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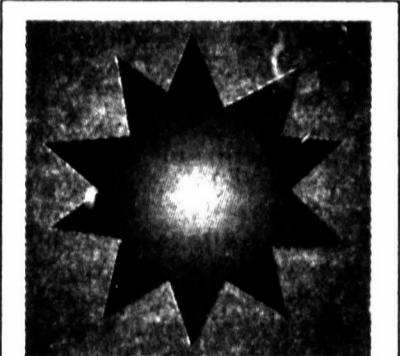
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**State Farm hikes auto insurance rates**

AUSTIN (AP) — Beginning Jan. 28, State Farm auto insurance customers will pay higher rates, the company announced this week.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. will raise its overall rate level an average of 17 percent. It is the first increase since 1996, the company said. In 1998 and 1999, rates decreased by 11.9 percent combined.

The increase is based on a benchmark recommendation by the Texas Commission of Insurance.

The statewide rate, or standard, is an average of benchmarks set in several insurance rating territories across the state. Insurance companies can set their rates from 30 percent below to 30 percent above the benchmark.

State Farm, which insures about 3.9 million vehicles in Texas, is the largest auto insurer in the state.

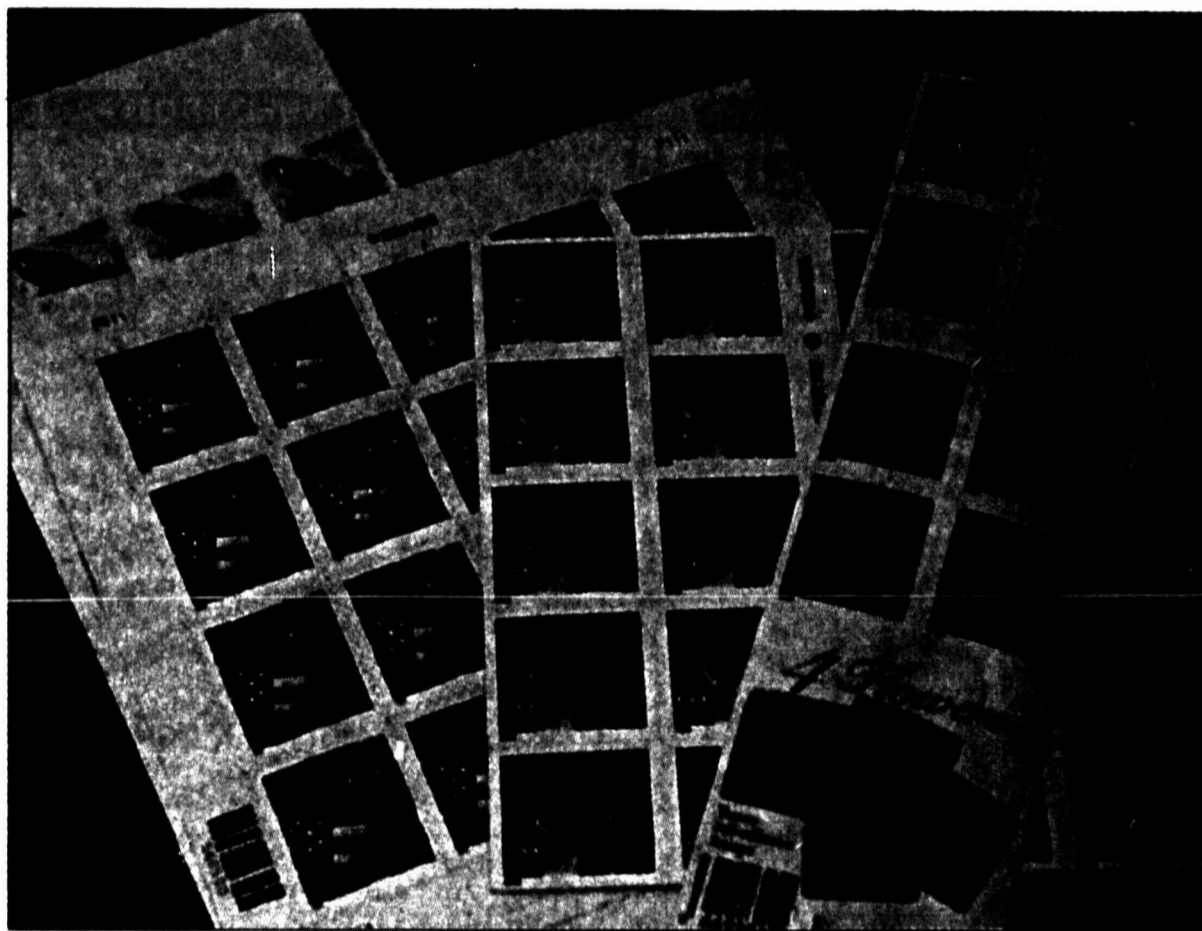
The increase is because of rising claims costs and the benchmark system, which the industry calls ineffective and harmful to consumers because it relies on outdated data, said Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

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- **The Rev. Harold Edwin Lee, 92**, Assembly of God minister, former PISD employee
- **E.E. 'Pinky' Shultz, 87**, retired secretary-treasurer, office manager of Jones-Everett Machine Co.

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**Postal rates rising ...**



(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Four new designs on first-class stamps are available for purchase at the local post office as well as on the internet. The new designs feature the Statue of Liberty, birds, flowers and an American flag flying across a farm.

## Stamps going up ...

**More rate, other changes unveiled**

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

The price of postage is going up a penny on Sunday, Jan. 7.

Pampa Postal Services Postmaster Tim McNair said customers who want to take advantage of the 33-cent price must have letters in the mail before mail is picked up at 5:20 p.m. Saturday.

The new 34-cent stamps do not have the price on them. Instead, "first class-usa" is printed across the bottom of the stamps. McNair said the post office has received an adequate supply of one-cent stamps for customers who need to add the stamp to their current supply of 33-cent stamps.

The postmaster said his staff has been busy getting information to their customers and answering many questions about the rate increase and other changes taking effect next week.

The price of postal cards will remain the same, he said. He said those cards may be purchased for 22 cents.

The new rates are taking effect on a Sunday to



Pampa Postmaster Tim McNair displays new first class stamp.

reduce any confusion that would occur on a regular business day.

Local post office box fees will be going down, said McNair. The previous six-month rate for the smallest box was \$22, and it will go to \$19. The next largest box has been \$32 for six months, and now will be \$27.50. A \$57 fee has been charged

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## Court nixes one Tulia case

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A Texas Panhandle appeals court this week dismissed charges against a man arrested in a controversial 1999 drug bust, a move that could cast doubt on the credibility of an undercover officer involved in the bust.

The court's ruling prevents Billy Water, 41, of Tulia from being tried on charges he sold drugs to an undercover officer. Forty three people were arrested in the bust. Forty of them were black.

The arrests were based on an 18-month undercover investigation by Tulia officer Tom Coleman, who worked alone and had no surveillance. Many have challenged Coleman's credibility but others have nothing but praise for him as an outstanding officer.

In 1999, one year short of completing a 10-year probation for marijuana possession, Water was accused of selling cocaine to Coleman near a play-

ground in Tulia.

The drug bust has prompted a lawsuit against the local sheriff, the district attorney who prosecuted the cases, and Coleman. The U.S. Justice Department is investigating the undercover operation.

The court's decision to dismiss Water's charges may impact others convicted in the bust.

"Legally, my theory and my belief is no" the court's ruling would not impact the other cases, said Water's attorney, Brent Hamilton. "But, from a factual standpoint ... the evidence was just totally incredible against Mr. Water, so I think it does cast at least a little bit of doubt on the credibility of Mr. Coleman."

Prosecutor Jerry McEachern was out of the office until Monday and could not be reached for comment Friday.

## Bush official says review of Clinton orders planned

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As President-elect Bush packs for Washington, a spokesman on Friday pledged a review once Bush takes office of "each and every" last-minute executive order by President Clinton.

"He's been a busy beaver," Bush transition spokesman Ari Fleischer said of Clinton's flurry of executive orders and proclamations.

Fleischer said that Bush respects Clinton's rights to act with the full powers of the presidency up to his final minutes in office.

"It is the president's prerogative to do as he sees

fit. We will not comment on some of these last-minute executive orders that he is pursuing," Fleischer said, speaking in a conference call with reporters from transition headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Still, he added, "We will review each and every one of them. We are taking note of them."

Clinton's latest move, with less than two weeks left in his term, was an order banning logging and drilling in tens of millions of acres of federal forests.

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## County enacts new, updated fire contracts

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

After extensive review and updating, all fire contracts for 2001 have been approved by Gray County Commissioners Court. The contracts are between Gray County and the firefighting entities who fight fires in Gray County.

Prior to this week's county commission meeting, the county's contract with the City of Pampa was the only contract regarding fire fighting which had previously been approved for the current year.

Annual contracts were approved for services with Hoover Fire Department and Area Firefighters Association, Inc., which is the Skellytown Fire Department. County Judge Richard Peet told commissioners the Skellytown firefighters group is operating separately from the City of Skellytown and has a 501 3C tax exempt number.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will be paid \$15,000 for the year.

Contracts with the City of McLean and the City of Letors provide for the county to pay each a set fee of \$35,000 a year for fire service.

The fire departments of Skellytown, Mobeetie, Wheeler, White Deer and Groom will be paid \$484 per fire which they fight with two firefighting units and \$252 for one fire fighting unit. The county will pay the departments \$50 in the event of a false alarm or if the fire is out when the fire department arrives on the scene.

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## Hit-run accident sparks two arrests

Two Pampa men await bond proceedings in Gray County Jail today after being arrested in connection with a hit-and-run collision Thursday night.

Pampa police charged Arthur Ray Short, 39, of White Deer with driving while intoxicated - third offense and breath test refusal, violation of the open container law, felon in possession of a firearm, and failure to leave information at the scene of accident.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 35, 816

Dwight, faces charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

Both men remained in jail this morning while paperwork was being completed before bond on the respective charges could be set, according to Jailor Sgt. Cotton Hargrove.

According to police reports, the arrests stem from a hit-and-run accident reported at 8 a.m. Thursday by Constable Chris Lockridge. He told police dispatchers that the suspect vehicle,

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## No charges in stabbing of stepdad by stepson

Officials with the Gray County Sheriff's Office do not plan to file charges in the New Year's Day stabbing of a Pampa man.

"For all that we can see, it appears it was self defense," said Chief Deputy David Russell. "We talked to everyone there, all the family members, and their stories seem to be the same - it was self defense."

Frank Groves, 44, remained in the hospital in stable condition, the deputy said Thursday.

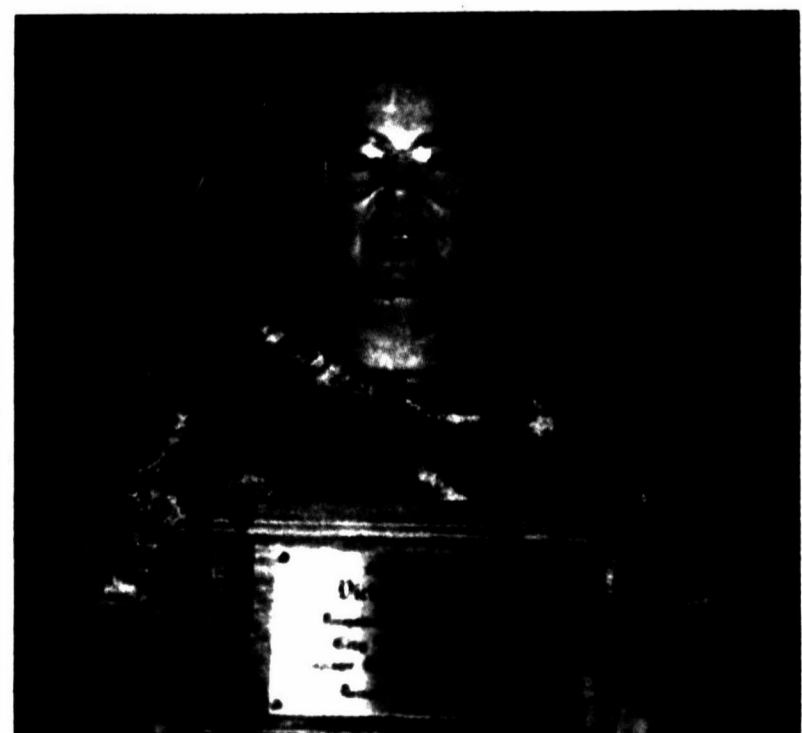
At 2:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, sheriff's deputies responded to a reported domestic assault at a residence in Kentucky Acres, west of Price Road.

Russell said in an earlier interview that "the stepdad and son got into an argument. A knife was produced and the stepdad was stabbed several times."

The deputy said the incident involved alcohol. He said the two had argued over a "personal matter."

Authorities declined to release the name of the 17-year-old involved.

## Employee of the Year



Meter Service Technician Vickie Long was recently named Employee of the Year for the City of Pampa. She has worked for the city since 1986. In addition to her regular duties, she serves as secretary to the Canadian Water Utility Association. (Related photo on Page 5)

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## Services tomorrow

**GARRETT, Leo G.** — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**JOHNSTON, T.J.** — 4:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**LEE, The Rev. Harold Edwin** — 10 a.m., San Jacinto Assembly of God Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 1 p.m., Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle.  
**POWERS, Robert Paul** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**SHULTZ, E.E. "Pinky"** — Memorial services, 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**VERNON E. CAMP**  
**LEFORS** — Vernon E. Camp, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Camp was born March 24, 1918, at St. Joe, Ark. He married Ruth Wilson on Feb. 16, 1941, at Sayre, Okla.; she died July 29, 1987. He later married Ona Turner on Aug. 20, 1996, at Stinnett. He had been a Lefors resident since 1996, moving from Pampa, and was a member of Lefors Church of Christ. He also belonged to Shriners, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, serving as a former Grand Master.  
 He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving during World War II.  
 Survivors include his wife, Ona, of the home; a daughter, Paula Robinson of Brownwood; three sons, James Camp of Big Spring, Douglas Camp of Amarillo and Ernest Camp of China; a brother, Doug Camp of Borger; a half-sister, Wilma Osborne of Tulare, Calif.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Box 190567, Dallas, TX 75219-0567.

**LEO G. GARRETT**  
 Leo G. Garrett, 86, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Garrett was born Dec. 9, 1914, in Crawford County, Kan. He married Mary Lea Hendren on Nov. 12, 1934, at Oswego, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since 1965, moving from Dumas, and retired from Diamond Shamrock in 1979, after 31 years of service.  
 He was a 32nd Degree Mason and held membership in First United Methodist Church and Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM. He was a former member of Pampa Rotary Club as well.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.  
 Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a daughter, Barbara Maher of New Orleans, La.; a son, James P. Garrett of Payson, Ariz.; a brother, Wayne Garrett of Pittsburg, Kan.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

**THE REV. HAROLD EDWIN LEE**  
**AMARILLO** — The Rev. Harold Edwin Lee, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at San Jacinto Assembly of God Church with Dr. Robert Slaton, district superintendent of West Texas Area Assemblies of God, the Rev. Melvin Suttle, pastor of San Jacinto Assembly, and the Rev. Harold Ray Stone, Assembly of God minister of North Liberty, Iowa, officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. in Panhandle Cemetery at Panhandle. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.  
 The Rev. Lee was born at Collinsville, Texas. He married Aline Jernigan in 1934 at Portales, N.M. He worked for Panhandle Independent School District from 1960-76 and later became an Assembly of God minister, pastoring churches in White Deer, White Face and Mobeetie. After retiring, he was a pulpit supply pastor throughout the panhandle.  
 He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as an airplane radio mechanic stationed at Biggs Field, El Paso, during World War II.  
 Survivors include his wife, Aline, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Howard Kitchens of White Deer and Mary and Richard Ransford of Oxnard, Calif.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.  
 The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to San Jacinto Assembly of God Church Mission Fund, 400 N. Georgia, Amarillo, TX 79106.

**Services tomorrow** (continued)  
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**SHULTZ, E.E. "Pinky"** — Memorial services, 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

## Obituaries (cont.)

**E.E. "PINKY" SHULTZ**  
**E.E. "Pinky" Shultz**, 87, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at Bedford, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Shultz, born Nov. 12, 1913, at Arnett, Okla., graduated from Arnett High School in 1936 and attended college in Altus, Okla. He married his high school sweetheart, Loretta Miller, on June 20, 1936, at Enid, Okla. He worked for seven years in the county clerk's office in Ellis County, Okla., before moving to Cactus, Texas, where he worked for three years in the war defense plant.  
 He moved to Pampa in 1946 to work for Jones-Everett Machine Co. where he served as office manager and secretary-treasurer until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of First Christian Church where he was chairman of the Board of Trustees, served as church treasurer, and was on the building committee for several years.  
 He was president of Aquila and Priscilla Sunday School Class for 30 years, served as chairman of the Elders, and served as president of Christian Men's Fellowship. He was a member of the Pulpit Committee and was institutional representative between the church and the Boy Scouts. He was elected Elder Emeritus, one of only three chosen in the history of the church.  
 He was a member and past president of the Pampa Noon Lions Club where he also served as tail twister, lion tamer, first vice-president, second vice-president, chairman of international club relations, and he served as interlocutor of the Lion's Club Minstrel Show which ran for 42 years in Pampa. He also served as District 2-T1 membership chairman, international convention chairman, and deputy district governor. He was named Lion of the Year in 1985 by the local club and received life memberships in the High Plains Eye Bank and the Texas League for Crippled Children.  
 Pinky Shultz was an incredible man. Even though he spent innumerable hours giving of himself to his community and his church, the first and foremost thing in his life was his family. For that, he is a person that we could all hope to be.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents, G.W. and Margaret Crowder Shultz; and his two brothers, Bunny and Elmer Shultz.  
 Survivors include his wife, Loretta Miller Shultz; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Gail Shultz of Bedford; a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Billy Williams of North Richland Hills; his grandchildren, Ryan and wife Connie Shultz of Dallas, Taylor Shultz of Austin, Lauren Shultz of Bedford, Shawn Williams and Brandy Williams, both of Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews; and many brothers and sisters-in-law.  
 The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

**Police report**  
 Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.  
 Arthur Ray Short, 39, White Deer, was arrested in the 300 block of Tignor for driving while intoxicated - third offense, felony possession of a firearm, and failure to stop and give information.  
 Jerry Lee Hicks, 35, 816 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 300 block of Tignor for resisting arrest and public intoxication.

**Sheriff's Office**  
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 Joseph Michael Engle, 42, 321 E. Kingsmill, was arrested on a bond forfeiture for theft over \$50 and under \$500. He was released on bond.  
 Barbara Della Keys, 28, 1104 S. Sumner, was arrested on three counts of thwarting compulsory attendance and failure to appear.

**Ambulance**  
 Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 10:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks and transported one to PRMC.  
 6:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.  
 8:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Reid and transported one to PRMC.

**Emergency numbers**  
**Ambulance**.....911  
**Crime Stoppers**.....669-2222  
**Energas**.....1-888-Energas  
**Fire**.....911  
**Police (emergency)**.....911  
**Police (non-emergency)**.....669-5700  
**SPS**.....1-800-750-2520  
**Water**.....669-5830

**Accidents**  
 No accident reports were filed today by the Pampa Police Department.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.		Columbia/HCA.....37.90	up 0.25
		Enron.....75.58	up 58
		Halliburton.....36.90	up 38
Wheat.....2.72	KMI.....46.3/16	up 1 1/16	
Milo.....1.54	Kerr McGee.....64.7/8	up 11/16	
Corn.....1.89	Limited.....16.1/4	up 5/16	
Soybeans.....4.16	McDonald's.....32.9/16	dn 1/16	
		Exxon Mobil.....34.3/8	up 1/2
		New Atmos.....24.1/4	NC
		XCEL.....25.5/16	dn 1/16
		NOI.....36.3/16	up 7/8
		OKE.....45.3/16	up 1 1/16
Occidental.....24 1/2	Penney's.....12.1/2	dn 1/16	
Fidelity Magellan.....121.06	Phillips.....56.9/16	up 1 1/16	
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		Texas.....60.1/16	up 13/16
		Ultrasat.....29.1/4	up 1/2
		Wal-Mart.....55.3/16	dn 1
		Williams.....36.9/16	up 1 3/16
		New York Gold.....267.65	
		Silver.....4.55	
		West Texas Crude.....28.65	

## CONTRACTS

Peet said all contracts are between the county and the entity which owns the equipment. While the majority of the fire departments are owned and operated by the city which they represent, he said both Hoover and Skellytown Fire Departments are owned by the volunteer fire fighting groups.  
 Some contracts with the fire fighting units had not been reviewed since 1982, said Peet. He told commissioners court members the contracts now

are only valid for one budget year and must be renewed and presented for revision each year.  
 County Judge Richard Peet said it was provided in the contract with the City of Pampa which was approved several months ago that Gray County will pay the city \$130,000 annually. He said the only change in that contract was requested by the City of Pampa and it was to change the contract review time from August of July each year. The City of Pampa's budget runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 while the county's budget is based on the calendar year.

## ACCIDENT

A light-colored Chevrolet Impala, was headed south on the 300 block of North Tignor.  
 Officer Stormy McCullar responded to the accident scene, while Lockridge and Office David Conner searched for the suspect vehicle. A 1985 Nissan belonging to Vernon Camp, 205 Tignor, had been damaged in the front left area. Damage was

estimated at more than \$500.  
 Meanwhile, Lockridge and Conner stopped the Impala suspected in the collision in the 300 block of Tignor.  
 Hicks, a passenger in the Impala, fought officers and resisted arrest when Lockridge and Conner took the two men into custody. A Winchester 22-rifle was found in the car with a live round of ammunition in the chamber, police said.

## BUSH

He has also proposed a reorganization of the nation's counterintelligence efforts, rescinded his own ethics rule limiting lobbying contacts by former administration officials, and changed the license plates of his government limousine to support voting rights for the District of Columbia.  
 Wrapping up his old life and preparing for his new one, President-elect Bush on Friday had no public appearances. Instead, he was packing his belongings in Texas and working to fill top law enforcement and intelligence positions in his administration.  
 Bush wants Louis Freeh, a Clinton appointee who is popular among Republicans, to stay on as director of the FBI, advisers said. Freeh has two more years left of his 10-year term.  
 Bush may also offer a brief extension to CIA Director George Tenet, some Bush advisers said Thursday.

adviser.  
 Rove was given control over the offices of political affairs, public liaison and strategic initiatives.  
 Allbaugh, 48, and Rove, 50, combined with spokeswoman Karen Hughes to form Bush's loyal "Iron Triangle" that guided him to the presidency. Hughes, 44, was named presidential counselor shortly after the election.  
 "The triangle has been completed," Bush told reporters as he announced the appointments.  
 The FBI's Freeh is in the eighth year of a 10-year term given to him by President Clinton, but the two have often clashed; Bush advisers have told Freeh they want him to stay.

Things were less clear in terms of Tenet at the CIA.  
 A friend who has spoken to Tenet in the last few days cast doubt on the idea of his joining the Bush administration.  
 Several Democrats and Republicans have urged Bush to retain Tenet in an effort to take the spy agency out of the political cycle. Bush's father, former President Bush, once headed the CIA and has called for a less-political approach.  
 The president-elect has already dipped into Clinton's administration, nominating Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta to be his transportation secretary.

A senior Bush adviser said the president-elect planned to request that Tenet stay aboard in the short term while the incoming national security team assesses America's foreign policy needs and the CIA's role. Tenet would not be auditioning for a long-term appointment but rather would be a placeholder, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.  
 Such a call had not been made as of late Thursday, Republican sources said.  
 Republican Rep. Porter Goss, a former CIA agent and current chairman of the House Select Intelligence Committee, said he advised Bush to "take his time finding a new director for the spy agency. He said the Clinton administration lacked national security focus, which stopped the CIA from defining its capability — and Tenet would be good in covering until that focus is found."

Continuing a series of meetings to address his administration's top priorities, Bush has invited members of Congress who oversee military programs to Austin on Monday for a forum on defense issues, Bartlett said.  
 On Tuesday he planned to visit Washington, returning to Austin on Thursday.  
 Before his final move to Washington, Bush was expected to participate in a long-delayed victory rally in Texas.

"Tenet provides some very good continuity, has done some very good things in the intelligence community," said Goss, himself a prospect for the CIA job.

## STAMPS

McNair said many businesses prefer to pay annually, and the six month rate is just doubled — \$38, \$55 and \$100 for the respective boxes.  
 He added the charge for delivery confirmation service provided for the past 15 months will go down. He said the popular service which has been 40-cents and will go to 35-cents.  
 The feature provides the sender with the delivery information on date of arrival of certified mail via the internet or an 800 telephone number. The sender is provided a confirmation number at the time of mailing. The fee is paid at mailing, he said.  
 Express mail rates will increase from \$11.75 to \$12.25, and priority mail from \$3.20 to \$3.50. Other rates will also rise including international mail, Express Mail, Priority Mail, parcel post, periodicals and advertising mail.  
 The new rate for overseas mail will be 60-cents for Canada and Mexico, and 80-cents per ounce for other countries. Previously international rates had been per half-ounce.  
 Three new stamp designs are available with the new first class amount. They feature the Statue of Liberty, flowers and a flag flying over a farm.  
 Another new feature, signature confirmation, will go into effect Feb. 4. This feature is similar to delivery confirmation.  
 Additional information will be provided before implementation of the service.

## Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
 7:53 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters investigated a suspicious odor in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. The odor appeared to have come from a heating unit in the lobby.  
 8:41 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.  
 3:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 1000 N. Hobart.  
 6:34 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 900 block of South Wells. According to the fire report, the fire was caused by hot ashes from a fireplace.

## City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisements.  
**AT THESE fuel prices**— A good wood appliance can pay for itself in 2 yrs. ! Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60.  
**BOYS BASKETBALL** Sign-Ups, 3rd-6th Grade, Pampa Optimist Club Meeting Room, Jan. 4th & 5th 6-7:30 p.m., and Jan. 6th 2-4 p.m. Sign-up fee \$35.  
**WE'RE LOOKING** for mature individual for part-time work at The Petal Pusher, 665-1070.  
**SALE 40-60% Off** thru Jan. 8th. Regular store hours 10-5:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., Celebrations, 665-3100.  
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**HEATING COST** too high? Wood heat is still very economical & more efficient. Fireside Comfort, 725 W. Brown, Hwy. 60.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Today, sunny. Highs 45 to 50. North winds 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. South to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly sunny. Highs 48 to 52. Northwest to north winds around 15 mph.  
**STATEWIDE** — Warmer temperatures and clear skies will dominate Texas for most of the weekend, ending the region's unusually harsh winter weather streak.  
 In a break from frigid temperatures, northern sections of Texas should enjoy continued clear skies this weekend with highs in the 60s Friday, forecasters said.  
 Overnight temperatures ranged from 43 degrees in Abilene to 36 at Terrell. Readings were above freezing for the entire state Thursday as temperatures reaching up to 65 at Fort Stockton and Del Rio.  
 Skies over North Texas on Saturday should be partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s to mid-60s.  
 In West Texas and the

Panhandle, highs Friday should range between 50 and 60 under partly cloudy skies. Lows early Saturday should be in the upper 20s to near 30, forecasters said.  
 In South and Southeast Texas, temperatures were in the mid-60s. Wind was generally from the southwest at 5-10 mph in the western and southern sections of the region.  
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## 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.

## ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

## ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

## MACEDONIA CHURCH

Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

## 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.

## 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.

## GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

## SHRINE CLUB

Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

## 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.

## CPF

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Pampa ISD will host "Financial Aid Night" for PHS junior and senior upperclassmen and their parents beginning at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the high school library. Facilitators will be Karla Howell, Starla Kindle and Dale Ammons, counselors at PHS. Learn about grants, scholarships, work study programs and loans.

## BSA TRAINING

BSA Hospice in Pampa will conduct a "Winter Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 6-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Jan. 15-Feb. 15 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive course is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, who want to learn more about hospice care or who desire personal growth and enrichment. The program is free of charge to residents of Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities. CEUs will be awarded through the college. For more information or to preregister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice, at (806) 665-6677.

## HPEA FUND-RAISER

High Plains Epilepsy Association will hold its 18th Annual Spring Art Soiree' fund-raiser March 16-18 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. The annual fine art sale will feature artwork in many different mediums created by a variety of artists. For more information, call (806) 352-5426.

## HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 9, Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main, McLean; Jan. 15, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock; Jan. 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Jan. 23, First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer. 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.

## DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this 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.

## CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONTEST

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is currently conducting its Seventh Annual Artist and Song Talent Search. The contest will offer over \$50,000 in prizes including a publishing contract for the grand prize winning song. The grand prize winning artist will receive a recording which will be distributed nationally to Christian radio stations. Deadline for entry is Feb. 28. For more information, visit [www.embassymusic.com](http://www.embassymusic.com) or call the Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-2500.

## FIFTH ARMY TOUR

World War II veterans of the United States 5th Army will tour battlefield sites in Italy in June 2001. For more information, contact: Sy Canton, executive director, 5th Army Association, 465 Shore Rd., Ste 7P, Long Beach, NY 11561 or call (516) 432-3022.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at [www.pcepdp.org](http://www.pcepdp.org)

and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

## MSAA

A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access [www.msaa.com](http://www.msaa.com) on the Internet.

## FAN BOOKLET

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at [www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org](http://www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org).

## FHRC BOOKLET

Family Health Research Council recently published the booklet "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY

14905-3176. For additional information, visit the Council's website at [www.FamilyHealthResearch.org](http://www.FamilyHealthResearch.org)

## AIYSE

American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

## T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

## T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

## AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

## VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

## PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

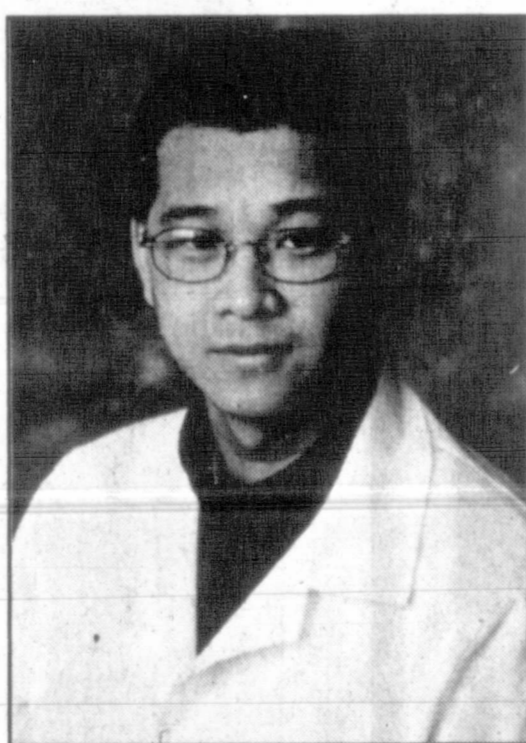
## Snowman



(Community Camera photo)

Justin Cottrell, Ashley Hernandez and Brittney Cottrell, above, show off the snowman they made over the Christmas break.

## S. Caleb Kim, DO Family Practice



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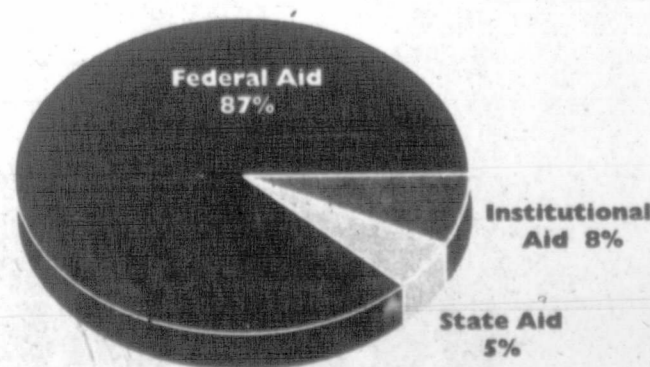
Dr. Kim is joined in Pampa by his wife Sora and children Joseph and Anna. Dr. Kim has relocated from Urbana, Illinois to establish his practice here as a member of the Family Medicine Center. He is welcomed to the practice by Drs. Black, Julian, Lee and Powell.

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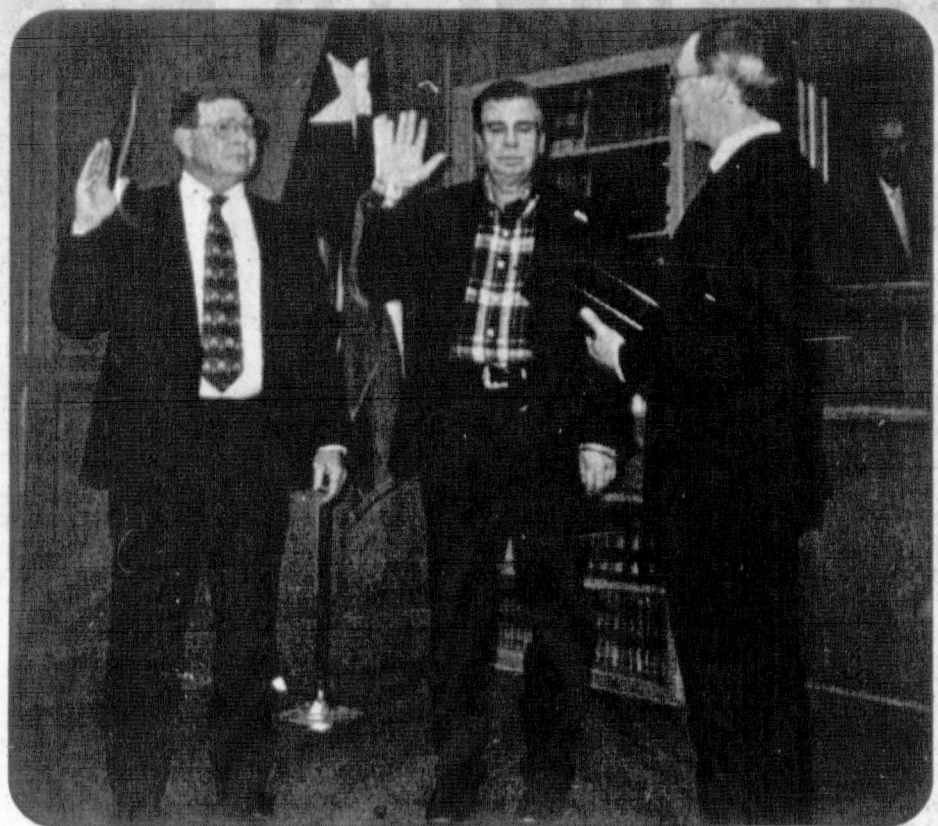
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Newly sworn-in staff include Jailers Jeremy Baker, Bailiff J.D. Barnard, Connie Brown, Sgt. Clifton Burrows, Melinda Cochran, Lisa Conner, Sgt. "Cotton" Hargrove, Diane Hornsby, Don McCann, Wade Mitchell, Michael Morgan, Kelly Schaffer, Assistant Administrator Marquette Wampler, and Joel Wilson. Also sworn in were Dispatchers Karla Davis, Rhonda Kidd, Billy Morse, and Carrie Tomaschik and Sherri Worthington, secretary. Not present were David Potter, jail administrator, and Kerry Hodge, jailer.



Back row, from left: Kerry Hodge, jailer; Christy Brown, tax office deputy; Derek Peters, deputy sheriff; Alicia Heil, Jan Wood, and Debbie McKinney, tax office deputies. Front row, from left: Rosie Whitley, Dona Kitterman, Brenda Case, Neysa Brown, and Nancy Allen, tax office deputies.



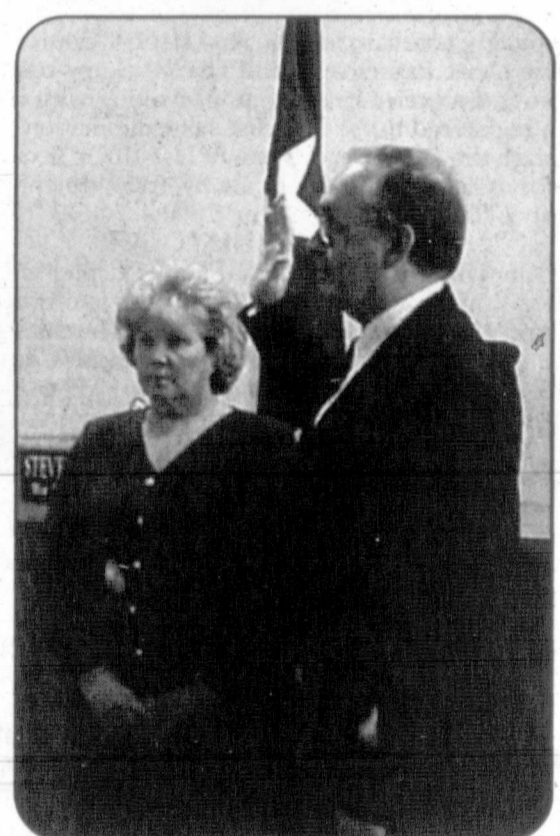
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# RELIGION

## Minister's musing ...

This past September I began teaching a class on "The Meaning Of The Millennium." The aim of the class was to help each student get a solid look at the basics of the 4 main eschatological positions: historical premillennialism, dispensational premillennialism, postmillennialism and amillennialism. During the study several things floated to the surface that I thought might be good for everyone.



By Rev. Mike Sublett

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First, we looked at a list of many great Christian preachers: Hodge, Barnes, Campbell, Stone, Augustine, Ryrrie, Spurgeon, Moody, Packer, Henry, Origen, Pentecost, Eusebius, Machen, Darby, Calvin, Owen, Wesley, Edwards, Luther, Polycarp, Sproul, Zwingli, Nee and others.

We then looked at the differing positions that they all held on the end times. Our conclusion was that unless we were ready to identify which ones were the "heretics" as well as which ones were "stupid," that we couldn't get too DOGMATIC or JUDGMENTAL on eschatology.

Second, we looked at several examples of the harsh, condemning, mean-spirited rhetoric between proponents of each of the various positions and decided that we didn't ever want to be that narrow-minded.

Third, we looked at the plain simple things that almost all Christians agree on: 1- Be watchful and 2- Be Ready! We figured that being watchful and ready would keep us pretty busy from now until we die. Whichever position was correct, being watchful and ready would still be wise and necessary.

Fourth, we then looked at almost 20 of the great creeds and statements of faith that have been written over the centuries. What we found was that eschatology occupied either no space at all or a very brief reference that Jesus will return one day to judge the living

and the dead. If the great creeds and statements of faith didn't make eschatology into a mountain, then we might want to be careful how big of a deal we make out of it.

Fifth, we looked at 125 examples (by Christians) of predictions of the end of time that never happened. Our conclusion was that we would be very hesitant to swallow what any preacher said concerning specific dates and times. An awful lot of good, honest Christians have thought that they had a message from God or that they got their message right out of the Bible only to have their prediction be proven totally false. Sadly, those kind of things make God appear foolish.

There was more to the study, but these were five things that I thought would be good for us all to consider. How big of a deal does your church make over the end times, the millennium, the last days, the end of the world? How dogmatic is your church on these matters? Did you know that each of the four positions has at some time since the first century been the primary position that many/most Christians believed? Did you know that there isn't any one of the four major positions that doesn't have some strong difficulty with certain passages?

In a world full of lost people who don't know Jesus surely there are better things to do with our time and effort than to throw

rocks at each other over a matter that is not nearly as clear and plain as we like to make our own position sound.

Let me close with these two examples of inflaming rhetoric between Christians:

1- "There used to be a group called 'postmillennialists.' ... No self-respecting scholar who looks at the world conditions and the accelerating decline of Christian influence today is a 'postmillennialist.'" (Hal Lindsey)  
2- "There can hardly be a more dishonest and distorted description of postmillennialism. It shouldn't really surprise us, since, over the years, many have learned that Lindsey is to Theology what the 'National Inquirer' is to journalism: don't be too concerned with truth, just make it sensational so it will sell." (Rev. John Dyck)

I wonder how the millions of postmillennialists around the world would feel if they read what Hal Lindsey said about them? I wonder what kinds of feelings Rev. Dyck's words about Hal Lindsey would produce in the millions of premillennialists who respect brother Lindsey? Saying something critical about "postmillennialISM" is one thing, but saying something degrading about "postmillennialISTS" is quite another. Questioning what a fellow believer teaches on a particular Bible subject is one thing, but attacking his motives and intelligence, as though we could read his heart, is quite another.

May we each care enough about the Word of God to study eschatology, arrive at whatever conclusions we feel led to and then be full of mercy and love for all of our fellow brothers and sisters who have loved and used the same book and the same verses to arrive at a different conclusion. May we hold our convictions with strength and always be ready to extend grace.

## Rush Wind Emmaus group meets Jan. 13

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Gruver. A potluck dinner will be served at six. A special invitation is extended to family, friends, and anyone interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus. A nursery will be provided, and sponsors training will follow the service.

The board of directors will meet at 4:30 p.m. prior to the meeting at the church. All board members are encouraged to be present.

Eulalia Blankenship of Spearman has been elected to serve as lay director of Rushing Wind. Other officers include assistant lay director, Devin Burrus, Higgins; secretary, Ricky Betts, Borger; treasurer, Bobby Barnett, Jr., Perryton; and past lay director, Mike Gardiner, Canadian.

RWE will sponsor seven Walk to Emmaus weekends this year at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. The first walk will be a women's walk Jan. 25-28 with Teri Hollis of Dumas, lay director, and the Rev. Mike Martin, pastor First Baptist Church, Morse, as spiritual director.

Anyone interested in attending a walk may receive an application from his pastor or from a friend who has attended a previous walk. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and communities. The real focus of Emmaus is on the local church.



Dixie Melody Boys will perform at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 6 in Borger High School in Borger. The concert is open and free to the public. Above: Ed O'Neal, Harold Reed, Devin McGlamery, Derrick Selph and Eric Ollis.

## Dixie Melody Boys

BORGER — Jerry Smith will present Dixie Melody Boys in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at Borger High School Auditorium. Ed O'Neal joined The Dixie Melody Boys in 1961 and became owner and manager of the quartet just a few years later. During the past three decades, Dixie Melody Boys have enjoyed tremendous success, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication.

Dixie Melody Boys have been featured on such popular television programs as "The Ralph Emery Show" and "Primetime Country," which airs live each evening via The Nashville Network. This spiritual quartet has enjoyed over 20 Top 40 hits, including eight Top 10 releases. The group's most recent recording, "Heading Home," promises to be one of the group's best recordings to date.

The project, produced by Wesley Pritchard and Milton Smith, features several songs from today's most prolific writers including Greg Day, Rodney Griffin and Phillip Huffman. From the up tempo "I'm One Of Them" to the moving ballad "I'm Not Weeping At The Throne," to the powerful "Arise," which features accompaniment by members of the North Carolina Symphony.

Present membership for the group includes O'Neal, who provides the smooth bass vocals. Asheville, N.C., native Harold Reed delivers the pleasing tenor sound, while the group's newest member, 18-year-old Devin McGlamery, provides the solid foundation for the four-part harmony this quartet presents with his powerful lead vocals. Derrick Selph, who hails from the Sunshine State of Florida, contributes the rich baritone vocals for this popular quartet. Keyboardist Eric Ollis completes the group by adding a special touch with his exceptional piano artistry.

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## Resolutions — a three-way challenge

When New Year's Day rolled around I was asked whether I had made resolutions for 2001.

I toyed with skipping the annual ritual, but decided since personal discipline is a weakness of mine that I'd give resolutions a try.

I recalled all the advice given when I've tried changes in lifestyle - don't set goals too high, don't berate yourself for failing, remember tomorrow is a new day. You know the drill.

So I picked three things I thought I could reasonably do: engage in spiritual, mental and physical exercise. I set my goals appropriately low and decided to do something related to each three times a week.

For the spiritual, I plan to study my Bible at least three times a week, and I mean study, not grab a Psalm on my way to sleep.

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

For the mental, I plan to continue at West Texas A&M University and study Herman Melville and Nathaniel Hawthorne (that should qualify for the spiritual and mental), and for the physical, take a dance class at Amarillo College.

In short, I plan to discipline myself into living well. I've become quite content with a very basic existence - eating, sleeping, working and watching television. Couch potatoes have become my heroic ideal. I've discovered that I do best when I'm propelled by a passionate interest in something. Lukewarm, as the book of Revelation tell us, is a nauseating experience, and for me that is true. If I ever tell you something is merely "okay," you can presume I'm about to look for a new experience.

I'm hoping my New Year's resolutions will provide some of that passion through awakening bits of myself hiding in the subconscious. Dreaming new dreams, learning new things and becoming more healthy, I think, will propel me toward a more passionate existence. I hope to put no more miles on my sofa.

### Church wins right to occupy storefront

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A small church in Grand Haven has won the right to occupy a storefront in a business district, a religious freedom organization said.

The Washington, D.C.-based Becket Fund for Religious Liberty said U.S. District Judge David McKeague signed a consent order Dec. 20 that ended the legal dispute.

The fund said the consent judgment acknowledges that a ban on the church based on Grand Haven's zoning ordinance would not survive challenge under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, signed in September by President Clinton.

A Grand Haven city attorney had argued that the zoning ordinance barring the Haven Shores Community Church from opening in a shopping center did not discriminate on the basis of religion.

But Becket Fund president Kevin Hasson called the case "a wake-up call for other communities that assume they have nearly unlimited latitude in using zoning laws to severely restrict churches and other religious organizations."

It is the latest maneuver in a lawsuit that was brought by the ACLU in November 1999.

U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman ruled in May that displays in McCreary and Pulaski counties and in the Harlan County schools had the "overwhelming effect of endorsing religion." She ordered them removed and forbade any similar displays.

The displays were removed, but officials in McCreary and Pulaski put up new ones in October. The Harlan County school board has reposted the commandments along with other historical documents in the district's administrative offices. The board voted unanimously to put similar displays in each of the district's 14 schools.

Officials in all three counties could face time in jail or fines if Coffman decides they defied her order.

The new displays in Pulaski and McCreary counties include many of the same documents as before, although they are no longer shortened to only their religious references. Also, the new displays include an explanation of the role the Ten Commandments and the eight other documents on the walls played "in the foundation of our system of law and government."

Pulaski Judge-Executive Darrell Beshears said the county hopes to find a display that Coffman will decide is legal.

### Counties fight ruling against commandments

LONDON, Ky. (AP) — County officials are fighting a court ruling that could hold them in contempt if they don't remove the Ten Commandments from their courthouse walls.

An attorney for McCreary and Pulaski counties argued in U.S. District Court in London that the religious document is next to other historical documents and the overall display is not a religious one.

The counties were responding to a motion filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on Dec. 7. It asked that the county officials be held in contempt for hanging the documents despite a judge's order.

### Collegiate foreign mission convention draws crowd

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's latest foreign missions convention drew 18,730 delegates. The periodic gathering is one of the biggest religious conclaves for North American college students.

At this year's event, which concluded New Year's Eve at the University of Illinois, 8,392 delegates registered definite or probable interest in undertaking Christian careers overseas.

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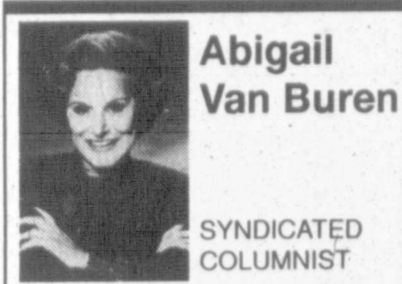
# Husband's Double Life Online Leaves Wife Feeling Betrayed

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 53-year-old woman who never thought she would be writing to you. I have been married 33 years. The past several years have not been the happiest.

I found out at the beginning of this year that, for the past several years, my husband has been talking online to gay men. He would be on the computer in our home office, supposedly working, while actually "instant messaging" someone. When I'd walk into the room, he would delete the instant message. This went on for several weeks.

I thought in the beginning that he was having an affair with a woman, so when he was gone one afternoon, I decided to log onto his laptop and investigate. That's when I found his "gay name" for himself, and lots of names on his buddy list. I wrote down all the names so I could look them up later.

For the next few months I followed him online. One time I even



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

made up a gay name for myself, and he and I instant-messaged each other. I made copies of everything and finally confronted him.

He swore he never did anything but talk; he never met any of the men on his buddy list, or the ones he talked to online. However, when he and I messaged each other, he gave me the name of his hotel and the room number where he was staying. I asked him why. He said he was very unhappy in our mar-

riage, because he didn't think I loved him anymore. He promised he would stop, and deleted everything from his computer. He even closed his private Internet access account and began using the one from our computer at home.

Today, while checking our e-mail, I found a message from a man on the buddy list saying he was sorry he missed my husband's call. I was going to delete it, but left it there to see what my husband would do. When I went back online, it had been deleted.

Abby, I don't know what to do. We should go to counseling, but he is rarely in town.

**BETRAYED WIFE IN TAMPA**

**DEAR BETRAYED:** Make an appointment with your physician to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 7, 2001

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)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep talking about what it is that you want. Others will hear, eventually. Another might be a bit defiant or might feel challenged to do something his way. When gathering with friends, the unexpected happens. Keep hanging out. Enjoy your friends. Tonight: Out and about.

This week: Deal with primary security matters as the week begins. You find creative solutions to nearly any hassle.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Review your budget, with an eye to an even more financially secure year. Start planning for what you want. Partners just don't agree with you easily, so don't push them. Gather different financial ideas. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

This week: Others hear you. You are willing to do whatever you need to do to get your point across. Stick to basics with family.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep communication flourishing, even if you hit a difficult point or a snafu. Avoid a power play with direct communication. Seek out answers. You might not be able to change another's mind, but you find a surprising solution. Use your intellectual capacities. Tonight: Spontaneity works.

This week: Spending goes overboard, even if you don't intend for it to. Schedule meetings for midweek. Others will respond easily to your ideas.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\* Take a day off and do only what you want to do. Recognize that you can only do so much. Think about your limits here before you make any plans. A partner might be nervous. Remember, you can't always take care of others. Take care of yourself, too. Tonight: Do for yourself.

This week: Others succumb to your magnetism. Translation: Go for what you

want. The only person stopping you is you!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* A child or loved one could be cantankerous. You can try anything you want; it is unlikely to make a difference. Respond to a partner's sudden decision with equal zest. You're best among friends and enjoying yourself. Catch up on others' news. Tonight: Wherever a good time can be had.

This week: Take your time. Get all the facts before you take needed action. You're a powerhouse on Wednesday and Thursday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Someone you care a lot about has strong views. You can't change this person, but you can acknowledge him in a more positive light. Toss plans to the wind, if that is what you want to do. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Start thinking about tomorrow.

This week: Swing the bat and hit a home run on Monday or Tuesday. Glory in your laurels on Wednesday and Thursday. You did it!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Make calls and reach out for someone at a distance. You enjoy yourself wherever you are. Examine your long-term objectives with a friend who knows you well. Join in on the childish spontaneity that emanates from a child or loved one. Tonight: Take in a movie.

This week: All eyes turn to you. Co-workers give you the respect you deserve. Family could give you grief. Stay focused on your work.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Another makes overtures, and you wonder how you can say no. You can't. Enjoy this person for what he offers. Someone makes a big difference in your life. Do not put yourself in a financial bind. Simply say no. Tonight: A snugly night.

This week: Examine another's idea carefully. You might discover an even better answer. On Wednesday and Thursday, you display your knowledge. Others are clearly impressed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. You certainly are encouraged to get past a mood or problem. You might not exactly be sure about what is going on with others. Don't worry. Let go of a need to control. You will find the answers. Tonight: Say

yes to a loved one.

This week: Reach out for a dear associate or friend. Together you make an unbeatable team on Monday and Tuesday. Spread good news for the remainder of the week.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Take your time getting a project done. Listen to your inner voice with others. Could you be causing yourself problems where you don't need to? Let go of fears and be more open to others. Don't worry so much about finances. Tonight: Do basic chores.

This week: Others call the shots. Smile and go along on Monday and Tuesday. By the end of the week, you will renegotiate an agreement.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for another. You could question what you need to do for a difficult loved one. Suppressing your needs might occasionally be OK. Avoid making this behavior a long-term pattern, however. Your playful side emerges with a loved one. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

This week: Head into work with a New Year's resolution in mind. You are about to make waves. Now be politically correct.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Home continues to be a source of solace and joy. You might not be changing another's direction, but you do make a good choice for the family. You have an unexpected insight about a family member and what is going on with him. Tonight: Visit with a roommate.

This week: You're an idea person on Monday and Tuesday. Listen to another's feedback if you want to hatch a great idea.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Nicolas Cage (1964), singer Kenny Loggins (1948), journalist Katie Couric (1957)

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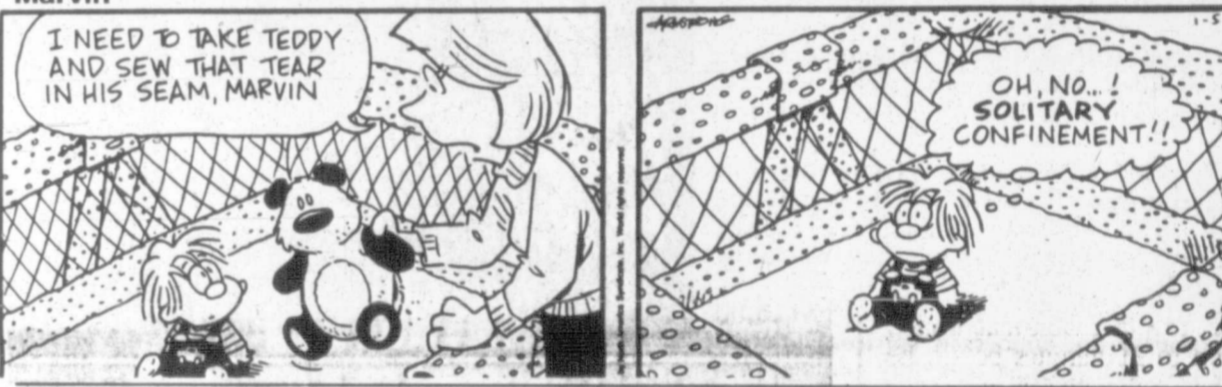
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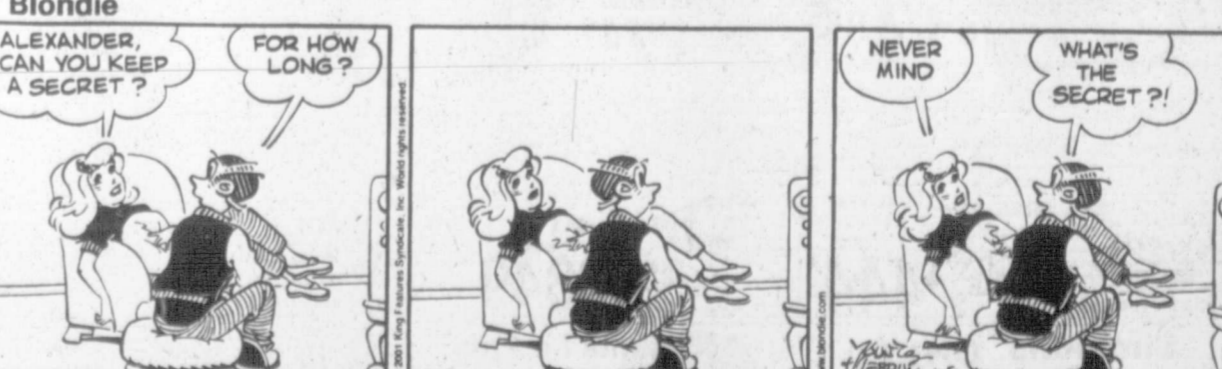
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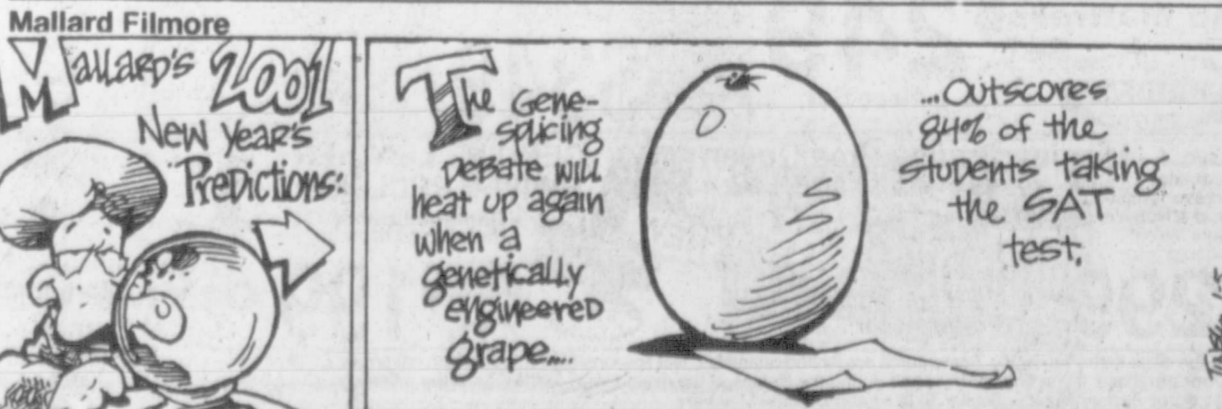
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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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### Marmaduke



"It's no use. I keep throwing it out and Marmaduke keeps dragging it back in."

### The Family Circus



"My friend Sister Patricia says she's now teaching first grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Motion."

## No BASKETBALL

PAMP Pampa Department men's basketball and up. Men's Recreation Open division. In addition, city will have 35 divisions. Entry fee: \$17 at 5 p.m. begins on Monday. Entry fee: \$200 and per play of 10 plays. Roster and league able at 816 S. informat. Shane's between Monday. SAN Randy H. son-high Faux ad. Diego St. Thursday. Corpus C. San I. matched last two consecutively. The Aztec streak since Myron points of Holcomb high 13 getting 12. San Diego 42-29 at 48 cent from ing the 15 percent sh. The Az lead to 55: the second. The 15 Hicks, av was held due to fou him to 21 fouled out Lee D points for Christi (6-

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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 city will offer a Men's Over 35 division.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 17 at 5 p.m., and the season begins on Jan. 24.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 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, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Randy Holcomb scored a season-high 26 points and Al Faux added 22, leading San Diego State to an 84-70 win Thursday over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

San Diego State (9-3) matched its win total for the last two seasons with its fifth consecutive victory, equaling the Aztecs' longest winning streak since the 1996-97 season.

Myron Epps scored 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting. Holcomb grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds with Epps getting 12.

San Diego State, which led 42-29 at halftime, shot 59.2 percent from the field, while holding the Islanders to just 34.2 percent shooting.

The Aztecs increased their lead to 55-38 five minutes into the second half.

The Islanders' Michael Hicks, averaging 26.1 points, was held to 16 points, in part due to foul trouble that limited him to 21 minutes before he fouled out with 4:49 left.

Lee Denmon scored 16 points for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (6-8).

### FOOTBALL

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — If the Kansas City Chiefs want Dick Vermeil as head coach, it might cost them on draft day.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Friday that the St. Louis Rams, who still have the retired Vermeil under contract for one more year, want a first-round pick in exchange for the right to hire him.

"My interpretation is, he can't go to Kansas City without our consent, which we haven't granted at this point," Rams president John Shaw said Thursday. "Right now, there is some dispute. If a coach still has years remaining (on his contract), he can't go to another club without our permission."

The Chiefs, meanwhile, refused to confirm reports that they fired Gunther Cunningham on Thursday after two lackluster seasons and want to replace him with Vermeil, who led the Rams to last year's Super Bowl title.

### HOCKEY

**DETROIT (AP)** — If the Detroit Red Wings are going to regain their Stanley Cup form, they'll need more games like this one.

Pat Verbeek scored two goals, and Doug Brown and Martin Lapointe also scored as Detroit beat the Dallas Stars 4-2 on Thursday night.

Entering the season, the Red Wings knew it would be role players like Brown and Lapointe, not stars Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov, who would determine the team's success.

Verbeek was a healthy scratch the previous game, Lapointe hadn't scored in 15 games and Brown had a goal for the first time in 12 games.

"Any time you're going to be successful and consistent during the year and the playoffs, you've got to get contributions from everyone," Verbeek said.

## Dolphins at Oakland for AFC playoff clash

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — The Oakland Raiders are still treated as the villains of the NFL, even if that's not the case anymore. The Miami Dolphins haven't gotten much attention at all.

In a way, it's that outside perception that has helped the two teams make it this far. The Raiders (12-4) play host to the Dolphins (12-5) on Saturday in the AFC playoffs.

Far from the menacing silver-and-black clad pirates on their logo, the Raiders are a controlled group of guys, led by a workaholic coach and a detail-oriented quarterback.

"We have taken pride in trying to be as detailed and organized as we can," coach Jon Gruden said.

Does that sound like the rough-and-tumble Raiders of the past? No, and that's fine with offensive tackle Lincoln Kennedy, who said he didn't mind being overlooked by other teams and the national media this season.

"I'd much rather be the quieter guy waiting in the wings for the challengers to come to us," he said.

The Raiders certainly surprised some with the strength of the running game, ranked first in the NFL with 154.4 yards per game. The running game has been led by Tyrone Wheatley, a cast-off from the New York Giants.

Wheatley ran for a career-high 1,046 yards and nine touchdowns.

"I really believe running the football is a key component in winning teams," Gruden said. "I think in '97 the Raiders ran the ball less than any team in this league. The last couple years we've run it as much or more than anybody in football."

Quarterback Rich Gannon, too, has surpassed expectations. Named to both the Pro Bowl and the Associated Press All-Pro Team, Gannon has thrown for 3,430 yards and 28 touchdowns. He has run for four more.

The Dolphins are known for their work on the other side of the ball. Their defense had 28 interceptions this season, more than any other team in the NFL. They forced 41 turnovers.

Defensive end Trace Armstrong had an AFC-best

16.5 quarterback sacks, followed by teammate Jason Taylor with 14.5 sacks.

But defense alone won't win games.

"As far as our critics go, we weren't supposed to be this far, but we are, and we're happy about it," defensive tackle Daryl Gardener said.

For the longest time, the Dolphins' offense was all about Dan Marino. Then, 29-year-old Dartmouth engineering grad Jay Fiedler came in after trying out with five teams in six seasons.

With Miami, he fit in, stunning both fans and critics.

"There's always people that are going to say it's time to give it up," he said. "You have a Dartmouth degree, go use it."

But I wanted to keep chasing that dream of playing and starting in the NFL."

Of course, at this point, all the secrets on both sides are out.

Against Miami, the mantra around the Raiders' training facility in Alameda has been consistency. The win-at-any-cost Raiders of the past have become responsible in their approach.

"We're not going to punch a clock this week and we're not going to drive to work faster than we did last week to try and outwork Miami," Gruden said. "We're going to try to be smart in terms of our preparation, try and take the ideas to our players and have them execute it on the practice field and get ready to play."

## Football honors keep coming for Burklow, Warren

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Editor

**PAMPA** — Pampa all-stars Jason Burklow and Jeff Warren have gained more post-season football honors.

Both PHS seniors were named to the annual Class 4A-5A Amarillo Globe News Golden Spread Super Team. Warren, a 6-3, 265-pound center, was named to the Super Team as an offensive lineman. Burklow, a 6-0, 190-pound

senior, made the defensive team at linebacker. Recently, both PHS athletes were named to another Globe-News Super Team, this one including all classifications among area schools.

Earlier, Burklow was named second-team all-state by the Associated Press Sports Writers. Warren was an honorable-mention pick.

"Both these players have been all-district the past two years and are very deserving of

these post-season honors," said Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier. Burklow, who led the Harvesters in tackles the past two seasons, is still weighing a number of college offers.

"I've talked to a lot of schools, but I haven't decided anything yet. I probably won't know for sure until the end of January," Burklow said.

Whichever college Burklow decides upon, they will be getting a good one, according to Cavalier.

"Jason stepped into the footsteps of a lot of outstanding linebackers who have gone through Pampa High," Cavalier said. "He worked very hard and performed magnificently."

Burklow was the ringleader of a Pampa defense that was No. 1 in District 3-4A the past two seasons.

He had 158 tackles in the 2000 campaign.

Warren — who is headed for the University of Wyoming on

a football scholarship — was recruited by Oklahoma State University, Texas Christian University, North Texas and West Texas A&M, including several others.

Wyoming is a NCAA Division 1 school located in Laramie. Warren and UW head coach Vic Koenning have exchanged visits. Warren flew to Laramie to look at the campus and coach Koenning visited the Warren family in Pampa.

Warren fell in love with the university and committed to UW in early December.

"The coaches are very interested in me and what will be best for me," he said.

Cavalier noted that strong off-season work habits paid off for Warren.

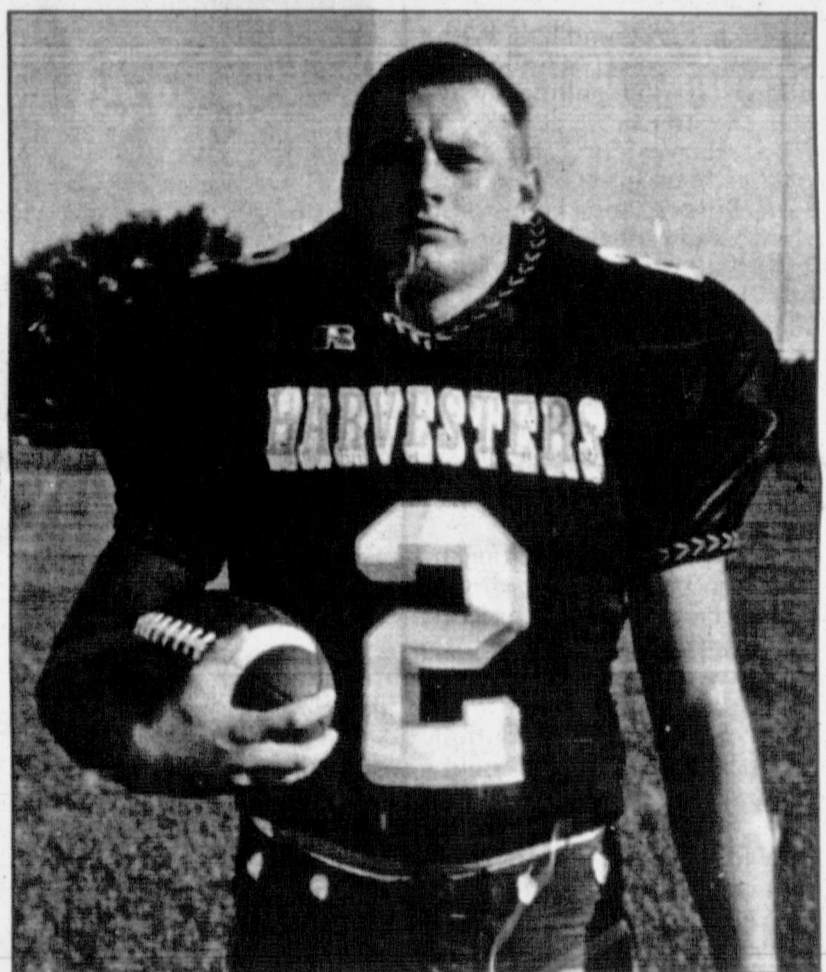
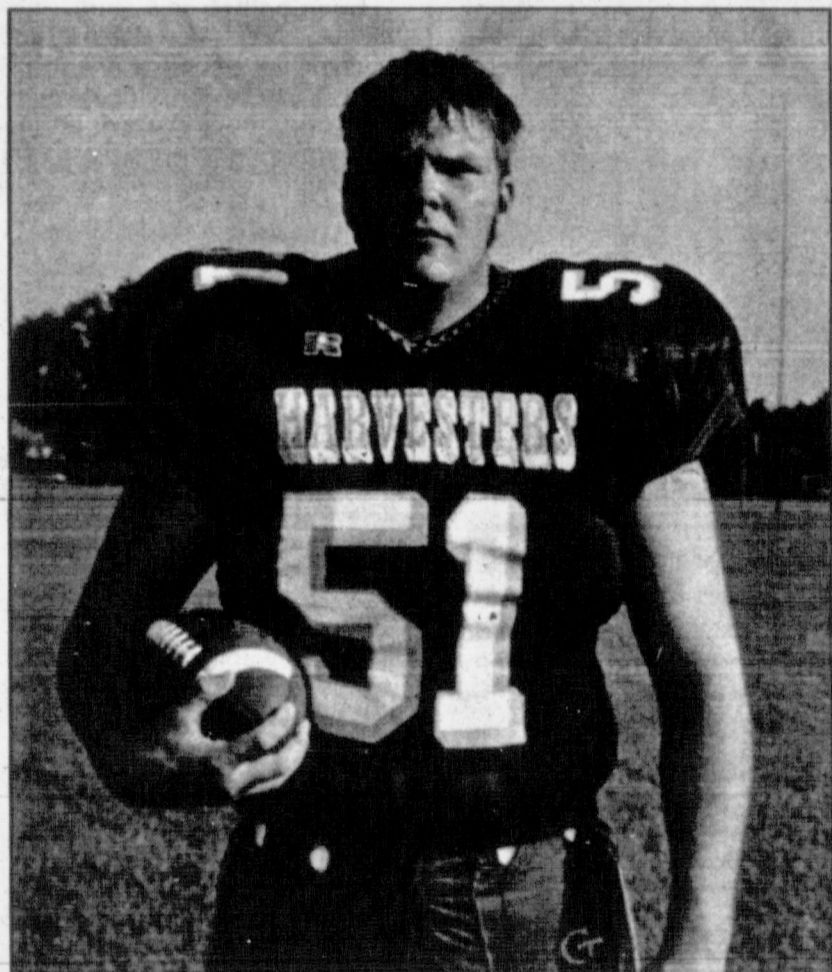
"Jeff was very dedicated and spent a lot of time in the weight room," Cavalier said. "He's been a great player at center for us the last two years."

Warren has played other positions on the line, but settled on center in high school.

"Some years ago, Jeff saw the need for a center to be athletic and skillful. These days with a lot of shotgun snaps, he felt like he was best suited for that position," Cavalier said.

Among Warren's other honors this past season include Pre-Season, Pigskin Prep All-Region Center; Team Co-Captain and Top O' Texas Top 50 Offensive Linemen.

Jeff's parents are Leonard and Sandy Warren. His older brother, Jason, played two years of junior college football, including one year at Midwestern in Wichita Falls.



Center Jeff Warren (left) will be going to Division 1 Wyoming while linebacker Jason Burklow isn't expected to make a decision on collegiate football until the last week of this month.

## Oklahoma puts Big 12 atop college football world

**DALLAS (AP)** — When the Big Eight and Southwest Conference merged to form the Big 12 "super-conference," this was what its founders expected every football season:

A unanimous national champion. Three Top 10 teams. Five in the Top 25.

Oklahoma's victory in the Orange Bowl, which capped an undefeated season and No. 1 ranking, was as much a crowning achievement for the 5-year-old conference as it was for the school.

The Sooners gave the Big 12 its first outright national champion. In 1997, Nebraska was voted No. 1 in the coaches poll, but was second to Michigan in the Associated Press writers poll.

There also were near misses in '96 and '98, when the Cornhuskers and Kansas State saw undefeated seasons end with Big 12 champi-

onship losses to Texas and Texas A&M.

"It's great to get the monkey off our back as far as not having won an undisputed national championship," commissioner Kevin Weiberg said Thursday. "Internally, we weren't putting that kind of pressure on ourselves, but when the conference was formed, there were some high expectations. And every year that goes by that you don't get to that level, it does add to it."

The Cornhuskers were eighth in this season's final AP poll and Kansas State was ninth, marking the first time the league has finished the season with three teams ranked that high.

While the Pac-10 topped the Big 12 by having teams ranked Nos. 3, 4 and 7, the West Coast league had no other teams in the top 25. The Big 12 also had Texas at No. 12 and Iowa State at No. 25.

The SEC placed the most teams in the Top 25 with six, but five of them were ranked between No. 18 and 24. A seventh SEC school, Tennessee, was one voting point shy of tying Iowa State for 25th.

This is the first time since 1981 that the Cyclones have been ranked, and it's their first appearance in the postseason poll since 1976.

"To have a breakthrough for them is another good mark for the

conference, that there's good depth," Weiberg said. "Just a couple of years ago, Oklahoma was 3-5 in the Big 12. It shows you can go from being somewhat mediocre to strong. That ought to give hope to everyone in our conference."

In becoming the conference's first undisputed champion, the Sooners (13-0) struck a mighty blow for the Big 12 South, which has been the weaker half of a league that's often been bitterly

divided between the divisions.

But Oklahoma's 13-2 victory over Florida State couldn't hide an ugly disparity in the bowl records of the divisions.

With victories this bowl season by Nebraska, Kansas State, Iowa State, North schools are 18-5. OU's victory was only the second for the South against 12 losses, including defeats this bowl season by Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

## 8th graders beat Hereford

**PAMPA** — Pampa swept Hereford in 8th grade boys' basketball games Thursday night.

Pampa Red beat Hereford by a score of 42-30. Brittin East led Pampa with 27 points and 8 rebounds.

Pampa Blue won 32-26. Ricky Gattis was Pampa's high scorer with 9 points. Jared Winegeart had 8 points and 6 rebounds. Cameron Seger and Dusty Lenderman added 6 points each.

Pampa Blue has an 8-1 record while Pampa Red is 7-1.

In the 7th grade division,

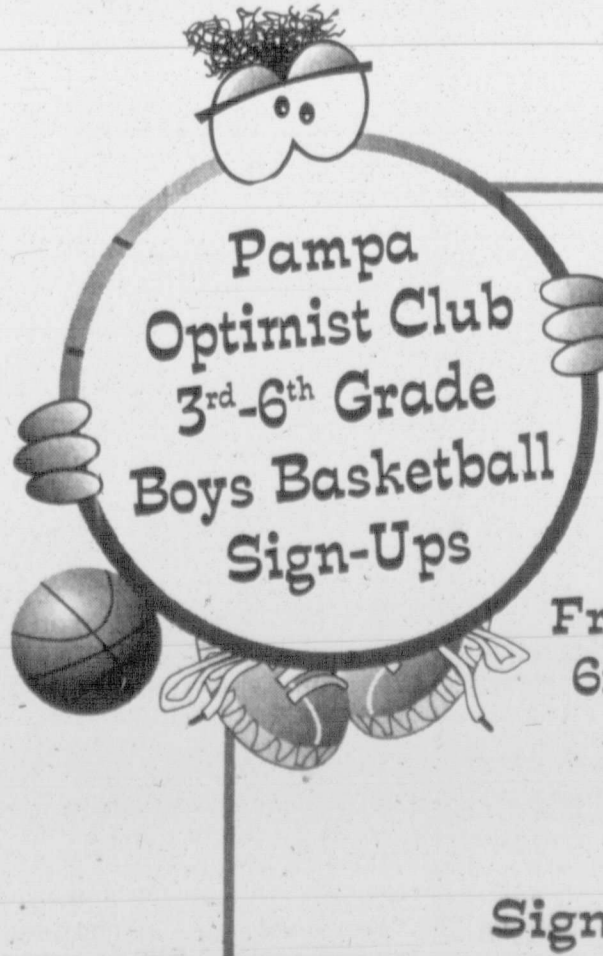
Pampa Red lost to Hereford by one point, 36-35.

Braden Barker had 9 points to lead Pampa in scoring while Eric Kingcade had 7, Colby Scott 4 and Weston Teichmann 4.

Hereford defeated Pampa Blue 52-38.

Jarred Mohler led Pampa with 14 points. Shane Goldsmith followed with 6, while Cody Ellis had 5, Tyson Hickman 4, William Shipman 4, Nick Robbins 3, and Billy Hightower 2.

Pampa Blue has a 2-7 record and Pampa Red is 1-8.



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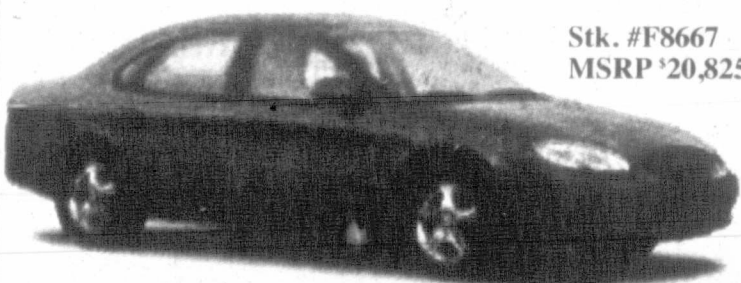
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