. After you receive the corrected report, it would probably be in your best interest to wait a few months and then request another copy of the report to make sure the problem does not reappear on your record.

If information is omitted from the report that you believe is important, contact the credit bureau in writing. Information you may want in your report includes: Details on loans for which you have a good history; active accounts with good payment histories that were not included in the report; information related to your mortgage, especially if you have paid in full; settlement of tax liens, judgments or disputed bills.

Following these tips may help protect your credit standing.

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## Hope, Lifetime Learning credits available to 1998 tax filers

WASHINGTON — New higher education tax credits could almost have parents of college students looking forward to April 15. The 1998 tax year is the first year that the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits proposed by President Clinton — which directly reduce the amount of federal income tax owed — are available to help families meet the cost of post-secondary education, whether for a bachelor's degree, graduate or professional study, or vocational or job-related training.

"A college education or job training can translate into thousands of dollars in additional income for families and a better life, and these tax credits are a means to make that end more affordable," said U.S. Education Secretary Richard W. Riley.

The two tax credits will benefit some 13 million families when fully implemented. Following are some guidelines on what the tax credits cover, who qualifies and IRS sources to contact for more information.

A Hope tax credit of up to \$1,500 can be claimed for two years for each student in a family who is enrolled in higher education at least half-time at an eligible educational institution and who has not yet completed his or her first two years of study. The credit is 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of payments for qualified tuition and fees, and 50 percent of the second \$1,000. The goal of Hope is to make it possible for all Americans to afford the cost of the first two years of a college education. In most states, the Hope credit will cover the cost of a community college education. There is no limit on the number of eligible students who can claim a Hope credit in a household in any given year.

The Lifetime Learning tax credit picks up where Hope leaves off

— it's available for vocational, college, graduate and professional students, and adults who want to upgrade their job skills or acquire new ones or pursue another course of study, and even for a student taking one course as long as it is job related. In 1998, tax filers can claim a Lifetime Learning credit up to \$1,000 — 20 percent of the first \$5,000 paid in qualified tuition and fees on or after July 1. A taxpayer can claim only one Lifetime Learning credit per tax year for the aggregate amount of qualified tuition and fees of those students in the family for whom no Hope credit is claimed. There is no limit, however, on the number of years a taxpayer may claim the Lifetime Learning tax credit.

Both tax credits are phased out for joint filers who have between \$80,000 and \$100,000 of adjusted gross income, and for single filers who have between \$40,000 and \$50,000 of adjusted gross income.

Taxpayers cannot claim both credits for the same student in one tax year, even if the student is a sophomore at the beginning of the tax year and a junior in the second half of the tax year. Families will be able to claim the Lifetime Learning tax credit for some members of their family and the Hope tax credit for others who qualify in the same year.

Qualified expenses covered by the tax credits are tuition and required fees, less any grants and scholarships that are received tax free. Room, board, books and supplies are not covered.

To take advantage of the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits, taxpayers must complete and submit IRS form 8863 with their federal tax return. For more information, call the IRS Help line at 1-800-829-1040, read IRS publication 970 or visit the Treasury Department's website at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

## Mauro calling for entries into Adopt-A-Beach art contest

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro recently announced the Texas Adopt-A-Beach 1999 Treasures of the Texas Coast children's art contest. Texas school children grades kindergarten-sixth are invited to enter the contest, showing through their art what they love about the Texas coast.

Contest announcements were mailed to Texas elementary, middle and junior high school principals and teachers in mid-


December. Since many classes will begin the new year studying the ocean and coastal issues, the art contest provides a focal point for their studies. All entries must be post-marked by midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999. Entry forms are also available on the General Land Office website at [www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/artcontest.html](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach/artcontest.html).

Last year's contest drew more than 14,000

entries, each one reflecting a beautiful aspect of the Texas coast.

Two winning entries from each Council of Governments region will be chosen. One grand prize winner from among the 48 winners will be selected. All winning art will be featured on a museum-quality poster to be distributed across the state. Southwest Airlines will award tickets to the grand prize winner, and the lucky winner's teacher and principal.

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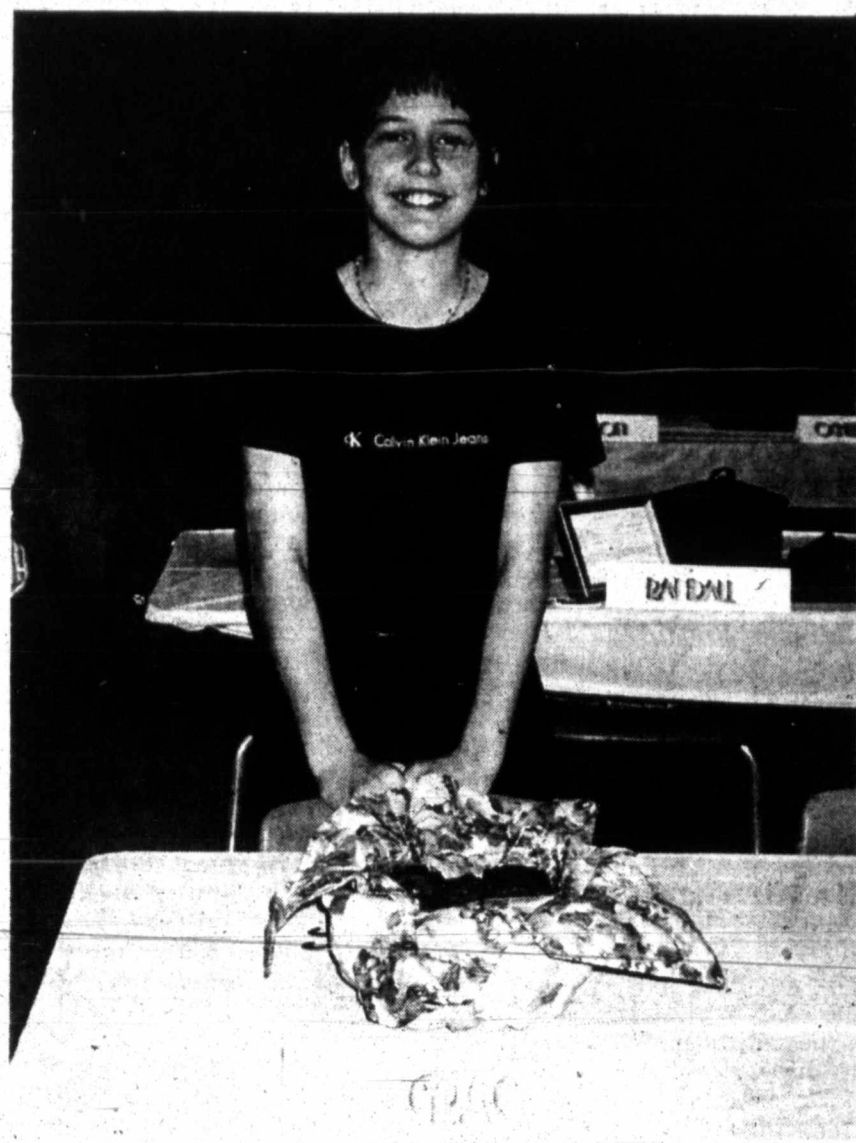
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(Special photos)

Gray County 4-Hers participated in the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show held recently in Amarillo. Above are (top, l-r) Brianna Roberts of Pampa, Jessi Fish of McLean, (bottom, l-r) Cory Jackson of Lefors and Travis Fish of McLean.

## Gray County 4-Hers participate in Panhandle District Food Show

The Panhandle District 4-H Food Show was held recently in Amarillo with seven Gray County 4-H members competing. Jessi Fish of McLean earned first place honors in the Senior Main Dish category. Fish will represent District I at the State Food Show in June at Texas A&M.

Earning "Top 4" awards were three Gray County youth: Cory Jackson of Lefors, Intermediate Nutritious Snacks; Brianna Roberts of Pampa, Junior Breads; and Travis Fish of McLean, Junior Main Dish.

Other 4-Hers who represented Gray County were: Kristan Odom of McLean, Junior Fruits and Vegetables; Drake Jackson of Lefors, Junior Nutritious Snacks; and Emily Nusser of Pampa, Intermediate Main Dish.

### COOL GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 6 medium red potatoes
- 1 sliced tomato
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon crushed dried Tarragon
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup bite size salad greens

Cook red potatoes, cool and cut into chunks. Rinse chicken and place in resealable plastic bag. In small bowl, combine lemon juice, oil, tarragon and garlic salt; blend well. Pour marinade over chicken; seal bag and refrigerate 30 to 45 minutes or overnight. Drain chicken and discard marinade. Prepare a second bowl of marinade. Grill or broil chicken 4 minutes on each side, basting with fresh marinade, until golden and cooked through. Cool and cut into strips. Line individual plates with salad greens. Arrange potato chunks, carrot and chicken on top. Garnish with sliced tomato. Serves 4. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

—Jessica Fish, senior, Main Dish

### MANGO FRUIT PARFAIT

- 2 cups cubed mangoes (2 mangoes)
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 24 strawberries, hulled
- 1 cup peeled and sliced kiwi (4 kiwi)
- 12 red raspberries

Put the mangoes and orange juice in a blender and puree until smooth. Slice 20 of the strawberries, leaving 4 whole. Line the bottom of 4 balloon wineglasses with the sliced strawberries. Pour a thin layer of the mango puree over each to cover. Reserving 4 kiwi slices, layer the rest on top of the puree. Divide the remainder of the mango puree among the glasses. Top each with a slice of kiwi surrounded by raspberries. Make a slit in each of the 4 remaining strawberries and position one on the rim of each glass. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 15 minutes.

—Cory Jackson, intermediate, Nutritious Snacks  
**CHICKEN AND POTATO DINNER**

- 1 pound red potatoes

- 1 tablespoon Italian Seasoning
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup Lite Italian Dressing
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Scrub potatoes, set aside to dry. Wash chicken breasts and pat dry with paper towel. Place chicken breasts in baking dish, cut potatoes into wedges and arrange in pan with chicken breasts. Pour dressing evenly over chicken and potatoes. Sprinkle evenly with seasoning and cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 1 hour or until chicken is done. Serves 4.

—Travis Fish, junior, Main Dish  
**CARROT-PUMPKIN MUFFINS**

- 1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons applesauce
- 1 cup shredded carrots

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**Thank You .....**

*To all of you who have called, sent cards, attended my retirement reception and wished me well in my retirement...*

*To my family and friends who have worked so hard with me and for me ...*

*To Carolyn, Virginia, Pam, Donna and Misty, the deputies who took care of business and hosted the reception ...*

*My deepest gratitude to all of you for your faith in me for keeping me in office for 28 years ...*

*I am leaving the job, but keeping the friendships...*

*Sincerely,*  
**Standa Carter**

## Open house in offing at Lake Meredith National Recreation area

FRITCH— Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and National Park Service will host an Open House from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch.

Texas Parks and Wildlife fisheries biologists and park rangers will be present to listen to concerns and ideas from fishermen and to answer questions. Texas Parks and Wildlife employees will give a brief program on the history and future of the fishing program at Lake Meredith and park officials hope to gather feedback on the newly proposed State Walleye Regulations which will go into effect in September 1999.

Input from the public is welcome and all are invited to attend.

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# 1998 the Year in Weird: Things getting stranger and stranger ...

By LARRY McSHANE  
AP National Writer

Ahhh, 365 twisted days spread across a mere 12 months.

'Twas the year of the beer-deprived prison escapees! (Weird.) The acquittal of the nose-biting judge! (Weirder.) The transsexual who defended her daughter on charges of witchcraft! (All right. It cannot get any weirder than that.)

That's just the tip of the bizarre iceberg that was 1998, when the movie "Titanic" proved unsinkable but a lot of weird stuff went down.

## JUST PLAIN STRANGE

— An implausible construction accident left Travis Bogumill with a wayward 3-inch nail in his skull. The Wisconsin man survived, with just one side (order) effect: He now takes his eggs sunny side up, rather than over easy.

— In eastern Idaho, a local radio station marked Friday the 13th by inviting a bit of bad luck — and got a lot. Four celebratory helium balloons hit overhead power lines, exploded into a fireball and knocked out power to 3,000 households.

— A federal judge ruled that a Nebraska public access TV program featuring video of a nude clown — was "weird, graphic, unnecessary, distasteful, indecent and offensive." It was not, he said, legally obscene.

— This Montana trifecta: Angry otters attacked a woman swimming in the Missouri River; a skunk with an empty metal can stuck to its head ran berserk in the town of Havre, and a Helena man was convicted of animal cruelty — kicking a porcupine to death — after police found quills sticking out of his shoes.

## HIGH SCHOOL HI-JINKS

— A Baltimore high school student/witch was suspended for her spelling — specifically, putting a hex on a classmate. Fortunately, her mother — a transsexual who was actually the 15-year-old witch's biological dad — stepped in and straightened things out. The suspension lasted one day. Both mother and daughter remain practicing witches.

— Coke good, Pepsi bad. Pepsi T-shirt on Coke Day — really, really bad. An Evans, Ga., high school senior was suspended for a day for just such a fashion faux pas, making him a victim of the never-ending cola wars. "I know it sounds bad," admitted principal Gloria Hamilton. But, she said, "It was a student deliberately being disruptive and rude."

## CRIMINAL MIND(LESS)

— No freedom? No problem. No beer? Cruel and unusual punishment, say two West Virginia inmates. Frank Bertrand and Timothy Nottingham broke out of the Prunytown Correctional Center, walked into a convenience store and ordered a six-pack. When the clerk refused to serve them — the pair had no ID — the inmates walked back to jail.

— One felon with fries, please: Richard Dean Lauzon Jr. was arrested after his attempt to rob a restaurant in Springfield, Ore. Its owner arrived to find Lauzon's legs dangling from a ceiling vent, with one of his sneakers on the grill and the other in a french fry basket.

— Todd Ekmark pleaded innocent to domestic violence while

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## FOOD SHOW

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 12 cup muffin pan with non-stick spray. In a large bowl, mix flour, spice, baking soda and baking powder. In another bowl, whisk egg, pumpkin, honey, applesauce and oil until smooth. Add to flour mixture and stir just until combined. Do not overmix. Fold in carrots. Spoon into muffin pan. Bake 25 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from the pan and cool on a wire rack.

— Brianna Roberts, junior, Breads

being arraigned, live, by video from county jail in Ravenna, Ohio. Then he turned and dropped his pants, thinking the camera was off. It wasn't. "He mooned me and said, 'This is for you, judge,'" recalled Judge Barbara Watson. "And I said, 'This is for you.'" The judge sentenced Ekmark to 10 days in jail.

— That old Kentucky home has no room for Marilyn Manson. A Kentucky woman paid a harassment fine of \$250 for wearing a Marilyn Manson T-shirt — complete with an obscene song lyric — to the "Tater Days" festival in Benton, Ky. "It was like stepping back into the days of a Salem witch trial," said the understated defendant, Venus Starlett Dust Morgan.

## BELOW THE BELT

— Joe Farmer, owner of two Nevada brothels, reported business was up 10 percent once Viagra hit the market. His only regret: Farmer couldn't peddle

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# Letters to the editor

## Report on Canadian River dispute one-sided

To the editor,  
A recent article in the Amarillo Globe News informed us that on Feb. 10 the Texas Supreme Court would review a 7th Court of Appeals ruling on the longstanding Canadian River issue. The article brought to my attention falsely reported facts and facts conveniently led out by the reporter, the landowners and their attorney Michael Powell. This fiasco started in 1989 when landowners along the river filed a lawsuit to take away one of the last and very few public-hunting areas left in our region of the state. Do not fool yourselves into believing their arguments that their ancestors left them this land and they dearly desire to return it to their families assets. The only interest they have in the land is the mineral rights and the money that the ownership of those rights will return to their bank accounts. This is just one more in a long line of instances of the rich believing they can continue their onslaught of doing whatever they please to the middle and lower income people of our country.

To begin with, the article states that in their lawsuit filed in 1989, the landowners claim they are entitled to more land. How much more land in the disputed area of the river do they wish to own? Maybe the river itself, because all along the stretch of the river they have moved their fences within a few feet of it and in some instances completely up to the banks and even diagonally across it, blocking hunters access to state owned land. Explain to me the arrogance of a landowner that believes he can run his fence line not only beside the edge of the river, but across it from one bank to another, on land which even they themselves admit is state property. Anyone who does not believe this to be true, give me a call sometime and I can show you exact locations where this has been done.

At the beginning of this year's hunting season, why was a certain landowner running seismographic equipment all along his ranch on the Pampa side of the river? Does he already know or has he already influenced the outcome of the Texas Supreme Courts decision yet to be made? These ranchers and landowners have continually, along with the Texas game wardens, harassed hunters for years on the Canadian River. I have personally witnessed landowners flying in helicopters up and down the riverbed during deer season, harassing hunters and forcing the game into hiding to disrupt the hunters. Oh, sure, they will argue they were only trying to catch hunters tres-

passing across the illegally-placed fence lines, but how can you trespass on public land that belongs to you, a taxpaying state of Texas resident?

I have seen ranchers and landowners carrying weapons while riding with the game wardens, again trying to catch alleged trespassers. This action relates to me about the same thing as me holstering my sidearm and riding along with the local law enforcement on a Saturday night and chasing down speeders. I've had game wardens tell me personally and write it in the local paper, to quote them directly, "To stay between the fences," when they know that they have no legal right to do so. And I have seen a landowner have a dozer sent to the river to remove a river crossing so that hunters could no longer cross the Canadian River to access hunting locations.

Other statements in the article are gravely misleading and tend to sway the uninformed public into believing completely untrue claims. The reporter, who wrote this article, Mary Alice Robbins from the Morris News Service, needs to accomplish what a reporter is supposed to achieve when writing an article. One should investigate the story, gather factual information, then complete the story based on what is true, not hearsay from what a lawyer in Dallas and his clients tell her. Robbins obviously performed extremely shoddy investigative work and based her article on what she was told over the phone. She stated in her article, and I quote word for word, "The Canadian River is little more than a trickle in some areas." A trickle? Come on! The mighty Mississippi it is not, but definitely more than a trickle. This ludicrous statement would have you believe that the river is a sparsely flowing body of water, meaning that it is almost nonexistent to the point that the state has no case whatsoever to claim land beyond the banks of a trickle of a river. Just how ignorant does she believe us to be? Anyone that has not seen the river should take a little Sunday stroll on U.S. Highway 70 North of Pampa or drive across Plemmons Bridge North of the Phillips Plant in Borger and see our trickle of a river.

In closing, I lay most of the blame for this debacle on our soon to be ex-district judge of the 31st Judicial District, Kent Sims. His 1996 ruling, which favored the landowners, completely ignored a state survey indicating the riverbed is wide and shallow. He instead accepted a surveyor's determination that their boundaries fall directly in the banks of the Canadian River.

David S. Hinkle  
Pampa



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## LIFESTYLE

## 99 PEOPLE TO WATCH IN 1999

The seven people who **Bill Bridges** and **Richard Stowers** appoint to a search committee to find a new Pampa Chamber of Commerce director.

Former Gray County Clerk **Wanda Carter** and former Gray County Justice of the Peace **Margie Prestidge**, to see if they enjoy their retirement after years of service to Gray County.

Gray County Clerk **Susan Winborne** to see how well she succeeds **Wanda Carter**.

Pampa High School Band Director **Bruce Collins** to see if he'll take his talented band to London for their Parade Festival Jan. 1, 2000.

Actor **Matthew McConaughey** to see if he will give up a Hollywood career to join **Matt Martindale's** band, *Coup de Grace*.

If music magazine publisher **Russell Barnard**, PHS Class of '56, will feature **Martindale's** band in his magazine.

**Reid Ferrell** to see if the Pampa student will be able to retain his yo-yo championship through 1999.

Wheeler High School football coach **Jim Verden** to see if the third time's the charm in his quest for a state championship.

Wheeler County Sheriff **Jimmy Adams** to see if he still has all his hair or if it will be shaved off by a winning Wheeler football team.

Freedom Museum Curator **Mike Porter** to see what he will see when he looks through the new periscope at the Freedom Museum.

Convicted murderer **Henry "Hank" Skinner** to see if he makes it another year on death row while his appeals move through the federal court system.

**Chuck White** to see how many more fundraisers he will be invited to head following his success with the Super Playground.

**Jack Reeve** to see how many charitable projects he'll take on this year.

Travis Elementary School principal and historian **Doug Rapstine** to see if he will continue his tradition of raising the Alamo battleflag at school on March 6.

**Michael Jenkins** to see if he will quit smoking this year because of the increasing cost of cigarettes.

**Zan Walker**, minister of music for the Central Baptist Church, to see if he will lead the congregational singing during Christmas, 1999, for the Pampa Fine Arts Association Celebration of Carols.

**Bill Arrington** to see if he gets his building at Kingsmill and Somerville fixed so it will stop shedding.

**Jayanit M. Nathu** and his wife **Daxa J. Patel** at the Coronado Inn to see if they get their sign on Hobart finished.

Canadian bronc rider **Denny McLanahan** to see how he does on the professional rodeo circuit.

Former District Clerk **Yvonne Moler** to see if she will kick back, relax and travel as she plans.

New District Clerk **Gaye Honderich** to see if she keeps things running as smoothly as **Moler**.

**Dr. Bruce Harrow** and his wife **Penny**, who moved to Pampa from Sarasota, Fla., to see if they still like the Texas Panhandle after the bitter cold snap before Christmas.

**Carey Green**, 1985 Pampa High School graduate who just accepted a position as co-pastor of a church in Hawaii, to see if he misses Pampa winters.

Skellytown Judge **Fred Cullon** and his wife **Terrie** to see if they will continue to stop cars in that Carson County community.

State Sen. **Teel Bivins** and Pampa State Representative **Warren Chisum** to see if they will figure out to spend the \$6.3 billion budget surplus.

**Tonja**, the district attorney's new drug dog—to see if she is house broken.

Celarese Pampa Plant Manager **Riley Kothman** to see if he will lead the plant to another United Way fund raising record in 1999.

**Tausha Stich** to see if she enjoys Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore after a relaxing cruise in the Persian Gulf.

**Kim Parnell**, Canadian concerned citizen, to see if she will be able to keep that Hemphill County community focused on its war against drugs.

**Dewayne Gordon Hickman** to see if he will finally go to trial after being charged with the vicious attack on a Pampa convenience store clerk.

Gray County Sheriff **Don Copeland** to see if he will finally be able to get around to tracing his family history.

Carson County Sheriff **Loren Brand** to see if he will finally get around to writing another book.

Pampa Emergency Management Director **Ken Hall** to see if he will like his new office in the basement of City Hall.

Pampa Police Chief **Charlie Morris** to see how he spends a new \$20,000 grant to reduce crime and improve public safety since he didn't like our idea of a press room with wet bar and hot tub at the police department.

McLean cattle feeder **Neal Odum** to see if he will continue to go to **Gabe and Cozy Parson's Red River Steakhouse** to eat catfish.

**Steve Thomas** to see if he builds another towering cross like the one he built in Groom. This time in Florida.

Pampa weatherman **Darrell Sehorn** to see if he can protect the panhandle from **La Nina** and a predicted drought.

**Dr. Carole Manning-Hill** to see if she will continue her acting classes at the Gem Theater in Claude.

Musician **Eudel Gifford** to see if he will carry on with the marvelous Pickin' Shack tradition in Lefors.

Animal trainer **Ben Hieple** to see if he will settle at Lelia with his Siberian Tiger Taboo.

Gray County Commissioners **Jim Greene**, **Gerald Wright**, **James Helfley**, **Joe Wheeley** and **Judge Richard Peet** to see if they can increase the size of the county surplus.

**Thelma Bray** to see what she has planned for the 1999 **Woody Guthrie Celebration**.

**Lew Mollenkamp** to see if he becomes lactose intolerant after bringing all the dairies to Pampa.

District Attorney **John Mann** to see if he gives up public service to take his band on the road to open for **The Animals** in their comeback tour.

Community Services Director **Bill Hildebrandt** to see if he ever loses his ever-present notebook.

Fire Marshal **Gary Stevens** to see if he kicks his coffee habit.

City Manager **Bob Eskridge** to see if he becomes a full time referee.

Automotive journalist **Jerry Heasley** to see if he will expand his area of expertise in the written word.

Basketball star **Rayford Young**, Pampa High School's all-time leading scorer with 2,295 points, to see how he will finish the year at Texas Tech.

McLean ranchers **Les and Lyda Darsey** to see if they will continue their winning ways in chuckwagon cooking competition.

Former Pampa resident **Sherry Johnson Strother**, who was crowned Mrs. United Nations in 1998, to see if she can straighten the U.N. out in a good, motherly fashion.

Sgt. **Donald Cameron** of the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Pampa to see if he'll be able to bring the number of troopers assigned to this area up to full strength.

New Gray County Justice of the Peace **Kurt Curfman** to see if he'll be snowed under with tickets being written by rookie DPS troopers.

Pampa author **Kelly Varner** to see if she'll have a new book out.

Former Pampa residents **Mark and Lori Crowder** to see if they've had enough of Nigeria.

Sculptor **Grant Johnson** to see if he will continue to sculpt in panhandle alabaster or turn to another medium.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen **Brandy Kempf** will follow in the footsteps of her predecessor **Danyelle Rideout**, Miss Rodeo Texas.

**Traci Skinner** to see what new artwork she comes up in her chosen medium.

Pampa News publisher **L.W. McCall** to see if he'll continue walking through the newsroom shaking his head in disbelief.

**Sherrell Wheeler**, Teacher of the Year as named by Texas Business Technology Educators, to see if her students rise to new heights.

**Rev. I.L. Patrick** and his wife **Barbara** to see if the new Macedonia Baptist Church is as filled with love as the old one.

Texas Youth Commissioner **Charles Henry** to see if he can help kids across the state as much as he's done in Pampa.

Department of Public Safety Trooper **John Nelson** to see if he's going to nab any more drug dealers.

Pampa entrepreneur **Jill Lewis** to see if she is going to expand her budding business empire.

Automobile magnate **Robert Knowles** to see if he'll get his Ford dealership moved to Hobart Street.

**NationsBank** to see if they will pick a name and stay with it.

Fire Chief **Claudie Phillips** to see if he will still chase fires after he retires in February.

County Treasurer **Scott Hahn** to see if he runs away to join the rodeo.

City Secretary/Personnel Director/Safety Official/etc. **Phyllis Jeffers** to see if she gets another job at the city.

Pampa Middle School Principal **Tim Powers** to see if he decides to try out for the cheerleader team next fall.

Creative artisan **Kayla Pursley** to see if her posters this year will exceed her reputation as an artist, actress and director.

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center Director **Angela King** to see if she and the organization she heads continue to thrive in their new location.

PHS Drama teacher **Dean Birkes** to see if he begins to make traditions out of the innovative productions he brought to the high school in 1998.

**Emily and Kellen Waters** to see if they can improve their father's tennis game.

**Faustina Curry** to see if her trees will be popular with the buzzards again next summer.

Hypnotist **Charlie Love** to see if he is still putting people to sleep.

**Billy Scribner** to see if he can get enough help at his shop so he can get back to his main business of boosting Pampa.

**Harb Smith** to see if he focuses on his music or sings the praises of photography.

**Justin Cottrell** to watch him show lots of heart.

**Eileen Kludt**, who's in charge of the Pampa High School community camera, to see what develops.

Pampa Schools Superintendent **Dr. Dawson Orr** to see if he gets a new building in which to train teachers...or an old building as the case may be.

# Newsmakers

**BORGER** — Frank Phillips College recently announced students named to its Dean List for the 1998 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.0-3.5 grade point average.

Students named to the list include: Enrique Cabrales, Patricia Cabrales, Kate Devoll, Cal Ferguson, Christina Hendrick and Donica Mead, all of Pampa; Tracy Tucker, of Lefors; and Linda Michelle Moore of White Deer.

**COLLEGE STATION** — Jennifer Michelle Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Fuller of Pampa, recently graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science. Fuller has been accepted into various dental schools in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio and plans to pursue a doctor of dental surgery degree in August 1999.

Fuller is a graduate of Amarillo High School.

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — The University of Kansas recently announced students receiving scholarships from private gifts during the fall 1998 semester.

Students receiving scholarships include: Christa Cher Jefferis of Pampa. Jefferis was awarded the Frank G. Crowell Scholarship, the High Ability and Academic Scholarship and the Howard E.



**Charlotte Ann Butler**

Mossberg Pharmacy Scholarship. **DENVER, Colo.** — **Charlotte Ann Butler**, of Aurora, Colo., daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Butler of Pampa, received a master of arts in education degree during commencement ceremonies held recently at Regis University. Butler gave the benediction address.

She has been an English teacher for 16 years and has taught in schools at Hobbs, N.M., Broken Arrow, Okla., and Aurora. She has earned numerous honors including Outstanding Free Enterprise Educator in Hobbs in 1985 and Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association's Journalism Teacher of the Year in 1995.



**Kathryn Elizabeth Green**

She is currently teaching at Aurora Central High School and is district representative on the Denver Area Superintendents' Council Student Performance Level Project and is a member of the Colorado Department of Education task force.

Mrs. Butler and husband, Rick, are former Pampa residents. Mr. Butler works for Texaco in Denver.

**DENTON** — **Kathryn Elizabeth Green**, daughter of Kent and Linda Olson of Pampa, graduated from North Texas State University's College of Arts and Sciences this fall with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology. Green has been



**Kelli Renee Green**

accepted to graduate school at UNT and will begin classes this month.

**DENTON** — The University of North Texas has announced its President's List for the 1998 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Kelli Renee Green**.

Green, daughter of Kent and Linda Olson of Pampa, is a senior at UNT and has been invited to join Gamma Beta Phi, National Collegiate Honor and Service Organization based on scholastic ranking.



**Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart**

## Stewart anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 2, 1998, at St. Paul Methodist Church in Pampa. Ray Stewart and Alice Louise Boling were married Jan. 1, 1949, at Albany. The couple have lived in Pampa off and on since 1953 and are members of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Mr. Stewart is retired from the mobile home business. Mrs. Stewart is a homemaker. Children of the couple are Kathy Guinn of Lubbock and Carolyn Stroud of Gram. They have eight grandchildren.

## Raising grandchildren results in more health woes

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Trying to quell her 16-month-old grandson's cries, Mary Lamar hoists him up in her arms. Gently patting his back, she walks around her small two-bedroom apartment, searching out a spot to rest.

"Hush baby, hush. Shhhh. It's gonna be all right," she says, carefully sitting down. "I'm too old for this."

The simple task of walking the toddler leaves Ms. Lamar, 60, out of breath. Her heart is weak and her blood pressure high. While caring for little Matthew and his 2 1/2-year-old brother, Jacob, she must remember her blood pressure pills and two daily insulin injections.

"A lot of days I forget about taking my medicine. I just go till the next day," said Ms. Lamar, who has custody of the boys.

Like many grandparents faced with being parents all over again, Ms. Lamar sometimes neglects her own health because her primary concern is for her grandsons.

A Georgia State University program, Project Healthy Grandparents, is helping grandparents improve their health and reduce the stresses associated with child-rearing.

High blood pressure, diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, lack of exercise and poor nutrition are just some of the age-related illnesses plaguing grandparents, said Aaron Thomas, a nursing coordinator for the program.

In many cases, the added burden of taking care of young children makes the problems worse.

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## Lifestyles Policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is sub-

mitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor.

Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a

SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

## 4-H Futures & Features

### Dates

Jan. 4 - 4-H Shooting Sports

5 - 4-H Shooting Sports

7 - 4-H Scholarship Training, Amarillo, 6:30 p.m.

8 - Top of Texas Stock Show animal weights due by 6 p.m.; Bull Barn; Small Fry Gardeners (Clover Kids), 4:30 p.m., Annex

9 - Top of Texas Lamb Show, 9 a.m., Bull Barn; Top of Texas Steer Show, 1 p.m., Bull Barn; Calf fry, Bull Barn (tickets available)

10 - Top of Texas Swine Show, Noon, Bull Barn; 4-H Horse Project meeting, 2 p.m., Annex 4-H

### Scholarship Training

The Texas 4-H Foundation will hold application training for its Opportunity Scholarship Program via the Trans Texas

Video Network 6:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 7. Our site will be at the District Office in Amarillo.

Last year, the foundation awarded almost \$900,000 in scholarships. The training will provide helpful information, guidelines and tips for 4-Hers and their parents as they prepare to complete the application. If you have any questions, please call the County Extension Office.

### Small Fry Gardeners

There will be a meeting of the Small Fry Gardeners 4-H Clover Kids from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8. We will discuss ideas and schedule our upcoming activities for the year. We still have room for new members.

The Plant Pal curriculum that is being used is geared for ages 5-8, but older siblings are welcome to attend. We will meet at the Gray County Annex. If you would like to enroll before the meeting, please stop by the Annex office, or contact Tina Holt at 669-7738 with any questions. Refreshments will be provided.

## Menus

Jan. 4-8

<b>Pampa Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Inservice day. <b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, corn, broccoli, peaches. <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Scrambled egg, toast. Lunch: Hamburger, tator tots, burger salad, pickle slices, pineapple parfait. <b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Donuts, sausage patty. Lunch: Chicken parmesan with spaghetti, green beans, applesauce, garlic bread sticks. <b>FRIDAY</b> Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Sub sandwich, tomato soup, lettuce and tomatoes, carrot sticks, mixed fruit.	<b>TUESDAY</b> Tator tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, cake. <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Pork roast, cream style corn, baked apple, graham crackers. <b>THURSDAY</b> Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, peaches. <b>FRIDAY</b> Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, prunes. <b>Senior Citizens</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or pineapple squares, hot rolls or cornbread. <b>TUESDAY</b> Salisbury steak or mushroom chicken with angel hair pasta, onion potatoes, green beans, buttered squash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hurricane oatmeal cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread. <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry cobbler or pumpkin squares, hot rolls or cornbread. <b>THURSDAY</b> Chicken strips or taco salad, mashed potatoes, California mix, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, marble cake or lemon pie, jalapeno cornbread or hot rolls. <b>FRIDAY</b> Fried cod fish or spaghetti and meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.
<b>Lefors Schools</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Inservice day. <b>TUESDAY</b> Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk. <b>WEDNESDAY</b> Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk. <b>THURSDAY</b> Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, spinach, rolls, fruit, milk. <b>FRIDAY</b> Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: HB-barbecue, cheese, crispy fries, salad, fruit, milk. <b>Meals on Wheels</b> <b>MONDAY</b> Stew, cornbread, oatmeal cookies.	

## Books: A rich diet of food for thought

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# Community Calendar

**FREEDOM MUSEUM USA**, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM** 112-116 South Cuyler. Visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. History of the White Deer Land Co., early settlers, outstanding arrowhead collection history wall, art gallery. Elevator and handicap accessible. Contact 669-8041 for information or special tours.

**AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-7501.

**VFW POST #1657**, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

**THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC** Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

**ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP** if interested call Connie at 669-9364.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS** will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

**DECEMBER**

**3- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

**8- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**9- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**9-10 - TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW** at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Calf fry on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. purchase tickets at Wayne's Western Wear adults \$10 and children \$6. For more information contact Gary James, 6655946 or 669-8033.

**10- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

**10- FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH "Singing"**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1700 Alcock. For more information call Mina Tower, 665-8529.

**10-11 - CITY WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE "Coming Together in Unity"** at the Heritage Room of the M.K.

Brown Auditorium, 100 North Sumner. Service will begin at 6 on the 10th and at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th. For more information call 669-6700 or 665-3255.

**11 - SEW FINE 4-H CLUB** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex. For more information call 669-8033.

**15- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**16- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**14-15-16 - GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW** at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Auction to be at 6 p.m. and bidder bar-b-que at 5 p.m. For more information contact Gary James, 665-5946 or 669-8033.

**17- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

**17 - 5-H 4-H CLUB** will meet at the Lefors School at 2 p.m. For more information call 669-8033.

**18 - GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION Clothing Leader Training** in scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the County Annex. For more information call 669-8033.

**19- THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** monthly luncheon in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. Catered by Sirloin Stockade. Pampa Independent School District will sponsor with Ms. Linda Lessner, with the Texas Business and Education Coalition, presenting the Texas Scholars Program. For reservations call on or before 9 a.m. on the 18th, 669-3241.

**21- PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Board Meeting** at 5:30 p.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. For more information call Lee Crow, 665-0343.

**22- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

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**25- GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information contact Howard Graham, 665-1468.

**29- PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION 98-99 Season 2nd program "Inflatable Theatre"** at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more information call 669-6700.

**29- NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**30 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH "Souper Saturday"** featuring Free Beef Stew at the VFW Hall, 105 South Cuyler from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public is welcome!!! For more information call 669-3225.

**30 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

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## PARENTING

"They're not eating, not taking their medications; they forget," Thomas said. "They're worried about the children; they have a lot of other things going on and they have to be reminded."

Ms. Lamar took custody of her grandsons because their drug-addicted mother was no longer able to care for them. The boys' father, Ms. Lamar's 36-year-old son, is in prison.

Raising the boys means Ms. Lamar, a self-described shopaholic, can't enjoy a leisurely retirement at malls and flea markets. The children have slowed her down more than a triple bypass in 1986 and a heart attack in July.

"It might have been for my own good," she said. "God has a way of doing things, so you never know. I just pray and do the best I can with them."

Such grandparents are "both heroes and saints," said Margaret Hollidge, coordinator of the Grandparent Information Center run by the American Association of Retired Persons. "They take on this huge job and they sacrifice financially, they sacrifice their health, they sacrifice their time. Sometimes I think they honestly don't realize the stress involved in doing what they are doing."

Between 1990 and 1997, grandparent-headed

households increased 19 percent to more than 2.4 million — 6.7 percent of all U.S. households with children under 18, according to the Census Bureau.

Drug abuse is the primary reason most of the children are in the care of their grandparents, followed by neglect and AIDS, said Susan Kelley, director of Project Healthy Grandparents.

The Georgia State program, which began three years ago, sends registered nurses and social workers to check on the grandparents at home. Among other things, the nurses check weight and blood pressure and monitor glucose levels for diabetics like Ms. Lamar.

In addition to increased health problems, many grandparents raising children also suffer from psychological distress and social isolation.

"It has a dramatic effect on their own lifestyle," Ms. Kelley said. "They often become socially isolated because they don't have time ... to see friends and they don't have as much in common as other mothers of young children because of the age difference."

Grandparents in Georgia State's program attend parenting and support group meetings. Counselors also help them find day care and housing, enroll children in school and handle legal issues such as adoption and welfare.

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## WEIRD

the little blue pill on premises at his two outlets, Mabel's and the Cherry Patch.

Cu(l)t hero John Wayne Bobbitt and his surgically-reattached self settled on a new career in '98: celebrity host at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch in Mound House, Nev. "I will do a lot of public relations work," he promised.

**THE NRA SAYS YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN**

Randy Thomas — now known to his fellow inmates as "The BLT" — was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison for a bacon-related assault. Thomas and a co-defendant beat up a man, tied him to a tree, and covered him with bacon in the hopes that wild animals would attack. The victim, while greasy, survived.

A Louisiana cop survived a January stabbing by a drug suspect wielding a ... cooking thermometer. Joseph Reed, of Arnaudville, La., wielded the deadly weapon/temperature device during a routine search by police. The officer's life was saved when his bulletproof vest bent the thermometer.

Armed only with his 32 teeth, a West Virginia judge went after a courtroom witness over the man's foul mouth. The now-former judge Joseph Troisi was acquitted this May of federal charges for his unique brand of justice — biting Bill Witten on the beak after the defendant cursed him. After months of counseling, Troisi acknowledged his behavior was "bizarre and weird."

## HELLO, 911? ANYONE THERE?

Denver County Judge Claudia Jordan noticed a problem with the windows in her courtroom, so she slipped the court clerk a note: "Blind on the right side. May be falling. Please call someone." The clerk did. She dialed 911, and a stretcher-toting squad of paramedics quickly arrived before Jordan's bench. Sorry, the judge told them: "I wanted someone from maintenance."

Cynthia Divecha, stunned when her teenage son came out to unload groceries from the family car, sarcastically cracked, "Call 911. I'm having a heart attack." The son did just that, summoning authorities in Medina, Ohio. "It figures," mom joked later. "The first time he actually does what I ask ..."

"And it's wrong."

## Legislator: Bill would create speakers' bureau of veterans

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Veterans are a storehouse of information about the armed services and war, and more of them should be sharing their experiences with New Yorkers while they still can, a state legislator says.

A bill introduced Dec. 7 — the 57th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor — would establish a speakers' bureau within the state Division of Veterans' Affairs to make veterans more readily available for schools and community groups.

Also, thanks to corporate grants, pamphlets have been distributed to public and school libraries throughout the state listing books and other materials where New Yorkers can find in-their-own-words accounts of veterans' experiences in battle. A Web site will be set up so the materials can be accessed online.

The intent is not to add to the extensive body of materials stressing the tactics and strategy of the American military. Rather, chief legislative sponsor Michael Bragman said, a growing segment of society is unaware of the sacrifices that military service entails during wartime — both to those in battle and those on the home front.

"We would not have the opportunity to live the way we do or to do the kinds of things we can do, if it were not for these

sacrifices," said Bragman, Democratic majority leader in the state Assembly.

A father of twin 16-year-old girls, Bragman said that "kids who are in their teens right now, they don't know what it's all about" when it comes to war.

Bragman said the library materials and speakers' bureau would give youngsters access to that information without imposing another curriculum mandate on teachers as the Legislature has done by directing that the Holocaust and the Irish potato famine be taught in public schools.

First-hand accounts of war, especially the experience of battle, can be harrowing. But Bragman said he was not worried that youngsters who hear horrific stories of combat would be dissuaded from doing their duty, if they are someday called into the armed services.

"These will be responsible veterans, they will be some kind of screening process involved," Bragman said. "I don't know of anything that our young people should not be aware of along those lines."

The head of the state Veterans' Affairs agency, John Behan, praised the idea of having veterans tell their stories firsthand, but he questioned how his office would pay for the proposed program. The bill did not estimate

the costs involved.

Behan, a former assemblyman who lost both legs to a land mine in Vietnam, said background checks would have to be performed on any speaker on the agency's list.

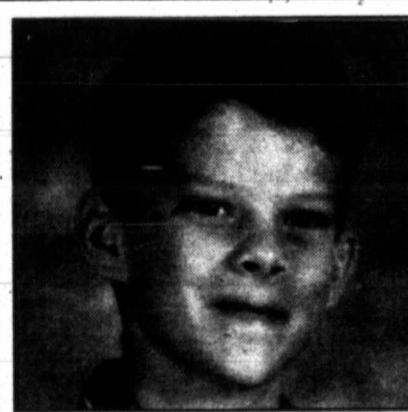
"That's a monumental task," Behan said. "We just do not have the manpower to ... call up the VFW and say, 'Hey, send two guys over to P.S. 129.'"

At the behest of the Disabled American Veterans, Behan said his agency has been trying to find New Yorkers willing to discuss their experiences fighting on Guadalcanal in conjunction with the Christmas release of the new movie "The Thin Red Line" about that pivotal World War II battle in the Pacific.

"That is a major undertaking for us," he said.

Veterans' Affairs does make some speakers available to schools and Behan said he has no doubt that many veterans are eager to share their experiences. The recollections that Congressional Medal of Honor winners shared with local students when the war heroes attended a reunion in Saratoga Springs in June demonstrated that, he said.

"The students were delighted to have them there and the veterans were delighted to go, to have someone who wanted to hear their stories," Behan said.



**Johnathan Houghton**  
**WDISD holds Christmas card contest**

WHITE DEER — White Deer ISD recently announced Johnathan Houghton winner of its Christmas Card design contest. A committee was organized to select winners and Johnathan was named district winner.

Johnathan received a certificate in recognition of the accomplishment during a board meeting and was awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

The design was used on the White Deer ISD Christmas Card for 1998.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Actor, teacher Charles Krohn's dual career spans two generations

By EVERETT EVANS  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It's a wonderful double life for veteran actor and teacher Charles Krohn, this year celebrating his 35th year on the stage and his 40th year in the classroom.

The native Houstonian made his professional debut as the narrator in a 1963 production of "Irma-La-Douce," at the defunct but fondly remembered Theater Inc. Later that year, Alley Theater founding director Nina Vance hired him as a company member. Since then, Krohn has worked steadily at all the city's professional companies, including Theater Under The Stars and the Houston Shakespeare Festival, in recent years becoming an Alley company member again.

Alley audiences will see him in the coming season's "A Christmas Carol" and "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde."

At the same time, Krohn has maintained his career as an English teacher. He began teaching at Jeff Davis High School in 1958, then in 1966 joined the faculty of the University of St. Thomas, his alma mater. There he teaches classes in 18th- and 19th-century English novels, as well as the annual spring Shakespeare course and an occasional course in 20th-century drama as literature.

"I've been fortunate to work as much as I have," said Krohn. "It hasn't created conflicts because the university has been very good about allowing me to schedule my classes in the morning. Rehearsals are in the afternoon."

"It can be a bit of a strain in a period when I've got classes in the morning, a current show at night, and rehearsals for the next one in the afternoon. But that doesn't happen too often. It's a good thing I'm kept busy, because I'm not good at making the best use of my time when I don't have things scheduled."

Krohn is the sort of unaffected professional who can make the difficult look easy. That's certainly true of his recent roles: the best friend of the dying man in Edward Albee's "All Over," at Stages; the discomfited sous chef Selsden Mowbray in Michael Frayn's backstage farce "Noises Off," at the Alley; and rising to the biggest challenge of his career, a moving King Lear at the Houston Shakespeare Festival. The versatile actor has proved himself in everything from musicals to tragedies, world classics from Moliere to Chekhov to contemporary comedies by Alan Ayckbourn.

So one is amazed at Krohn's bemused admission: "I've never had any formal drama or acting training."

Unlike many actors, who feel they must leave Houston to find opportunities, Krohn has found them here. His acting and teaching jobs have augmented each other comfortably. He met actress/dancer Chesley Santoro while both were working at classroom.

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Marietta Marich's Houston Theater Center in 1965. They married in 1969 and have raised four children.

Today, Chesley is director of Early Stages, the children's theater program at Stages. Julie, age 16, is a student at the High School for Performing and Visual Arts. Then there are Adam, 18, Stuart, 27, and Aaron, 30.

"We'd often bring them along for rehearsals," Krohn recalls of the four children's upbringing. That may have influenced Aaron, who despite a philosophy degree from UST, is an actor. He is completing postgraduate studies at the prestigious Old Globe Theater in San Diego.

"They only take seven students a year, from about 400 applicants. I'm so glad he's getting that kind of training. It's a terrific thing, because he is really very good."

Krohn was interested in theater from childhood.

"Maybe I was genetically predisposed to it," he said. "Two of my aunts performed in vaudeville as the Dealey Sisters. My grandmother Muriel Cooke was a concert pianist in England and later started her own ballet school. When I was young my mother worked at the Tower movie theater, and I worked there after school as an usher. Seeing all the movies certainly increased my fascination with acting."

Shortly after he began teaching at Jeff Davis, the teacher heading the drama program decided to get the faculty involved in the student productions. Krohn wound up playing Ben Rumson in "Paint Your Wagon" and General Bullmoose in "Li'l Abner."

The bug had bitten. Krohn auditioned in 1962 to play Applegate in "Damn Yankees" at Theater Inc. Director Johnny

George told him he was too young for the role. But he returned the following year to audition for "Irma-La-Douce" and was cast, soon becoming a reliable presence. Early work at the Alley included roles in Betti's "The Queen and the Rebels," Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" and Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid."

A small role in "Mame" at Houston Music Theater (now the Arena Theater) gave him the opportunity to work with film legend Ginger Rogers. Krohn did his first show for TUTS in 1969, playing Marco to Marijane Vandivier's Rose in "Carnival" at Miller Outdoor Theater — that was just the second year of TUTS' existence, when it produced only summer shows at the outdoor venue. Another of his early TUTS turns was Herbie, the male lead in "Gypsy."

Krohn performed regularly with TUTS as it moved to indoor venues, the Music Hall and the TUTS Cabaret Theater at the Shamrock Hilton, both facilities now demolished. At the TUTS Cabaret he was in two Sundheim gems, "Company" and "A Little Night Music" (the male lead, Frederik, again opposite Vandivier). There, he directed "Where's Charley?" and "Same Time Next Year."

With his background in English literature, the annual Houston Shakespeare Festival at Miller has been a favorite for Krohn — his roles including Claudius in "Hamlet" and Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice."

Krohn's double life has proved ideal for various reasons.

"I enjoy teaching a lot," he said. "I would have never wanted to chuck it and concentrate on acting exclusively. Though I'm very admiring of my colleagues at the Alley who do — it's very brave to earn your living just from acting. But raising a family pretty well determined the need for more than one job. And since it would have been difficult to find another comparable situation where I could teach and also act regularly, that pretty much locked me in here."

Krohn finds a connection between his acting and teaching — even though he is not one of those instructors who dons the garb of Twain or Dickens.

"Even without doing that, there is a certain element of performing in teaching. I sometimes do something eccentric to grab attention, to keep things interesting. And it is fun as a teacher to have that theater background. With that connection, I make sure my classes get out to see a play occasionally. When we were studying Brecht's 'In the Jungle of Cities,' I arranged for the class to see the production at the Alley. 'It's always the role you're working on. Or if you're not in a production now, it's the one you just finished.'

One role stands out in Krohn's memory: His performance in the Alley's "A Flea in Her Ear," the frenetic Feydeau farce, included a heart attack.

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## Billboard Music Charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

### Billboard Hot 100:

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive. (Platinum)
2. "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Platinum)
3. "Have You Ever?," Brandy. Atlantic.
4. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Gold)
5. "Lately," Divine. Pendulum. (Platinum)
6. "Because Of You," 98 Degrees. Motown. (Platinum)
7. "Trippin'," Total (feat. Missy Elliott). Bad Boy. (Gold)
8. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse. (Gold)
9. "Love Like This," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
10. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).

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### The Billboard 200 Top Albums:

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Flesh Of My Flesh Blood Of My Blood," DMX. Ruff Ryder.
2. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
3. "N Sync," N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)
4. "Spirit," Jewel. Atlantic. (Platinum)
5. "These Are Special Times," Celine Dion. 550 Music. (Platinum)
6. "(NU) I's," Mariah Carey. Columbia. (Platinum)
7. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum)
8. "Americana," The Offspring. Columbia. (Platinum)
9. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
10. "Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)

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### Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive.
2. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
3. "True Colors," Phil Collins. Face Value.
4. "When You Believe," Whitney Houston. DreamWorks.
5. "I'll Never Break Your Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
6. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Atlantic.
7. "This Kiss," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
8. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
9. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.
10. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain. Mercury.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Turn The Page," Metallica. Elektra.
2. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
3. "Kickin' My Heart Around," The Black Crowes. American.
4. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
5. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
6. "Dragula," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
7. "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
8. "Psycho Man," Black Sabbath. Epic.
9. "Still Rainin'," Jonny Lang. A&M.
10. "One," Creed. Wind-up.

### Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
2. "Never There," Cake. Capricorn.
3. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
4. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava.
5. "Pretty Fly (For A White Guy)," The Offspring. Columbia.
6. "Get You (Where I Want You)," The Flys. Delicious.
7. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
8. "Circles," Soul Coughing. Slash.
9. "You Get What You Give," New Radicals. MCA.
10. "Sweetest Thing," U2. Island.

### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

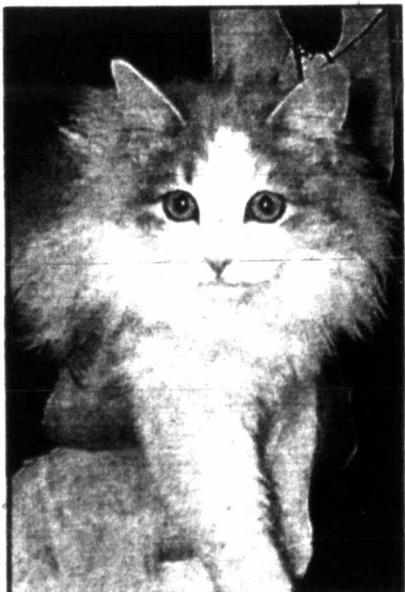
1. "You're Easy On The Eyes," Terri Clark. Mercury.
2. "Wrong Again," Martina McBride. RCA.
3. "You're Beginning To Get To Me," Clay Walker. Giant.
4. "Right On The Money," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
5. "There You Have It," Blackhawk. Arista Nashville.
6. "For You I Will," Aaron Tippin. Lyric Street.
7. "Spirit Of A Boy, Wisdom Of A Man," Randy Travis. DreamWorks.
8. "Let Me Let Go," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
9. "For A Little While," Tim McGraw. Curb.
10. "Stand Beside Me," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.

### Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
2. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
4. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
5. Soundtrack: "Touched By An Angel: The Album." 550 Music. (Platinum)
6. Soundtrack: "Hope Floats." Capitol. (Platinum)
7. "For The Record: 41 Number One Hits," Alabama. RCA. (Platinum)
8. "High Mileage," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
9. Soundtrack: "The Prince Of Egypt — Nashville." DreamWorks. (Gold)
10. "Everywhere," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)

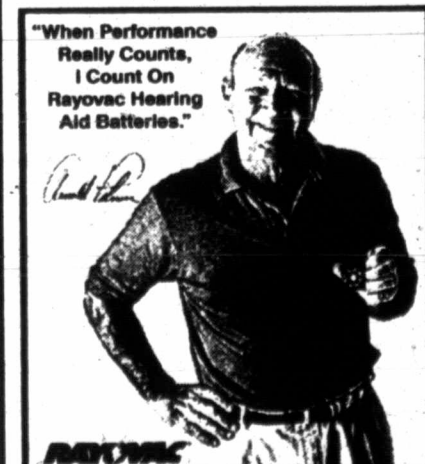
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Seagram Americas, the maker of Crown Royal, has joined with affiliate, MCA/Decca Nashville, to present the program of contemporary country music. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the national efforts of "Share Our

Strength," one of the nation's leading anti-hunger organizations that mobilizes industries and individuals to contribute their talents to fight hunger. Since 1984, Share Our Strength has distributed more than \$50 million in grants to over 1,000 anti-hunger and anti-poverty organizations.

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# Risk Management Plan topic at meeting

James Scroggins reported during a recent meeting of the Celanese Community Advisory Panel that the Pampa Celanese employees experienced an outstanding year in regard to safety with extremely few minor injuries. The plant still holds a good record for the year with one significant release to the environment which had NO OFF-SITE IMPACT, and a couple of very minor releases.

James Scroggins explained that EHSA is an integral part of each employee's annual evaluation. Dr. Hampton asked if an injured individual is docked. Actually, the entire plant population is affected when there is an injury (as well as the reward when the overall record is really good).

Pampa Plant is developing a Risk Management Plan under the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Examples of some of the requirements are as follows:

- Provide Worst Case Incident Scenario along with possible number of affected people. Generate a map of the area that escaped product would cover in the scenario.
- Outline the most Probable Case Scenario.
- Provide a five-year history of incidents.

At the next Community Advisory Panel meeting Celanese would like to present the proposed Risk Management Plan for critique by the members before it is presented to the EPA.

Nanette Moore received a call in which the party asked if Celanese were laying off. She informed the caller that Celanese was not laying off and referred them to appropriate contacts if they were interested in visiting with someone at the plant. Larry Baker added that, in fact, Celanese is still hiring - recently, fifteen operators, three welders and several engineers. Due to the spin-off though, the cash flow will be very tight for the next couple of years, resulting in reduced capital spending. Mundy will require fewer employees, but most of their people are being hired by other contractors. Some internal moves could result, but overall the "tightening of the belt" is a very positive step.

Janie Shed mentioned that Sen. Teel Bivins during his recent Pampa visit said there is a shortage of graduates majoring in science, and she asked if this was affecting Celanese. Larry Ogden responded that it is not affecting Celanese - actually there are fewer jobs to offer in the science field. He said that there will be no impact on the engineers we want to hire. In hiring engineers we target certain schools we're comfortable with, and it improves our chances securing select candidates. Larry added that Celanese is an avid of science in the local schools. Several of our chemists frequently provide demonstrations for science classes and volunteer to help with science fairs, etc. Don Fletcher mentioned that scientists are now donating their time to encourage students, and Riley Kothmann added that other special organizations are promoting the field as well.

Don Fletcher inquired about the new name for Celanese. The chemicals (including the Pampa Plant) and acetate business of the future Celanese AG will be referred to as Celanese Corp. will move its global headquarters to Summit, N.J. and will maintain regional offices in Dallas, Frankfurt, Cherlottesville, Mexico City, Montreal, and Singapore.

Robert Neslage asked what the impact of the slump in the worldwide economy is having on the plant. Larry Ogden responded that we are still shipping the product we make.

Don Fletcher asked about how many products Pampa ships. Pampa ships about 15 different chemicals. In the ensuing conversation of classifying the hazardous impact of products, Lew Mollenkamp mentioned that there is nothing negative at Celanese in regard to attracting other industries based upon the PEDC's study. He said that if anyone were interested, he would be willing to provide that written report.

Riley Kothmann expressed Celanese's appreciation to L.W. McCall for the nice feature in the Pampa News about the Community Advisory Panel after the last meeting.

As part of its efforts to focus the Hoechst Group on life sciences, Hoechst AG plans to combine most of its industrial chemicals businesses, particularly Celanese and Ticona, into an independent joint stock company where it will subsequently spin off to shareholders. Following the spin-off, there will be two separate publicly-traded joint stock companies: Hoechst AG, with its focus on life sciences, and the newly-formed Celanese and Ticona, as well as some other industrial and service business. Celanese AG will be headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

•Hoechst shareholders will retain their Hoechst shares and receive one Celanese share for every 10 Hoechst shares they own. Application will be made to list the new Celanese AG shares in Frankfurt and on the New York Stock Exchange. The spin-off will create an independent company which is a global leader, both in terms of its key products and its production technology.

•On Nov. 1 Hoechst became responsible for the financial aspect only of Celanese AG - not responsible for any of the business management. The new Celanese is predicted to come out "smelling like a rose" - will be a stronger company eventually and will be responsible for its own destiny. Overall it is viewed as a very positive step.

•Hoechst will unload some of their debts onto Celanese, but the debt load was less than expected. Now Celanese has to do something for the new shareholders and come up with ideas to generate good revenues to make it attractive. Celanese is now focusing on reducing costs, installing little new equipment, ect. for the next couple of years. Close analysis will be made of the available capital we have to make

sure we're spending our money where it makes sense. A help during this change is that the chemical industry is fairly predictable.

•Riley Kothmann mentioned that people become concerned about lay-off's and shut-down's with announcements such as this. Usually the plants are unaffected, and their roles don't change; and Pampa doesn't expect any change. Pampa Plant is very viable, but will look at opportunities to help the organization's cash flow by reducing contract labor and focusing on a cost-reduction effort. The employees are coming up with new ideas to increase profit.

•There will be some Celanese organizational changes. There will be two organizations within the Chemicals Corp. - Celanese Chemicals America and Celanese Chemicals Europe. Jerry Moore, former Pampa Plant Manager, was promoted to VP of Operations and Technical of the Celanese Corp. - Americas. Jerry will provide a strong voice from manufacturing now.

•Riley asked the CAP members to please pass along the good message. "The plant will keep on running." The spin-off is P-O-S-I-T-I-V-E.

•Dr. Hampton asked what Hoechst wanted from Celanese at the time of its purchase in 1987. Hoechst wanted the strong chemicals presence in the U.S. and the management strategy (how we made the old company good).

•At the time Hoechst is more interested in transforming into a leading life sciences company. The life sciences includes pharmaceuticals (Hoechst Marion Roussel), a crop production and crop protection company, and an animal health company.

Pampa Plant's new strategy is to reduce costs and actively solicit site partners. (The PEDS and Riley are in the initial stages of soliciting site partners - developing advertisement brochures, defining parts of the Celanese site as enterprise zones, etc.)

Robert Neslage asked if Celanese will have more marketing flexibility - more products, etc. Celanese is always looking for something new, but was limited internally. This is part of the reason for our new PEDC association.

Don Fletcher asked if we're finding a compatibility of products in search of business partners:

•Pampa Plant's acetic anhydride can be used in pharmaceuticals, vitamins, etc.; and that type of production can be done in small units.

•There's a possibility of identifying waste products or by-products for a synergistic exchange plan.

•Making ethanol could be possible - grain-based fermentation would be good. Left-over's could be utilized by dairies. A new producing relationship could start an industrial chain reaction in the area.

Nanette Moore commended the newspaper coverage of Celanese's contribution to the United Way campaign.

Robert Neslage commended Celanese for the all-around team efforts being demonstrated.

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## KROHN

"November 5, 1991," said Krohn. "I had just finished this fairly strenuous scene where I chased (Alley actor) James Black around the stage. I was back in the dressing room doing a crossword puzzle. And I just fell forward. It's lucky another actor had just stopped in to talk, and it's lucky that (Alley staffer) Pat Mitchell knew how to do CPR. I died, and Pat brought me back. I recall now that during rehearsals, doing that same scene, I'd noticed a sort of pain in my chest that I'd never experienced before. But at that time, I'd

just written it off as heartburn."

Yet Krohn's luck prevailed.

"I was very fortunate. Only one artery was affected, so I had single bypass surgery and there was no permanent damage. Surprisingly, the recovery was not too bad. After six weeks, I was able to return to work."

Was he warned to take it easy? To avoid hectic farces and grueling tragedies?

"No," Krohn replied. "Doctors nowadays don't want you to be an invalid. They want you to return to action. And I have felt better since then, because I've taken better care of myself. Not as good as I should, but better care."

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## Meredith Gun Club announces upcoming competitions in area

Meredith Gun Club has announced area meets. All matches are at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon unless noted.

Jan. 3 - 22 Plate, Mano a Mano & Team. Open class. Fees: \$3/2/1 for one gun for all three events (\$6 total). CF Rifle BR Match to follow for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom classes.

Jan. 10 - 22 Rabbit Gun Silhouette iron sighted Sporter types only. (8 1/2 lbs. Max) (Large pistol Silhouettes) Entry Fees: \$6. 22 Rifle BR Match to follow for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Jan. 17 - 22 Pistol Steel Silhouette, unsanctioned, open class - 10.2 lbs. Max. (Large pistol Silhouettes). Entry Fees: \$6. 22 Rifle BR match to follow for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Jan. 31 - Center Fire Rifle Silhouette Lead Bullets only. No gas checks, Scope and Iron sight classes. Large pistol silhouettes. Entry Fees: \$6. CF Rifle BR Match follows for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Feb. 7 - 22 Rabbit Gun Silhouette iron sighted types only. (8 1/2 lbs. Max) (Large pistol Silhouettes) Entry Fees: \$6. Varmint and Custom Classes.

Feb. 14 - Center Fire Pistol Steel Silhouette and Center Fire Rifle Silhouette Lead Bullets Only. Separate/concurrent matches. No gas checks, Scope

and Iron sight classes. Large pistol silhouettes. Entry Fees: \$6. CF Rifle BR Match follows for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Feb. 22 - Center Fire Pistol Plate and Speed Match, Open Class. Entry Fees: \$3 per gun per match, \$5 for both matches. 22 Rifle BR Match to follow for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Feb. 28 - 22 Rifle Steel Silhouette, unsanctioned, open class, - 10.2 lbs. Max. (Large pistol Silhouettes). Entry Fees: \$6. CF Rifle BR match to follow for those interested, Sporter, Varmint and Custom Classes.

Beginners Welcome! Trophies are given for all classes, with a minimum of two entrants, for all Sunday Silhouette matches (except Center Fire Rifle). 22 ammunition is given as prizes for all other matches.

All Matches are unsanctioned; Open to the public! Directions: Just South of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on Sr# 1319 (Antelope Creek is the deep canyon just outside of Sanford).

All matches IAW NRA rules where and as much as possible. For further information and directions, contact one of the following: Larry Porter, 865-3695, Sanford; Don Sanders, 857-3217, Fritch; Adrian Kuncie, 274-5259, Borger.

# Brothers Learn Hard Lesson: Child Support Isn't Forever

DEAR ABBY: My father paid my mother child support until my twin brother and I turned 18. Then he quit. He said, "It's time for your mother to support you."

Abby, he doesn't understand how much our mother has done for us. She gave us all her time and enormous moral support after he left.

My brother and I are both in college, and it's really hard on our mother. She says that according to the law, since we are now 18, Dad is no longer legally responsible for us, but that law is unfair!

I understand that years ago most kids graduated from high school and went to work, but today it's different. Education is vital.

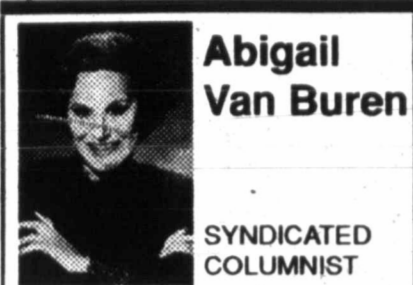
I don't like seeing Mom work two jobs and make sacrifices while my father and his new wife have a new house, a new boat, a new car and lots of vacations. Dad says his financial responsibility to us is over.

We're adults, and we're on our own. If it weren't for a scholarship, we would be unable to attend college.

Abby, is there a way to get our political leaders to change the law to make fathers pay child support until their children graduate from college?

IN COLLEGE IN GEORGIA

DEAR IN COLLEGE: Child support laws vary from state to state. In some (not all) states, fathers of college students must continue supporting their children beyond the age of 18. In Georgia, I am told, child sup-



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

port stops when the child reaches majority — unless an order has been made by a judge that the support continues for the college education. However, even though the original order may go only until the child is 18, the mother and children can petition a judge to amend the order to continue or resume it. Whether or not to order child support through the college years is at the discretion of the judge.

If that approach doesn't work, there's still a way to complete your education without depending on your mother to carry the entire financial load. You could apply for student loans, or extend your education over a longer period by taking fewer classes each semester — thereby allowing you to hold a job. Many young people work their way through college, and if need be, you can, too. That would also lighten the load on your mother.

DEAR ABBY: I teach elementary art and was explaining to my fifth-graders how to incorporate their experiences into their art. As an example, I showed them an oil painting I had just completed that was inspired by a recent traumatic event. I had been robbed in my home and left bound and gagged. I took pains to describe the various emotions I experienced while waiting helplessly for my husband to return home and untie me. I showed the students how the painting reflected those emotions.

The class listened very intently. When I finished talking, one of my students raised his hand and asked very seriously, "Mrs. K., how did you ever manage to paint that with your hands tied behind your back?"

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## Horoscope

MONDAY, JAN. 4, 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). \*\*\*\*\* Don't hold back from expressing ideas. Listen to others, and brainstorm. Your ingenuity emerges from someone's creativity. Partners are quick to give feedback. You get what you want because of your natural dynamism and because of others' good will. Tonight: A good time.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). \*\*\*\*\* Capitalize on an opportunity that could enhance your personal and professional life. Others are very positive about you. A boss lets you know how much they value your contribution. Use your instincts. Return messages, gather information and feedback. Tonight: Home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20). \*\*\*\*\* Make contacts and maximize your potential. Others could be unpredictable. Pull back and allow understanding to dominate. You get what you want because of someone's goodwill, but also as a result of your perceptions. Don't hold yourself back. Tonight: Hang out.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22). \*\*\*\*\* You handle financial matters with unusual flair. Be sensitive to a partner and his wishes. He could

be more extravagant than you. Find out what is causing this discrepancy. Career and bosses make demands, but you can meet all of them. You're energized! Tonight: Balance your checkbook, and pay bills.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). \*\*\*\*\* You wake up ready to go. Someone feels bad about a recent interaction, demonstrating a change in attitude and attempting to curry your favor. Information is slow in coming. Be creative and find out why. Make calls, clear your desk. Tonight: Do what sounds like fun.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). \*\*\*\*\* Much might be brewing. Make more inquiries before coming to a complete decision. Think before you leap into action. Impulsive spending could lead you down a path you would prefer not to go. Use your intuition, but do not risk. A partner is security-oriented. Tonight: Take a night off.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). \*\*\*\*\* Get in touch with friends and catch up on holiday news as well as work. A child or loved one has much to share with you. Be realistic about limits. A partner pushes you hard; they have different ideas than you. Energy is high. Tonight: Do what you want.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). \*\*\*\*\* Maintain a high profile. Others respond well to you. A purchase for your home adds to the quality of your life. Examine long-term goals, but realize that your path could test your energy and endurance. You are irritated by someone. Talk don't hold

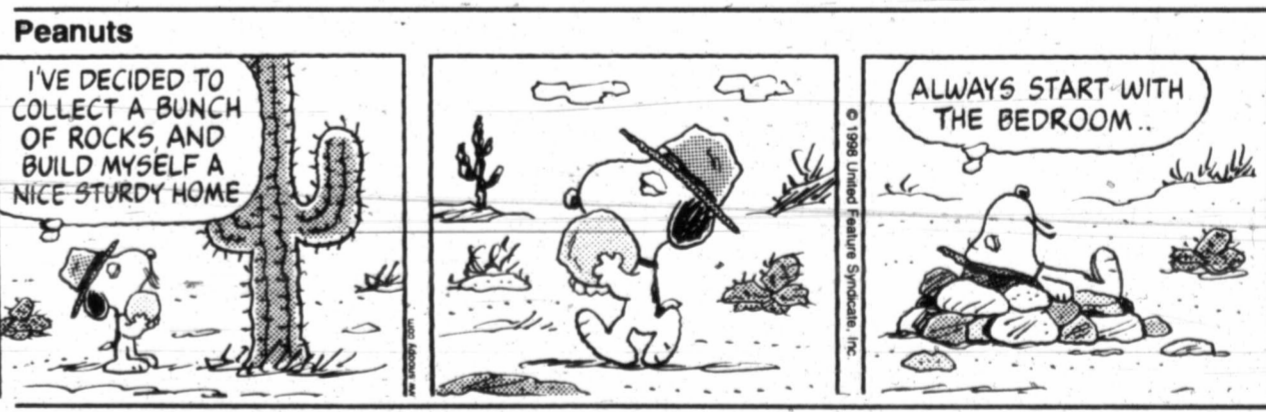
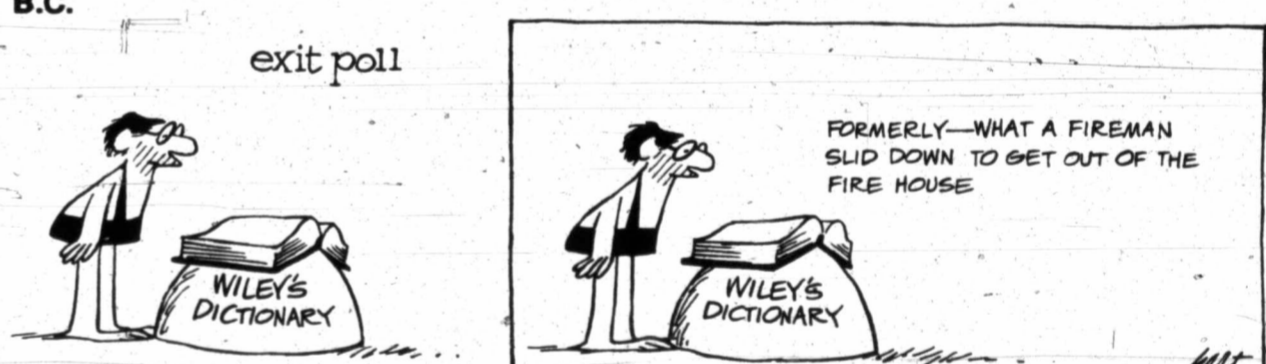
it in. Tonight: Work late. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). \*\*\*\*\* You are bright-eyed. Temper your manner of expression as you reach out for others. Sugar works far better than vinegar. Do not sell yourself short. Be direct with those who might be doing a background check. You are on the winning path. Tonight: Watch a movie.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). \*\*\*\*\* Close relating takes you in the right direction. There are times when you wonder about a partner. Discussions prove insightful. You have the same goals and direction. Teamwork is your long-term goal after all. Stop and buy a card or token gift for a loved one. Tonight: Go for ogetherness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). \*\*\*\*\* Put your best foot forward. Caring seizes the moment if you open up. Take an overview, walk in someone's shoes. Realize that communications could be stifled because you don't want to hear the other side. Open up and take a risk. Tonight: Indulge someone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). \*\*\*\*\* You might not be in the mood for work, but you get a lot accomplished with ease. Listen to and share with someone. You could be overly sensitive. The holidays may have left you feeling tight, but you find a way around it. Be willing to work overtime. Tonight: Pitch in.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Dyan Cannon (1937), former football coach Don Shula (1930), actress Jane Wyman (1914)



## Crossword Puzzle

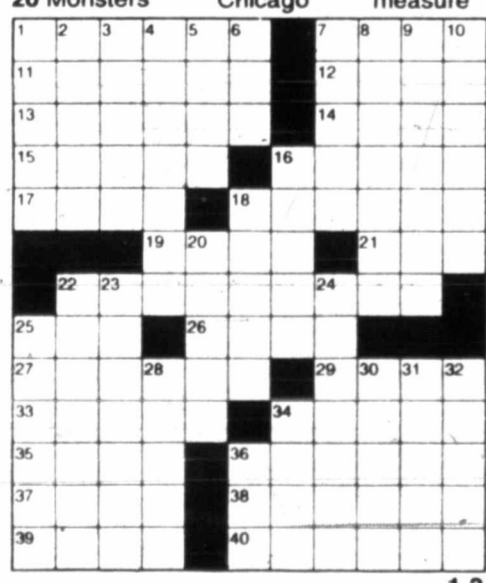
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  - 16 Pierre's wife
  - 17 Vaccine type
  - 18 Expel from the legal biz
  - 19 Bank offering
  - 21 "My Party"
  - 22 Dr. Seuss character
  - 25 Homer's barkeep
  - 26 San — Italy
  - 27 Wipes off
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  - 38 Skate type
  - 39 Decays
  - 40 Less fatty

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  - 34 Fork feature
  - 36 Wire measure

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Yesterday's Answer



## Marmaduke



"I wish you'd stay out of my jewelry box."

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# AGRICULTURE

## Pork producers get low return for hogs

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Pork producers, struggling with their lowest prices in 40 years, are trying to find a solution to their plight. "The pork industry is in shambles," said Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin. "Prices have been falling steadily ... and everybody in the business is losing money." An oversupply of hogs has caused pork prices to drop to less than \$10 per hundredweight in some areas of the country, down from \$46.50 just a year ago. Georgia pork producers met Monday with Irvin,

Georgia Farm Bureau representatives and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials to look for ways to resolve the problem of plunging pork prices. Roger Bernard, executive director of the Georgia Pork Producers Association, said some meat packing plants closed in the Midwest last summer, leaving the nation with more hogs than the industry can slaughter. Bernard said some of Georgia's 400 pork producers are losing \$50 to \$75 per hog because of the low prices. "That's disastrous," he said. "It's possible some

of our producers may not be able to withstand the market problems." Rodney Newton, a Jefferson pork producer and president of the state association, said he believes the prices will stay low for several months, until the supply dwindles. "If it doesn't improve soon, there's not going to be much of the industry left," he said. The situation is so bad that former President Jimmy Carter intervened earlier this month on behalf of the state's hog farmers. Carter wrote to President Clinton asking for emergency low-interest loans for hog farmers battling what he termed "the most serious crisis among farmers that I have witnessed since the Great Depression."

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman also has gotten involved. Glickman has formed a task force to find ways to help hog producers. He also is working with Congress, governors and the heads of major slaughterhouses to try to increase the number of hogs that are butchered. And, he has announced that the USDA would temporarily stop lending money for new pork production plants. Irvin has talked to Glickman about the crisis as well. "I told him we need the USDA to lend any assistance they could to get us through this serious situation," he said. In Des Moines, Iowa, meanwhile, a special legislative committee was convened Monday to consider what to do about what many see as a crisis in the hog industry. But John Lawrence, a livestock economist at Iowa State University, told the lawmakers that there is little they can do right now to turnaround pork prices. Instead, he urged lawmakers to focus on long-term issues such as restructuring the debt of farmers who have lost equity because of tumbling hog prices. The number of hogs slaughtered has soared past 2 million a week, straining the ability of the meat-packing industry to keep pace, Lawrence said. With supplies huge, prices tumble, he said. One bit of good news for farmers is that this year's losses haven't wiped out profits hog producers made in 1996 and 1997, Lawrence said. Lawrence predicted that seasonal variations will begin to reduce the number of hogs being sent to slaughter, a change that is likely to begin moving prices back up. "I think by the first of February we're going to see prices start to inch back up," Lawrence said. "We're in a waiting game, waiting for the numbers to decline," he said. "There's not a lot we can do in the short run."

## High-protein soybean improves infant formulas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-protein soybean bred for animal feed makes infant formula made of soy more like mother's milk, government researchers say. The high-protein soybean called Prolina "turns out to have potential for improving soy infant formulas," Floyd P. Horn, administrator of the Agriculture Department's research service said in a release Wednesday. Prolina was bred by Joseph Burton, a plant geneticist with the Agricultural Research Service's laboratory in Raleigh, N.C. Prolina has a high concentration of the amino acid cystine, which is a key part of human breast milk, the research service said. Prolina has several times more cystine than regular soybean varieties, said Prachuab Kwanyuen, a chemist with the research service and a colleague of Burton's. "Many formula manufacturers have been looking for a way to more closely match mother's milk with a vegetable-based formula," Kwanyuen said. "Prolina may just be the formula for success." Prolina soybeans are also high in a special class of proteins — 11S and 7S — that make it easier to process the beans into a gel form for a fat-free whipped cream made of soy or to blend them into a liquid emulsion like infant formula, the research service said. The research service said that breast feeding is usually preferable to formula for most infants. But

sometimes, an infant will have trouble digesting larger proteins found in breast milk. So soy formula can be an alternative. WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists have developed a new indoor trap that uses a blacklight to lure and then capture flying bugs. The trap doesn't harm the insects. Instead, the captured bugs are caught in a bag that has a non-stick surface. The bugs can be subsequently released or disposed of. The department said the trap is useful in catching harmless, but sometimes annoying, lady bugs that can enter homes in large numbers during the fall. "We urge people not to kill these lady beetles," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "They're harmless." In tests, the trap captured nearly 100 percent of Asian multicolored lady beetles, known to scientists as Harmonia axyridis, an imported species. Researchers have applied for a patent for the trap, and the department's Agricultural Research Service is currently evaluating applications from companies interested in licensing the technology for commercial use. The trap is small — about 12 inches by 24 inches — and can be easily assembled. If necessary, an insecticide can be added inside the trap to kill harmful pests.

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- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Occupation/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- Birth Date & Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Family: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had a different job, I'd be a: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- When I grow up I want to be: \_\_\_\_\_
- My personal hero: \_\_\_\_\_
- The best advice I ever got was: \_\_\_\_\_
- People who knew me in High School thought: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My classmates think of me as: \_\_\_\_\_
- The best word or words to describe me: \_\_\_\_\_
- People will remember me as being: \_\_\_\_\_
- The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: \_\_\_\_\_
- My hobbies are: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 cliche 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: \_\_\_\_\_







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**WACKY**

Meanwhile, in Sulphur Springs, an escapee from the Hopkins County Jail thoughtfully telephoned authorities to let them know he was OK. Burglary suspect Gary Davis, 36, slipped away from a work detail, then called a jailer the following night to assure folks he had no hard feelings.

"He just felt his attorney wasn't doing a good job," Chief Deputy Rickey Morgan told the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram. "He said his attorney told him he was 'dumb as a box of rocks.'"

Death row inmate Martin Gurule's Thanksgiving night prison escape attracted substantially more attention.

A double murderer from Corpus Christi, Gurule, 29, was the only one of seven death row inmates to successfully make the break that touched off a massive weeklong manhunt.

He made it no more than a mile. Fishermen found his body floating in the Trinity River.

In Houston, Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu sued for independence from her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings on risky investments.

A judge granted the request, then later issued a protective order preventing her father, Dumitru Moceanu, from stalking the 17-year-old gymnast and her friends.

Actually, it was obvious early on that 1998 was going to be wacky. The year was hardly a week old when President Clinton visited South Texas, Barry Switzer resigned as coach of the Dallas Cowboys and a broadcast baron paid \$250 million for the Texas Rangers baseball team.

Coincidence? I don't think so.

We probably should simply blame it all on the Aggies, who got us off on the wrong foot on New Year's Day by blowing their Cotton Bowl showdown with UCLA, 29-23.

And speaking of Texas A&M, the anonymous owners of a dog named Missy shelled out \$2.3 million so Aggie researchers could clone their aging pet, a coffee-husky mix.

An Aggie joke, you say? Nope. The "Missyplixity Project" is for real.

Fort Worth, alias "Cowtown," rounded up a small herd of Longhorns and began hiring cowboys to drive them through the historic Stockyards District to amuse curious tourists.

"I don't care what people say, we're still a cow town, and we should have cattle that people can come and see," City Councilman Bill Lane said.

University of Texas officials in Austin decided to reopen the UT Tower. They say it's time to create positive experiences with the tower rather than having it remembered only for suicide leaps and Charles Whitman's murderous sniper attack in 1966.

In Brownsville, two men were accused of scheming to attack Clinton so others with cigarette lighters rigged with poison-coated cactus needles.

Johnie Wise and Jack Abbott Grebe were convicted of sending threat Worth's grand new Texas Motor Speedway sprung a leak, forcing NASCAR officials to halt and then postpone qualifying for the Texas 500.

Mark Martin eventually won the race, and the next day charged track officials announced plans to spend \$2 million fixing the oval's water leakage woes.

Meanwhile, the GOP chose Philadelphia over the Alamo City as the site for the party's national convention in 2000. "A colossal Republican mistake," fumed San Antonio businessman Red McCombs, new owner of the NFL powerhouse Minnesota Vikings.

"San Antonio is a city that people want to go to," grumbled McCombs, suggesting that Philadelphia "is a city that people go to when they have to go there."

Stealing a page from the Oprah saga, a Plano turf farmer accused a state agricultural agent of libeling her grass. Citing the state's "veggie libel law," Pat Anderton claimed the agent slandered a brand of her grass when he wrote in a newspaper column that it did not respond well to the Dallas area humidity. (What does?)

A judge jettisoned the case without comment.

In other legal silliness, someone ratted out the folks in Schulenburg, and now Superman's on their case. DC Comics, a subsidiary of Warner Bros., has demanded that the high school quit using the copyrighted Superman logo.

The company's anti-piracy department insists the "S" within a shield be eradicated within a year on football helmets, uniforms, class rings and such.

# Ranch's habitat conservation plan draws fed's approval, environmentalists ire

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The feds have given the OK for owners of a ranch near here to temporarily harass a 7-inch endangered owl.

The first Tucson-area approval of a habitat conservation plan for the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, which is listed under the Endangered Species Act, isn't as mean-spirited or horrific as it may sound, officials say. But environmentalists disagree.

The Lazy K Bar Guest Ranch northwest of Tucson will be allowed to disturb up to two owls and their offspring during construction of a barnlike structure for dining and dance on 27 of its 160 acres. In exchange, it has committed to restore 32 acres of pygmy owl habitat, some of it in pasture lands.

But the controversial part is that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also is authorizing the taking — read that as killing — of one owl, covering the ranch from liability in case one of the 32 pygmy owls remaining in Arizona accidentally dies during

its construction activity. It also could cover a situation such as someone running over an owl with a bike.

That's illegal, unacceptable and why the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity plans to sue, director Kieran Suckling says.

"This sets a terrible precedent," said Suckling, director of the Tucson-based environmental organization. "This is the first pygmy owl habitat conservation plan in Arizona, and the Fish and Wildlife Service has already gone down the worst road possible."

That's hardly how Jeff Humphrey, a spokesman for Fish and Wildlife, or Peter Evans, owner of the Lazy K Bar, view it.

"We've been encouraging people in Pima County over the course of the last year, that simply because an owl may be utilizing someone's land, it's not a show-stopper," Humphrey said. "In many cases, development may proceed with modifications."

Evans recently purchased the ranch, hoping to continue its

operation as a guest ranch, including staging Western-theme parties for large groups.

A survey conducted of the ranch's property included a search last spring for pygmy owls, during which one was heard. As a result, Fish and Wildlife was notified.

"One of the options was to develop a habitat conservation plan," Evans said. He told his survey project leader that since it would be a sensitive issue, he wanted to be certain everyone was kept informed and there were no hidden agendas.

Evans said his intent was to "see if we can work this out so everyone's satisfied and we can do what we want to do."

The county has commended the ranch on how it handled the process, as well as approval from Fish and Wildlife, and "we have a strong endorsement from the neighborhood, most of whom are environmentally sensitive," he said.

The plan will enable Evans to build a barn-like, open-air structure offering weather and noise protection, but without heating or cooling, for large parties.

It also will allow him, or a future owner, to build up to 50 new homes on lots averaging 3.1 acres at some future point, if the ranch no longer remains viable because of encroaching development around it.

"The hope is never to have to develop it, but at some point there may be the need for me or someone to" do so, Evans said.

Visitors come to the ranch to see the Sonoran Desert, and it will keep its desert habitat, Humphrey said.

Habitat conservation plans have been developed across the country, some for multiple species, Humphrey said. "It's not new, other than in southern Arizona," he said.

But the ranch's conservation plan is unique in that the species has such low numbers, he said.

It is precisely the pygmy owl's tiny population that makes it improper for Fish and Wildlife to allow any to be killed, Suckling said. "Kids riding bikes are not the threat to pygmy owls. Development is the threat to pygmy owls."

A habitat conservation plan sounds benign, but in reality

amounts to "a permitting process to take endangered species," Suckling said.

He said such plans were intended for relatively abundant endangered species, where the loss of one or two animals is not critical to extinction.

"Other species which are severely endangered, such as the pygmy owl, cannot withstand any killings, and in fact it's illegal to issue takes for such species," he said.

"It's illegal to issue a habitat conservation plan, and that's why we're going to sue them. The Fish and Wildlife Service cannot issue a take permit if the take is likely to jeopardize the survival and recovery of the species in the wild, according to the Endangered Species Act."

Suckling added that his organization does not absolutely oppose a habitat conservation plan for the Lazy K if there is only harassment of any owls.

"I think the owl can survive some harassment," he said.

But he accused Fish and Wildlife of initially trying to hide the fact that it was permitting the taking of an owl. Humphrey, he said, told the media no owls were going to be killed.

Humphrey acknowledged that he may have erred in telling reporters that the Lazy K plan would not let an owl be killed. "I didn't have that information the first day," he said.

"The service is not permitting the ranch to kill an owl. It's covering the ranch in the event that an owl shows up dead."

He added that if an owl is declared dead, the ranch has agreed to stop construction until it meets with Fish and Wildlife to assure it can modify its plan if needed.

"If every developer exhibited the flexibility that the ranch has, the pygmy owl issue would be less of an issue than it is currently," Humphrey said.

## Local piano students perform Christmas recital

Piano students of Mrs. Myrna Orr were presented in a Christmas Recital recently at Tarpley's Recital Hall.

Some of the selections performed in the 2 p.m. recital were "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Stacie Carter, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Linda Schwab, "Ukrainian Bell Carol" by Eric Scroggins, "Spinning Song" by Abbe Parker, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" by K'Lee Ratzlaff and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" by Mary McKay.

Also playing were Andrea Abbe, Valerie Rushing, Tate Collis, Ashley Parker, Katie Barnes, Kelsie Wyatt, Garrett Coutts, Lindsey Mitchell, Meredith Coutts, Erin Watson, and Zachary Windhorst.

Some of the Piano Ensembles selections performed were:

"Greensleeves" by Andrea Abbe, Eric Scroggins, Linda Schwab, Zachary Windhorst, K'Lee Ratzlaff and Stacie Carter; "Parade of the Toy Soldiers" by Linda Schwab, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Andrea Abbe, Stacie Carter, Ashley Knipp and Eric Scroggins; "Arrival of Santa Clause" by Ashley Knipp, Andrea Abbe, Josh Gibson, Linda Schwab, Consuela Hacker, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Kira Chumbley and Mrs. Orr.

Some of the selections performed in the 3:15 p.m. recital were "Malaguena" by Maggie Hopkins, "My Heart Will Go On" by Malorie Tice, "Polvetsian Dance" by Kira Chumbley, "Good King Wencelas" by

Emily Woodruff and "The First Noel" by Ashley Knipp.

Others playing were Jenee Watson, Jerry Tice, Ben Gibson, Consuela Hacker, Josh Gibson, Lily Price, Jamie Pergeson, Samantha Kelly and Julie Schuneman.

Piano Ensembles selections were: "Jingle Bells" by Andrea Abbe, Ashley Knipp, Linda Schwab and Kira Chumbley; "Parade of the Toy Soldiers" by Ashley Knipp, Abbe Parker, Josh Gibson, K'Lee Ratzlaff, Andrea Abbe and Kira Chumbley; "Greensleeves" by Ashley Knipp, Kira Chumbley, Abbe Parker and Stacie Carter; "Deck the Halls" by Ashley Knipp, Kira Chumbley, Consuela Hacker, Josh Gibson and Linda Schwab.

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