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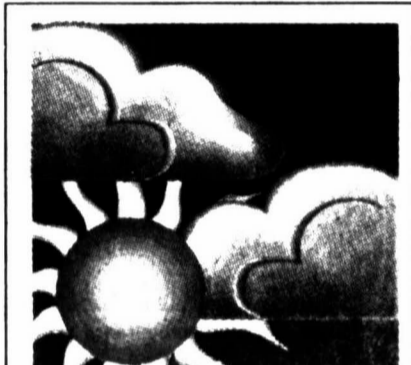


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## Bell ringers needed for Salvation Army kettles

PAMPA — The Salvation Army seeks volunteers to man its kettle stands for Christmas. During the Christmas season, the Salvation Army collects the funds necessary to help the community year round.

All monies support Pampa and Gray County. The bell ringing season will conclude Saturday, Dec. 23.

GREENVILLE (AP) — Two historic buildings on this Northeast Texas city's square were gutted by fire Sunday night, with flames burning through electrical equipment and causing scattered power outages.

Weldon E. Grisham, 57, Vietnam veteran.

Jessie B. Albertson, 81, homemaker.

Wynne Beatrice Gruben, 99, former schoolteacher.

Lula Victoria Maddox, 87, homemaker.

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## Where in the World is Santa?

### Clue #10

Santa at Hoagie's has decided he doesn't have time for his golf clubs this year. So could he take them to get some cash?

Coronado Center Merchants Association



Tom Williams, 9, and his sister Patty, 7, decided to earn extra money this year so they could adopt two "Angels" from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. They're shown with a few of the presents they purchased for their "Angels."

# Brother, sister earn money to adopt 'Angels'

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

A heart-wrenching story several months ago about a child left alone in the night by her parents motivated a brother and sister to help less fortunate children in their community.

A few months ago, 9-year-old Tom Williams heard about a little girl who woke up in the night and found herself alone. Frightened, the child called police who later found her parents digging through grocery store dumpsters for discarded food to sell.

"He felt bad about the little girl and wanted to know if there was something he could do to help children like that," Tom's mother, Debra, recalled. "I told him about the Angel Tree."

Tom and his sister Patty, 7, are the children of Billy and Debra Williams, 429 N. Christy.

"We're so proud of them," Mrs. Williams said. "They wanted to do this and they've worked hard for it."

Each year, the Salvation Army accepts applications from local families needing help purchasing clothing and presents for their children. The child's first name, age, clothing sizes and a toy suggestion are listed on an Angel card, then hung on an "Angel Tree" at local businesses. Citizens "adopt" the child and purchase gifts for them which are then delivered by the Salvation Army.

Angel Trees can be found at Wal-Mart, Wayne's Western Wear, and The Pampa News.

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# County approves DA's budget hike

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners approved 31st District Attorney John Mann's request Friday for an additional \$4,300 to be added to his current budget.

The request was made due to unanticipated expenses and forfeitures, according to the unsigned letter received by Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris. Mann recently prosecuted a murder case which was tried in Amarillo on a charge of venue.

"John has never increased his budget before," said Morris.

Line items and the amount of Mann's requested increase were vehicle fuel, \$460; vehicle maintenance, \$50; telephone, \$1,540; postage, \$152; office supplies, \$1,390; bond premiums, \$88; and travel, \$620.

Morris' old commissioner, that Gray County is responsible for 60 percent of the bills incurred by the 31st District Attorney's office while the additional four counties in the 31st Judicial District divide the remaining 40 percent. She said she would bill the other four counties for their portion. They are Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler.

Additional line item budget transfers

approved were from the 223rd District Court, \$500 from conference/training to office supplies; county clerk, \$136 from microfilm expense to bond premiums; Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, \$600 from computer expense and conference/training to building expense; Building Maintenance, \$1,930 to janitorial supplies and capital purchases; county judge, \$83 from office supplies to conference/training; Precinct 2 road and bridge, \$2,500 from fuel to equipment repairs.

Commissioners deferred action on paying an invoice from Correction Security Services. County Judge Richard Peet said the county has contacted the company

because the security system installed in Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter's office is not working properly, but CSS has not gotten back in contact with Gray County.

Commissioners approved paying \$856 for the sheriff's department to participate in a grant program which would generate \$7,970. Sheriff Don Copeland said the grant money could be used for many items in the sheriff's department including technology and overtime pay.

Vacancies on county committees which were previously filled by former county employee Robin Bailey were filled during

(See COUNTY, Page 2)

# Police continue investigation of teenager's death

Police were awaiting the results of an autopsy today in connection with the death of a 15-year-old Pampa girl.

Ashley Nicole Roe, 15, of Pampa, died Thursday in an Amarillo hospital. Potter County Justice of the Peace Haven Dysart ordered an autopsy because of questions raised by medical authorities.

An ambulance and emergency personnel were called to a home in the 900 block of Cinderella about 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. They found the 15-year-old girl unconscious after apparently experiencing a seizure.

Police were called by medical personnel, according to Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris because of the age of the girl and there were no parents present.

Roe was treated at Pampa Medical Center before being transferred later that day to Northwest Texas Hospital in

Amarillo. She died Thursday at the Amarillo hospital.

Deputy Police Chief Terry Young said today that officers were questioning people in connection with Roe's death, but police were still awaiting the autopsy which was performed in Lubbock.

Chief Morris said all unexplained deaths are investigated as homicides.

Miss Roe was a freshman at Pampa High School and a member of the First Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Kieth and Lenor Heltzer of Pampa.

An Ashley Roe Memorial Fund to defray medical expenses was opened at FirstBank of the Southwest in Pampa. Sharon Strickland with FirstBank of the Southwest is in charge of the fund.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church here.

## Hispanic man wanted in assault

Police were searching for an Hispanic man today in connection with a reported attack Sunday night.

Ernesto Cruz, 43, 1022 E. Jordan, told police he drove up in front of his brother's house at 421 N. Faulkner shortly after

9 p.m. Sunday.

Cruz said when he got out of his car, a man came at him with a baseball bat and tried to hit Cruz with the bat.

According to police reports, Cruz identified the attacker only as an Hispanic man.



Tim Waldie, president of the Pampa Firefighters Association (PFA), and Nita Longo, manager of Payless Shoe Store here, show some of the shoes the children may choose with the vouchers given to them by PFA.

# Firefighters help with shoe project

## Smoke detectors also available on first-come basis

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Some Pampa school children desperately need new shoes. Pampa Firefighters Association is helping 76

local children obtain these much-needed shoes.

The shoe program is made possible because of the funds raised at the Second Annual House of Fright in October.

Tim Waldie, president of the local firefighters association, said 653 children and adults went through the House of Fright during the Halloween celebration.

Also, 54 smoke detectors have been purchased with the money raised. The detectors are available to local residents who are in need of them. The smoke detectors are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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Prayer Breakfast December 5, 2000 - 7:00 A.M.  
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# Consumer groups want national database to find auto lemons

By NEDRA PICKLER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trouble began soon after Vicki and Joe Parisi bought their used car in 1994. The radio would go out. The power windows stopped working. The gas gauge incorrectly read empty.

Soon, the 1993 sedan needed a brake job, transmission repairs and major front end work. Then came the last straw: The car died while the Parisis traveled in the fast lane of a busy Ohio freeway.

When the Uniontown, Ohio, couple investigated, they discovered the car was a lemon that the manufacturer had bought back from an owner who had similar problems in New Jersey, a state that required the vehicle's title be stamped as a lemon.

*The automaker did repair work and shipped it to Ohio, which at the time did not require title stamping but does now. The dealership got a new title in its name, effectively erasing the lemon stamp.*

Ohio, which at the time did not require title stamping but does now. The dealership got a new title in its name, effectively erasing the lemon stamp.

Consumer advocates say this "lemon laundering" is widespread, a claim the auto industry denies, and want the Federal Trade Commission to require that automakers tell consumers about their duds.

"If you are going to put your family in this car and travel at 70 mph down the road you want to know if there is a history of problems," said Rosemary Shahan, founder of Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, a Sacramento, Calif.-based group working to improve lemon laws.

The FTC will wait to review the proposal before commenting, agency spokesman Mitch Katz said. "It's possible that this could be in our jurisdiction, but you are talking about a major resource investment," Katz said.

The FTC held hearings on lemons four years ago at the request of the consumer groups, but has not taken any action.

No one knows how many repurchases all the manufacturers make, in part because different state laws make it hard to track buybacks. States have different definitions for a lemon, require varying levels of disclosure when the vehicle is resold, and offer different ways for consumers to seek compensation.

In the Parisis' case, they successfully sued the automaker and the dealer, which has since gone out of business, after they refused to take the car back.

Some private companies, for a fee, will search a vehicle's history, but their data can be incomplete because of the differing state requirements.

Phil Nowicki, a consultant on lemon laws who used to head Florida's Lemon Law Arbitration Program, estimates that about 75,000 of the roughly 45 million used vehicles sold every year in the United States have been repurchased by the manufacturer under a lemon law decision or settlement. He believes few consumers are aware they have bought a repurchase vehicle.

"I'd say compared to two or three years ago, the industry has improved to some degree," Nowicki said. "But you get cars that are moved across state lines. I would say for the most part it isn't meant to defraud anybody, it's just the nature of the business."

Under the system proposed by the consumer groups, a used car buyer could check the vehicle's identification number on an Internet database to find out if the manufacturer had bought back the vehicle from an unsatisfied customer. The groups would like each search to be free or cost no more than perhaps \$2.

The groups, including CARS, Consumer Action, the Consumer Federation of America, Public Citizen, and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, also want a permanent label affixed to the car identifying it as a "lemon law buyback."

Auto industry groups say that while they support full disclosure of a vehicle's history, they object to labeling every buyback as a lemon.

John Whately, a lawyer for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said automakers sometimes repurchase vehicles to make unsatisfied customers happy, not because there is a defect.

"Those shouldn't be branded as lemons," he said. "I won't pretend that those are the majority of vehicles bought back, but they shouldn't all be branded as a lemon."

## Pampa Nursing Center raffle



(Special photo)

Pampa Nursing Center will raffle a quilt Dec. 6 in an effort to raise funds for a Christmas party for center residents. Tickets are \$1 per chance. For more information, call Charlotte Willett or Kristie Fuller. Above: Janice Parker, Hope Quinones, Maria Sirls, Misty Murack.

## Assembly of solar wings interrupted

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA officials were assessing their options early Monday about when to finish unfurling the international space station's newly attached set of powerful solar panels.

The debut of the \$600 million solar wings was incomplete as only the right panel was deployed Sunday. Although the right wing has started generating electricity, some of its tension cables appeared to be slack.

Engineers are trying to figure out if this will be a problem in unfurling the left wing and if that can be done Monday or should be delayed until Tuesday, when astronauts on the space shuttle Endeavour conduct their second of three spacewalks during this mission.

"Since we are in a good, safe posture, there's no reason to be in a big hurry and deploy the other blanket until we absolutely understand what we saw, or what we're looking at right now," lead flight director Bill Reeves said.

The crew of Endeavour was to have a light schedule of activities Monday after a busy day of construction work.

During a 7 1/2-hour spacewalk, astronauts Carlos Noriega and Joe Tanner helped attach the truss containing the solar wings to space station Alpha. It went smoothly until the right wing's unfurling didn't proceed after commander Brent Jett Jr. entered computer commands to do so.

A computer software problem prevented the latches and retention pins on the wings to open so the panels could be deployed.

New software was sent up, and Jett was able to open all the latches and pins, except one on the left

wing. He continued to send commands and eventually freed the stuck pin.

The right wing's deployment delighted Noriega and Tanner.

"Ah, it looks beautiful," Noriega exclaimed.

"More power to the station," Tanner said.

It took less than 14 minutes for the first folded wing to spread to its full 115 feet.

Noriega and Tanner were the first spacewalkers to have their helmets equipped with small cameras that provided live views of what they saw as they drove in bolts and released latches while attaching the solar wings.

"We promise to make all of our movements nice and slow and steady so nobody gets sick looking at the pictures," Tanner said before the flight.

The future of space station construction hinges on the astronauts' ability to install the solar panels, which will provide much needed power to the newly inhabited outpost.

Two more spacewalks are planned this week by Tanner and Noriega, on Tuesday and Thursday, to finish wiring the solar wings and to install other equipment on the space station.

The solar wings, which will measure 240 feet from tip to tip once completely unfurled, have a wingspan longer than that of a Boeing 777 jetliner. The solar panels, which are 38 feet across, will make the space station one of the brightest objects in the night sky.

NASA expects the solar panels to generate 65 kilowatts at peak power — four times what currently is produced by the small Russian-built solar wings already on the space station. Without this extra electricity, the space agency could not launch its Destiny science lab in January — or any other power-hungry pieces.

## Delta pilots refuse to fly overtime hours

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines confirmed Sunday it was forced to cancel almost 300 flights this weekend because pilots refused to work overtime as contract talks continued between their union and the carrier.

The Atlanta-based airline, the third largest in the U.S., has been in negotiations with the pilots since November.

Dave Bushy, Delta's senior vice president of flight operations, in a recorded message Saturday on the Delta pilots' hotline, said the airline was experiencing "significant disruptions to our schedule."

He said Delta canceled 67 flights Friday, 148 on Saturday and expected 80 on Sunday due to crew shortages. Bushy said Delta normally operates 2,700 flights a day and on a normal day fewer than two flights are canceled due to crew shortages.

"What we've had happen this weekend is hundreds of flights

and thousands of customers affected," Delta spokeswoman Jackie Pate said Sunday.

Pate said there were additional cancellations on Sunday due to snow in the Southeast, but did not have any numbers.

Many of Delta's 9,400 pilots have been declining to sign up for voluntary overtime assignments since Delta and the Air Line Pilots Association began talks on a new contract last month.

ALPA officials have told pilots that the union does not support the no-overtime campaign, but said under their contract the pilots can decide individually whether to fly extra hours. Union officials did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment Sunday.

United Airlines and Northwest Airlines also have recently complained of job actions by workers involved in contract negotiations forcing flight delays or cancellations.

Unions for both airlines have denied the allegations.

On Monday, a judge in Minneapolis was expected to continue a hearing into Northwest's allegations that a slowdown by mechanics was escalating as the nation's fourth-largest airline enters the Christmas travel season.

Last week, United, the country's largest carrier, canceled more than 100 flights for two days in a row. Airline officials say United mechanics are defying a Nov. 17 federal court order forbidding an organized work slowdown.

Most airlines rely on pilots to fly overtime hours to staff some regularly scheduled flights. If Delta's pilots continue to refuse to work overtime, it could cause problems during the upcoming Christmas holiday period, Pate said.

"We have said we would consider what our options are, including legal options," she said.

## Houston Fire Department introducing special emergency crew

HOUSTON (AP) — Some of the city's most serious emergencies will draw a new emergency team along with the usual fire department crews.

The Houston Fire Department Emergency Medical Service, beginning Monday, will send an additional vehicle — staffed with paramedics — on some of its worst calls. The new program is the first recommendation in a recently released audit to be implemented by the embattled department.

Dispatchers will also send an ambulance staffed by emergency medical technicians, with the goal of freeing up paramedics trained to provide advanced care whenever 911 calls turn out to be minor.

"This is a good move for the department to make," Dr. David Perse, EMS medical director, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

Termed "a major philosophical shift," Perse said it will ultimately "increase the level of paramedic protection in each neighborhood."

In October, former Fire Chief Lester Tyra resigned after an outside audit identified staffing deficiencies and "serious issues of managerial leadership" within the department. Mayor Lee Brown was expected to name a permanent replacement early next year.

Tyra's resignation followed the firings of three firefighters over accusations of failing to provide adequate care. Two firefighters also died while battling a blaze.

The audit cited other areas of concern, including mediocre response times by paramedics, staffing shortages and conflicts among top management and between management and the rank-and-file.

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# 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.

## CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

## PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

## MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m.-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

## PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

## WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, will feature an extensive around-the-world Nativity collection by Jan Ragsdale as well as a gallery exhibit by artist John Darby, both of Pampa. A Victorian Christmas tree will also be on display and complete tours of the museum will be conducted throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. To schedule a tour, call 669-8041. WDLM is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Tree donations are accepted.

## AMERICAN FAMILY RADIO

KAXH/American Family Radio, 90.9 FM, will host a variety of Christmas specials throughout December beginning nightly at 7:05 p.m. for the entire family to enjoy.

## HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK

High Plains Food Bank is seeking donations this holiday season. For more information, call (806) 374-8562.

## PROCUREMENT CENTER TRAINING

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Contract Procurement Center will sponsor a free half-day training session by the Texas Department of Transportation from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6 at PRPC's Board Room, 415 W. 8th Ave., Amarillo. For more information or to RSVP, Edmond Esparza, CPC coordinator, (806) 372-2281 or e-mail: eesparza@prpc.cog.tx.us

## ARC OPEN HOUSE

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host an open house from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7 at the chapter office at 108 N. Russell. The event is free and open to the public.

## PAS DANCE

A Pampa Area Singles dance is scheduled Dec. 30. For more information, call 665-7059.

## CCPC

Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will hold "Quick TASP" at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. The fee for the TASP test, due at the time of testing, is \$29 and must be accompanied by two forms of ID including one photograph.

## RED CROSS CLASSES

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses this month: First Aid, 3-7 p.m., Dec. 5, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Dec. 12 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

## RUSHING WIND

Rushing Wind Emmaus will sponsor "Christmas at Waka" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Waka Christian Center. Potluck dinner will be served followed by a praise and worship service in the chapel. Families and friends are welcome and a nursery will be provided. The Waka Christian Center Board will meet prior to the event at 4:30 p.m.

## PDHG

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin, (806) 358-2765.

## TRAIN SHOW

Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

## CANYON NATURE HIKES

The following nature hikes are scheduled at Palo Duro Canyon State Park: 2-5 p.m., Dec. 9 and 23, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike, moderately difficult; and 2-4 p.m., Dec. 30, Sunflower Trail. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For

more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

## CD PROGRAM

Dillard's seventh annual fund-raiser, "Make Christmas Magic and Help a Child," will benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in communities it serves including Amarillo and Lubbock. This focus of this year's project is an all-new CD and cassette featuring holiday music now on sale at 345 Dillard's stores nationwide. All profits from the CD/cassette will benefit Ronald McDonald House.

## QUICK TASP

Frank Phillips College in Borger will conduct a Quick TASP exam at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Library on campus. Participants may register on-site. Students who took the test in August are not eligible to take the test this month but must wait until January. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 721.

## PDCSP PROGRAMS

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Interpretative Theater near Hackberry campground. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Nov. 25. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

## FPC EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes: PC Upgrade class, Dec. 4-14; Concealed Handgun Course, Dec. 12-13. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

## ADOPT-A-SEA TURTLE

Adopt a sea turtle for some one you love this holiday season. For a tax-deductible \$25, the Sea Turtle Survival League, an educational, outreach program of the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corp., will send participants a personalized color sea turtle adoption certificate, a sea turtle fact sheet, colorful decal and magnet and a subscription to the organization's quarterly newsletter, all in a special folder. For more information, call 1-800-678-7853 or visit www.ccturtle.org on the Internet.

## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will continue its four-part series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in Shepard's Nursing, 916 N. Crest Rd. November's program will be a panel discussion by health care providers. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 665-0356.

## SCIENCE SPECTRUM

Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science education in Lubbock, is currently offering several educational films in its Omnimax Theatre — "Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan; "Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly; and "Gold Fever," a history of mining, taking the viewer on a voyage of abandoned mines from the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa. In addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

## TG WEBSITE

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has

revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org> or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

## FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235.

## PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, H1N1 (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-4 p.m., Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White Deer; (flu) 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Skellytown School, Skellytown; 1-3 p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St., Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 13, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

## HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 6 and 27, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Dec. 26, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock and Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

# HARVESTERS BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Varsity
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December 7-9	Vernon Tournament	Vernon		TBA
December 7-9	Dumas JV Tournament	Dumas	TBA	

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# Holidays Lose Their Cheer On Couple's Fixed Income

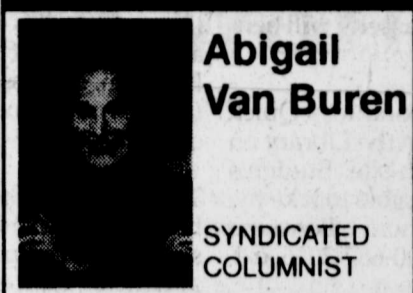
**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are senior citizens living on a fixed income. It has become harder and harder to purchase gifts or give money (which we have done in the past) to all our beloved family members. Recently a grandson called to inform us they are expecting their first child. Instead of being happy for them, we were filled with dread, because now there will be another gift to buy!

During the year, I try to save for Christmas gifts; it's never enough. I've told my husband that we are going to have to be honest with the family. He is too embarrassed to break the news to them that we cannot give like we have in the past.

Abby, how have other senior citizens solved this problem? I lie awake nights worrying. Believe me, that's no way to live! The holidays should be a happy time, but I don't look forward to them anymore.

WORRIED IN  
WELLSVILLE, OHIO

**DEAR WORRIED:** Yours is a problem I am asked about almost every year. One solution is to be up-front about it. One day this week, write a note to the friends and family members on your Christmas list, saying, "We are thankful for folks with whom we can be honest. We're not in a position to send Christmas gifts this year (nor do we expect any) - but please accept our love and sincere good wishes



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

es for a happy, healthy, blessed holiday."

If this seems too drastic a measure, another solution is to give one gift that can be enjoyed by the whole family, such as a game, movie coupons, or popcorn in assorted flavors.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with a problem. A week ago, a half-sister I had never met, and whom my dad hadn't seen in 16 years, suddenly showed up at our home. I was happy at first, but later my sister and I realized that our father paid more attention to her in one hour than he had to us in all the time since we were born.

My sister and I have tried to be a part of his life, but he has never wanted to spend time with us. He tells us we are both being selfish. If what he says is true, do we have the right to be upset? Please help.

CONFUSED TEEN IN TEXAS

DEAR CONFUSED: Since your father hadn't seen your

half-sister in 16 years, his reaction to her was understandable. Before you allow your resentment to get the better of you, allow yourself to get to know the girl. It's possible his reaction had something to do with guilt rather than preference. Take it slowly, and you might find you and your half-sister have a lot in common.

P.S. Although you say your father has been emotionally unavailable to you, he has been physically and emotionally unavailable to her all these years. Count your blessings.

DEAR ABBY: Here's one for the "I don't believe it!" list:

We recently attended a 50th anniversary reception for some old friends. The party obviously exceeded their children's budget because, as we left, there was a gold basket and a sign at the door that read: "Please help us have a happy Thanksgiving by defraying the cost of this entertainment for you this afternoon." Can anyone top this?

MYSTIFIED IN FORT WORTH  
DEAR MYSTIFIED: Probably. But it's not going to be easy.

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* The moon amplifies your personality. You have noteworthy ideas, which bring in a perspective that slants an issue in another direction. Brainstorm with others. You create waves of energy and enthusiasm wherever you go. Strike while the iron is hot. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Use your immaculate sense of timing. Say yes when it feels right, and say no if that is what you think. An associate trusts your judgment and wants to work with you. Bosses want your ideas. Make sure you are rewarded for your resourcefulness. Tonight: Read a great book.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Aim high, and don't let anyone throw you off your course of action. Sometimes you get distracted. Others prove to be unusually resourceful and creative. Work with them. You could be delighted by the results. Tonight: Join the crowds.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Relate on a one-on-one level, and you'll get the type of results you want. Your perspective is far different from many others. Assume responsibility.

Don't back away from another. You might not exactly be sure about what to do. Think about a pivotal question. Tonight: Close your door and complete a project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for someone at a distance. Look for better ideas and more creativity by seeking out new perspectives. Be gentle with a loved one. Your nurturing ways help this person open up to you. Take a risk and express who you are. You gain through others. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your perspective changes because of a partner. Together you find more effective solutions. Express your caring in a way that means something to another. Choose to do nothing halfway. Your even temperament gets a superior's attention. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Allow more feedback. You might not always agree with another. Use your ability to understand others, and imagine being in this person's shoes. Think carefully about a decision that involves a loved one or a vital interest. What seems great today might not be tomorrow. Tonight: Play the night away.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Dig into your work. Express your natural enthusiasm and creativity. You gain through your abilities and talents. Others see you as unusually gifted. Express your thoughts in a way that another can hear. Don't hedge, though. A partner stands up for you once more. Tonight: Off to the gym.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Allow your ingenuity to

emerge when dealing with funds and ideas. Others join in, and before you know it you have a brainstorming session. Your ingenuity and sensitivity direct you in the right direction. Trust what you know. Another's suggestion wins the day. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Life is about priorities. No sign understands that better than you. Use that unusual Capricorn charm and intelligence to zero in on what is necessary financially and professionally. Don't make a judgment call. Sit down and figure out the details. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Speak your mind, and another will hear. In some way or form, you need to express what you're feeling. Do not underestimate how important your ideas and feelings are to others, especially a child or loved one. Tonight: Running errands.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Do a quick budget evaluation before you start spending. In some way, you are anxious to complete your holiday errands. Yet realize that you, too, have limits. Your intuition serves you with another. Take your time, and you will make excellent choices. Tonight: Everything doesn't have to be expensive.

**BORN TODAY**  
Hollywood legend Walt Disney (1901), performer Little Richard (1932), U.S. senator Strom Thurmond (1902)

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Island ending east of Java
  - 5 Theater worker
  - 10 Astronaut Shepard
  - 11 Combined, as resources
  - 13 Letter opening birthplace
  - 15 Completely enclose
  - 17 Spanish hero
  - 18 Manatees
  - 19 Play-ground game
  - 20 Director Howard
  - 21 Ice cream holder
  - 22 Burdened
  - 25 Is sore
  - 26 Aid in crime
  - 27 Feline
  - 28 Regret
  - 29 Evergreen tree
  - 33 Sixth sense
  - 34 Draw attention from another actor
  - 35 Arid expanse
  - 37 Gymnast
- DOWN**
- 1 Diamond corners
  - 2 In — (straight)
  - 3 Caterpillar, e.g.
  - 4 Behind closed doors
  - 5 North, in Manhattan
  - 6 Ladled lunches
  - 7 Bound
  - 8 Voter
  - 9 Dependent
  - 12 Avoids
  - 16 Maine bird
  - 21 "Stop that!"
  - 22 Texas border town
  - 23 Addicts, e.g.
  - 24 Kind of
  - 25 Actor
  - 27 Whirlybird
  - 29 Swear
  - 30 Test answer
  - 31 Goaded (on)
  - 32 Enjoys a book
  - 36 North Pole worker

**SHEARS STOP**  
**TEAMUP TUNA**  
**RIGHTY ANTS**  
**IDLES SKIRT**  
**PIER CAESAR**  
**SLAP ICY**  
**SOTOSPEAK**  
**TIN STYX**  
**ABASES WARS**  
**METER MICAH**  
**AREA BOVINE**  
**IARS ONEDGE**  
**EARS BASSIE**

Saturday's answer

### Marmaduke



"No, he isn't hoarding nuts. He just doesn't want the squirrels to have them."

### The Family Circus



"In storybooks, Peter Pan fights mean guys, but in real life he just makes peanut butter."

### For Better or For Worse



### Zits



### Garfield



### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### B.C.



### Haggar The Horrible



### Peanuts



### Blondie



### Mallard Filmore







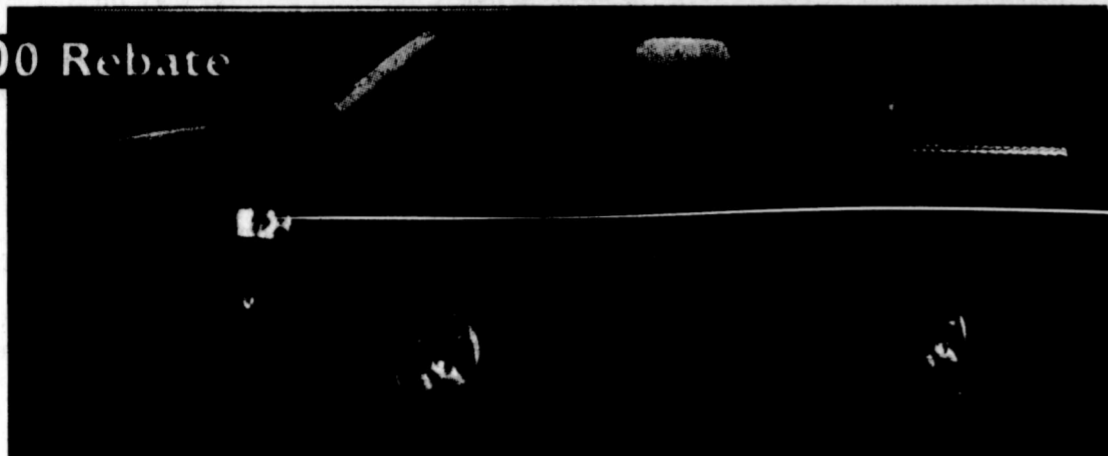




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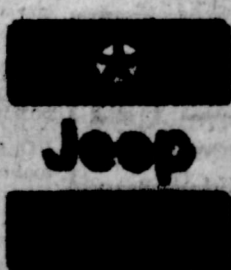
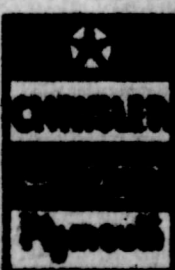


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