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No ticket correctly matched  
all six numbers drawn  
Wednesday night for the  
twice-weekly Lotto Texas  
game, state lottery officials  
said.

The numbers drawn  
Wednesday night from a field  
of 50 were: 2-5-28-32-42-45.

Saturday night's drawing  
will be worth an estimated  
\$29 million.

**AMARILLO** — Bank  
One's Spirit of Christmas  
campaign will receive hun-  
dreds of gifts at 2 p.m. Friday,  
Dec. 10 in the banking cen-  
ter's lobby at its location at  
600 S. Tyler in Amarillo. The  
presents will be delivered by  
Hastings Books and Records  
and will be distributed to  
needy children in the  
Amarillo area in time for the  
holidays.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Texas  
Lottery Commission has  
voted to stick with a decision  
to allow a Georgia-based  
company to print scratch-off  
game tickets, ignoring  
requests from legislators who  
supported a company with a  
San Antonio plant.

- **Edna Mae Bratton Cameron, 94**, retired teacher, spotter for enemy ships, planes in World War II.
- **Kelly Fisher, 39**, homemaker.
- **Donald Juffaker, 70**, owner-director City Gin.
- **Wesley Lawrence Weldon, 78**, road construction worker.

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## Snow watchers eye new storm front

By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

It's beginning to look like a winter wonderland in the Pampa area.

Snow storms again arrived in Pampa during the early morning hours dumping four inches of snow on the ground. The sun was out before noon and the snow was melting.

"It came quickly and it ended quickly," said Darrell Sehorn with KGRO weather station. He said the storm gave the area four inches of new snow bringing the moisture up to 24.05 for the year. He said the normal moisture level for a year is 21.19.

The total inches of moisture for 1999 is 14 inches, and no moisture was received

in the area in November.

Sehorn uses a bucket with an eight-inch diameter top in which to measure snow accumulations.

Another storm is scheduled to come in Sunday. Sehorn said the storm has the potential to equal the storm which struck the area last Saturday. "Thursday's storm arrived replete with lightning and thunder," said Sehorn. He said he will be plotting the storm closely scheduled to arrive Sunday.

Hail was reported falling late Wednesday in Carson County prior to the arrival of the snow.

No highways were reported closed in the area early Thursday, but DPS troopers were investigating numerous accidents on I-40. Highway 207 north of Panhandle

was reported to be extremely slick. Highway 152 east of Pampa to Skellytown was snow and ice packed. Law enforcement urged caution in driving.

City of Pampa crews faced a dual cleanup problem today. They were out early clearing the snow covered streets from today's early morning storm as well clearing as the piles of snow from last weekend's storm.

The Pampa ISD Schools were closed as were St. Vincent's and St. Matthews.

Offices which closed due to the weather conditions were the Social Security, Department of Human Resources, WIC, and Workforce Commission. Gray County Courthouse offices opened at 10 a.m.

Southwestern Public Service only

received two calls concerning electric service outages, according to Jim Fuller. Fuller said the SPS crews are still working to restore service in rural areas which lost service in Saturday's storm. He said residences have service back, and the customers who are out of service are mostly in the oil field.

"Most of the crews are still here, but some had to leave this morning to go into the Lubbock area to help restore service there after the latest storm hit," said Fuller.

He said Caterpillars are transporting crews into the rural areas to help get the service restored.

As the storm moved out of the area Thursday, residents brace for the storm scheduled to arrive Sunday.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

**It's same song, second verse for Chris Wolf at Elco Glass at 315 E. Foster as he shovels snow to make way for customers this morning. Despite the bad weather this week, Wolf said the business, which furnishes automotive, commercial and residential glass, isn't off very much.**

## Wreck victims conditions told; child's funeral service pending

By **NANCY YOUNG**,  
Managing Editor

Services are pending for a 4-year-old child who died in a three-car crash Monday night in Borger. Ten people were injured in the accident.

Brett Davis died at 11:45 p.m. Monday in Northwest Texas Hospital after being airlifted by LifeStar from Borger. His father, Chad Davis, 25, who was driver of the car in which Brett was riding, was also transferred to Amarillo by LifeStar where his condition was upgraded to satisfactory

condition Wednesday.

Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman will be handling the arrangements.

Davis was driver of a Mercury Cougar traveling east on Roosevelt which collided with a Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Shawn Anglin, 16, at the intersection of Roosevelt and Cedar inside the Borger city limits.

Anglin, along with his passenger, Caleb Ferguson, also 16, were also airlifted to NWTX following the collision. Anglin was discharged from

(See **WRECK**, Page 2)

## Lewis seeks re-election



James H. Lewis, Gray County Constable for precinct 1 and 3, announced his candidacy for reelection.

Lewis has served as constable

for seven years.

A graduate of Pampa High School and a long-term Gray County resident, Lewis is "very proud to be a part of this fine community ... and dedicated to serving all citizens of Gray County and will appreciate the opportunity to continue serving," Lewis wrote.

Lewis is a member of Texas Association of Peace Officers, as well as Texas Association of Justice of Peace and Constables, and Five State Peace Officers.

Lewis is married to Marilyn Hamilton. They have two sons, one daughter, five granddaughters, and two grandsons.

## Toys for Tots seeking gifts

If you are looking for a good cause to support this holiday season then Toys For Tots may be just the thing for you.

It's easy to do. All that's needed is to buy a toy and bring it to Culberson-Stowers where they are being collected by the Christmas tree in the dealership lobby.

Toys should not be wrapped so they may be sorted appropriately before being given to some deserving Pampa children as selected through the Salvation Army.

The deadline to make a drop off is Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

**Firefighters in Pampa pay homage by flying flag at half mast to the six firefighters who died last week in a Worcester, Mass., warehouse blaze. Four of the six died while trying to rescue the other two. Thousands of firefighters were to join President Clinton and other mourners at a memorial service today.**



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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**CAMERON**, Edna Mae Bratton — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Desoto Cemetery, Desoto, Kan.  
**FISHER**, Kelly — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**HUFFAKER**, Donald — 2 p.m., Abernathy First United Methodist Church, Abernathy.

## Obituaries

**EDNA MAE BRATTON CAMERON**  
**AMARILLO** - Edna Mae Bratton Cameron, 94, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in San Jacinto Baptist Church with Dr. Stan Coffey and the Rev. Dale Moreland officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in De Soto Cemetery at De Soto, Kan., with Dr. Stacy Ollar, Jr. officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home, Inc., of Amarillo.

Mrs. Cameron was born Sept. 1, 1905, in a covered wagon at Lost Creek, Texas, the eldest of nine children born to Luther and Mary Bratton, ranchers. She held a bachelor of arts degree from San Marcos State College and received her master's degree from the University of Kansas at age 65. Her master thesis was on her book "Children of the Tundra," published in 1963.

She taught school in rural and city schools at Pampa.

She married Howard M. Cameron, a field representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska; he died in 1982. The couple taught at schools for Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians on islands off Alaska as well as the mainland including King Island, St. Lawrence Island, Afognak, King Cove and Seward. They were spotters for enemy Japanese ships and planes in the Bering Strait during World War II.

The Camerons retired from teaching after 25 years of service and moved to De Soto. They traveled extensively including a tour of the Holy Land.

She had been an Amarillo resident since 1982 and belonged to San Jacinto Baptist Church since that time.

Survivors include two sisters, Viola Mobley of Amarillo and Lora Tunnell of Stanton; and two brothers, Raleigh Bratton of Pearland and Edmond Bratton of McKinney.

### KELLY FISHER

Kelly Fisher, 39, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Hugh B. Daniel, retired Methodist minister of Breckenridge, the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, and the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Fisher was born Sept. 22, 1960, at Pampa, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1979. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon from 1979-80. She married Kirk Fisher on Sept. 5, 1981, at Pampa.

She was a homemaker and belonged to First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bob Bruner, in 1979.

Survivors include her husband, Kirk, of the home; her mother, Billie Bruner of Pampa; and a brother, Denver Bruner of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159; or to Camp Sweeney, P.O. Box 918, Gainesville, TX 76240.

### DONALD HUFFAKER

**ABERNATHY** - Donald Huffaker, 70, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Abernathy First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Currie officiating. Burial will be in Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home of Abernathy.

Mr. Huffaker was born Aug. 3, 1929, at Tahoka. He married Lloydine "Dean" Edwards on Oct. 28, 1948, at Wolforth. He moved to Hale County in 1954 from Wolforth and was owner-director of City Gin. He coached Little League Baseball for many years and was a Hale County 4-H Swine Leader for 21 years, serving on the Hale County Stock Show Board.

He was a lifetime member of Abernathy First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lloydine, of Abernathy; two daughters, Donna Brauchi of Pampa and Melinda Horsford of Hale Center; a son, Rodney Huffaker of Lubbock; a brother, Roger Huffaker of Weatherford; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock, TX 79453; or to First United Methodist Church, 704 Ave. D, Abernathy, TX 79311.

### WESLEY LAWRENCE WELDON

**SAYRE, Okla.** - Wesley Lawrence Weldon, 78, brother of a Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in Rose Chapel Funeral Service funeral home in Sayre. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock.

Mr. Weldon was born at Shamrock and attended Bethel School. He worked in road construction in Amarillo until his retirement. He had been a Sayre resident since 1998.

He was a Baptist and a World War II Army veteran, serving with a tank battalion stationed in Italy and receiving a Purple Heart and five Bronze Stars.

Survivors include two daughters, Carole Domotor of Marion, Ind., and Gaye Sessums of Brandon, Fla.; a sister, Bessie Barker of Sayre; two brothers, George Weldon of Shamrock and N.A. Weldon of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Police report

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

A burglary of a motor vehicle which took place Nov. 29 in the 100 block of North Hobart was reported. Forty-eight CDs were stolen.

Criminal mischief which occurred between Dec. 2 and Dec. 8 was reported in the 1000 block of Faulkner.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

Betty Weatherwax Lee, 39, no address given, arrested on a probation violation/aggravated assault charge.

## Ambulance

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

2:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a transfer to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

2:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to IHS in Amarillo.

## Fires

The Gray County Fire Department made the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

6:45 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 1400 block of Williston.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	1.98	
Milo	2.59	
Corn	3.04	
Soybeans	3.95	

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

Occidental	20 7/16	dn 1/8
Fidelity Magellan	130.36	
Puritan	19.18	

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

Amoco	61 1/16	up 13/16
Anso	90 1/2	up 1 13/16
Cabot	18 1/2	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	13 9/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	91 5/8	up 1/8

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

## Man says he was beaten in Masonic hazing

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** - The Tarrant County district attorney's office is investigating a complaint from a member of a now-defunct Masonic lodge chapter who says he was bound and blindfolded and beaten on the legs and buttocks during an induction ceremony.

Eric Mitchell, 32, of Arlington, complained to Arlington Police on Oct. 22 about the incident he said took place at the Thomas H. Rount Lodge No. 639 in September.

A member of the former lodge has denied that the incident took place.

"The hazing didn't take place. We are all mature people," said Darrick Starr of Rowlett, a member of the Masonic lodge. "I don't

know about the hazing, and about the investigation I have no comment."

Starr is one of 17 former members of Rount Lodge No. 639, whose charter was pulled by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas for "conduct unbecoming of a lodge (hazing)," according to a letter sent by Robert E. Connor Jr., state grandmaster for the Masons.

Starr, a lodge member for about a year, said that the group has about 100 members and that he isn't sure why he is on the suspended list.

"I found out about this (hazing allegation) a month ago," he said. "I'm not in charge, so I can't speak for anyone else. But I didn't see it take place."

Connor could not be reached for comment, but an attorney for the state group told the Arlington Morning News it's "the position of the Grand Lodge that it is not responsible for any assault that may have occurred."

Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson said the incident was investigated and the information was sent to the DA's office in Fort Worth.

Mitchell, who owns an Arlington hair salon, said he and five inductees were attempting to join the lodge at a ceremony at the Hugh Smith Recreation Center in Arlington.

During the ceremony, he said, he was blindfolded and had a rope placed around his neck and wrists.

## WRECK

The Amarillo hospital Wednesday. Ferguson remains in NWH in satisfactory condition.

Tara Davis, 20, mother of Brett Davis, was also a passenger in the Mercury Cougar driven by her husband. She remains in satisfactory condition at NWH.

Two other passengers in the Davis vehicle remain in the Amarillo hospital. Heather Gray, 18, is in satisfactory condition, upgraded from serious, from her injuries while Kelly Steagall, 32, has been upgraded from critical to serious condition.

Jennifer Hughes, 29, who was also a passenger in

the Davis vehicle was admitted to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger for treatment of her injuries.

Suzette Dickinson, 21, driver of a Toyota Tercel, which veered from the accident, striking a pole, was also admitted to the Borger hospital for treatment. Her son, Dominique Dickinson, age 4, and another passenger, Tasha Leonard, 20, were both treated and released at GPCH's emergency room.

Lt. David King of Borger Police Department said the accident is still under investigation. When asked about a report that 10 of the 11 people involved in the accident were not wearing safety restraints, King said the matter is still under investigation and it has not been determined.

## Convicted killer of 14-year-old to become second Texas inmate executed this week

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** - A former state hospital worker headed to the Texas death chamber Thursday night for his part in a 1984 shooting spree that left three members of a family dead in their East Texas home.

James Beathard, 42, a former psychiatric technician and substance abuse counselor at the Rusk State Hospital, would be the second Texas inmate in as many days to be put to death and the 33rd this year. Two more executions are set for next week and at least seven already are scheduled for January.

Beathard was convicted of the death of 14-year-old Marcus Hathorn in an Oct. 9, 1984 shooting rampage that also left the boy's parents, Gene and Linda Hathorn, dead.

Another son, Gene Hathorn Jr., also was convicted of the Trinity County killings and sentenced to death. His case remains on appeal and no execution date for him has been set.

"I've had 15 years to prepare," Beathard said in a recent death row interview. "I know whatever I have to go to has got to be better than this."

But he said he worried about his mother, wife and a 20-year-old daughter, whom he saw earlier this year for the first time since she was an infant.

"I would endure 10 times the worst living than what I am going through now for them," Beathard said. "So in that sense, no, I am not ready to go."

The younger Hathorn and Beathard worked together at

Rusk State Hospital until Beathard went to college in Nacogdoches, where he earned more than 100 credit hours at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Court records indicated Hathorn supplied Beathard with illegal drugs for him to sell on commission and during their friendship Hathorn talked about his desire to kill his father, step-mother and half-brother.

Hathorn hoped to collect an inheritance from his father and offered to share it with Beathard, court documents showed. What he didn't know, however, is that he was not included in his father's estate.

Beathard acknowledged he was at the family's mobile home in a remote area outside Groveton that night but said he did not participate in the shootings and was tricked into accompanying his friend.

"I didn't know anybody was killed," Beathard said. "I was expecting a drug deal. I went into the house and I was outside. I heard guns firing. I hit the dirt. I figured whatever drug deal was coming down, something had gone bad."

Beathard also said when he learned of the Hathorn family deaths, he initially lied to investigators who questioned him because he feared for the safety of his own family.

"I panicked, because I am thinking that if (the gunmen) know who his family is, then they can trace mine," he said. "It cost me my life in the long run."

Hathorn testified against

Beathard and identified his companion as shooting the victims in the house, stealing property and planting false clues in an attempt to deceive police.

After Hathorn was convicted and condemned at his own trial, he recanted his testimony a year later to support Beathard's version of his role in the killings.

Trinity County District Attorney Joe Price, who prosecuted both men, said this week he was certain both were guilty and the convictions were solid. "Not one of us has ever questioned this for a moment," he said. "Everything raised now has been raised for years and has been spoken for in the state and federal courts."

Beathard said his execution would accomplish little except make his own family suffer.

"After 15 years, I've had my share of this place," he said. "I don't have a choice. You can't scream loud enough, you can't beat on the bars. You just do it with as much dignity and self respect as possible. I'm getting the better end of the deal. My family are the only ones being punished."

On Wednesday, David Long was executed for killing three women at a home in Dallas County.

Robert Atworth was set to die next Tuesday for the 1995 robbery and shooting death of a Dallas-area man. The following night, Sammie Felder is scheduled to be executed for the 24-year-old stabbing death of a paralyzed Korean War veteran at a Houston nursing home.

## Boy living with grandmother

**CARTHAGE, Miss. (AP)** - A 9-year-old boy who lived with his mother's corpse for a month is now finding comfort in the arms of his maternal grandmother.

Shirley Wilder says Travis Butler appears to be normal and stable despite his ordeal.

Travis told authorities he lived in a Memphis, Tenn., apartment with his dead mother's body because he was afraid to tell anyone she was dead. He feared being placed in foster care.

The youngster cut his hair, fixed frozen pizzas, cereal and other simple meals and went to school every day from the time he said his mother died Nov. 3 until her body was discovered Monday.

At Wilder's trailer home in Carthage, Travis is being shielded from the media and others.

"He said, 'Grandmother, it feels so good being in your arms,'" Wilder told The Commercial Appeal of Memphis.

She said details of the boy's ordeal will have to remain with Travis for now.

"We've got to make sure he's strong enough to be asked questions," she said. "We want to cover little Travis up for the time being."

Police have not released a cause of death for Crystal Wells,

30, but said foul play is not suspected. Family friend Dorothy Jeffries said Wells suffered various health problems, including high blood pressure.

Mrs. Jeffries and her husband, Nathaniel, found the body when they went to the apartment after becoming concerned when they were unable to contact her. When

they arrived, Travis answered the door.

Wells' body was on the living room floor. Travis had covered it with his mother's coat and placed sheets of notebook paper over her face, Mrs. Jeffries said.

Mrs. Jeffries said Wells moved to Memphis about three years ago.

## City Briefs

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA** - Sunny today with a high in the mid-upper 30s with west winds at 25 mph and gusting. Tonight, clear and cloudy with a low of 18 and winds diminishing. Tomorrow, sunny with a high of 40.

**STATEWIDE** - Abundant sunshine is expected throughout the South Plains Thursday following a snowstorm that left as much as 7 inches of snow on the ground in parts of the South Plains. The rest of the state will see partly cloudy skies with highs in the 50s and 60s, with some 70s.

Lubbock's airport reported 7 inches of snow this morning, while New Deal reported 6 1/2. Plainview, which is about 60 miles north of Lubbock reported 2-4 inches, while Levelland, to the west of Lubbock, reported 4

inches, said Shawn Ellis, a meteorologist with the Lubbock office of the National Weather Service.

"It came right across the South Plains and it headed this morning along the Red River to Southern Oklahoma and North Texas," he said. "It will move to the east and skies will become clearer the rest of the day."

A few clearer days might be ahead for the South Plains and the Panhandle, but Ellis said another snowstorm is approaching and will likely dump some more snow throughout the region Sunday.

"Hopefully we won't have as much Sunday, but we might have more," Ellis said.

An upper level low moving across West Texas combined with low level moisture and cold air to produce today's early morning snowfall.

Forecasts call for clear to partly cloudy skies tonight across

West Texas. It will be partly cloudy on Friday. Lows tonight will be in the middle teens in northern sections of the Panhandle and the 20s and 30s elsewhere. Highs Friday will be mostly in the 50s and 60s, ranging from the 40s in the Panhandle to the mid 70s in the Big Bend area.

Strong thunderstorms moved across a vast area of North and North Central Texas early today. Strong winds and marble-sized hail accompanied some of the thunderstorms.

It will be partly cloudy through Friday across North Texas through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s. Highs Friday will be in the 50s and 60s.

South Texas will have partly cloudy skies through Friday.

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

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### Breakfast with Santa



(Special photo) During Shepherd's Helping Hands "Breakfast with Santa" recently, area youngsters enjoyed breakfast and had their picture taken with Old Saint Nick. Volunteers were Dauna Wilkinson, Margaret White, Rahna Abernathy, Pam Dalton, Cora Unruh, Suzanne Courtney, Ashley Garner, Wesley Broggin, Alisha Kirkwood and Brett Watson as Santa. Not pictured: Kara Kidd.

### Drilling Intentions

**Intentions to Drill**  
**GRAY (PANHANDLE)** Denny's, Inc., #10 Benedict, 2237' from North & 948' from East line, Sec. 85, B-2, H&GN, PD 3200'.  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa)** Matador Operating Co., #1 Isaacs '125', 1320' from South & 1600' from East line, Sec. 125, 41, H&TC, PD 8250'.  
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & PARSELL Upper Morrow)** Range Production Co., #9 Ben Hill, 1628' from South & 1945' from West line, Sec. 143, 42, H&TC, PD 11700'.  
**Application to Deepen (within casing)**  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Granite Wash)** Chevron USA, Inc., #3209 Isaacs '209', 933' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 209, C, G&MMB&A, PD 10900'.  
**Amended Intention to Drill**  
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Upper Morrow)** Unit Petroleum Co., #3 Vollmert 'B', 990' from South & East line, Sec. 9, —, B5&F, PD 11300'. Rule 37 — Amended to change well location  
**Plugged Wells**  
**GRAY (WILDCAT)** Rio Petroleum, Inc., #2 Boston, 913' from North & 1104' from West Lease line, Sec. 62, A-6, H&GN, spud 9-18-99, plugged 10-7-99, TD 11800' (dry) —  
**HEMPHILL (BIG TIMBER CREEK Douglas)** Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3 Dan B. Hoover, et al 'A', 2600' from North & 850' from West Lease line, D. Tubbs Survey, spud unknown, plugged 10-4-99, TD 7577' (gas) — Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock  
**HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas)** Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Frank Shaller 'A', 1000' from South & 1980' from East Lease line, J. Calk Survey, spud unknown, plugged 11-1-99, TD 7290' (gas) — Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock  
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### West Texas A&M University announces new department head

CANYON — Dr. Ken Van Doren, professor of mathematics at West Texas A&M University, has been named head of the Department of Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Educational Technology. Van Doren has been serving as head of the department on an interim basis since July. No stranger to administrative duties, Van Doren brings plenty of experience to the position. He joined the university faculty in 1977 as head of what was then the Department of Mathematics and Physics. He became dean of the Graduate School in 1983 and remained in that post for three years, then returned to the mathematics department and served as an assistant to the previous two department heads. Because chemistry and engineering technology have since been tucked under the departmental umbrella, Van Doren said the job of running the department is more challenging than before. "It's even more challenging than when I had it before because we've got more disciplines in the department," Van Doren said. "But I look forward to taking on this challenge to try and give the department some continuity. We've had some turnover in faculty recently, and we're understaffed right now. My first priority will be to get us back up to full staff, replacing the people we lost in mathematics and chemistry," he said. "Another priority will be to hire a physicist with a Ph.D to teach full time in the physics program." Van Doren received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from the University of Texas-Austin. He earned his Ph.D. at Auburn University.

### Christmas cheer



(Pampa News photo by Michelle Estes) Valerie Molone, saleswoman with Beall's, greets Linda Scott and Shirley Castagnetta, store customers, during the Thursday parade sale. The sale was held in conjunction with the annual Pampa Christmas parade.

### Red River War battle site field work second season

TEXAS PANHANDLE — Texas Historical Commission archeologists have concluded the second season of field work on the Red River War battle sites in the Texas Panhandle, the THC recently reported. During the five-month investigations, the team identified and documented the maneuvers of the United States Army and the Plains Indians during the final conflicts that brought an end to Native American domination of the Southern Plains. The team identified the sites of the Battle of Red River and located one of the Indian village sites that the military attempted to capture as well as the military supply camp that Col. Nelson Miles established after the battle. They recovered more than 1,400 metal artifacts including cartridges from a Gatling gun. The archeologists spent the last months at the Price's Engagement battle site and identified where the battle began and the position where the Indians initiated the attack. The THC archeologists' jobs don't stop with the conclusion of the field work. The next phase of the project includes working with Native Americans to retrieve their family stories about the Red River War and working with area museums to present the new information in displays and educate visitors about the war and its effect on U.S. history. They will also nominate some of the sites they discovered to the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, contact Pat Mercado-Allinger, Archeology Division, THC, (512) 463-8882.

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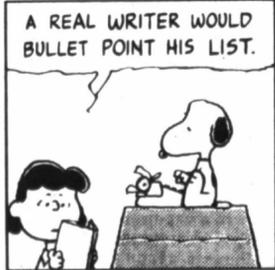
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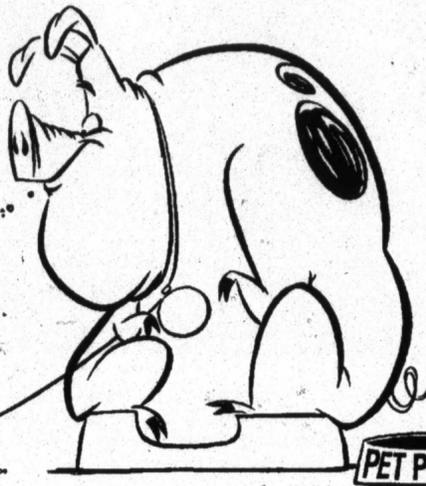
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Inside the Beltway  
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Sen. Hutchison

Congress should take ancient scholar's advice

The ancient Greek scholar and physician Hippocrates advised beginning doctors to first "... do no harm." The same advice should hold true for Congress, particularly when considering legislation that has the potential to affect the U.S. economy.

We are enjoying a strong economy today, the envy of the world, and we want to ensure it remains strong. So when Congress began debating a measure to increase the federal minimum wage, it was important to me that the legislation we approve should be balanced: providing a raise for working people, but tax relief for small businesses and the self-employed as well.

Whatever we do, we don't want to stop the success of today's small business operators. The number of small businesses in the United States is up 49 percent in the last 15 years; three-quarters of all new jobs in our country are created by small business.

The minimum wage measure under consideration would provide hourly employees a raise of \$1 over three years, which should not shock the economy or farmers and ranchers concerned about containing costs.

There are ways to ease the impact of raising the minimum wage. The legislation Congress has under consideration includes tax cuts to help small businesses offset the additional costs.

One provision changes the tax rules for small businesses when they invest in business equipment, increasing the maximum dollar amount they may deduct from \$19,000 (this year) to \$30,000, and putting that increase into effect earlier, in 2001.

The measure also would provide employers with a permanent work opportunity tax credit to encourage job creation, extending a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for wages paid to new employees hired from welfare. This is a wonderful way to encourage formerly down-and-out people to become contributing members of society.

Another provision of this "balancing act" repeals the "temporary" federal unemployment surtax imposed in 1976 and extended through 2007. This will reduce the federal unemployment tax small businesses pay from 0.8 percent to 0.6 percent.

Our plan allows the self-employed to deduct 100 percent of their healthcare and health insurance costs, the same percentage allowed employers who provide health insurance for their workers. Some people have major medical bills but no insurance. It is only fair to allow them to deduct the cost of buying insurance, or to deduct their medical expenses if they don't have employer-provided insurance.

The measure also includes an important provision that I originally introduced: the Bonus Incentive Act. This would allow employers to pay performance or incentive bonuses to their employees without being forced to go back and recalculate their pay. Right now the law makes it relatively easy for employers to give their salaried employees bonuses, but forces them to recalculate an entire year's worth of overtime if they want to give a bonus to their hourly employees. This discourages employers from rewarding their hourly workers the same way they reward those paid a salary.

Bottom line here is that my provision would make it much easier for employers to pay all their employees well-earned bonuses. There is no reason to have a long, complicated set of regulations for businesses to plow through before they can give their employees a bonus.

Taken as a whole, I believe the legislation is a fair approach that benefits workers and employers alike. Small businesses, which create so many of the new jobs in our economy, get tax relief to balance their higher payroll. We want to keep that job-generating machine going strong.

I would like to hear what you think about this legislation. Please write my office with your comments. Our address is: Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510, ATTN: Minimum wage.

Wide open spaces dwindling

Texas is known for its wide open spaces. Our state was the largest state of 48 for many years. However, after Alaska was admitted to the union in 1959, our great state was declared second largest.

In 1900, three million people lived in Texas. Today, this wonderful state has 20 million people, second only to California in population.

Many Texans still ignore Alaska's larger land size because Texans have a tendency to proclaim "everything is bigger in Texas."

Things are changing though. Between 1992 and 1997 over 1.2 million acres in Texas were taken out of crop land, forests and other open spaces for development.

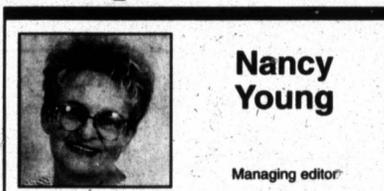
During the same time frame 16 million acres were converted to development nationwide.

Land values have been driven up by development. Many farmers who are choosing to sell out are gaining economically.

Texas lead the nation in the development of the open spaces. The annual conversion rate jumped from 139,000 acres to 244,000.

These statistics were released by the Agriculture Department in a study Monday.

Last month the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M said builders and developers will continue to build where the consumers want to go. While the prevailing Texas attitude seems to be even people in large cities should-



Nancy Young  
Managing editor

n't live all "bunched up," many of these residents are moving to the newly developed areas.

Texas voters even passed a constitutional amendment in November which will allow a homestead exemption for property owners owning up to five acres.

The Sierra Club, an environmentalist group, says that as new houses and shopping centers shoot up in traditionally rural areas, it harms farm land, wildlife habitat and recreation.

The environmentalist group warned earlier this year that "uncontrolled sprawl" around Austin and San Antonio is threatening the Hill Country. The group says this growth is also threatening the Edwards Aquifer, a natural water reservoir beneath it.

The state's population is expected to become more diverse as we go into the 21st century.

According to the Texas A&M study, by 2025 whites will account for 45-percent of the population; Hispanics, 37 percent; blacks, 14 percent; Asians and others, four percent.

When the 21st century begins in just a few weeks, one in 10 Texans will be 65 or older. By 2025, that will increase to one in six.

Natural population increases will be primarily among Hispanics, and immigration and migration due to economic development.

The population growth has been cited in three areas: large cities such as Dallas, Houston and San Antonio with the "urban crescent"; the Hill Country due to the increasing retiree population; and the area along the Texas-Mexico border, specifically Laredo to Brownsville, because of birth-rates, immigration and economic development.

The one area of Texas which is projected to decline by the A&M study is our area, and it includes West Texas. Our area's economy has been based on agriculture since pioneer days of the late 1800s, and the oil and gas industry since the 1920s.

Both of those industries are in decline, causing a projected steady decline of the entire area's population.

The area's spirit will stay strong though. No one has more pride than Texans, especially those in the Panhandle!

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 1999. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office; proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1979, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the religious broadcaster, died in New York City at age 84.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. The couple's divorce became final in 1996.

In 1995, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to become the new head of the NAACP.

Ten years ago: President Bush's national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger began a surprise visit to Beijing, six months after China's crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Five years ago: Representatives of the Irish Republican Army and the British government opened peace talks in Northern Ireland. President Clinton fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders after learning she'd told a conference that masturbation should be discussed in school as a part of human sexuality.

One year ago: Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee drew up four articles of impeachment against President Clinton, all stemming from his sexual relation-

ship with Monica Lewinsky and long campaign to cover it up.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Douglas Fairbanks Junior is 90. Actor Kirk Douglas is 83. Actress Dina Merrill is 74. Actor Dick Van Patten is 71. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 69. Talk show host Morton Downey Junior is 66. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 65. Actor Beau Bridges is 58. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 57. Rock singer-musician Rick Danko (The Band) is 56. Actor Michael Nouri is 54. Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 52. Singer Joan Armatrading is 49. Actor Michael Dorn is 47. Actor John Malkovich is 46. Country singer Sylvia is 43. Singer Donny Osmond is 42. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 41.

Abortion: Two evils join forces

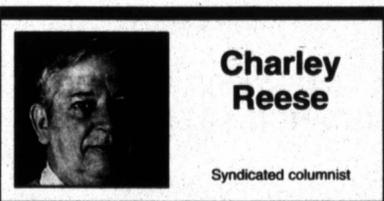
The politicians in Washington ought to build a museum for the American holocaust — the slaughter of 42 million American babies by abortionists since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision.

If 42 million deaths isn't a holocaust or genocide, I guess I'm just not politically correct. Gee, I always thought I was.

Of course, the filthy abortion business has developed a sideline of selling human parts in a scheme carefully worked out by Clintonlike lawyers to evade the poorly written law which forbids commercial traffic. These human parts and tissues are eagerly wanted by the Frankensteins working in American universities, medical-research facilities and the medical-industrial complex.

Here's the cold words of your taxpayer-funded National Institutes of Health's information of where to find human parts:

"Human embryonic and fetal tissues are available from the Central Laboratory for Human Embryology at the University of Washington. The laboratory, which is supported by the National Institutes of Health, can supply tissue from normal or abnormal embryos and fetuses of desired gestational ages between 40 days and term. Specimens are obtained within minutes of passage and tissues are aseptically identified, staged, and immediately processed according to the requirements of individual investigators."



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

Well, you get the idea. Within minutes of passage means as soon as the abortionist has killed the baby. Notice you can get tissues between 40 days and term. Term means a fully developed baby.

The middlemen — the body snatchers — are outfits which set up inside abortion clinics. They pay rent for space and subsidize the abortionists' staff payroll. In exchange, they snatch the baby, slice it up and send out the parts. "Donations" or "service fees" evade the law against selling dismembered human beings.

Thus you have two evils joining forces to create a new and evil industry. One evil, of course, is the dismemberment of the U.S. Constitution by political hacks appointed to the federal bench. No sane human being can find two syllables in the Constitution that would justify the Supreme Court forbidding the states to ban abortions.

The other evil is science, devoid of God and human compassion, which sees humanity as so many pieces of tissue. There is no good pretending that the dark side of human nature does not manifest itself among men of science. No human is immune to evil impulses.

As for the abortionists, they are the only state-licensed killers in the United States, except for executioners in the prisons. There is a big difference, however, between executing a convicted killer and spending all day raking in the bucks for killing babies and selling their body parts.

This monstrous evil is scabbed over with euphemisms — embryo, fetus, specimen — but in fact, from the moment of conception there exists a unique human being who, from that moment on, will do nothing but grow if left alone. Common language is more truthful than the propaganda. When women decide to get an abortion, they say, "I don't want this baby," not "I don't want this fetus or specimen."

Abortion is the core poison in the American soul. It says as plainly as anything can that human life is disposable, not sacred. As long as the government sanctions the murder of millions of innocent children, there is little hope this country can turn away from degradation. After all, if innocent life isn't sacred, then how much less so are the lives of adults. What hypocrites are those who yap about family values while condoning abortion.

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# Firefighters, others honor six fallen heroes

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Thousands of firefighters in dress blues marched through city streets today as bagpipes wailed to honor six firefighters who gave their lives to save others.

Firefighters from as far away as Hawaii, Australia and Ireland came to show their respects for their Worcester comrades. A special Amtrak train carried more than a thousand firefighters here this morning from neighboring Connecticut to say good-bye to fallen brothers.

Along the route, sometimes two and three people deep, children and adults waved miniature American flags. One child held a homemade drawing that said, "Good-bye fallen hero's. I'm so sorry."

"Firefighting is a brotherhood and these guys live together every single day," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. "It's a loss I think everybody really relates to."

The six firefighters were killed Friday after two became lost in a burning warehouse looking for homeless people. Four others died trying to save them. A homeless couple has been charged with causing the blaze by knocking over a candle during an argument.

Roads leading to Worcester today were lined with signs. "Say a prayer for the families

of the Worcester six," read a sign outside Harry's Restaurant in Westboro.

The procession wove past the Grove Street and Central Street stations where the six were assigned preceding the 11 a.m. memorial service at the Worcester Centrum. At one point, the parade passed beneath a giant American flag draped between two fire ladder trucks.

President Clinton was to address mourners at the service. Others who planned to attend included Vice President Al Gore, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., Gov. Paul Cellucci and Alfred Whitehead, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Shortly before the procession began, three buses filled with 115 relatives of Joseph T. McGuirk, one of the fallen firefighters, arrived at the Centrum. All wore small plastic badges with pictures of the firefighters, made by Worcester schoolchildren.

The others who perished were James F. Lyons, 34; Lt. Thomas E. Spencer, 42; Timothy P. Jackson, 51; Paul A. Brotherton, 41; and Jeremiah M. Lucey, 38.

Schools, municipal offices and many businesses were closed today in this blue-collar city of 170,000 people 30 miles west of Boston. The Boston Stock Exchange planned to suspend business for a minute of silence.

The blaze is believed to be the

deadliest for U.S. firefighters since 1994, when 14 perished on Storm King mountain near Glenwood Springs, Colo. The two homeless suspects have pleaded innocent to involuntary manslaughter and were ordered held on \$1 million bail.

Two of the firefighters died when they entered the building to rescue any homeless people who might have been inside. After they became engulfed in smoke, they radioed for help. The others died coming to their aid.

Lyons' and Jackson's bodies have been recovered. The search continued for the remains of the other four.

"We still have four of our brothers in there," fire Lt. Don

Courtney said. "We want them back."

The firefighters left 17 children between them. A bill to raise the cap on death benefits for firefighters from \$5,000 to \$10,000 was signed Wednesday by Gov. Paul Cellucci. Their families are also eligible for \$100,000 in benefits from the state retirement board.

The area around the charred warehouse has sprung to life, with a tent city in a parking lot to support the search by hundreds of firefighters.

The workers wear black ribbons. A sign posted on one tent reads "Search Dogs." And a red

Fire Department bus parked nearby has a handwritten placard in the window, "Families."

Volunteers from the Salvation Army and the Red Cross provide hot meals and snacks. Other tents offer counseling and massages. There are cots for napping, but the demolition equipment is loud and helicopters occasionally hover overhead.

In the background are the gutted remains of the red brick warehouse. Smoke still poured from the mostly demolished building Wednesday, and flames could still be seen through a few windows.

## Teen killer of parents pleads guilty

CANTON, Texas (AP) — A junior high school student who killed his parents with a .22-caliber rifle after they grounded him pleaded guilty to capital murder Tuesday in East Texas.

Matt McCowan, 13, was sentenced to 25 years.

The teen said he was angry at his parents because his older brother had gone on a church field trip he wanted to attend, said Grady Tucker, a deputy chief with the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office.

McCowan was waiting for his parents in the kitchen with his father's rifle Jan. 30 when they returned from a trip to Grand Saline, according to statements from the suspect and his younger brother, who was home at the time.

Walter McCowan, 33, was reportedly shot in the neck when he entered the kitchen, according to the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

The teen's stepmother, Deborah McCowan, was shot in the chest. McCowan then followed the 44-year-old woman outside and shot her in the face as she begged for her life, according to statements made by witnesses.

Tucker said he found Deborah McCowan lying in the front yard and the father inside the house.

McCowan was not old enough to be tried as an adult and waived his right to a jury trial in juvenile court, said local prosecutor Leslie Dixon.

The teen will be turned over to the Texas Youth Commission until he turns 18, and could then be transferred to a penitentiary or paroled, depending on his condition, Dixon said.

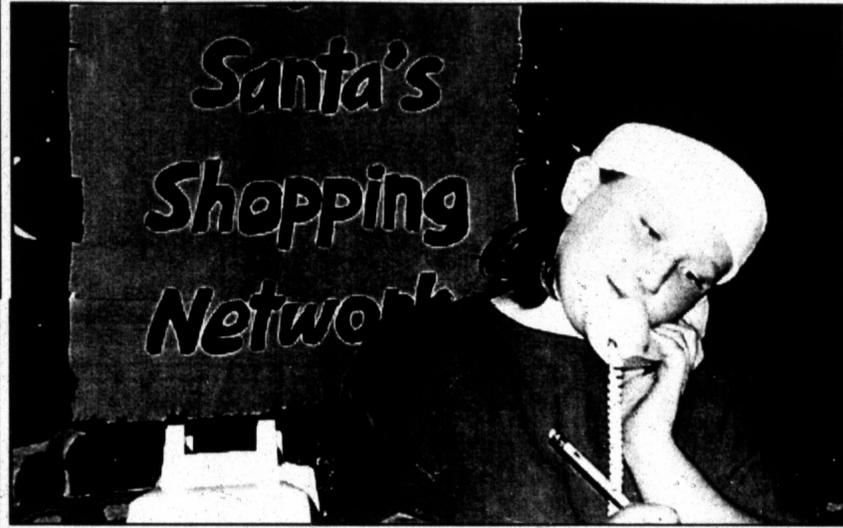
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## Santa's Shopping Network



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## Skills grants offer employers return on investment

AUSTIN — After investing \$25 million in Texas employers and workers, the Texas Workforce Commission recently reported being that investment create or retain nearly 27,000 jobs through the Skills Development Fund.

Skills Development Fund grants enable businesses, community colleges, technical schools and labor unions to offer customized job training for new or existing jobs statewide. The fund is an innovative approach to providing businesses with skilled workers. These grants successfully merge business needs with local job-training opportunities. They also create opportunities for small- to medium-sized businesses, as well as large employers, through consortiums.

"Texas remains steadfast in its commitment to help employers train, hire and retain workers," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "With the Skills Development Fund, we strengthen our entire workforce by equipping Texans with skills they need to find jobs and keep them."

During FY 1998-99 biennium, 101 SDF grants resulted in the creation or retention of nearly 27,000 jobs — 10,957 were created and 15,668 jobs were retained through skills upgrades — with an average hourly wage of \$10.50. Awarded grants totaled \$25 million to help 554 Texas employers.

"With these grants, TWC is responding directly to the needs of Texas' workforce," said T.P.

O'Mahoney, TWC commissioner representing labor. "As employment remains strong in Texas, the Skills Development Fund enables workers to maintain the crucial skills necessary to retain their jobs."

Among the 1999 SDF grants were:

—\$412,562 for El Paso Community College in partnership with the El Paso Manufacturers Training Consortium to create or retain 750 jobs.

—\$48,852 for Texarkana College in partnership with Starr International Inc. to retain 27 jobs.

—\$310,808 for the Houston Community College System in partnership with the Texas Organization to Train Machinist and Associated Trades to create or retain 184 jobs.

—\$43,203 for South Plains College in partnership with Southwest Textiles and Lubbock Electric Co. to create or retain 27 jobs.

"With every job retained or created, Texas remains a front-runner in meeting the needs of employers and workers," said Ron Lehman, TWC commissioner representing employers, noting the Legislature appropriated another \$25 million to the Skills Development Fund for FY 2000-01 biennium.

Employers seeking more information about SDF grants may call (512) 463-8844 or visit TWC website at [www.twc.state.tx.us](http://www.twc.state.tx.us) and select Employer Services.

## Gray County 4-H Food Show



(Community Camera photo taken by Judy Elliot)

Winners in the 1999 Gray County Food Show, Junior Level, with their dishes: (left-right) Gabriel Miller (Breads, junior), Drake Jackson (Fruits and Vegetables, junior), Nicholas Odom (Main Dish, junior) Amanda Lawrence (Nutritious Snacks, junior).

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## State receives bonus

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Texas is among the top 10 states for job placement and is one of 27 states sharing the \$200 million federal bonus that rewards states in four categories: job placement, job success (measured by retention and earnings), most improved job placement and most improved in job success.

The bonus — authorized by the 1996 welfare reform law — covers Federal FY 1998, which was from Oct. 1, 1997, through Sept. 30, 1998.

## National Merit Scholars

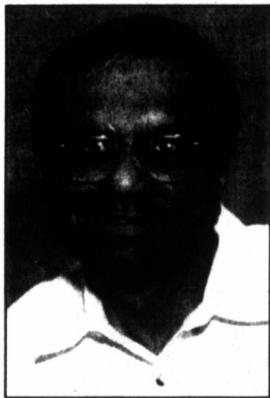


(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Angela Klein and Kerry Turner, both seniors, were recently recognized at a Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting for their academic achievement as commended students. The two students along with Philip Reed (not pictured) received the distinction as National Merit Scholars as they ranked in the top five percent of the academic testing.

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Placing first in Agronomy at District 4-H Roundup in Canyon recently were Gray County 4-Hers Alan Parker, left, and Sean O'Neal.

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**DECA officers for 1999-00**



DECA officers for 1999-00 were recently installed in ceremonies at Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Officers for the chapter are: April Rodgers, secretary; Jessica Cortez, treasurer; Brooke Chronister, reporter; Angela Bowman, sergeant at arms; Desarae Hilton, president; Jill Forman, senior vice president; and Liana Ammerman, junior vice president.

**Calendar of events**

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

**THEE PLACE**  
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

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

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

**OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER**  
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

**LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
Lovett Memorial Library will offer the Fall 1999 Pre-School Story Hour beginning at 10 a.m. every Tuesday

from Sept. 7-Dec. 14. All children between 18 months and 5 years of age are welcome to participate. Stories, crafts and activities are planned. Special programs will be announced. All programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Gray County Appraisal District, 815 N. Sumner, will hold an open house from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15.

**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**  
First United Methodist Church of White Deer, 101 W. 8th, is presenting "Journey to Bethlehem," a drive-thru live nativity scene, from 6-8 p.m. nightly including two Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12. Admission is free. The nativity

includes live animals, costumed Bible characters and 14 viewing stations.

**MISS AMARILLO AREA, MISS AMARILLO TEEN**

Kay Saied, area pageant director, and current Miss Amarillo Teen USA Lindsay Barkley will be in Pampa from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 in Bealls Department Store in Coronado Shopping Center. The competition for Miss Amarillo Area USA and Miss Amarillo Teen USA will be held March 25 and 26 in Austin Middle School Auditorium in Amarillo. Participants must be female, single, age 15-25, must never have been married, and be a United States citizen and six-month resident of the panhandle. For more information, call Saied, KS Productions, (806) 374-8536.

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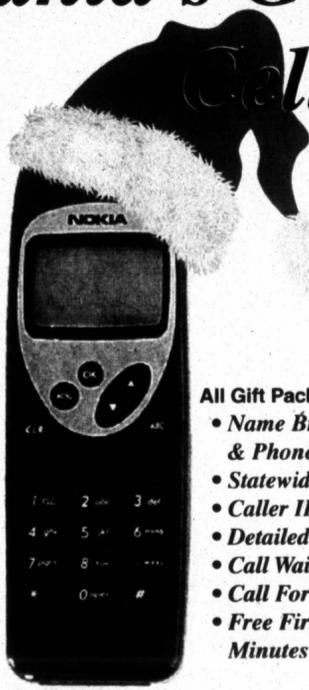
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# Widow's Charming Escort Appears to Be a Cheat

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a widow in my 60s, and I'm beginning to think I'm the biggest fool in the world. After my dear husband died two years ago, I convinced myself I would never get involved with another man. I needed peace after nursing my mate through five traumatic years of cancer and a painful death.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

A year ago, I met a charming man my age at church with whom I had many interests in common. He asked me out right after we met, and we have been a happy twosome ever since. He owns his own home a short distance from mine, and we've had a marvelous relationship in all ways. He told me he was divorced and that his ex-wife lived 3,000 miles away in another state.

However, after he told me that he had four unmarried, grown children but didn't feel comfortable telling them about me, I became suspicious. When he visits them in another state, he asks me not to write or call him because they "wouldn't understand." My children and grandchildren like him very much, as do all my friends.

Finally, I asked him outright if he were, indeed, divorced. After a long pause he replied, "Not yet." (After an eight-year separation!)

Noticing our friendship, church members began to approach me and advise me to back off and not get hurt. I was told he had been involved with another woman at the church for a long time before he met me, and that they had broken up for

unknown reasons. The reason for this occurred to me — that she didn't want to be caught in a dead-end relationship, either.

Abby, this man won't tell me straight, but I have this strong feeling that he cheated on his wife during their marriage, and she simply moved far away. He keeps my calendar full of dates and commitments extending far into the future, and I've always had a wonderful time with him. This is apparently the kind of life he wants, but it's not for me.

I am embarrassed and hurt. Do I just say to him, "I want marriage or nothing"? I am so emotionally entangled that an abrupt severing seems beyond my ability. Fragile as it is, I feel that we have something of great value together, but I only visualize an empty future together. Your thoughts, please.

IN LIMBO IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR IN LIMBO:** Politely put, your charming escort is a cad and a liar, and I'm sorry your heart is hurting because of

his dishonesty. You deserve better.

Ask him to come clean and tell you if he and his wife are really washed up or not. You seem like a lovely woman with terrific instincts, and you already know what you have to do.

**DEAR ABBY:** Here's another solution for the woman whose neighbor uses her hose and water to water his own lawn and shrubs. Most faucet handles have a screw in the middle. Even without the screw, you can use the faucet. And when you're done, the handle can be removed and taken into the house. It worked for us.

SHARON L. PUYALLUP, WASH.

**DEAR SHARON:** Thank you for a helpful suggestion. I hope it will help the woman who wrote to stop the drip next door!

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You hit a roadblock just when you thought everything was a piece of cake. You might not know the words to express your frustration. Listen to a friend who encourages you to take the high road. However, make sure another isn't taking a legal advantage of you. Tonight: A must show.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You might think another is deliberately tripping you up. Frustration builds. Check out alternative avenues of self-expression. You might simply opt for another route. One-on-one relating flourishes. You make a big difference where it counts. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* News might force a change of plans, but you can deal with it. You might, however, need to go back to the drawing board and begin all over again. Your sense of humor comes through, despite it all. Your appeal grows. Make an effort toward a special friend. Tonight: Ever popular.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Let others make the call. You could feel down about a friend who disappoints you. Sharp words throw you off. A partner will defend you to the end.

Follow through on what you know will work. Don't get caught up in politics. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Work is very important. Think about a boss who keeps tossing obstacles in your lap. Your frustration comes out despite your best attempts. Loosen up. Make an overture toward a loved one or child. You guarantee yourself a good weekend. Tonight: Work on holiday stuff.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your inner voice directs you when you hit an obstacle. News from a distance could be disappointing, but you can deal with it. You might have to cover more ground or do additional work as a result. Listen to a family member. Tonight: Share in some Christmas cheer.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Family is always a high priority, even though you find them unusually demanding right now. A child acts out, putting a lot of pressure on you. Re-establish limits. A difficult partner triggers your frustration. Clearly, you don't see eye to eye. Tonight: Happy at home.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You are clear about what you want and choose. Others may balk, especially family and your significant other. You might want to toss your hands in the air! Stay levelheaded. Continue to operate from a point of security. Tonight: Visit with friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Keep your mind active by mulling over a challenging situation. A work or day-to-day matter impels you to break past others' resistance. You could easily get angry at another's ineptitude.

Seek to solve problems. Tonight: Shop, and treat yourself to a present as well.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Your charisma might be sorely needed when you're challenged by a financial question. Another clearly wants you to take a risk. Back off and do some solid thinking. A child or new friend could really push to have things his way.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Your temper causes another to recoil. Do you really want this? Be lighter with a family member who can't take your brusque and sometimes unpredictable manner. Take some time to reflect, or take a walk to relieve stress. Figure out what is really bothering you. Tonight: Take the night off.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* It might be difficult to see that everything is landing where you want it to land. Instead, you are seeing the immediate and feeling your own temper rise. You are eliminating certain elements of your life that aren't working. Trust that you are on the right path. Tonight: Start the party circuit.

**BORN TODAY**  
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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

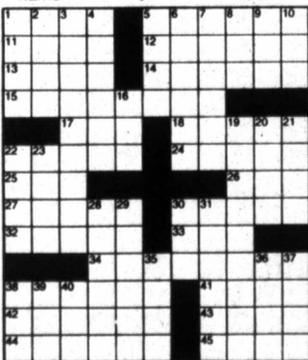
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- 12 "Twelfth Night" character
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- 14 Go to
- 15 Indian capital
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- 18 Art stand
- 22 Frasier's brother
- 24 Foot connection
- 25 Demand
- 26 Japanese currency
- 27 Flash of light
- 30 Intimidated
- 32 Start a match
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- 34 Quill-dipping sites
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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Part of a general's name
- 21 Give for a time
- 22 Pesters
- 23 Man, for one
- 10 Down
- 16 Dawn goddess
- 19 "Star Wars" name
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- 37 Nimble
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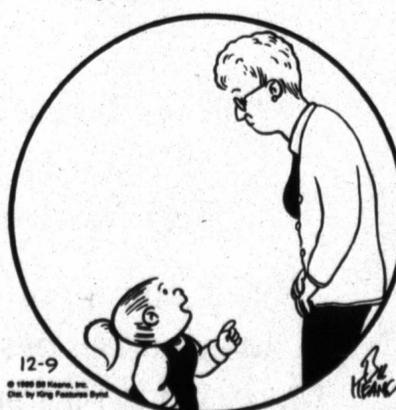
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## Marmaduke



"Must you be quite so devoted?"

## The Family Circus



"Grandma, were you and Santa Claus playmates when you both were little?"

## For Better or For Worse



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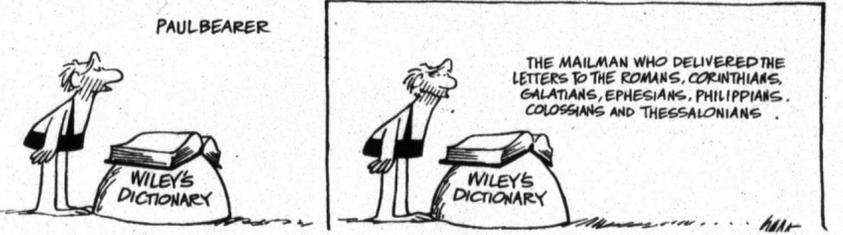
## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Mallard Filmore



# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — Optimist boys' basketball signups will be held Dec. 14, 15, 16 from 6:30 to 8 at the Optimist Gym. Registration fee is \$35. If more information is needed, call 669-3615.

### BOWLING

**PAMPA** — The annual Toys for Tots Bowling Tournament will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at Harvester Lanes.

The tournament (adult-youth squads) starts at 3 p.m. Saturday and entry fee is eleven dollars for adults and seven dollars for youngsters.

Bowlers are required to bring a new toy (value of at least five dollars) unwrapped upon check-in or five dollars will be added to the entry fee.

There will be scholarship awards available for youth bowlers. Handicaps are 80 percent of 200 for adults and 90 percent of 200 for youth.

For more information, call Harvester Lanes at 665-3422.

### FOOTBALL

**DALLAS (AP)** — Southern Methodist University, the only major college football program ever given the NCAA's "death penalty" for rules violations, has announced that it has taken action after discovering an assistant football coach had violated NCAA recruiting rules.

The university announced Wednesday that defensive line coach Steve Malin, who had been suspended with pay in August after SMU said it had discovered possible violations, was fired.

School officials also imposed sanctions on the football program, including cutting eight scholarships over the next two years.

"We do not have an affirmation from the NCAA that they will accept these and impose no others," SMU President R. Gerald Turner said, referring to the internal sanctions at a news conference.

On Feb. 25, 1987, the NCAA hit SMU with its harshest punishment, the "death penalty," after discovering that a banned booster paid 13 players thousands of dollars.

The once-proud program that produced Doak Walker, Don Meredith and Eric Dickerson was forced to disband for one year, but the school opted to also sit out 1988. The Mustangs returned in 1989 and didn't have a winning season until 1998.

University officials said their internal investigation of the latest allegations found Malin had encouraged a student to have someone else take a college entrance exam in his place, had improper contact with other student athletes and offered improper inducements to them totaling \$650 over four years. The violations did not involve any other coaches or boosters, athletic director Jim Copeland said.

Malin has denied any wrongdoing, the university said.

The officials said they forwarded their findings Wednesday to the NCAA, whose representatives also participated in SMU's investigation.

SMU officials said they found Malin had encouraged the student who submitted a false American College Testing exam score to lie about it to university investigators.

Improper payments to various students ranged from \$10 to \$60, the investigation found.

One student was allowed to accept Dallas Cowboys hats and T-shirts and enough money to buy used CDs and a used sweatshirt. Those inducements were worth a total of \$160, SMU officials said.

## Wheeler takes on Aspermont, again

**WHEELER** — Wheeler faces a familiar playoff foe when the Class 1A state semifinals kick off Friday night in Abilene.

Wheeler beat Aspermont 35-14 a year ago in the semifinals. These two teams have a date with destiny once again in the semis. Wheeler finished the regular season as the No. 1 ranked 1A team while Aspermont was No. 4. The Harris Ratings has the Mustangs favored by 3 points.

Mustangs' head coach Jim Verden said 7 or 8 starters return from last year's Aspermont team, including Class 1A rushing leader Zach Hunter at tailback.

Hunter already has around 2300 yards. Their quarterback (Pidi Castaneda) also runs the option real well," Verden said.

Both Wheeler and Aspermont won handily in their quarterfinal matches. Wheeler (13-0) put together a strong second half to down Rankin 21-7 while Aspermont (13-1) blanked Paducah 33-0.

Wheeler will have some size advantage up front against Aspermont. The Mustangs average around 210 on the line, compared to 200 for the Hornets.

"Aspermont has a quick team and they move well up front," Verden said. "They can get after you."

Wheeler, however, can wear down the defenses with an aggressive front line and a triple threat in the backfield in quarterback Brooks Brown and running backs Caleb Finsterwald and Casey Childress. All three have rushed for over a 1,000 yards.

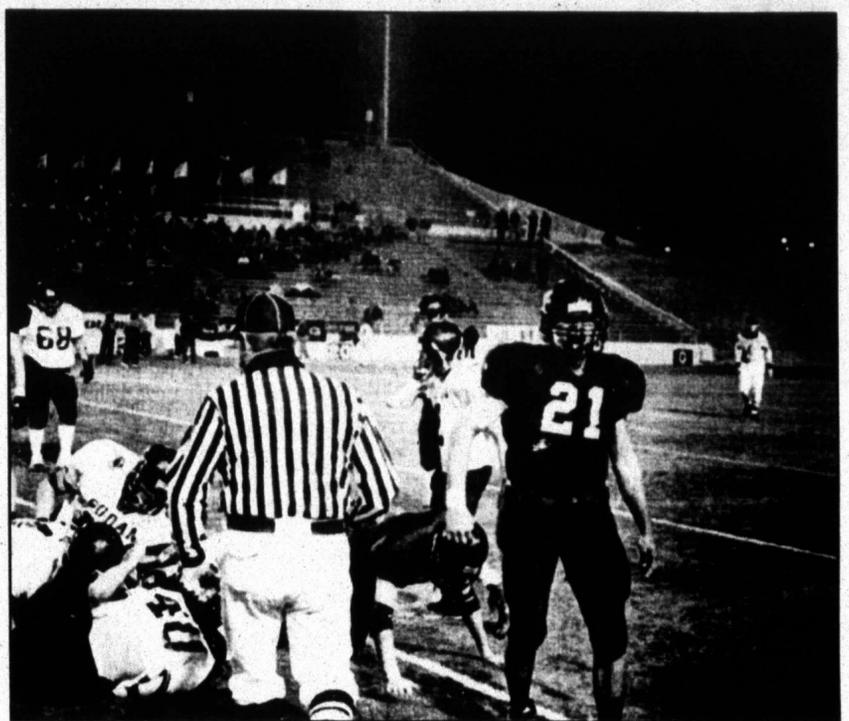
Brown scored twice and rushed for 104 yards against Rankin while Childress had a touchdown and 83 yards on the ground. Finsterwald added 71 yards to the balanced rushing attack.

Brown completed only one pass, but his 12-yarder to Donnie Phipps set up Wheeler's first TD from the Rankin one.

The Mustangs did find themselves trailing 7-6 at halftime.

"We did some things a little better the second half. We were to control the ball and our defense stepped it up a notch," Verden said.

The two teams were statistically close at the end of the game. Wheeler finished with 270 yards of total offense, Rankin 214. Wheeler had the edge in first downs 13-9.



Wheeler's Donnie Phipps (21) helped set up a touchdown against Rankin when he caught a 12-yard pass that gave the Mustangs possession on the one-yard line.

## Pheasant-hunting starts Saturday in panhandle

**PAMPA** — Get out your favorite shotgun, buy a box of No. 6's and load up your best retriever.

The pheasant hunting season opens on Saturday, and features an upswing in pheasant numbers for 1999, according to recent results of a wildlife survey conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

Pheasant roadside surveys are conducted annually, October through November, in the Texas Panhandle. The results of this year's survey revealed 14 pheasants per survey route compared to the 10 pheasants per survey route

observed during 1998. This represents a 40 percent increase in the pheasant population.

However, Mike Miller, TPW Wildlife Biologist, is predicting only a fair-to-good hunting season.

"Pheasant numbers still remain below the long-term average in the Panhandle, but this year, hunters will work less to fill their bag limit," Miller predicts.

"It was not surprising to observe the highest pheasant numbers in Deal Smith, Hansford and Ochiltree Counties," Miller said. "What was a little surprising was the increase in pheasant numbers

in some very marginal pheasant country.

Randall, Bailey, Hale, Floyd and Gray Counties exhibited the highest number of birds seen in those counties for years, according to Miller.

Panhandle landowners and sportsmen have experience some of the best and worst pheasant hunting during the past few years. The 1997 season was one of the best and was followed, only a year later, by one of the worst seasons on record. Miller attributes the huge swing in pheasant numbers to the availability of quality habitat components, chiefly determined timely rainfall and farming

practices. "Timely moisture not only provides an abundance of food items like seeds, plant shoots and insects, but also provides growth of grasses and weeds for nesting and rearing young."

Conservation Reserve Program cover, playa lake edges, field borders and road rights-of-way provide excellent pheasant nesting areas. Hens often raise poults in areas that contain weedy field margins, edges of grain sorghum and cornfields, and the edges of playa lake basins," he said.

Miller said the farmer that provides a "Checkerboard"

mix of all these components is on the right track to having pheasants.

The 16-day pheasant hunting season runs from Saturday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 26 in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

The daily bag limit is 3 roosters per hunter (6 in possession).

TPW requires that one foot or all feathers remain attached to the pheasant until it reaches its final destination. All hunters must possess a Texas hunting license. There are no other special tag requirements.



Jessica White gets set to compete against Tascosa in the 200 freestyle.

## OU coach takes Texas Tech job

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mike Leach has accepted Texas Tech's offer to become the school's next head football coach, athletic director Gerald Myers said today.

"We're really excited about having Mike as the next football coach," Myers said. "I think Mike, with his exciting, wide-open style of offense, will excite the fans, gain national recognition for the university and attract top recruits. It will bring a whole new level of excitement to Texas Tech football."

Myers said Leach agreed to a 5-year contract in which he will earn \$550,000 each year. Leach succeeds 13-year veteran Tech coach Spike Dykes, who announced his retirement Nov. 20.

"He is an outstanding coach —

one of the finest young coaches in the country," Myers said. "We feel good about Mike coming in to lead our program."

The school had scheduled a 10 a.m. news conference to announce Leach's decision, but an overnight snowstorm in Lubbock delayed Leach, Myers said. The news conference was pushed back to noon.

"He's excited and on his way to Texas Tech," Myers said.

Leach could not be reached for comment after he made his final decision. He called Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers from his cell phone about 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said the Sooners' support Leach's decision to move to Lubbock. He said Leach was an instrumental part of the school's success this year.

## PHS swimmers entered in Seminole meet

**PAMPA** — Pampa High swim team, coming off a split against Tascosa, is entered in the Seminole Invitational on Saturday.

The Harvesters' main competition will come from Pecos, Monahans and Andrews. The Seminole meet will finish Pampa's schedule until after the Christmas holidays when they travel to Altus, Okla. for a dual meet.

Against Tascosa, the Pampa boys won by a score of 50-43 while the girls lost narrowly 43-36.

PHS boys won events in the meet. The 200 freestyle was won by Michael Eskridge, and the 200 individual medley was won by Clay David. The boys' 400 free relay of Clay David, Willie Griffin, Matt Schoenrock and Michael Eskridge took first and Willie Griffin won the 500 freestyle.

The Harvester girls team won six events.

The team of Misty Moman, Lindsey Mitchell, Desiree

Vigil and Tamra Henthron won the 200 medley relay. Desiree Vigil won the 200 individual medley, Lindsey Mitchell took the 200 freestyle, Misty Moman won the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke while Tamra Henthron took the 500 freestyle.

Pampa results in the Tascosa dual are as follows:

### Boys

200 medley relay: Second place, (D. Warren, C. David, M. Schoenrock and W. Griffin), 2:04.92; Third place, (K. Kirkland, B. Whitten, B. Huddleston and C. Graves), 2:19.24.

200 freestyle: First place, M. Eskridge, 2:15.80; fourth place, J. George, 2:45.63.

200 individual medley: First place, Clay David, 2:23.55; Fourth place, J. Kilhoffer, 3:32.06.

50 freestyle: Second place, M. Schoenrock, 1:11.06; Third place, C. Graves, 29.90.

100 butterfly: Second place, M. Schoenrock, 1:11.06; Third place, C. Cargill, 1:55.49.

100 freestyle: Second place, W. Griffin, 59.89; Third place, B. Whitten, 1:08.32.

500 freestyle: First place, W. Griffin, 5:53.62; Third place, B. Huddleston, 6:52.60.

200 free relay: Second place (B. Huddleston, B. Whitten, C. Graves and D. Warren),

1:59.84; fourth place (J. Kilhoffer, K. Kirkland, J. George and M. Eskridge), 2:19.17.

100 backstroke: Second place, D. Warren, 1:13.64; Third place, K. Kirkland, 1:14.31.

100 breaststroke: Second place, J. George, 1:28.66; Fourth place, J. Kilhoffer, 1:38.67.

400 free relay: First place (C. David, W. Griffin, W. Griffin, M. Schoenrock and M. Eskridge), 4:16.17; Second place (J. Kilhoffer, C. Cargill, J. George and K. Kirkland), 5:38.61.

### Girls

200 medley relay: First place (M. Moman, L. Mitchell, D. Vigil and T. Henthorn), 2:22.32.

200 freestyle: First place, L. Mitchell, 2:38.22; Third place, J. White, 2:58.51.

200 individual medley: First place, D. Vigil, 3:03.53.

50 freestyle: Second place, L. Mitchell, 32.18; Fourth place, J. White, 34.86.

100 butterfly: First place, M. Moman, 1:16.27.

100 freestyle: Second place, D. Vigil, 1:08.07.

500 freestyle: First place, T. Henthorn, 6:23.48.

100 backstroke: First place, M. Moman, 1:17.08.

100 breaststroke: Second place, T. Henthorn, 1:31.43.

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## Local wrestlers brought home the gold



Displaying their championship trophies are Camron Wall (right) and John Burns.

PAMPA — Pampa wrestlers John Burns and Camron Wall brought home the championship trophies from the Panhandle Nationals held last month in Amarillo.

It came as no surprise to the fans who had watched these two youngsters perform throughout the season. Time after time, John and Camron stepped out on the mat to prove their worth against the opposition.

Cameron, who won the gold in the 40-pound division, completely dominated his division.

John won the title in the Division Three 105-pound weight class, overcoming many wrestlers who had more experience. In one match, John was trailing 10-3 and won by a pin with 90 seconds to go.

"To say that I'm proud of each wrestler would not do justice to them. I have seen boys become young men, girls become young ladies," said coach Ricky Urquhart of the Pampa Takedown Club. "I have seen fear give way to determination. I am proud of these athletes, but not just for wrestling, but for allowing me to be there when they took a huge step toward maturity."

## Moore captures Lombardi Award

HOUSTON (AP) — Virginia Tech defensive line coach Charley Wiles doesn't expect to see a player like Hokies defensive end Corey Moore again.

Moore, a blend of speed and strength, was once labeled too small to play big-time college football, but he emerged Wednesday night with the 30th Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

"Combined with his physical attributes, he has the overwhelming will to win, and he's such a leader," Wiles said. "You may go through your entire coaching life and not coach a player like Corey."

Moore won the Mike Fox-Bronko Nagurski Trophy as the nation's top defender on Monday. For the Lombardi, he beat out Florida State nose guard Corey Simon, and defensive end Courtney Brown and linebacker LaVar Arrington of Penn State.

"A lot of schools recruited me

out of high school, but a lot of them thought I was too small to compete in Division I-A football," Moore said. "To have been able to come to Virginia Tech and have a career here, I've been blessed with that opportunity."

Moore made the Hokies glad they took him. Moore led the Big East with 17 sacks for 132 yards this season. He dropped 11 runners for 47 yards in losses.

"I want to thank the Virginia Tech program for giving me the opportunity to play and develop as the football player I am today," Moore said. "Coach (Frank) Beamer took a chance bringing me to Tech. I'd like to thank him for that."

"I'm always motivated when people tell me I can't do something. Size doesn't matter. You can't measure the size of a person's heart. In life, I don't think anybody has a bigger heart than me. I can't wait to show my heart on a football field."

At 6-foot, 225 pounds, Moore

isn't the prototype college defensive end, but he fit well in the Hokies' defensive scheme. He came to Virginia Tech from Brownsville, Tenn., weighing 200 pounds.

"In our defensive scheme, we don't ask Corey to line up over the offensive tackle," Wiles said. "We put Corey outside so he can use his speed and strength. He makes the offensive tackle operate in space."

Moore has been clocked at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash and bench presses 400 pounds.

"I got into coaching because of the relationships my coaches had with me made me want to have the opportunity to make a difference in a young man's life," Wiles said. "Then, here comes Corey and he's the guy who touched me."

Moore will lead the second-ranked Hokies into the Sugar Bowl Jan. 4 against No. 1 ranked Florida State for the national championship.

## Scoreboard

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA				
Indianapolis	10	2	0	.833	344	236				
Miami	8	4	0	.667	253	240				
Buffalo	8	4	0	.667	228	173				
New England	7	5	0	.583	245	224				
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	201	228				
Central										
Jacksonville	11	1	0	.917	307	131				
Tennessee	9	3	0	.750	253	243				
Pittsburgh	5	7	0	.417	208	187				
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	237	225				
Cincinnati	3	10	0	.231	232	386				
Cleveland	2	11	0	.154	147	340				
West										
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	280	210				
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	272	211				
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	270	247				
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	208	262				
Denver	4	8	0	.333	231	242				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
Washington	7	5	0	.583	347	320				
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	183	237				
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	281	195				
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	235	250				
Philadelphia	3	10	0	.231	200	297				
Central										
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	272	231				
Tampa Bay	8	4	0	.667	198	158				
Green Bay	7	5	0	.583	247	281				
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	289	250				
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	226	277				
West										
x-St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	400	168				
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	282	283				
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	190	281				
San Francisco	3	9	0	.250	196	345				
New Orleans	2	10	0	.167	194	304				
x-cinched division title										
Thursday's Game										
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EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
	W	L	Pct.	GB						
Miami	14	4	.778	—						
New York	11	9	.550	4						
Boston	9	8	.529	4 1/2						
Philadelphia	11	10	.524	4 1/2						
Orlando	9	10	.474	5 1/2						
Washington	5	15	.250	10						
New Jersey	4	15	.211	10 1/2						
Central Division										
Toronto	12	8	.667	—						
Charlotte	11	7	.611	1						
Indiana	11	7	.611	1						
Cleveland	9	8	.529	2 1/2						
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	2 1/2						
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Pacific Division										
San Antonio	14	6	.700	—						
Utah	11	7	.611	2						
Denver	9	9	.500	4						
Minnesota	7	8	.467	4 1/2						
Houston	7	13	.350	7						
Dallas	7	14	.333	7 1/2						
Vancouver	4	14	.222	9						
Pacific Division										
L.A. Lakers	15	5	.750	—						
Portland	15	5	.750	—						
Sacramento	12	4	.750	1						
Seattle	14	5	.737	1/2						
Phoenix	12	6	.667	2						
L.A. Clippers	4	14	.222	10						
Golden State	2	16	.111	12						
Tuesday's Games										
Toronto 101, Cleveland 98										
New York 85, Golden State 83										
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## Stars win on Carbonneau's late goal

DALLAS (AP) — Carolina Hurricanes goalie Arturs Irbe hates losing to his former team, the Dallas Stars.

Irbe also hates how he lost Wednesday night, on a late goal by 39-year-old Guy Carbonneau.

Carbonneau's goal on a hard-working assist by Juha Lind with 1:38 left gave the Stars a 2-1 victory, sending Irbe into a postgame funk.

"I'm disappointed it came against Dallas, I'm disappointed it came in the last two minutes, and I'm disappointed because I could have made the save," said Irbe, who stopped 26 shots. "It doesn't matter if I keep us in the game. It's how you finish. Of all the goals I've given up this season, that's the one I want back."

Lind fell on his stomach after

he was checked by Carolina defenseman Sean Hill, but somehow nudged a pass from behind the net to Carbonneau, who lifted a shot past Irbe for his fourth goal of the season.

"I knew Carbo would be there," Lind said. "Two defensemen came to me, I hit the puck and we had a little luck."

"Juha did a really good job staying with it," Carbonneau said. "I got the puck in my skates and had time before I shot. The team has really been struggling offensively. Everybody's feeling the pressure to score goals."

Carolina coach Paul Maurice thought his goalie was being a little too hard on himself.

"Our goalie gave us a chance to steal a win," Maurice said.

Dallas, 5-1-0 in its last six games, has only 12 goals in its

last five games.

The Stars finished with a 28-16 shots-on-goal advantage over the Hurricanes, who beat St. Louis 4-2 on Tuesday night.

"This was a game that we deserved to win," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We controlled the play. If we keep working like that, good things are going to happen."

Dallas' Brett Hull scored the tying goal in the second period, the 597th of his career.

Ron Francis' first-period goal was the only scoring for the Hurricanes.

Carolina continued to sizzle on the power play with Francis cashing in on a man-advantage situation at 14:39 of the first period. Francis' sixth goal gave the Hurricanes 11 power-play goals in 31 chances.

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### Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas



(Special photo)

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Jaimie Reed receives her diamond horseshoe ring from Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop. The ring is one of many prizes awarded to Reed as winner of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas pageant of which Rheams is a sponsor.

### Alco donations, awards



(Photo by Danny Cowan)

Ed Ringering, Alco manager, right, recently presented Charlene Velasquez, center, with a gift certificate for the Cute Baby Contest and Katrina Bigham, left, with a check in the amount of \$1,066 for the United Way Fund.

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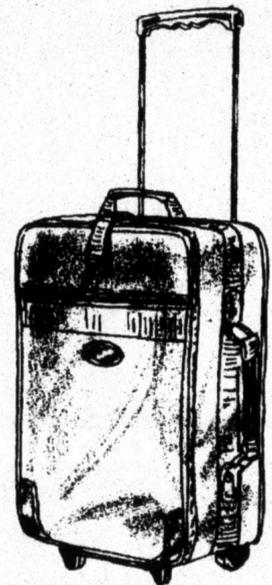


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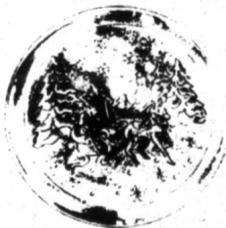


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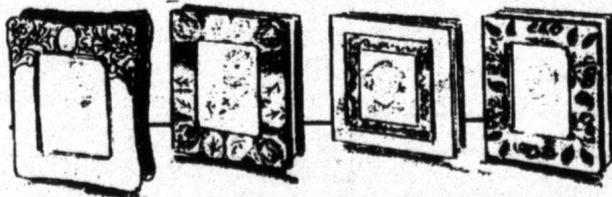
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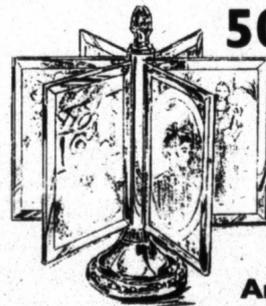
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