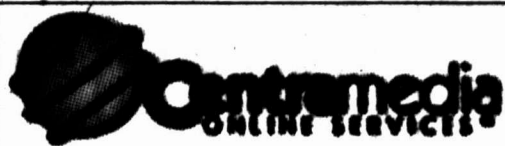


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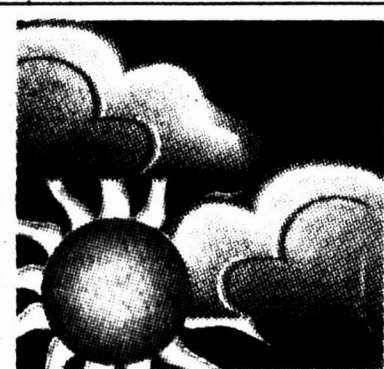


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**No Saturday match; Lotto jackpot grows**

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$11 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 54 were: 11-12-24-25-36-42. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$15 million.

**PHS concert, slave auction set Nov. 19**

PAMPA — Pampa High School Band will perform in concert and stage a live auction fund-raiser from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19 in the high school auditorium. Items for auction will be available for viewing at 6:30 p.m. and will include baked goods and Christmas decorations. Hire a student (slave) to help with seasonal chores such as putting up Christmas lights or cleaning house or yards. Organizers urge the community to attend this special event and show their support for the Pride of Pampa Band!

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## City to handle PEDC financial affairs

### Tripplehorn to stay on for four months if commission OKs

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

The process of closing down the Pampa Economic Development Corporation began in an early morning meeting of that board today.

A consultant's agreement between the PEDC and PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn was approved by the PEDC Board following a 25-minute executive session at Pampa City Hall.

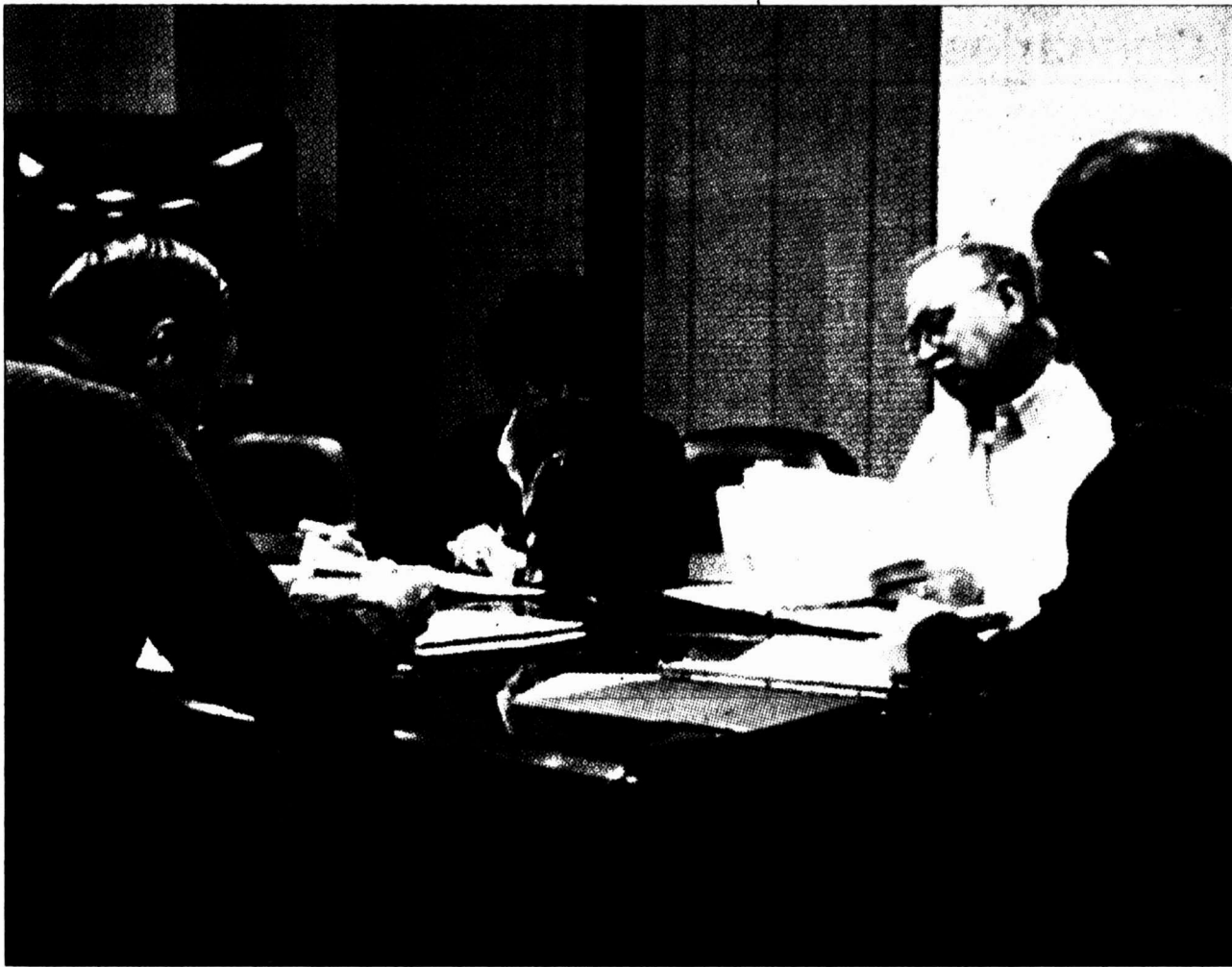
Pampa City Council will consider the item during their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The work session is at 5 p.m. in City Hall followed by the regular meeting at 6 p.m. Both are public meetings.

"It's a sad day in the history of Pampa," said Doug Locke, a local businessman, referring to the results of last week's special election in which Pampa voters voted to dissolve the PEDC. He spoke during the public com-

**Following today's meeting, PEDC Board Secretary Lee Porter said he will resign from the board. He said he will submit a letter of resignation to the Pampa City Commission at its Tuesday meeting.**

ments portion of the meeting. "There are still major decisions to be made," said City Commissioner Jeff Andrews. He said the City Commission will determine what to do with the assets and what procedures to follow.

City officials will be learning as they go as Pampa is the first economic development group in the state to be dissolved. (See PEDC, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Meeting in a special meeting this morning, Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board members began the work of closing down the entity. Darville Orr, left, Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn, Lee Porter, and Jerry Foote discussed recommendations which will be sent to the Pampa City Commission for approval at its Tuesday meeting.

## Lake McClellan recreation proposals to be meet topic

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Area residents interested in improving the recreation area at Lake McClellan will have an opportunity to give input on the proposed upgrading at a meeting to be held in Pampa.

Jimmy Dickerson of the U. S. Forest Service said several planned proposals will be presented to people in the area at a public meeting on Nov. 27. He is asking local residents who are interested in the future of Lake McClellan to plan to be at the meeting.

"We want to hear from the people who use the lake about what they want to see done," said Dickerson. "The meeting will be an informal

come-and-go session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 27 in the Nona Payne Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Dickerson said several Forest Services will be at the meeting to take questions or take comments.

He said they would like to continue the dredging project if water and funds are available. A partnership project with Gray County has increased to lake depth by removal of the silt. He said they would like to continue that project.

Construction of dikes along McClellan Creek channel in the upper portion of Lake McClellan.

Dickerson said this process will reduce the overall size of the lake by preventing water from entering shallow lake areas. However, he said, addi-

(See LAKE, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Kay Pitman, music coordinator at Travis Elementary School, leads a standing-room only crowd in the song "You're a Grand Old Flag" in the finale of the Veteran's Day Celebration Friday. Third-grader Madilyn Shufts, surrounded by Travis fifth graders, represents the Statue of Liberty. Afterward, a check for \$135 from student poppy sales was presented to Mike Porter of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. To see more ways Pampans are expressing their patriotism, turn to Page 6.

## Route 66 theme for I-40 rest areas Gray County location

Two new rest stops, including one designed with a Route 66 theme, will be added along Interstate 40 between Alanreed and Jericho in Gray County at the cost of \$16.5 million.

The stretch of highway represents 178 miles of Route 66 that runs through the crown of Texas.

Tonya Detten with the state transportation department announced the plans Sunday during a meeting in Amarillo celebrating the 75th birthday of Route 66.

"The No. 1 complaint TxDOT receives is not enough rest stops," Detten said. "The ones we have are atrocious. We haven't spent much money on rest stops the last couple of decades."

Construction on the rest stops began this summer and should be complete by fall 2002.

(See REST STOPS, Page 2)

**Delbert Trew of Alanreed, founder and board member of the Old Route 66 Association of Texas, said it is important for the organization to increase the connection between Interstate 40 and Route 66 in Texas.**

## Library grant chance city discussion item

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library will be eligible for up to \$4,000 in direct state aid if the library drops its non-resident fees before the end of this month. The fees now generate about \$150 a year.

Library Director Anne Stobbe will be at Tuesday's 5 p.m. City Commission work session to explain how the Lone Star Libraries Program works. The regular meeting follows at 6 p.m.

The 77th Texas State Legislature appropriated \$2.9 million in each year of the 2002-03 biennium for the program which includes two types of grants.

Another library-related item concerns Friends of the Pampa Library will be at the work session to discuss some additional landscaping modifications the group is willing to fund.

In other business the commission will:

- Consider two Pampa Economic Development Commission matters. (See story this page)
- Consider adopting a resolution relating to the designation of the Arkansas River Shiner as an endangered species.
- Consider a transfer of budgeted funds from contingency to operation.
- Consider approval of expenditure of park donation funds.
- Consider setting a date and time for a planning work session.
- Go into a closed meeting to discuss the reappointment of Neil Quattlebaum to the Gray County Tax Appraisal District and to discuss appointments to the PEDC Board of Directors.



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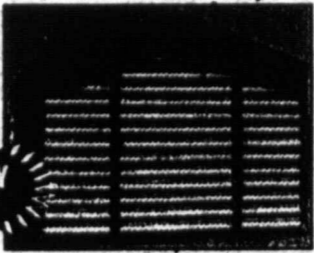


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## Operation Dear Abby Is Casualty Of Terrorist War

DEAR ABBY: I have sad news. Unfortunately, we are forced to cancel Operation Dear Abby for the 2001 holiday season. Recent mail-related attacks have demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system. As a result, mail handling has become more sensitive and time-consuming. The increased volume of mail resulting from Operation Dear Abby, coupled with the increased manpower effort for Force Protection, has the potential of impacting both the quality of service and, more important, the safety provided to our military personnel.

Operation Dear Abby creates an avenue to introduce mail into the system from unknown sources. Our primary concern is the safety of the members of the armed forces who are forward-deployed in defense of our country.

I want to personally thank you for your long and distinguished service to the members of the armed forces of the United States of America. Your efforts and the efforts of your readers are acknowledged and appreciated by all service members.

CAPT. E.M. DUCOM, U.S. NAVY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE AGENCY

DEAR CAPT. DUCOM: Thank you. I know your message will come as a disappointment to the many thousands of patriotic Americans who for the past 16 years have joyfully participated in sending cards and letters to our servicemen and women, and who had looked forward to Operation Dear Abby this year. While I, too, am extremely disap-

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

pointed, I know I speak for my readers when I say the safety of our military personnel is paramount.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have enjoyed a happy marriage for the past nine years. We are financially secure and have a beautiful 2-year-old daughter. Aside from the occasional disagreement, I have had no complaints about our relationship.

However, my wife has taken up an activity that has begun to trouble me. It began about three years ago, when she resolved to make preparations in case of her untimely death. She purchased a life insurance policy and made out her will. This seems reasonable to me, but in addition, she also wrote her own eulogy. At the time I thought it was strange, but understandable. After all, it is important to be properly remembered.

What is disturbing is that my wife has begun revising her eulogy to include the major events of her life as they happen. She has done it more than 20 times since originally making out the speech. It has become her hobby. In fact, upon recently returning from a good friend's wedding, she spent the better part of a

Saturday working the experience into her document.

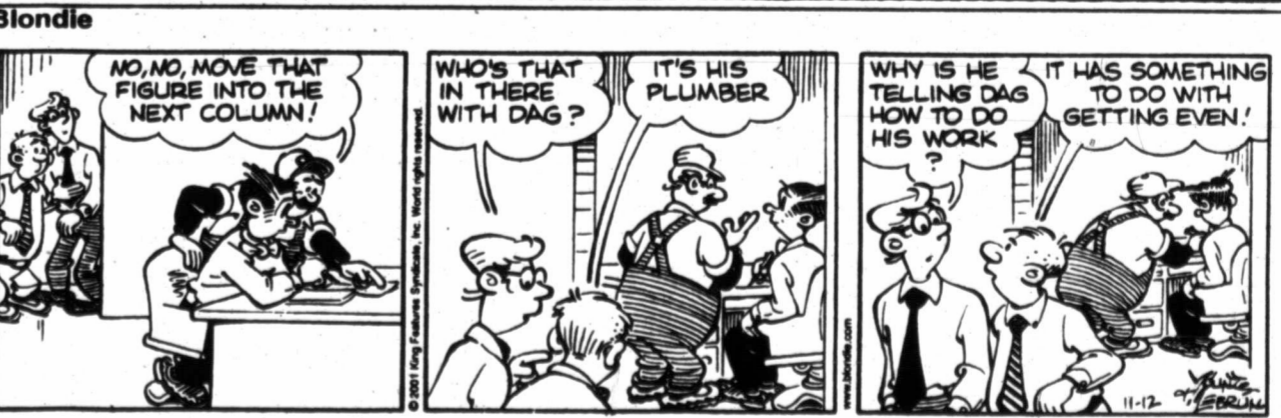
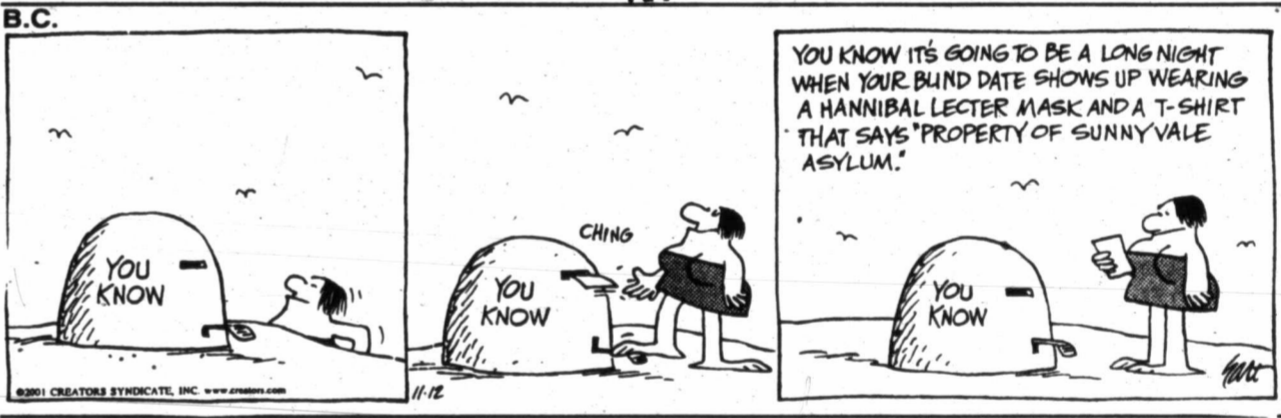
This pastime cannot be healthy. How can my wife live her life if she constantly reminds herself of her death? We have discussed this several times. She doesn't understand why this bothers me, nor does she particularly want to talk about it. Am I worrying for nothing?

CONCERNED HUSBAND IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONCERNED: Your wife's new hobby is bizarre, but if she is exhibiting no signs of depression or personality changes, it's probably nothing to worry about. She may feel she has no control over how she will die, but can control what's said about her. Or perhaps she's a frustrated writer. I am intrigued, however, how she got it into her that someone attending her funeral would be interested in hearing about the weddings she has attended. At the rate she's going, your wife may have the longest funeral in history.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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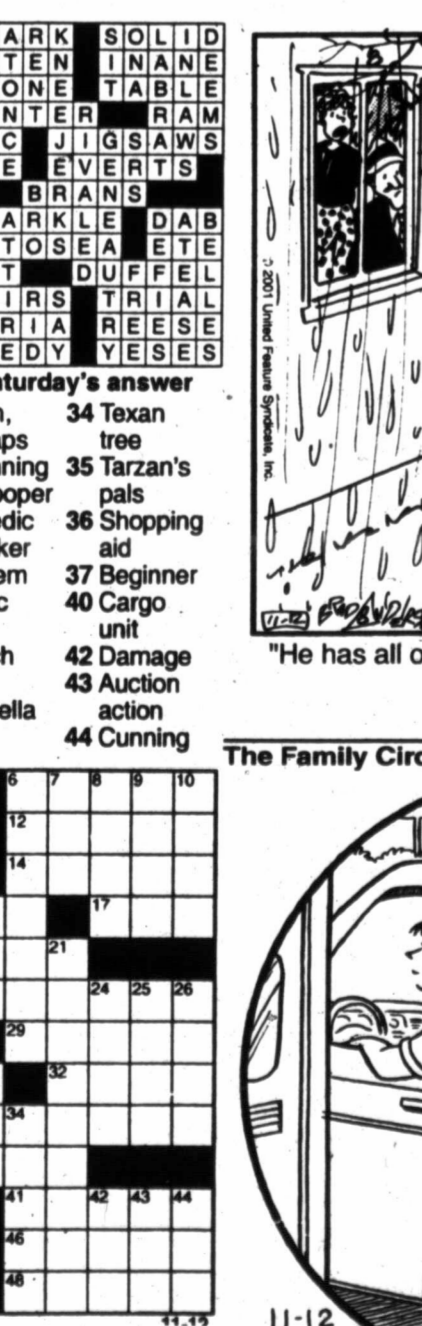
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

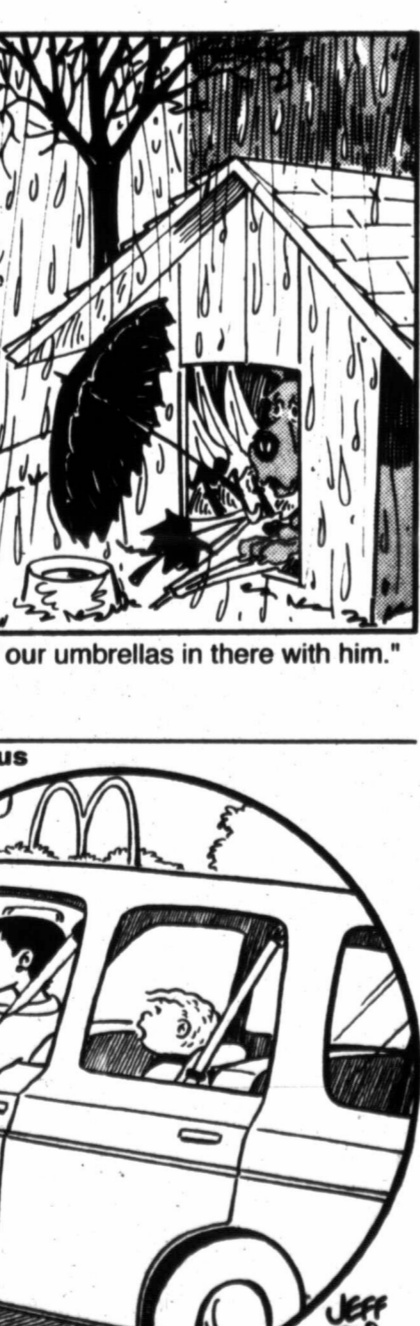
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# SPORTS

## Plainview hosts Pampa-Andrews bi-district tilt

### Notebook

#### GENERAL

**PAMPA** — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having basketball and indoor roller hockey signups for girls and boys K-12th grades at the Baker Elementary Gym Nov. 19-20. Signup times are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Another signup date is set for Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents who would be interested in helping to coach a team or assist with the program are urged to come to the signups.

For more information, call the Pampa Kids & Youth Club during the day at 669-8236, or Dean Crockett at 665-3927, Danny Martin at 835-2906 or Robert-Cottrell at 665-0335.

Young people are urged to encourage their friends and classmates to sign up.

#### FOOTBALL

**CANADIAN** — Sunray defeated Canadian 28-7 Friday night to end the Wildcats' season.

Canadian finishes the season at 5-5 overall and 4-3 in District 6-2A.

The only touchdown for the Wildcats came in the first quarter on a 49-yard run by Jay English.

#### BASEBALL

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Mark McGwire, the former single-season home run king, announced his retirement from baseball Sunday following two injury-plagued seasons.

McGwire strongly hinted of retiring several times this year, when he batted just .187 with 29 home runs as he was slowed by a bum right knee.

McGwire had agreed to a \$30 million, two-year contract extension in spring training but never signed the deal.

"After considerable discussion with those closest to me, I have decided not to sign the extension, as I am unable to perform at a level equal to the salary the organization would be paying me," McGwire said in a statement which was first released to ESPN. "I believe I owe it to the Cardinals and the fans of St. Louis to step aside, so a talented free agent can be brought in as the final piece of what I expect can be a World Championship-caliber team."

The timing of the announcement took the Cardinals by surprise. Manager Tony La Russa and McGwire have spoken often since the end of the season and the slugger hadn't told him about the decision.

Dates and sites have been announced for the bi-district round of the football playoffs.

Pampa meets Andrews at 7:30 Friday night in Plainview. The Harvesters finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and were District 3-4A co-champions with Palo Duro. The Mustangs were 5-5 for the season and claimed the third-place playoff spot in District 4-4A.

Pampa is in Division Two of Class 4A. In area matchups, Miami meets unbeaten Groom at 7:30 Friday night in Lefors. Miami has a 6-4 record while Groom is 10-0 in the six-man ranks.

In Class 1A, both Wheeler and White Deer out of District 1-1A advance to the playoffs. Wheeler meets defending state champion

Stratford at 7:30 Thursday night in Kimbrough Stadium, while White Deer goes against Nazareth at 7:30 Saturday night in Dick Bivins Stadium.

#### Class 4A Pairings

**DIVISION I**  
Bi-district  
Region I

EP Yaleta (6-2) vs. EP Mountain View (8-1), 7 p.m. Thursday at EP Mountain View.  
Amarillo Palo Duro (9-1) vs. Plainview (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.  
Azle (8-2) vs. Grapevine (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday at Birdville Complex in North Richland Hills.  
FW Wyatt (6-4) vs. Burleson (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Farrington Field in Fort Worth.

**Region II**  
Denton Ryan (10-0) vs. Waxahachie (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Southlake Carroll.  
Dallas South Oak Cliff (6-4) vs. Dallas Sunset (5-5).  
Richardson Pearce (9-1) vs. Texarkana Texas High (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday at Homer Bryce Stadium in Nacogdoches.  
Corsicana (7-3) vs. Longview Pine Tree (5-5), 8 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium in Mesquite.

#### Region III

Belton (5-5) vs. Magnolia (6-4), 7 p.m. Saturday at Bryan.  
Beaumont Ozen (6-3) vs. Nederland (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Lamar University in Beaumont.  
Houston Sterling (7-3) vs. Caney Creek (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Spring.  
Friendswood (10-0) vs. Angleton (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.

**Region IV**  
Pflugerville Connally (9-1) vs. San Marcos (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bobcat Stadium in San Marcos.  
Smithson Valley (10-0) vs. SA McCollum (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Harlandale Memorial Stadium in San Antonio.  
SA Roosevelt (8-2) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gregory-Portland.  
Alice (5-5) vs. Brownsville Lopez (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownsville.

**DIVISION II**  
Bi-district  
Region I  
El Paso Riverside (7-2) vs. Fabers (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at EP Riverside.  
Pampa (7-3) vs. Andrews (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plainview.  
Wichita Falls (6-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Southlake Carroll.

FW Dunbar (9-1) vs. Stephenville (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.  
Pecos (6-4) vs. EP Parkland (5-4), 8:30 p.m. Friday at Pecos.  
Hereford (8-2) vs. Frenship (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.  
FW Boswell (9-1) vs. Burk Burnett (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at FW Boswell.  
Crowley (9-1) vs. FW Eastern Hills (5-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Birdville Complex in Richland Hills.

**Region II**  
Sherman (8-2) vs. Waco University (5-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at Sherman.  
Dallas Jefferson (8-4) vs. Dallas Samuell (5-4).  
Highland Park (9-1) vs. Greenville (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at John Clark Field in Plano.  
Jacksonville (9-1) vs. Henderson (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Henderson.  
Denison (4-8) vs. Ernie (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland.  
Dallas Roosevelt (6-4) vs. Dallas Lincoln (9-1).

**Region III**  
Mesquite Poteet (7-3) vs. Mount Pleasant (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland.  
Terrell (5-5) vs. Kilgore (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Terrell Memorial Stadium.  
Cedar Park (8-2) vs. Waller (6-3), 7:30 p.m.

Friday at Waller.  
Jasper (9-1) vs. PA Jefferson (6-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Huntsville.  
Forest Brook (10-0) vs. Kashmere (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Thome Stadium in Houston.  
La Marque (6-2) vs. Brazosport (4-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Hopper Field in Freeport.  
Killeen Harker Heights (7-3) vs. Brenham (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Round Rock.  
Silasbee (6-4) vs. PA Lincoln (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Silasbee.  
Dayton (6-4) vs. Wheatley (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dayton.  
Dickinson (7-3) vs. Bay City (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Traynor Stadium in Rosenberg.

**Region IV**  
Austin Reagan (8-2) vs. Lockhart (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lockhart.  
New Braunfels vs. Medina Valley (10-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at New Braunfels.  
SA Alamo Heights (8-2) vs. Rockport-Fulton (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at SA Alamo Heights.  
CC Calallen (10-0) vs. PSJA Memorial (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at CC Calallen.  
Austin LBJ (5-5) vs. Bastrop (6-4) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bastrop.  
Kerrville Try (8-2) vs. Uvalde (8-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Uvalde.  
SA Sam Houston (4-6) vs. Beeville (9-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.  
Kingsville (5-5) vs. Sharyland (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Javelina Stadium in Kingsville.

### Groom shuts out Happy

**HAPPY** — Groom's regular season had a happy ending, which happened to end in Happy on Friday night.

Groom shut out Happy 46-0, in a six-man game which lasted only three quarters due to the 45-point mercy rule.

Cody Bivins and Clay Ritter led the Groom attack with two touchdowns each. Bivins, who rushed for 63 yards on seven carries, scored on runs of 26 and 17-yard runs. Ritter caught touchdown passes of 51 and 15 yards from Clay Britten.

Other touchdowns were scored by Clay Britten (16-yard run) and Trey Britten (2-yard run). Bivins was successful on 5 of 6 conversion kicks.

Defensively, Clay Britten had 9 tackles and 1 interception for the Tigers. Ritter and Doug Fields had 5 tackles each.

The Tigers were a perfect 10-0 for the season and will meet Miami in bi-district play, starting at 7:30 Friday night in Lefors.

### Big 12 players are selected

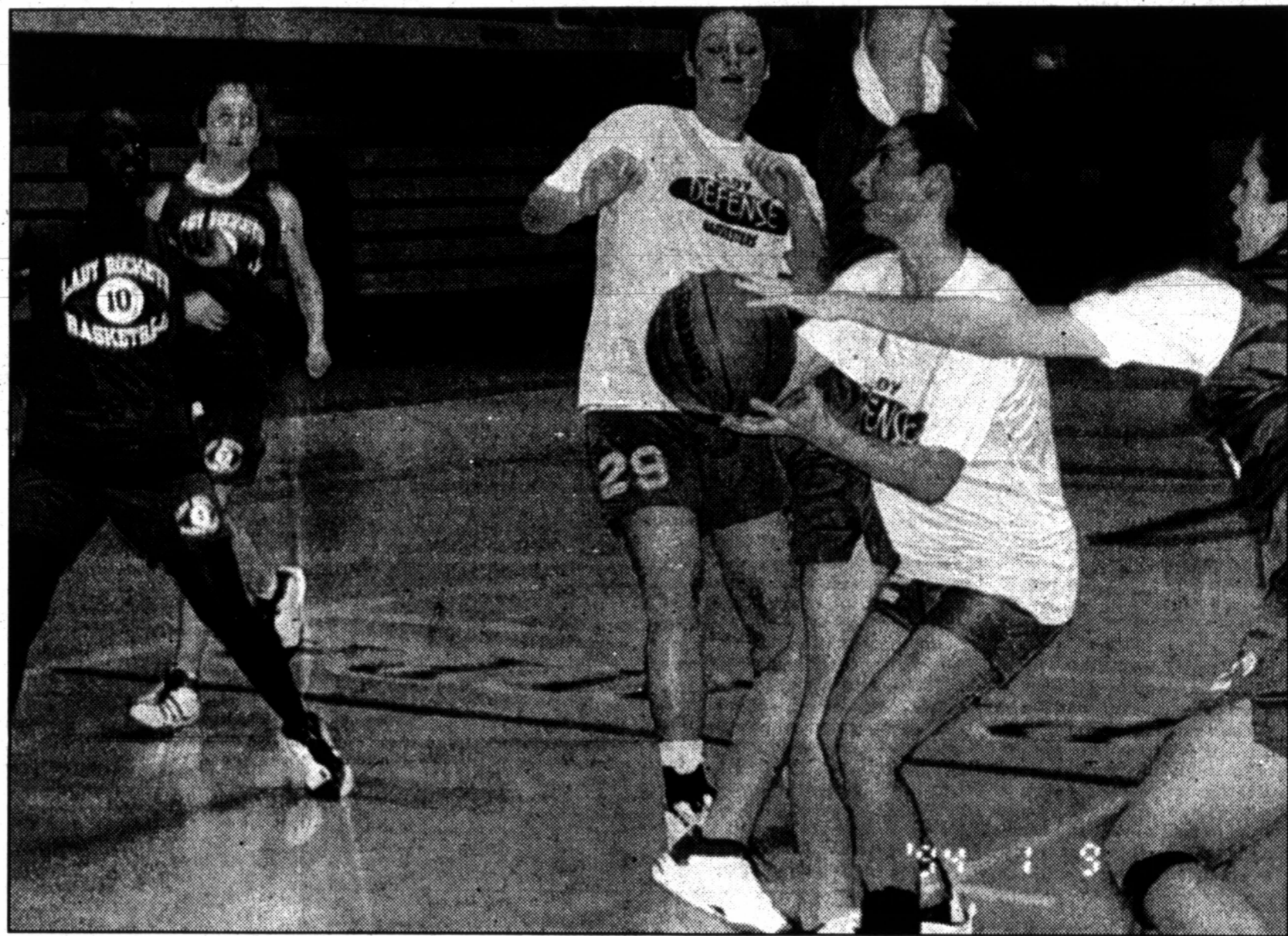
**DALLAS (AP)** — Colorado running back Cortlen Johnson and Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury were named co-offensive players of the week in the Big 12, while Nebraska safety Willie Amos and Colorado kicker Jeremy Flores earned the other weekly individual awards.

Johnson was the first Colorado player ever with more than 100 yards rushing and more than 100 yards receiving in the same game. Johnson had 27 carries for 172 yards rushing and one touchdown, and caught six passes for 105 yards and one TD in the Buffaloes' 40-27 win at Iowa State.

Kingsbury completed 44 of 56 passes for 440 yards and four TDs to four different receivers as Tech beat Oklahoma State 49-30.

Amos intercepted two passes in Nebraska's 31-21 win over Kansas State to earn the defensive player of the week. He returned one of the interceptions 20 yards for a touchdown and returned the other one 50 yards to set up a field goal by the Huskers.

### Girls scrimmage



Pampa's Jennifer Lindsey looks to shoot during a girls' basketball scrimmage Saturday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Both the Pampa boys' and girls' teams open the season Tuesday night at Amarillo High. Tipoff is at 6.

## Texas Tech wins scoring barrage against OSU

By **DANNY M. BOYD**  
Associated Press Writer

**STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)** — Les Miles' opinion of Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury didn't change much Saturday after Tech's 49-30 win over Oklahoma State.

"I thought Kingsbury was an awfully talented quarterback coming in, and I see him no differently leaving," the first-year Oklahoma State coach said.

Kingsbury threw for 440 yards and four touchdowns as Texas Tech (6-3, 4-3 Big 12) won its third straight in preparation for No. 3 Oklahoma next weekend in Lubbock.

"We are going to go in relaxed," said Kingsbury, who moved into second place on the school's career touchdown pass

list with 44, only four behind leader Robert Hall. "No one expects us to win, so we don't have anything to lose."

Oklahoma State (2-7, 0-6 Big 12) lost its fifth in a row and closed out its home season without a conference win in Stillwater. The last two games are at Baylor and Oklahoma.

"At times, we made great plays on defense, and at times we didn't make those plays," Miles said. "On offense, we moved the ball and then turned it over. We can't make those mistakes."

Among the bright spots was Chris Massey, whose 209 kickoff return yards were the most in a single game in Oklahoma State history. Massey surpassed the previous 151-yard record Barry Sanders set in 1987 against Tulsa.

Also Pogi had 245 yards passing and three touchdowns for the Cowboys, and Rashaun Woods had 109 yards receiving.

But Oklahoma State's defense couldn't hold off Kingsbury and his receivers. Mickey Peters led 11 Texas Tech pass catchers with 100 yards.

"Our offense played well today," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "We overcame some penalties, which was good."

Ricky Williams rushed for 75 yards and two touchdowns and set a Texas Tech record for career rushing attempts.

For the Cowboys, Tatum Bell rushed for 83 yards and a score.

Texas Tech led 21-10 at the half. Kingsbury hit Nehemiah Glover for a 42-yard touchdown pass to open scoring after the break and connected with Francis on a 2-

yard touchdown pass at 4:28 in the third quarter.

Pogi lobbed a 23 yard pass to Woods in the corner of the end zone to bring Oklahoma State to 35-17 with 12 seconds left in the third quarter.

Williams scored from the 1 with 12:51 left. But a 92-yard Massey kickoff return set up Pogi's six-yard scoring pass to Woods with 12:23 remaining.

Pogi found Woods again on an 18-yard touchdown pass with 5:57 left, but an attempt at getting two extra points failed.

Anthony Terrell picked off a pass from backup Josh Fields and returned it 45 yards to end scoring with 2:57 left.

Kingsbury had 201 yards for two touchdowns in the first half, hitting Anton Paige and Foy Munlin for scores.

## Cowboys turn over quarterback reins to Leaf

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Ryan Leaf's first start for the Dallas Cowboys turned out like most of the ones in San Diego.

A loss. Rushed into the No. 1 job by the desperate Cowboys, Leaf was understandably rusty in a 20-13 loss to the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday.

There were communication problems that forced Dallas to

use all of its timeouts before the final drive. In addition, Leaf tripped while trying to make a handoff and bobbled a snap.

"I was just taking what they gave me," said Leaf, who completed 14-of-22 pass but totaled only 114 yards. "I just wanted to manage the game."

The Falcons (4-4) had their own quarterback problems. Chris Chandler couldn't play

because of a rib injury, so top draft pick Michael Vick and Doug Johnson rotated on nearly every play in the second half.

Vick struggled but two long punt returns by Darrien Gordon set up a touchdown and field goal in the fourth quarter. Maurice Smith played a major role, too, carrying 27 times for a career-high 148 yards.

Leaf was picked No. 2 by the

Chargers in 1998, but his poor play and moody demeanor made him one of the greatest draft-day blunders. He was cut loose after going 4-14 as a starter, throwing 13 touchdowns and 33 interceptions.

Leaf failed to make the Tampa Bay roster before signing with Dallas (2-6), which wants to see the next few weeks to see if there's any hope of turning his career around.

"I thought he did an excellent job of staying in the pocket," said Gordon, who doubles as a defensive back for the Falcons. "Maybe he needs to improve his weight training and playing condition so he'll have more mobility. But I think he's going to be their guy."

Maybe Leaf should take a page from Gordon, who is still hanging around just a couple of days shy of his 31st birthday.

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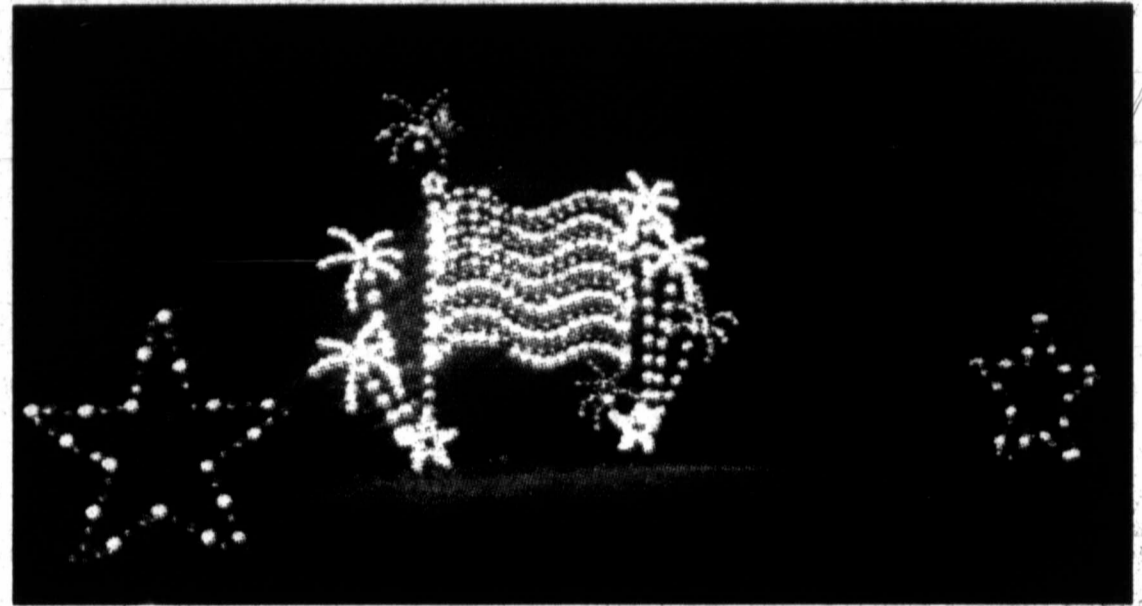
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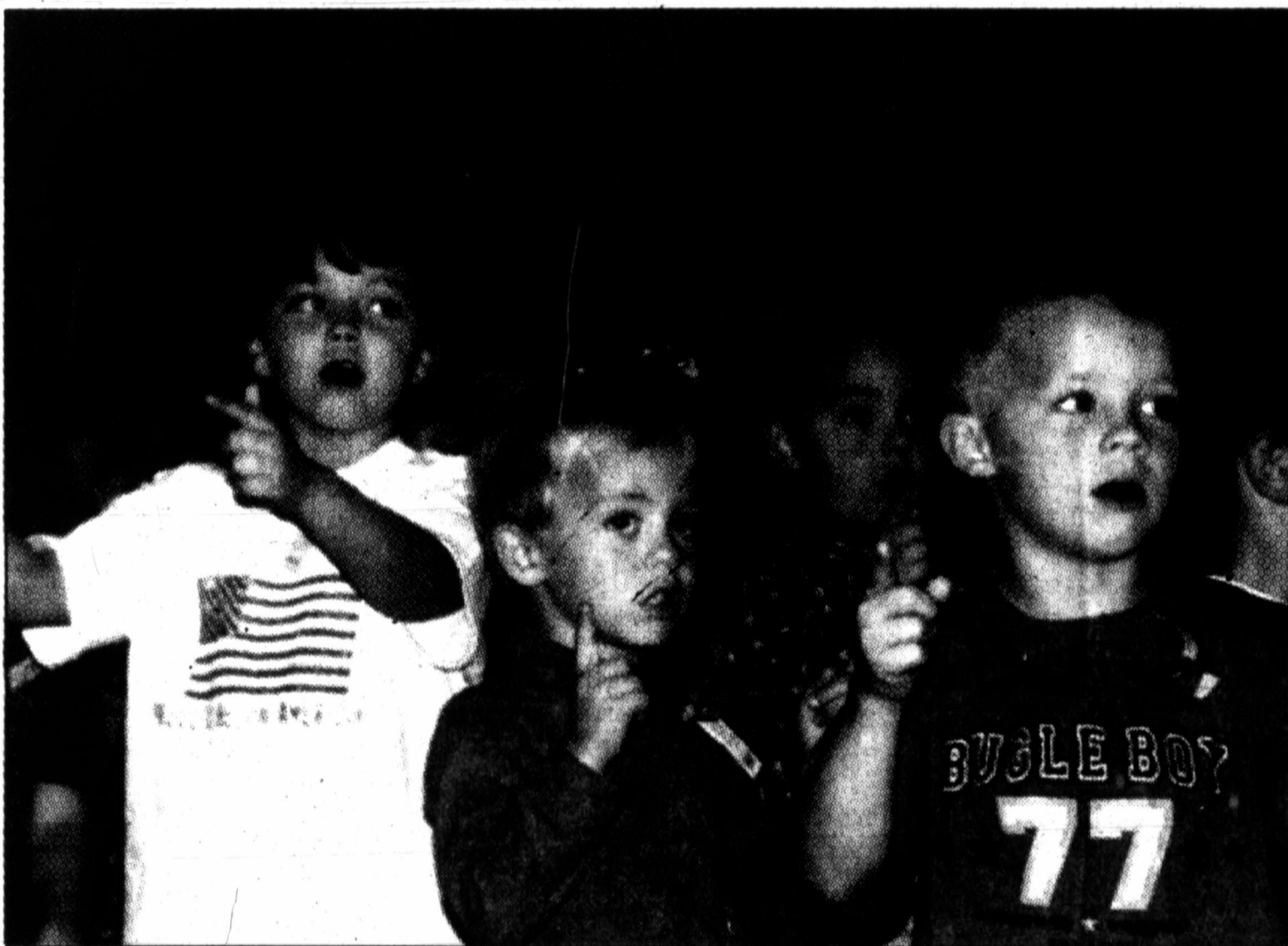
A patriotic Pampan spray painted a flag on the wall of a garage in the 200 block of North Faulkner that can be easily seen by passers-by on Hobart Street, more than a block away.

# A grand old flag!



A flag with fireworks and lighted stars decorate the front of M.K. Brown Auditorium, patriotic decorations used for the 2001 Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair.

Photos by Dee Dee Laramore



Ashlee Kieth, James Lee Tabor and Skyler Bean, kindergarten students, "sign" the words as they sing "America, My Home" at Travis Elementary School's Veteran's Day Celebration Friday.



Travis students brought photographs of family members who had served in various branches of the U.S. military to create this Wall of Veterans. Pictures date from as early as the Civil War to the present.



Pampa Police Officer Keith Morris poses with his newly-painted patrol unit. Col. Terry Young said the police cars are being repainted with an American flag-inspired red, white and blue design created by the police officers themselves after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Officers are also wearing U.S. flag pins on their uniforms as a patriotic gesture.



American flags mark the graves of deceased U.S. military veterans at Memory Gardens Cemetery in recognition of Veterans Day. Jason Jones, Pampa High School assistant band director, (inset) plays "Taps" in honor of veterans who have died. At left, Travis students wearing patriotic shirts wave flags as they sing "God Bless America."

