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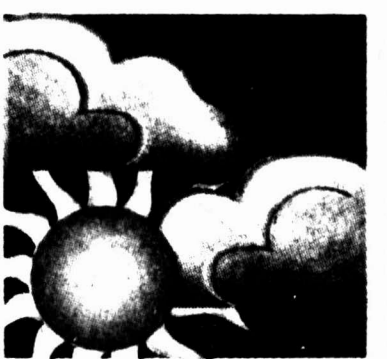


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PAMPA — The Panhandle Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society's annual Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec. 12 from 2-4 p.m. in Amarillo. Free accessible transportation is available from Pampa for up to nine people. To reserve your space or for more information call Linda Davis, 669-0847.

PLEASANTON (AP) — A day care center worker was gunned down this morning in the hours before parents started dropping off their children at the South Texas nursery, police said.

As a result, no children were injured, although one child apparently was asleep at the center when the shooting occurred, according to Atascosa County Sheriff Tommy Williams.

A man entered the Lad-n-Lassie Enrichment Center in Pleasanton and fatally shot the woman about 8:45 a.m., Williams said. The man then suffered a head wound after turning the gun on himself, police said.

The names of the man and woman were not immediately released.

The suspect was taken to University Hospital in San Antonio, about 30 miles to the north, and parents were being told not to bring their children to the child care center today.

In October, Pleasanton was the scene of a deadly law officer ambush. A man fatally shot three South Texas officers and wounded two others as they responded to a bogus 911 emergency call.

• E.G. Fillingim, 84, farmer, rancher.

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Good news: Sales tax receipts up

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Good news is on the Pampa economic front today with the release of sales tax figures that show the first rise in 15 months.

The report reflects October sales with the city's share of taxes coming in at \$171,024.

That's 10.89 percent more than the \$154,230 that had been budgeted for the same time period.

Though he remains cautious in his optimism, City Finance Director John Horst said, "This looks encouraging. Actually it was quite a surprise."

A surprise, he said, after the city has gone for 15 months with drop after drop in sales tax returns.

The October numbers compare pretty evenly to the sales taxes received during October two years ago, Horst said.

If this upward shift holds up as a trend, it goes a long way in helping the city's anticipated budget shortfall, he said.

If sales taxes continue upward at the present level, Horst estimates the city will have a budget shortfall of about \$97,000.

And that's much less than the

minus \$230,000 that was projected based upon last month's sales tax report for September.

Asked what's fueling the increase, Horst said, "I don't know ... but it sure makes the (deficit) projection look better. I just hope it holds."

City Commissioners are expected to discuss the sales tax situation in depth and plan for any cuts that need to be made when the meet at their annual January retreat.

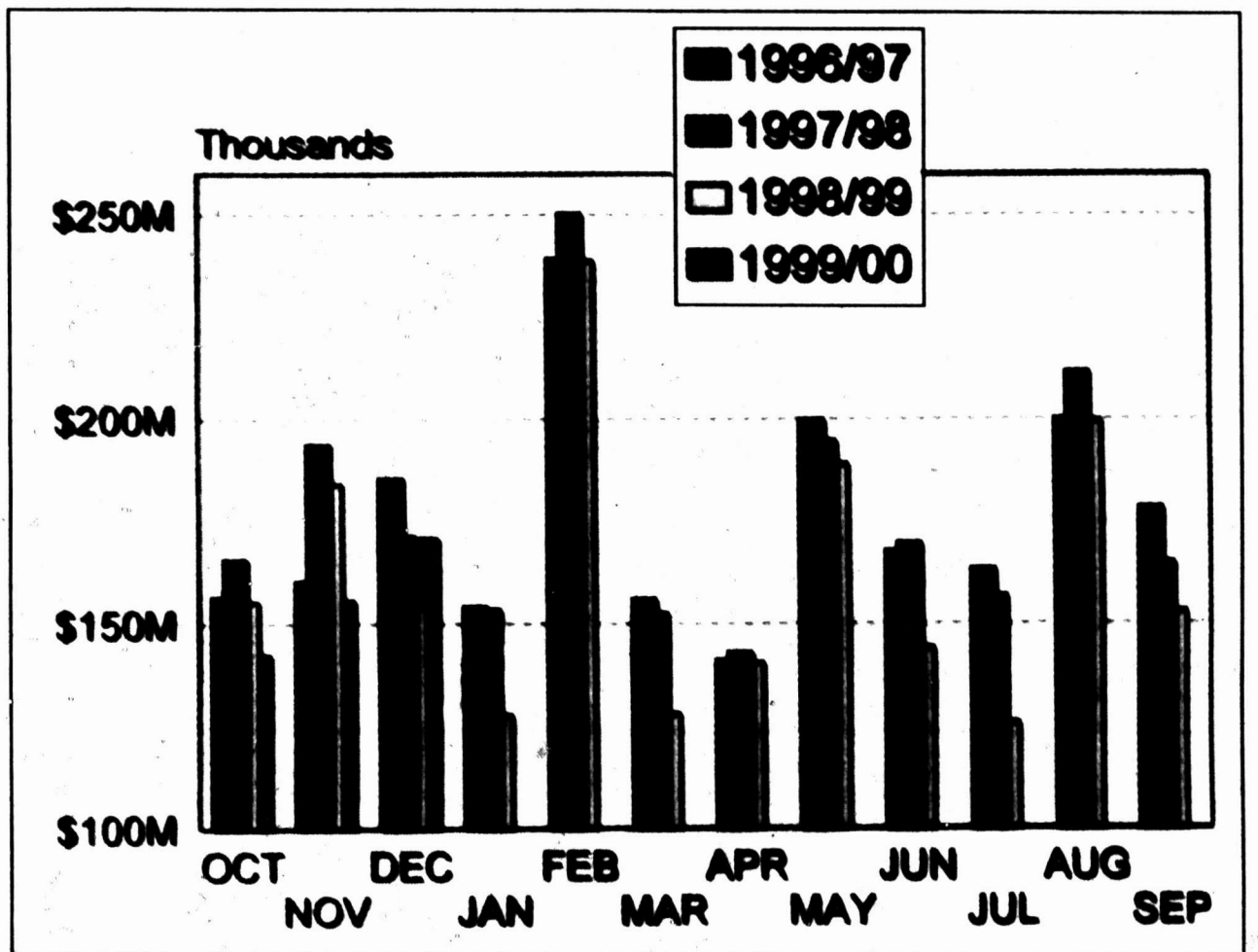
On the retail front, several merchants reported to *The Pampa News* earlier this week that their Christmas sales had been brisk so far.

The sales tax figures from December, which will tell the tale on holiday shopping, are expected to be released about mid February.

When contacted, Susan Triplehorn, executive director of the PEDC, had heard the news.

"I have e-mailed all of the board members to tell them," she said.

"Hopefully this is the first step in the turn around in our economy in Pampa ... hopefully we can look for continued improvement in the new year," Triplehorn said.



LEPC targets disaster plans

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Officials from several sectors met Wednesday at Dyer's to discuss Gray County disaster preparedness. Issues from methamphetamine labs to Y2K fears and facts were discussed.

The tornado that ripped through Pampa in 1995 was discussed, as officials from government, industry, and commerce questioned Gray County's readiness for man-made and natural emergencies.

James Knoll, Investigator for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, said he had inspected Southwestern Public Service and that SPS was



LEPC's Ken Hall

Y2K compliant and "fully prepared" for the new year. "We are prepared for whatever might come up," Ken Hall, Coordinator for the Local Emergency Planning Committee, said.

"We are going to have in January a meeting and discuss the RMP [the report which outlines the potential crime and weather dangers to the community] for the city of Pampa and KN Energy," Hall said.

The meeting will be Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, and the public is urged to attend.

Also discussed was the LEPC conference in Wichita Falls which is held yearly. Information he learned will be part of the agenda when the Jan. 12 meeting is held.

125 children ready for shopping tour

The annual Children's Shopping Tour gets underway at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Pampa Optimist building at 601 E. Craven.

Winston Holt, the Kiwanian who is the general chair of the project, announced today.

"The Salvation Army is extending invitations to 125 children between the ages of five and 10," Holt explained. "Lt. Matt Branscum and the volunteers at the Salvation Army have processed applications and are notifying those who have been selected. It is a difficult task to choose the children because there are so many in need."

"Volunteers who are chaperoning the children are asked to arrive at the Optimist building a few minutes before 8 a.m.," said Kerrick Horton, who is heading up the registration in the Optimist gym. "We will give the chaperones a brochure explaining the project. The chaperones will be given their children's names and addresses. We will go over the ground rules and answer questions."

Holt continued, "The chaperones will pick up their children

(See SHOPPING, Page 2)

Man reports he was stabbed

A man walked into Pampa Regional Medical Center early Wednesday morning with a stab wound in his abdomen.

Jesse James Lee, 26, 1121 S. Christy, claimed to have been stabbed by a Hispanic male out by Moody Farms earlier that morning, said a sheriff's report.

Lee told Sheriff's Deputy Gary Noblett that he

then walked 15-to-20 miles through the snow with a stab wound to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Lee said he was stabbed with a stick "with a sharp object at the end of it."

Authorities wouldn't comment on the cause of the stabbing, and the investigation is still underway.

Lee was treated and released.



Hector Estrada rings a bell for The Salvation Army at the entrance to the Pampa Post Office. This is his first job in five years.

News readers come through with presents

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa citizens responded typically by adopting all the children who were in need of Christmas gifts following a story in Wednesday's issue of *The Pampa News*.

Lt. Matthew Branscum of the Salvation Army said Friday morning the angel forms which were hanging on Christmas trees in Alco and Wal-Mart have all been adopted, and will provide clothing needs for the children in connection with the annual Angel Tree program.

Deadline for the clothing to be returned to the stores' Angel Trees is Saturday. Lt. Branscum said it is very important for the purchases to be returned by Saturday so packages may be wrapped and distributed in time for Christmas.

He said there were 387 "angels" on the Angel Tree this year, and said he is very pleased all have been adopted.

Altrusa club members will wrap the presents before they

Deadline for the clothing to be returned to the stores' Angel Trees is Saturday.

are delivered. Toys are also provided the children by the Salvation Army, said Branscum. He said the toys are ordered by bulk in July of each year for the children's Christmas gifts in December.

Funds to pay for the toys come from the Christmas kettles which are located at local businesses, and he said the kettle donations are down by \$3,000 from last year. He attributes one of the reasons as the severe weather received by the Pampa area during the first 10 days of December with 14 inches of snow being dumped on the area.

The bill for the toys will soon be coming due and he hopes the kettle donations go up so the agency can pay the bill.

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Services tomorrow

FILLINGIM, E.G. — 2 p.m., Gageby Baptist Church, Gageby.

Obituaries

E.G. FILLINGIM

WHEELER — E.G. Fillingim, 84, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, at Canadian. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Gageby Baptist Church at Gageby with the Rev. Aaron Laverty officiating. Burial will be in Gageby Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Fillingim was born May 16, 1915, at Turkey, to Irving and Laura Coker Fillingim. His family later moved to Gageby in Hemphill County and he attended school at Pleasant Valley, Gageby and Canadian High School. He married Willa Rose Singletton on Feb. 2, 1947, in Hemphill County.

He farmed and ranched all his life and belonged to Gageby Church.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Garry Fillingim; two brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Willa, of Briscoe; two daughters, Laurel Hershman of Wheeler and Lajo Crownover of Briscoe; a son, Gayle Singleton of Amarillo; two sisters, Eula Newman of Fort Worth and Cornelia Lehman of McGregor, Minn.; four brothers, Willis Fillingim of Briscoe, Talmage Fillingim of Providence, Utah, William Fillingim of Prescott, Ariz., and Horace Fillingim of Allison; three foster children; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gageby Church or to First Baptist Church of Wheeler pew fund.

Court report

Sue Ellen Chavez pled guilty of theft by check, Class B misdemeanor, received 12 months probation, \$700 fine, 80 hours of community service.

Tyson Cameron Curits pled nolo contendere of minor in possession, received 90 days probation, \$200 fine, and ordered to pay court costs.

Jennifer Renee Remington had her probation extended for one year.

Bryan Keith Fisher was not charged for criminal trespass and harassment because complaining witness requested dismissal.

Matthew David Duck, Jeannetta Bullick Deanda, and April Lynn Aylor were discharged from probation after court cost and fines were paid.

Charges of resisting arrest/search/transport against Eric Dale Bennett was dismissed because defendant was convicted in another case.

Charges of theft of property by check were dismissed against Constance Harju, Pam Green, and Curtis Jones because cost and restitution have been made.

William Larry Parker pled nolo contendere to speeding. He was considered by the court not guilty of speeding, but driving at an unsafe speed. He was ordered to pay a \$200 fine and court costs.

Charges of theft of property by check were dismissed against Brady Helms and Jeanetta Dubois because they were put on adersion program.

Wayne Leon Woodward modified his probation. DWI Education program extended.

Kenneth Hughie Purvis may operate a motor vehicle in his occupation or trade under restrictions.

Charges of assault causing injury against Jeremy Kirkland Telkamp were dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

Carlos Espinoza pled guilty to DWI. He was ordered to pay a \$800 fine and court cost, 60 days confinement in the Gray County Jail, two years probation and 40 hours community service.

Robert G. Williams pled guilty to theft of property by check. He received 6 months probation, has to pay a \$600 fine and restitution, and 50 hours of community service.

Divorces

Valerie Gae Brass vs. Sidney James Brass
Donald Ray Campbell vs. Janet Campbell

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Cecil Lewis, 36, 325 N. Banks, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported on the 500 block of Powell.

Criminal Trespassing was reported on the 800 block of North Dwight.

Burglary of a residence was reported on the 800 block of North Dwight.

Theft was reported locally as occurring at the Toy's-R-Us in Amarillo.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Dec. 9

Randell Lynn Lamberson, 40, Hedley, was arrested by the DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and open container.

Fires

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

Thursday, Dec. 9

10:32 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a smoke scare at 201 W. Kingsmill.

10:43 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 1900 N. Hobart.

5:06 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a medical assist at 115 Walnut Drive.

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SHOPPING

between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and take them shopping. When they are finished, Whitney Davis is heading up a group of Opti-Mrs. members who will help the chaperones and children wrap an estimated 800 packages in the Optimist gym.

Jeff Skinner, Kevin Davis and Truman Lowrance are Optimist members in charge of a luncheon for the children, the chaperones and other volunteers. They will be preparing hamburgers for almost 300 people while the chaperones and the children are shopping. Members of the Jr. Service League are baking cookies for dessert. After lunch and a visit from a current resident of the North Pole, the chaperones will return the children to their homes. "We expect to be finished about noon," Holt commented.

"Each child will be able to spend up to \$25 for each family member they buy presents for," Holt continued. "We anticipate serving about 400 family members this year. The cost to sponsor a child is \$65. Contributions should be sent to John Warner, Box 645, Pampa, Texas 79066-0645. Checks should be made payable to Pampa Optimist Youth Club.

The contributions are income tax deductible."

"The Kiwanis Club is in charge of obtaining 160 volunteers to help the children shop," Holt said. "Kiwanians Ann Franklin of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Andra Canaday of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation have been recruiting volunteers. They reported 147 commitments at the meeting of the Steering Committee which was held Tuesday. People interested in taking the children shopping should contact Ann or Andra."

The project is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Pampa, the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, the Energizer Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church, Opti-Mrs. Club, First Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Tralee Crisis Center, Jr. Service League, the First Christian Church, the Pampa Rotary Club and St. Vincent's Total Youth Ministries. Many businesses and individuals have sponsored children.

"I first worked on this project about 30 years ago," said Nelda Lancaster, a member of the Opti-Mrs. Club. "This project continues to help my family get into the Christmas spirit. I look forward to helping the children wrap their packages every year."

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PRESENTS

The local Salvation Army commanding officer said not only is the donation income down in the kettles, but the number of volunteers to man the traditional bell ringing donation receptacles at businesses has declined.

Lt. Branscum said the local Boy Scouts and Rotary Club still assist them with the fund raiser.

Any funds over the needed amount to pay for the toys are used for food baskets for families at

Christmas, and for individual emergency needs throughout the year.

He said the agency assists people who need it with food, clothing, utility bills and rental assistance throughout the year from donations over the cost of the toys and food baskets.

Any individuals or groups wishing to volunteer for bell ringing or provide any other assistance to the Salvation Army may contact Lt. Branscum or his wife, Lt. Penney Branscum at 665-7233.

Dog owner charged with manslaughter in fatal mauling

By MARK PRATT
Associated Press Writer

WINNSBORO, S.C. (AP) — Blood still stains the grass where John Mickle was dragged to the ground and fatally mauled by two pit bull dogs.

Mickle, 45, was bitten more than 1,000 times and his windpipe crushed during Saturday's attack, Coroner Joe Silvia said.

The dogs' owner, Frank Speagle, 22, was charged with involuntary manslaughter Thursday. The charge means authorities think Speagle should have known his dogs were potentially dangerous.

The county does not require dogs to be leashed or fenced in. Mickle's body was found about 200 yards from Speagle's house.

The dogs had been loose in Speagle's yard at the time of the attack, and Speagle also was charged with failing to keep a "dangerous" animal restrained. He faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

In November, a 74-year-old man said the dogs

bit him on the calf and thigh before he was able to get away by swinging his belt at them, sheriff's Maj. Keith Lewis said. The man told the dogs' owner, but never told authorities, Lewis said.

Authorities also said the animals had used their teeth to flatten the tires of at least one car.

No one at Speagle's house would comment Thursday.

Speagle said he wanted the dogs destroyed, Fairfield County Sheriff Herman Young said. Deputies also were investigating whether the pit bills had been used in dogfights.

Mickle's death was the 11th fatal dog attack in the nation this year, said Leslie Sinclair of the Humane Society of the United States.

Most attacks involve children or the elderly. "It's very rare to have a middle-aged adult attacked like this," Sinclair said.

In 1997, a Kansas woman was convicted of unintentional murder after her Rottweilers killed an 11-year-old boy. Sinclair knew of at least three other cases since 1987 where pet owners were convicted of criminal charges for a pet's actions.

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No more Beanies after Dec. 31

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — Disproving skeptics who thought it was a ploy to boost sales, the maker of Beanie Babies says the end really is near: Dec. 31 will be the last day the popular stuffed critters are made.

Oak Brook-based Ty Inc. posted a cryptic announcement on its Web site Thursday, saying that production will stop Dec. 31 and warehouses will be cleared of surplus.

The company hinted at the move with a similar Web site announcement in August, saying it would "retire" all current Beanie Babies at the end of the year. Many collectors and fans thought it was a ploy to boost beanie prices and were expecting a new line of the toys.

Ty Inc. spokeswoman Anne Nickels said she had no idea why the cuddly toys were being discontinued, adding that the decision to stop production was made by the firm's owner, Ty Warner.

"We're just as much in the dark here as every-

body else," she said.

One factor for the decision could be the growing interest in Pokemon cards, said Leonard Tannenbaum, president of Beanieation.com, an Internet auction site for the Beanies.

"Our Pokemon sales have flown, but Beanie sales haven't," Tannenbaum said.

Beanie Babies come in more than 100 animal forms. They all have distinctive heart-shaped Beanie name tags.

Ty Inc. began making Beanie Babies in 1993, starting a craze that made the company hundreds of millions of dollars and pushed prices for some of the collectible toys as high as \$6,000.

Stocks

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

Wheat	1.96	Corn	2.99
Milo	2.54	Soybeans	3.83
Com.	2.99		

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

Occidental	19.58	dn	7/16
Fidelity Magell	130.51		
Puritan	19.19		

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

Amoco	60 3/4	dn	11/16
Arco	89 3/8	dn	2 5/16
Cabot	18 3/4	up	5/16
Cabot O&G	13 1/4	dn	1/8
Chevron	91 1/16		

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy and 50 today with southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low of 27 and southeast winds at 10-20.

Tomorrow, cloudy with a chance of showers and highs in the mid 40s. There is a chance of snow Sunday. Yesterday's high was 40, the overnight low 23.

STATEWIDE — Cool temperatures blanketed most of the state early today, but warmer temperatures are on the way.

Skies were generally clear with temperatures had fallen in

the 30s and 40s in North Texas. But mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures, are forecast for the area this weekend.

Only a few high clouds streaked the sky over the Panhandle early today with temperatures in the 20s.

Skies will be partly cloudy over most of West Texas with highs from the upper 40s over the North and the Southwest Mountains to the mid-70s along the Rio Grande. Clouds will increase as a front approaches and overnight lows will range the 20s north to around 40 in the Big Bend valleys.

The Panhandle could receive

more snow this weekend. Highs will range from the upper 30s north to near 70 degrees across the far south.

Skies were mostly clear this morning in South Texas under the high pressure that brought drier and cooler air to the region. Temperatures were 20 degrees cooler than Thursday's lows. Morning temperatures ranged from the middle 20s for parts of the Hill Country to the 50s along the coast.

South Texas can expect increasing cloudiness. Highs will reach 60 to 70 degrees with overnight lows ranging from the middle 40s to around 60.

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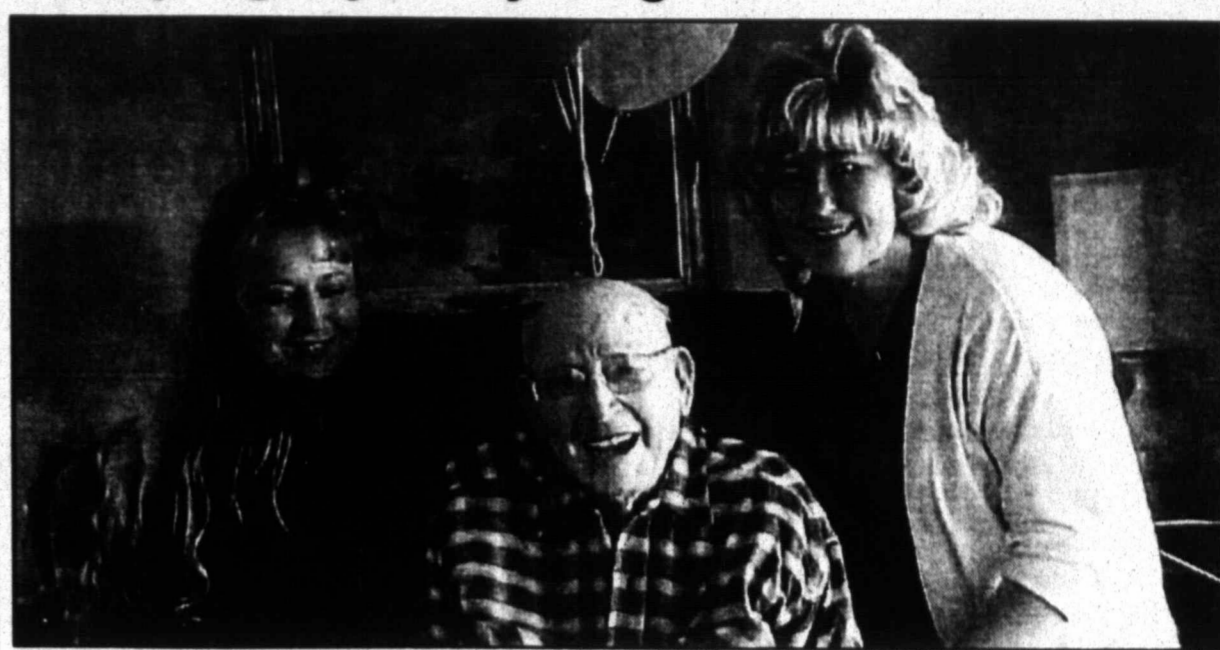
'Snow-woman'



(Special photo)

This "snow-woman" is as baffled as most Pampans in trying to figure out the recent unpredictable weather — does she need a sunbonnet, an umbrella or a snow shovel? Emily Elliott and mom, Judy, created this confused character after the recent snow.

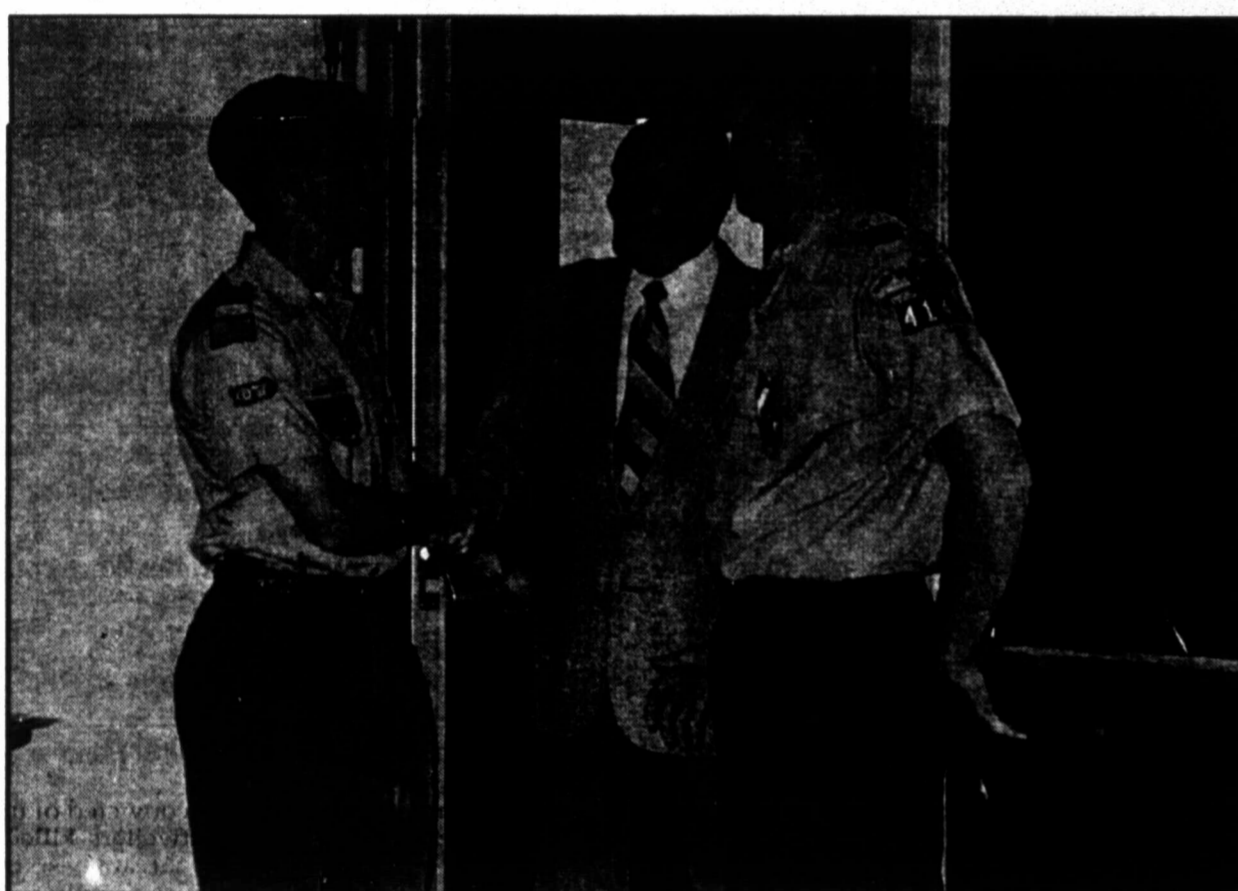
Ninety-eight years young



(Special photo)

Archie Griffin, above with nurses Barbara Burns, RN and Judy Shook, RN, both of Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, recently celebrated his 98th birthday. Griffin was born Nov. 20, 1901, near Franklin, Texas. He joined the U.S. Army in 1921 and began working the oil field for Michaels Drilling Co. in 1922. He later worked for Mobil Oil Co. from 1925-65, a total of 40 years. He married Ellen King of Franklin in 1925, and she preceded him in death in 1995. The couple came to Pampa on Jan. 1, 1934, and joined First Baptist Church. Mr. Griffin is the father of two sons, A.Z. Griffin, Jr. of Pampa and Gary Griffin of College Station.

Boy Scout banquet



(Community Camera photo)

Eagle Scouts Trevor Stowers and Trent Price greet guest speaker Bob Izzard at the 1999 Golden Spread Council of Boy Scout Santa Fe District Recognition Banquet recently.

Texas Department of Agriculture offers producers, processors and suppliers some 'beat the bug' advice

AUSTIN — Agriculture is not immune to the Y2K bug. Food producers, processors and suppliers, like so many businesses, are heavily dependent on computerized processing and information exchange. Everything from irrigation and milking equipment to food processing assembly lines, cooking and refrigeration units face problems with Y2K.

Experts estimate that farming, agriculture and food processing companies may experience at least some system failures, placing our industry in a high risk of operation problems because of Y2K. This could result in the shutdown of business, production or product delivery operations; health hazards to individuals; considerable revenue loss; significant litigation expense or loss; or significant loss of customers or revenue.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is assisting and educating producers and agribusinesses across the state to help minimize the problems associated with Y2K. The campaign is called "Beat the Bug." This is a six-step plan of action:

—Inform. Everyone you work with should be aware of the potential Y2K problem and what it takes to bring their equipment and services under compliance. Talk to employees, suppliers, service companies and their bank or financial institution.

—List. List every computerized, automatic and electronic system in your operation. If it operates with electricity, a battery or a timer and was manufactured after 1980, it could be vulnerable to Y2K problems. Don't underesti-

mate or overlook anything.

—Contact. After identifying automatic and computerized systems, write or call the manufacturer and ask if the system or device is "Year 2000 compliant." If it is compliant, ask for an official letter of confirmation. If it is not compliant, ask the manufacturer for a recommendation on how to proceed.

—Fix. If you cannot get a compliance letter from the manufacturer in reasonable time, move on because time is critical. Some Y2K problems can start to appear before the Year 2000. Set priorities for dealing with your equipment. There are three options for handling systems not Y2K ready: Upgrade the system to the latest Y2K compliant version; replace systems with ones that are Y2K compliant; fix the systems to create compliance.

—Test. It is very important to include enough time for testing. Testing verifies that the repaired or replaced system operates properly. Test your equipment so that it will work properly when the date correctly rolls over to 2000, it recognizes the leap year date 02/29/2000 and correctly run other tests depending on the functions of the system.

—Back-up. A good back-up plan must consider the potential impact to your business if any of these systems malfunction. This plan should include methods to back up and protect the business' data to ensure continued production with minimum delay and to establish responsibilities of employees during any Y2K problems.

For more information on "Beat the Bug," call TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or visit our website (www.agr.state.tx.us).

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY
New Life Assembly of God Church, located at the corner of Randy Matson and Sumner, is accepting donations of new and used coats and toys from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday for Christmas. Please make sure the used coats and toys are clean. For more information or to arrange a

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Gray County Red Cross will conduct an Adult, Infant and Child CPR and First Aid class from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 13-14 at its office, 108 N. Russell. The cost of the class is \$40. To enroll or for more information, call 669-7121.

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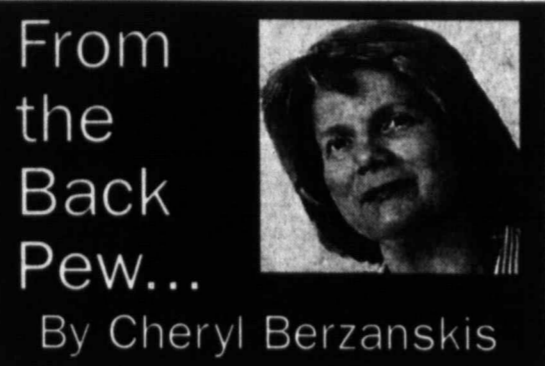
"Look at Him! Don't look at me!" But the people who heard the voice of the crazy man (some said he was Elijah or another prophet), couldn't help but look at him. He wore a camel hair coat held together by a leather belt and shouted the strangest sayings. Some told how he dined on locusts and wild honey gathered from the Judean desert where he lived and preached.

"Repent! For the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!"

"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low. The crooked shall be straightened, and the rough ways shall be smoothed. Everyone shall see the salvation of God," he preached.

The words of the wild-eyed preacher were eerily familiar, so the crowds knew he wasn't really crazy. Judeans in the know remembered the preacher's words were first Isaiah's words.

The man was named John. He was the only son of Zacharias, a temple priest, and his wife, Elisabeth, an old couple who'd given up on having a child. From the time John was born he was different. His parents



By Cheryl Berzanskis

refused to give him a family name and insisted on naming him John. The child's name had been given in a vision in which the angel Gabriel appeared, Zacharias said.

The angel told him more, Zacharias said. "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord ... And many of the children of Israel shall be turned to the Lord their God. And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of

Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared

for the Lord," Gabriel had said in the vision. As a man, John drew crowds from Jerusalem and Judea with his enigmatic message of prophecy and repentance for sin. He baptized a multitude in the Jordan River after they confessed their sins.

"I baptize you with water, but one mightier than I will come, whose shoes I am not worthy to untie and He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire," he preached.

Then one day, the mightier one came to John's preaching post by the Jordan asking for the same baptism as sinners.

"Look! See the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me because He came before me,'" he cried.

John refused to baptize Jesus, but He would not be dissuaded from His public identification with sinners. John was compelled to agree.

As Jesus came up from the Jordan's water, the Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested upon Jesus. John and the crowd heard, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Briefly...

Christmas musical in Perryton

Full Gospel Community Worship Center in Perryton will present "The Christmas Post" at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 at Perryton High School Auditorium. "The Christmas Post" is a musical inspired by two Norman Rockwell paintings. Admission is free. For more information, call the church office at (806) 435-2506.

Gospel Singing at First Pentecostal

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host its last Gospel Singing before the year 2000 from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. This musical event, begun nine years ago, takes place the second Sunday of each month and is an areawide event. It includes special numbers by singers and musicians from numerous churches in the region as well as congregational singing.

Christmas Eve children's program

Saint Matthew Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, will hold a Christmas Children's Program at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and a midnight service beginning at 11 p.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rushing Wind Emmaus to meet

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at First United Methodist Church in Spearman for a fellowship meal followed by a worship service. Members of area churches, Walk to Emmaus participants and their family and friends are invited to attend. A board of directors meeting will be at 5 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

Attend the church of your choice.

'Christmas at Calvary' music, drama set Sunday

"Christmas at Calvary", a program of music and drama will be presented Sunday night, December 12th at Calvary Baptist church. The program, presented by the music and drama ministries of the church, uses music and drama to celebrate the Christmas season and the birth of Christ. "Christmas at Calvary" features the choral music of five choirs accompanied by the Calvary Christmas Orchestra.

The Choirs consist of a Preschool Choir, two Children's Choirs, a Youth Choir, and the Adult Choir. In addition, "Skekinah glory", an ensemble of eight singers, will sing several selections before the 6 p.m. program begins and during the program.

The Calvary Christmas Orchestra, organized by Jason Jones, will accompany several of the selections. The fourteen piece orchestra is made up of Calvary Baptist Church musicians and Pampa High School band members. Sandy Crosswhite will tie the program together with special Christmas

narrations. The entire program will bring out the Christmas spirit in everyone present, but two special features will highlight the evening. The first is a Children's musical-drama, entitled "Time of Wonder, Time of Joy." This musical drama will be embedded in the middle of "Christmas at Calvary" and will tell the story of a young girl who falls asleep doing her homework and dreams she is present at the first Christmas in Bethlehem. When she finally wakes up she realized the true meaning of Christmas.

The second highlight of the evening will be the "finale", consisting of over eighty singers and the orchestra, all joining together to conclude the evening with a stirring arrangement of "I Sing Rejoice," a song based on the "Trepak" melodies of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite."

"Christmas at Calvary" is free and open to the public. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd street in Pampa.



SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

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

Religion around the U.S.

Jews, Southern Baptists spurn invitations

NEW YORK (AP) — It's the latest round of tense communiques between Jewish leaders and the Southern Baptist Convention over evangelism tactics.

Last September, Philip Abramowitz, director of The Jewish Community Relations Council, wrote to convention president Paige Patterson to protest what he called the group's "deceptive" conversion tactics, such as the use of Jewish rituals and symbols in Christian services, and the contention that worship of Jesus in compatible with authentic Jewish practice. The council is the coordinating body for 60 Jewish organizations.

In a reply letter, Patterson called the accusations reckless and said that he respects Jews who have "embraced Jesus as Messiah and still claim to be Jews." In a Nov. 10 correspondence, he proposed a conference with eight Jewish leaders, to be chosen by the council, and 8 Southern Baptist representatives, including two advocates of Messianic Judaism.

Last week, council president Gedale Horowitz reiterated an alternative proposal: a private meeting between himself and Patterson. Patterson has refused. No meeting or talks between the two groups are planned.

The rift widened when the convention's 1996 annual meeting issued a resolution urging Baptists to "direct our energies and resources" to evangelism among Jews.

Parents fault school's holiday program, pull kids out

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — Some parents pulled their children out of holiday music programs at two public schools, saying they fail to portray Christmas as a Christian holiday.

The productions are based on the nationally used "Celebrate the Seasons" program, which is a multicultural celebration that has nothing to do with religion, said Betty Replogle, principal at Paddock Lane and Stoddard elementary schools.

Some upset parents said the productions at both schools go into detail about the origins of Hanukkah and Kwanza while ignoring the origins of Christmas.

The program mentions Christmas in generic terms, not religious terms, Replogle said. Hanukkah commemorates part of Jewish tradition and history, and Kwanza celebrates the history and heritage of African-Americans, she said.

Replogle said three families out of 400 at the schools have complained about the program, which was well-received when Paddock Lane students presented it recently. Stoddard students are scheduled to present it Dec. 14.

Diane Terwilliger said she pulled her third-grade son from the Stoddard program because it did not explain that Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ during Christmas.

"Christmas to us is the birth of Christ," Terwilliger said, "not presents, not light."

Replogle said the program in Beatrice, a community of 12,800 people 75 miles southwest of Omaha, fits a 1993 state mandate to bring multiculturalism into schools.

German theologian wins prize

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Jurgen Moltmann, a retired theologian at the University of Tubingen, Germany, has won the annual \$200,000 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

Moltmann was honored for his book "The Coming of God: Christian Eschatology," published in 1996 by Fortress Press. Eschatology refers to the doctrine of the "last things."

The prize, administered since 1990 by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, honors "insights into the relationship between human beings and the divine" that may help people "to attain wholeness, integrity or meaning."

Moltmann, a German soldier who spent three years in World War II prison camps, is an adult convert to Christian faith. He first won a name in theology with his 1967 work "Theology of Hope."

A second miracle for Mother Drexel?

LEVITOWN, Pa. (AP) — A medical board in Rome is investigating a second case of a miracle attributed Katharine Drexel, the Philadelphia socialite turned religious sister.

She could be considered for canonization within a year, Monsignor Alexander Palmieri said. Sainthood raises a person as a role model for the faithful to emulate and pray to. Palmieri is vice postulator for Mother Drexel's cause for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The board is expected to vote soon on the case that involves a child whose deafness was cured after the family's prayers to Mother Drexel. The first miracle credited to her by the Roman Catholic Church was the curing of a deaf teen-ager, Robert Gutherman of Bensalem. That miracle allowed her to be beatified in Rome in November 1998, the second step in a three-step process to sainthood.

Mother Drexel was noted for opening schools and churches for blacks and American Indians under the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament beginning in 1891. By the time she died in 1955 at age 97, she had depleted her \$20 million inheritance to establish the missionary order.

School caters to three Jewish branches

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A Jewish boarding school is planned as the first in the country for high school students from all three branches of Judaism.

Organizers say they have raised \$40 million for the first phase of construction of the American Hebrew Academy for about 800 students.

There are Orthodox Jewish boarding schools around the country, but planners said the Greensboro academy will be the first to include Conservative and Reform branches.

The school, which organizers call pluralistic or liberal, will emphasize Jewish identity. Midsize cities nationwide lack such schools, and planners hope Hebrew Academy will appeal to students from such communities.

A group of Greensboro philanthropists began planning the school in 1996, and an anonymous donor provided 100 acres for the campus.

Aaron Green of San Francisco, a protégé of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, is designing the school, incorporating such touches as stone from Jerusalem. Eight to 10 buildings will be constructed during the first phase.

Friends' Reaction to Guardian Has Freshman Feeling Unsure

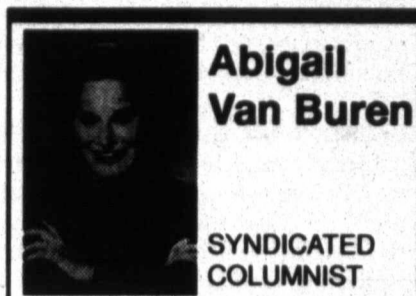
DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old who has lived with a gay man ever since I was 6. I'll call him Harold. My mother got tangled up with drugs and practically abandoned me and my brother (who's now 22).

Abby, for the last 12 years of our lives we never saw Harold do anything but work hard and come home to us. If he has a companion, we've never seen him. My brother is married and has moved out with his wife and new son. I'm still living at home and am in my freshman year of college — which Harold is paying for.

There's only one problem. Some of my friends from college come to my house to study. They have seen Harold and they ask questions about him. He has never been the flamboyant type or the proud, outgoing kind — so I tell them he is not gay, even though I know he is.

Harold has never touched me or my brother in any kind of sexual manner. Abby, he has been my mother, father, aunt, uncle, counselor and, most of all, my best friend. I love him as though he were a blood relation and so does my brother. Should I keep lying to my friends about him when they ask questions, or should I move to protect my reputation? They think I should transfer to another college so people won't know about him raising me. I love him, and the last thing I want to do is hurt him. Please help.

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LOVE AND FRIENDS

DEAR TORN: Harold's sexual preferences are personal, and none of your curious "friends" business. Since you say he is not "out," I see no reason for you to reveal anything for him. Tell your friends exactly what you told me — that he is your mother, father, aunt, uncle, counselor and — most of all — your best friend. Alternatively, you could call him a confirmed bachelor. (It's certainly the truth!) Anyone who would imply that you should be ashamed of the way you were raised is speaking out of ignorance, is not your friend, and is not worthy of your time. You have a rare and beautiful relationship. Don't sacrifice it out of fear of what others might say. If you're happy living at home and attending college, you should remain there.

DEAR ABBY: "Ed in Long

Island" sent you a list of reasons why gay people need to talk about being gay.

I would like to add some thoughts because people need to talk about problems if we ever going to put an end to discrimination.

1. Women had to talk about their right to vote before it became a reality.
2. Black people had to talk about discrimination against them before they secured civil rights.
3. Workers had to talk about their problems before they secured decent pay and other benefits.

4. Jewish people had to keep talking about the terrible crimes of the Holocaust to make sure it never happens again (and don't forget, gay people were killed along with the Jews in the Holocaust).

I'm sure others can think of other examples of the need to talk to put a check on discrimination, prejudice, bigotry and hate.

DORTHA HARNED, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR DORTHA: Indeed they can — and I hope they do. Unless people talk about discrimination, there is a tendency to sweep it under the carpet and ignore its presence.

way to make everyone happy — including yourself. Make special plans with your significant other. Tonight: Surprise another with a message.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Your buoyant personality draws others, who cannot get enough of you. However, there could be a surprise packed into your day. Cancel plans that have been weighing on you, especially as they aren't really necessary. Tonight: On the prowl.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Pace yourself; know what you need to get done and what you can scrap. Keep a perspective. Don't get caught up in details. Making calls to another at a distance proves to be difficult. Do your errands; get a head start on work if possible. Tonight: In your easy chair.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** By now you need to come to grips with a difficult partner. You won't change him — and vice versa. A flirtation could be heating up. News could have you plotting to go in another direction. Add whatever makes you happy to your life. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday night?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Others appear to close down when you approach them. Perhaps you are more tired than you realize. Loll around and let this be a day to spend time with your family. Discuss remaining Christmas details. Perhaps a party is in order. Tonight: Don't go far.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Though you are tired, you energize and get going. Discussions are invigorating and others are full of ideas. Stress creativity and put a greater emphasis on your imagination. You have a strong sense of what another is thinking before he says it. Tonight: Let go and have a good time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Be direct with others. Listen to your inner voice. It might be telling you something important. A child or loved one might be a bit dour. Give him space, and do what you need to do. You pull the financial wild card. Careful. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Listen to what a friend whispers in your ear. He has great suggestions. You might be dealing with a family member who is quite depressed. Do your best here. You do the unexpected and make others laugh. Tonight: Follow up on what is important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Maintain a low profile; don't push. You could get cranky where you least expect. Take stock of what you need to do. Give some thought to Y2K preparations. Your sense of humor helps an older relative talk. You know what to do and when. Tonight: Early to bed.

BORN TODAY
 Tennis player Tracy Austin (1962), TV personality Bob Barker (1923), singer Dionne Warwick (1941)

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 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)
 ***** Reach out for another; make long-distance calls. You are pushed financially as the holiday takes its toll. Remember, gifts can also come in the form of experiences. Excitement and unexpected events blend. Go with the flow. Tonight: Join friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** A partner wants to play a greater role in the holiday preparations. Consider revising Santa's chores, and talk this through. You might find that you are unwilling to let go of the responsibilities. You could be startled by your own reactions. Tonight: In the pink.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Everyone gets an occasional Scrooge attack. Don't let it get to you. Think of the more spiritual side of Christmas and express your feeling to those you care about. A change in plans proves to be a real pick-me-up. Another has a great idea; follow his lead. Tonight: Detach from your stuff.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** A friend makes a demand that puts weight on your primary relationship, however unintentional this might be. Be open to discussing it, and you'll find a

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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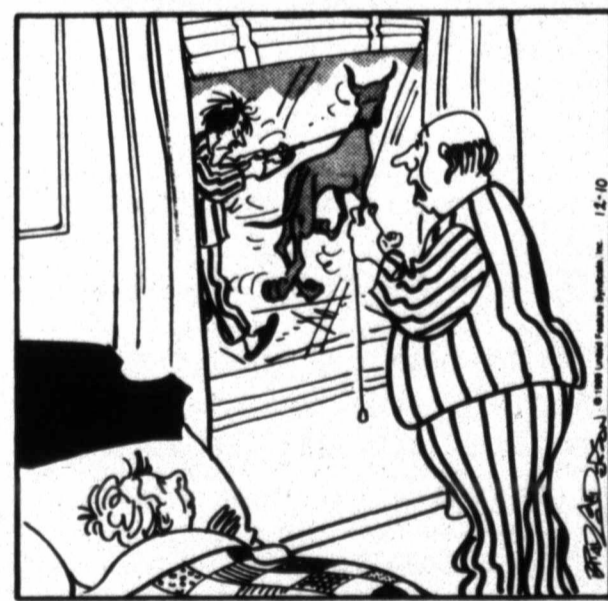
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Marmaduke



"I see Marmaduke got Phil up a little early for their morning romp."

The Family Circus



"At the Last Supper, betcha I know who they asked to say grace."

For Better or For Worse



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Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



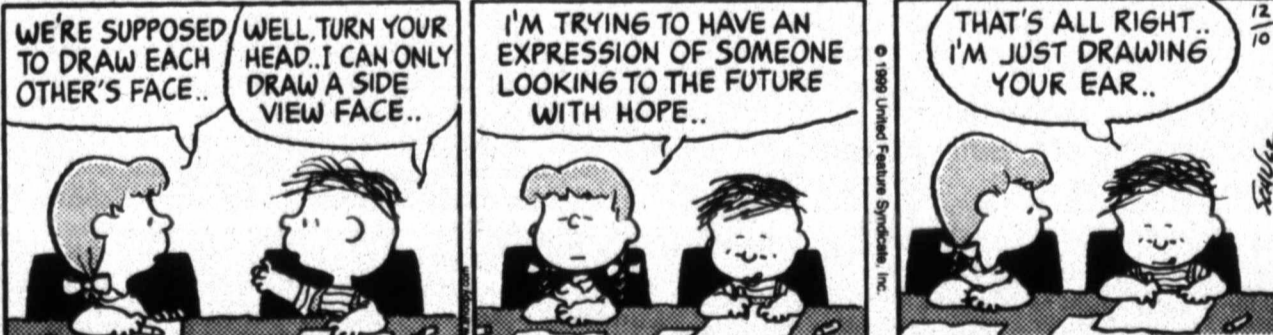
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SPORTS

Notebook BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Men's Competitive, Recreational and Women's Open Divisions will be offered. In addition, this year the recreation department will offer a Men's Over 35 Division.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 12 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin on Jan. 19, 2000. Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$20 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PAMPA — Pampa defeated River Road 44-23 in a boys junior varsity basketball game Tuesday night.

Pampa held River Road to only eight first-half points in rolling to the easy win.

Lawrence Henderson was high scorer for Pampa with 14 points.

Pampa JV's have a 5-3 record.

Pampa played Palo Duro and Caprock in recent 9th grade games.

Pampa lost to Palo Duro 78-34.

Carlos Solis was high scorer for Pampa with 13 points. Jordan Klaus and Max Simon added 6 points each.

Pampa was defeated by Caprock 52-41.

Klaus and Solis had 9 and 8 points, respectively.

CANADIAN — Canadian edged White Deer 51-50 in a girls' basketball game Tuesday night.

Lori Beth Francis was high scorer for Canadian with 14 points while teammates Angela Bivins and Kathy Lee followed with 8 each.

Suni Petty and Cassie Salzbrenner had 14 and 13 points, respectively, for White Deer.

Canadian downed White Deer 48-39 in the boys' game.

Pittman and Josh Ellison had 16 points each to lead the Wildcats. Jason Ketchum had 21 for White Deer.

FOOTBALL

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Marshall coach Bob Pruett, who signed a contract extension two weeks ago, won't say whether he is leaving to become coach at Houston.

"I have not talked to the administration, my football team or my coaches about any of these rumors and will not until Sunday when I'm back in town," Pruett told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday night from Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

KRIV-TV in Houston reported that Pruett will be hired to replace Kim Helton, who was fired two weeks ago.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that Pruett's contract was worth an estimated \$500,000. Helton received about \$300,000.

The Charleston Daily Mail, quoting unidentified sources, reported that Pruett would receive a base salary of \$650,000 per year, with incentives taking the deal to \$1 million annually over six seasons. Houston also will buy Pruett a house and two cars, the newspaper said.

And the school will pay off a \$350,000 buyout clause in Pruett's Marshall contract.

"The offer is out of this world," the Daily Mail quoted the source as saying. "I don't know how he could have turned it down."

Pruett, in his fourth season at Marshall, coached the 11th-ranked Thundering Herd to a 12-0 record and a berth in the Motor City Bowl against BYU on Dec. 27 in Pontiac, Mich.

Groom eyes first state championship

GROOM — Groom will be looking for its first state football championship when the Tigers tangle with Gordon in the six-man finals at 6 p.m. Saturday in Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl.

Both Groom and Gordon have 13-1 records and are ranked 1-2 respectively in the state's six-man polls.

Head coach Larry Reid and his Tigers will try to slow down quarterback Lyle Campbell and speedy running back Chance Kite, the two players that make the Longhorns' offense click at high speed.

"Gordon is a very explosive offensive team. Campbell is a real skilled quarterback and Kite has a lot of speed as a back, and he's also Campbell's primary receiver," Reid said.

Gordon operates out of a spread formation that played havoc with Richland Springs in the semifinals. The Longhorns came away with a convincing 73-38 victory.

"Their defense is real quick. They set up primarily to stop the run and they do a good job of it. We're going to have to establish our running game against them. Defensively, we're going to have

our best game," Reid said.

Groom also had a convincing 36-16 win over Rule last weekend in the other semifinal tilt. Reid, however, looks for Gordon to be more of an offensive threat than Rule.

Rule's defensive speed is compared to Gordon's, but Gordon has a better passing team," Reid said. "They're more of a threat out a spread formation."

Gordon, however, will be severely tested against Groom, which has built a winning reputation by combining speed and power on both sides of the ball.

With a balanced offense directed by quarterback Grant Weinheimer, four different players — Dewayne Gray, Garrett Britten, Wade Ritter and Dustin Babcock — found the end zone against Rule. Ritter scored twice and Babcock's TD came on 6-yard pass from Weinheimer, who completed 5 of 8 pass attempts for 75 yards.

Groom is averaging around 44 points per game while its defense, led by nose tackle Dusty Crump, linebacker Evan Crowell and end Chris Ollinger, is surrendering a measly 15 points a game.



(Pampa News photo)

Groom head coach Larry Reid is getting his Tigers ready for the state championship game against Gordon on Saturday night in Sweetwater.

PHS cagers post tournament wins

VERNON — Pampa opened the Vernon Tournament on Thursday night with a 56-46 win over Vernon.

Russell Robben had 11 points and Jesse Francis 10 to lead Pampa scoring.

Brian Johnston and Jason Brewster led Vernon with 13 points each.

The Harvesters play Iowa Park at 8:30 tonight.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters tipped off the Lady Bulldog Classic with a 38-28 win over Oklahoma City John Marshall on Thursday in Altus, Okla. Jennifer Lindsey and Joy Young led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 10 and 8 points respectively. They play Yukon High at 6:30 tonight in the Bulldog Gym.

SAMNORWOOD — Curt Smith scored 23 points to lead Fort Elliott past Lefors 65-25, Thursday in the first round of the Samnorwood Tournament.

Jeremy Pierce and Michael Steele had 6 points each to lead Lefors in scoring.

Nathan Hefley added 13 points for the Cougars.

In the girls' division, Fort Elliott opened the tournament with a 64-39 win over Memphis.

Amber Estes had 18 points and Carissa Dukes 16 to pace Fort Elliott.

Memphis was led by

High School Basketball

Newsome with 15. Odhams followed with 7.

Lefors lost to Shamrock 59-21 in the girls' division.

Wright and Ramsey shared scoring honors for Shamrock with 14 points apiece.

Andis and Ray had 6 and 5 points, respectively, for Lefors.

The tournament continues through Saturday.

Fort Elliott defeated Shamrock in a basketball twinbill earlier this week.

Fort Elliott won 46-35 in the boys game as Curt Smith led the way with 18 points. Nathan Hefley and Dennis Rowe added 9 points each.

Ty Owens had 11 points and Adam Bailey 7 to lead Shamrock.

Shamrock led at the half 14-12 and 23-20 going into the fourth quarter.

Fort Elliott posted a 57-47 victory in the girls game.

High scorer for the Lady Cougars was Amber Estes with 16 points. Kylie Trimble followed with 14.

Fort Elliott led at halftime 24-21. The Lady Cougars stretched the lead to 40-33 going into the fourth quarter.

Vanita Wright had 17 points and Becca Ramsey 11 to pace Shamrock.

Penn State, Texas A&M prepare for big battle at Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Penn State ended its regular season with a rare three-game losing streak.

Coach Joe Paterno wants to make sure that trend stops against Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl.

"We're disappointed we lost our last three games in a row, and now we've got another tough opponent," Paterno said Thursday. "We're looking forward to it."

Paterno's teams are 4-0 after losing three straight.

The No. 13 Nittany Lions face the No. 18 Aggies on Dec. 28 in San Antonio. It's the second time in the Alamo Bowl for Texas A&M and the first for Penn State.

Paterno said he's heard about how loud crowd noise can be inside the 65,000-seat Alamodome.

He knows from experience about the Aggie's "12th Man" fan support.

Penn State and Texas A&M first played each other in 1979, when the Aggies defeated the Lions at Beaver Stadium. Their only other meeting was in 1980, when Penn State won at Texas A&M.

Aggie fan backing in the Alamodome may be more intense than usual after the Nov. 18 bonfire collapse on the Texas A&M campus that killed 11 students and a recent gradu-

ate and injured 27 others.

The Texas A&M football team the next week defeated arch-rival Texas 20-16, finishing the season 8-3 and 5-3 in the Big 12.

"That (beating Texas) was a real challenge for the team, but we felt like it would be the best respect that we could pay to those young people," Slocum said, referring to the bonfire victims.

Watching the Aggies' victory on television, Paterno said he was impressed for several reasons.

"The Texas-Texas A&M game ... was probably one of the most emotional games I've ever experienced and one of the most positive statements ever made with good rivalries and people respecting each other and what college football can bring out in people," Paterno said.

Penn State (9-3, 5-3 in Big Ten) enters the Alamo Bowl having lost consecutive games to Minnesota, Michigan and Michigan State. A three-game losing streak to end the season is something that hasn't happened to a Lions team since 1914.

"The problem was the opponents," Paterno said. "The other guys played well. We lost to three good football teams that played exceptionally well against us."

Despite the Lions' disap-

pointment, it could be worse if Penn State didn't have a tough postseason opponent, Paterno said, adding that Penn State has a chance at redemption against Texas A&M.

"I think (the players) would like to come down and play really well and see whether they're good enough to beat a team as good as Texas A&M," Paterno said.

The Aggies, he said, have an explosive offense.

In the past two Texas A&M games, both victories, the Aggies used D'Andre Hardeman and Ja'Mar Toombs in the starting backfield. Combined, the two backs weigh more than 500 pounds.

Fortunately for the Lions, they'll again have the talents of star linebacker LaVar Arrington, a first-team All-American and winner Thursday of the Chuck Bednarik Trophy as the defensive player of the year. Arrington missed the Michigan State game with nerve damage in his shoulder.

Arrington's athleticism should allow Penn State more flexibility against Texas A&M, Paterno said.

Slocum only had praise for Arrington.

"What I've seen of him, he's maybe the best college football player in the country — defensive player," Slocum said.

Titans tame Raiders, 21-14

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Eddie George took away that sinking feeling the Tennessee Titans had following their worst loss in two years.

George had his best game of his four-year NFL career Thursday night, accounting for 249 yards and scoring two touchdowns as Tennessee beat the Oakland Raiders 21-14.

"I think I finally found that game where I can just cut it loose," George said. "And I wanted it tonight. I wanted the win. I think everyone in this room wanted to win."

"We were quite upset. We wanted to come out and prove something not only to the fans and the nation, but ourselves, that we're a good team. We can bounce back from a defeat like that."

The Titans (10-3) needed George's help. They started slowly against Oakland (6-7), a team trying to keep its faint playoff hopes alive.

But George, who had only eight carries for 32 yards in last week's 41-14 loss at Baltimore, responded by turning in the best rushing performance by a NFL running back this season. He carried 28 times for 199 yards through a Raiders defense that had been one of the league's

toughest against the run.

It was his biggest rushing day since he got 216 yards against Oakland in 1997. The two-time Pro Bowler also caught a career-high six passes for 50 yards.

"He was possessed all week. He had that look in his eye beginning about 4 o'clock Sunday," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said.

The Raiders made adjustments trying to stop George, but it didn't matter as they missed several tackles on the 6-foot-3, 240-pound back.

"He came out the other end when people hit him," Oakland linebacker Sam Sword said. "You've got to wrap up a big back like that."

Oakland outgained Tennessee 364 yards to 307. But Jevon Kearse sacked the Raiders' Rich Gannon on their opening play, and the Titans finished with four sacks and three forced turnovers. Oakland also missed two field goals in the first half.

In the first half, Steve McNair looked so bad that the crowd chanted for backup quarterback Neil O'Donnell. George helped settle the offense down in the third quarter as the Titans went 75 yards and finally went ahead 7-0 on the first drive of the half, capped by McNair's 1-yard keeper.



(Special photo)

The Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Stars won the U-10 Division in the Pampa Soccer Association fall season. They had a 7-1 record. Team members are (front row, from left) Payton Johnson, Tanner Dyson, Michael Dewitt and Danny White; (back row, from left) coach Randy Dyson, Thomas Fraser, Cameron Webster, Jordon Eakin, Colby Copeland and coach Ed Copeland. Not pictured is Paul Soria.

Big bucks for Biggio

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Biggio is going where no second baseman has gone before — to an epic million payday.

Biggio, 33, reached a deal Thursday on a three-year contract extension with the Houston Astros to make himself the highest-paid player in club history and the highest-paid second baseman in the history of the sport.

Biggio, who has a year left on his current contract, will average \$8.25 million a year in the next four years.

That beats the \$8 million averaged by Cleveland's Roberto Alomar.

In reaching the deal, the Astros have checked off the No. 1 item on their offseason things-to-do list.

"This sets the tone for the off-season," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "It was important to get this done now. We targeted this as our most important move. He (Biggio) said it was very important to us to get this done. You are talking about a very special player. He probably means as much as any player in the history of this franchise."

The seven-time All-Star has been with the Astros since they took him on the first round of the 1987 amateur draft. Last season, he hit .294 with 16 homers, 73 RBIs, 28 steals and a club-record 56 doubles this year.

He became only the sixth player ever with 50 or more doubles in consecutive seasons.

"Not a lot of guys get to play their whole careers with one team because of the economics of the game," Biggio said. "I was an East Coast kid, 21 years old, and I survived 13 years in Texas.

Now I have a few more, and you couldn't ask for a better situation. I can't think of a better time to be wearing an Astros uniform."

Biggio will earn \$5 million next season. He'll get a \$7 million signing bonus, \$6 million in 2001, \$7 million in 2002 and \$8 million in 2003. The signing bonus is spread out over several years, with \$1 million due Jan. 15 in each of the next four years, and \$3 million due on Jan. 15, 2004.

Hunsicker still has plenty left undone on his offseason agenda.

Three other key players — pitcher Mike Hampton, and outfielders Carl Everett and Derek Bell — are heading into the final year of their contracts.

"Until we have an agreement with them (the players), there is no agreement and they would be considered candidates for trades," Hunsicker said. "I'm not going to the winter meetings trying to trade them, but I would not be doing my job if I didn't explore our options."

He is also working on a contract extension for manager Larry Dierker, but the two sides have not agreed after three meetings. Dierker is in the final year of his contract, too.

"I made a proposal for an extension I thought was fair, and it didn't fly," Dierker said. "Maybe I should get an agent."

Dierker said his contract status would not be a distraction if he doesn't get an extension before spring training.

"We'll go to spring training and start the season," he said. "I'll be pleased and thrilled to go into that stadium under any circumstances."

The Astros will open the 2000 season in Enron Field, their new retractable-roofed ballpark downtown.

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Youngsters preparing to rev their veggies in Lunch Box Derby

WENATCHEE, Wash. — Fast food has never been so much fun — or so nutritious. Fourth and fifth graders from across the United States and Canada will be learning important lessons about nutrition this winter with a program called the Lunch Box Derby. Sponsored by Washington state's apple growers, the program challenges youngsters to build cars from fruits and vegetables and race them for distance — proving you can go farther on healthy foods.

This will be the seventh year for the Lunch Box Derby, which culminates April 3, 2000, with the Internatioal Lunch Box Derby Finals in New York City. Five teams representing the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom will be selected for the finals.

More than 1,500 classrooms participated in the derby last year. The rules call for teachers to divide students into teams of four and ask them to construct racing vehicles from a variety of fruits and vegetables. In addition to fresh produce, children also can use four toothpicks, two bamboo skewers and a rubber band. An inclined board or tabletop serves as the raceway. The cars roll down the track and the vehicle traveling the greatest distance wins.

At the finals, the winning racers have rolled an average of more than 35 feet. While distance determines the winner at the international finals, it is not the only criteria used to select the teams that will participate in the event. Teachers send in information on their classrooms' winning cars, and entries are judged 70 percent on distance and 30 percent on creativity.

In March, 20 teams will be selected as regional winners and will receive Olympic-style medals, Washington apple caps and a 42-pound box of apples for their classroom, plus a \$100 check for classroom supplies. For of those teams will advance to the finals, facing the national winners from the United Kingdom.

At the finals, each member of the winning team will receive a \$200 savings bond, and a \$1,000 check for school supplies will be awarded to their school.

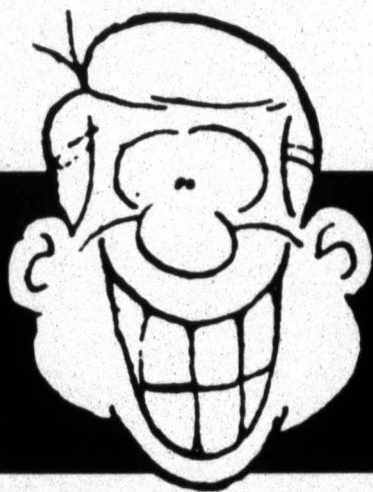
Teachers can find official racing information at the Washington Apple Commission's website at www.bestapples.com or they can obtain free sign-up information by writing: The Lunch Box Derby, Box 550, Wenatchee, WA 98807. The deadline for entries is March 3, 2000.

New postmaster



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)
Megan McNair (left) samples the spread after the swearing in of Pampa's new postmaster, Tim McNair, her father. Teresa Conner, a post office clerk (right), guards the spread. In the background Tim's Dad, Bruce McNair, and Mom, Janie Springstead, catch up.

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<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARK R. FINNEY, DECEASED</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary regarding the Estate of MARK R. FINNEY, Deceased, were issued on the 6th day of December, 1999, in Cause No. 8566, pending in the Probate Court of Gray County, Texas, to ROBERT L. FINNEY, 605 W. 7th, Pampa, Texas 79066-0645. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them at the above address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 6th day of December, 1999.</p> <p>ROBERT L. FINNEY, attorney for the Estate of MARK R. FINNEY, Deceased State Bar No. 07035500 E-58 Dec. 10, 1999</p>	<p>14d Carpentry</p> <p>OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.</p> <p>ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. 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Pirate Pride



'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLING UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLING UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan. The following is his request. I think it is reasonable. Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Please remember these persons over the holidays.



Annie Jr.

assoc. editor
Dee J Preston

The Lefors Junior High will be presenting, this Friday, Annie Jr a musical describing the life of an orphan girl, who is eventually adopted by Oliver Warbucks, a billionaire, in the year of 1933.

Annie will be played by Shayla Smith, Daddy Warbucks by Jordan Mayberry, Miss Hannigan by Brandi Ponce, Rooster Hannigan by Hunter Lewis, and Lily by Stacy Crump. Also appearing in the play are Kevin Feltner, Andrew Klien, Kayla Andis, Megan Crutcher, Matt Daugherty, Lindsay Duckworth, Courtney Gee, Renee Howard, Drake Jackson, Rachael Stubbs, and Jonelle Tinney.

There will be a 3.00 admission for adults and a 2.00 admission for students.

The Pirates Lose a Tough One in Higgins

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

The Pirates played Higgins on the 23rd of November. This was not a pretty game for the Pirates or the Pirate fans. Higgins had beaten the Pirates in football, so the Pirates wanted a little solace for that loss. The Coyotes had something else in mind. The Pirates struggled to score in the first quarter, only accumulating 4 points. Higgins was having no trouble at all scoring and put up 15 total first quarter points. The second quarter was much the same, the Pirates started out struggling from the field, but did manage to

score 11 points in the quarter, bringing their game total to 15. Higgins continued to have their way on the score boards by putting up 16 more points. This made the half time score 15-31 in favor of the Higgins Coyotes. The third quarter brought about more scoring woes for the Pirates, who were only able to amass 7 points

through the tough Coyotes defense. The Coyotes, however, went on a scoring rampage putting up 24 points in one quarter bringing the game score to 22-55. The Pirates were having all kinds of trouble in the offensive sets. The fourth quarter proved to be the Pirates best one of the game, they scored a team best 16 points, while Higgins, never slowing, put up 10 more to their total. The end score was the Pirates 38, the Coyotes 65. The lead scorers for the Pirates were: Michael Steele with 14, and John Dausect with 10. Both Cole Smith and Garrett Barton for Higgins had 19 to lead their team.

Pirates Defeat Bible Heritage, 59-46

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

The Pirates played Bible Heritage at Lefors on the 30th of November. The mighty Pirates were trying to bounce back from a humiliating loss to Higgins the week before. Bible Heritage came to Lefors looking for a win, but little did

they know the fight that was in front of them. The Pirates won the tip, which they often do, and charged down the court in search of the first points, and thus breaking the ice. They did. The first quarter went fairly quickly, both teams struggling to gain an advantage over the other. When the first quarter buzzer sounded, the score was 14-10 in favor on the Pirates. The second quarter began much like the first, but it wasn't long tell the Pirates had the Eagles on their heels. Michael

Steele and Jeremy Pierce worked the baseline like clockwork while the other Pirates continued to work the perimeter. When half-time arrived, the score was 34-15, in favor of the home team. The third quarter continued as an onslaught of Pirates dashing to the hoop and putting it in. Not long into the quarter, the Pirates' starters sat the bench to give some of the younger Pirates some much needed experience and playing time. The quarter began to slow, as the Pirates, it seemed, could not quit from fouling. Finally, the third

quarter ended, with the score 49-27. The fourth quarter began, and so the starters for the Pirates re-entered the game. They played hard and fast, not letting the Eagles get one break. Except for free throws. The Pirates was still having trouble not fouling. None the less, the Pirates came out victorious over the Bible Heritage Eagles by a final score of 59-46. The high scorers for the Pirates were: Jeremy

Pierce, with 17, Michael Steele with 15, and John Dausect with 12.

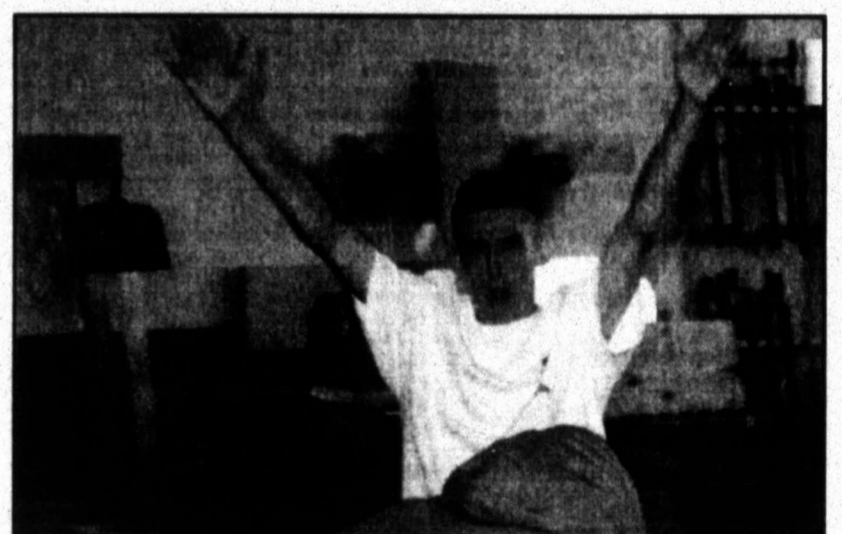
Girls Basketball Game

staff writer:
Linda Searcy

Teamwork played the leading roll in last Tuesdays game between Bible Heritage and Lefors. The Lady Pirates won 52 to 29. Jennifer Andis was on fire last Tuesday when she scored 20 points for the team.

Every teammate played their hardest and it sure paid off. The team gives their thanks to Ms. Jennifer Moore for her wonderful coaching abilities.

Pics of the Pirates



Leander Feltner IS the man!



Willie Hathaway, look at him push that quarter!



Can you say, "the three stooges?"