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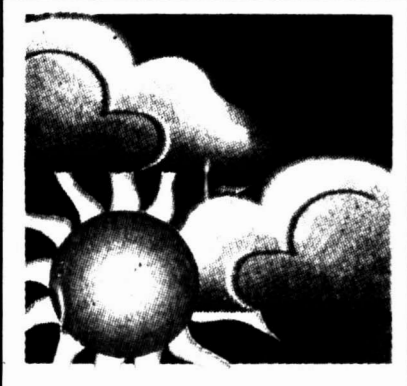
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PHS band auction, concert Monday night
 PAMPA — Pampa High School Band will perform in concert and stage a live auction fund-raiser from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19 in the high school auditorium. Items for auction will be available for viewing at 6:30 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!

Class of '82 reunion committee to meet
 PAMPA — The reunion committee of Pampa High School Class of 1982 will meet at 2 p.m., Nov. 24, at the Coffee Shop in Pampa to discuss plans for a 20th reunion celebration in the summer of 2002. All class members are urged to attend. For more information, call Jill Lewis at 665-7007 or 669-7682 or Susan (Birdsell) Bromlow at 669-3780.

Seven men guilty in drug cocktail deaths
 HOUSTON (AP) — Seven men accused of distributing a lethal drug cocktail which killed 16 people in August have pleaded guilty to drug distribution charges. Tests showed the drug was 53 percent heroin, 36 percent cocaine and the rest "cutting agents," such as baking soda or talcum powder.

No deaths were reported to **The Pampa News** on Saturday.

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Grand jury to investigate vote allegations

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

With little headway made in the Texas Ranger investigation into allegations that one or more supervisors tried to influence the votes of city employees the matter is going before a Dec. 4 grand jury.

It concerns the Nov. 6 election in which a majority of voters cast ballots to dissolve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

District Attorney Rick Roach said Friday the grand jury involvement is coming about because "... the city requested that (Ranger Gary) Henderson refer the matter to a grand jury.

"The problem the Ranger was having is that he's hearing innuendo and getting nothing of substance," Roach said of Henderson's investigation.

It was revealed at last week's City Commission meeting that Jim Terry, a member of the anti-PEDC Concerned Citizens group, phoned City Manager Bob Eskridge to make a complaint that some city workers were told by one or more supervisors how they should vote.

After receiving the call, Eskridge said previously he contacted Police Chief Charlie Morris and asked him to contact Ranger Henderson in order to get an outside investigation of the allegations.

Eskridge said at that time supervisors had been reminded before the election not to campaign on work time and not to try and influence co-workers. The warning came in addition to rules in the city's employee handbook, he said.

(See VOTE, Page 5)

Celebration of Lights comes alive Wednesday

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

There's lots going on at Recreation Park as Celebration of Lights workers scramble to have the annual holiday display ready for visitors on the night before Thanksgiving.

And to go with the event, volunteers are needed to man the gate where donations are collected, said Colleen Eskridge.

"Families, businesses, civic and church organizations are all encouraged to help," she said. On Friday and Saturday gate workers are needed from 5:45 p.m. until 11 p.m. and Sunday through Thursday they're needed from 5:45 until 10 p.m.

To sign up or for more information call Eskridge at 665-6025. Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt said Jordan Unit inmates helped for a time with displays and lights at the park, on Somerville and in other areas of the city. Friday was their last day.

(See CELEBRATION, Page 5)

'Texas Highways' touts Pampa

Pampa, with its holiday Celebration of Lights event, gets quite a mention in the December issue of "Texas Highways" magazine - the travel magazine of Texas.

Pampa is included in the "Twelve Towns of Christmas" color photo feature that encompasses 10 pages in the magazine. The article that introduces the section was written by Marty Lange.

The table of contents mention says: "To help you catch the Christmas spirit, we chose 12 towns across the state that offer eclectic servings of holiday cheer. Enjoy the many-splendored spectacles of the season."

The Pampa photo is of a lighted cross with a dove that's part of Celebration of Lights in Recreation Park. The picture was taken by Scott Flatthouse and features a beautiful Texas Panhandle sunset in the picture's background.

Under each picture is a Christmas tree ball with the shape of the state and a dot marking each town's location.

The other Towns of Christmas are Socorro, Lubbock, Cestohowa, Anson, Gilmer, Kingsville, Jefferson, Johnson City, Van, Dilley and Corpus Christi.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
 Makayla Gonzalez, 5, center, whispers in the ear of Vianey Melendez, 7, as Vianey and Daimond Marrufo, 7, play hand games at the Lamar Elementary School library recently.

Query posed about county's public comment rules

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Some Pampa residents expressed confusion last week regarding the "ground rules" for public comments at the Gray County Commissioners Court meetings. Most in question was the Nov. 1 meeting.

Dr. Louis Haydon, a retired chiropractor and active in the movement to dissuade the swine industry from locating in Gray County, told the three county commissioners he is confused by the differences in the procedures county commissioners and the City of Pampa use regarding public comment.

Haydon said several people in the audience at the Nov. 1 county commission meeting wanted to address a proposed resolution relating to Confined Animal Feeding Operations but were not allowed to do so by County Judge Richard Peet.

The resolution, which would have been sent to the State Legislature and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, urging changes in the CAFO operations was voted down 3-2 at the meeting.

Commissioner Jim Greene presented a draft of the resolution at the Oct. 15 meeting, stating 11 counties in the Texas Panhandle were also interested in it.

Wheley, Peet and Commissioner Gerald Wright voted not to approve the resolution while Greene and Commissioner James Hefley voted for it.

Haydon said the people in the audience were not provided an agenda of the Nov. 1 meeting until after the item which allows the public to speak was passed. He further stated when the item relating to the proposed resolution on the CAFOs was addressed, Judge Peet told Haydon he could not speak.

Pampa City Commission allows citizens with concerns about a certain item to speak when it is addressed and during a public comment section, said Haydon.

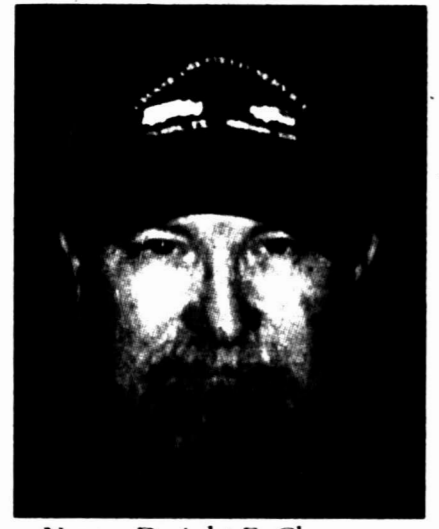
Commissioner Wheley presided over the Thursday commission meeting in the absence of Peet who was at a judges' meeting and Wright who is a patient in an Amarillo hospital. Wheley said he really didn't know what the ground rules are on public comment.

Wheley said the commissioners court did not have a public comment item on the agenda until Peet became county judge.

Another Pampa resident, Dale Roth, said he was also concerned the public (See QUERY, Page 5)

Dr. Louis Haydon said he is confused by the differences in the procedures county commissioners and the City of Pampa use regarding public comment.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Dwight E. Chase.
 Occupation/activities: Owner of D.E. Chase Inc., formerly Chase Oilfield Service.
 Birth date and place: March 11, Paris, Texas.

Family: Annette, Leslie, Kristin, Callie Jo and Kayden.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: I like what I do.
My personal hero: John Wayne.
The best advice I ever got was: I asked my dad and we both forgot.
People who knew me in high school thought: I had more sense than money, and I was always broke.
The best word or words to describe me: Slick.
People will remember me as being: More fun than serious.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Elvis Presley, John Wayne, Marlan Brando, Rambo.
My hobbies are: Riding my

Harley.
My favorite sports team is: It was the Dallas Cowboys.
My favorite author is: Stephen Spielberg.
The last book I read was: "Pet Cemetery."
My favorite possession is: My blue hog.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: When my wife Annette married me.
My favorite performer is: Sylvester Stallone.
I wish I knew how to: Play the guitar like my brother.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Huh."
My worst habit is: I don't have any bad habits — I'm perfect!
I would never: Ride a Honda.

I stay home to watch: "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."
Nobody knows: How mean I am.
I drive a: Dodge pick-up and Harley Davidson Road Glide.
My favorite junk food is: Ice cream.
My favorite beverage: Coke.
My favorite restaurant is: Kabuki.
My favorite pet: My lab, Sugar Baby.
My favorite meal is: Lobster.
I wish I could sing like: George Strait.
I'm happiest when I'm: With Annette riding down the road on our Harleys.
I regret: Not spending more time with my kids when they were younger.
I'm tired of: Working.

My biggest fear is: Snakes.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Coffee pot.
My most embarrassing moment: Was when my hair piece came off in my helmet in front of a good-looking girl.
The biggest waste of time is: Talking on the phone.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Go to Vegas and play all the \$100 machines.
If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Be a millionaire; 2) Live to be a productive 100-years-old; 3) I don't need another wish because these two would be enough.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Growth.

Chamber of Commerce Parade ... Centennial Christmas Theme ... Thursday, November 29th, 6:30 P.M. Call For Details 669-3241
Chamber Luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 20th. Come Back To Christmas Saturday, Dec. 1st. Chamber Prayer Breakfast Dec. 4, 6:45 a.m.

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Services tomorrow

WELBORN, Margaret Ellouise — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News Saturday.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the recent accidents.

Thursday, Nov. 15

No citations were issued when a 1995 White Ford pickup driven by Robert Joesiah Smith, 73, Wheeler, backed from a parking place in the 1600 block of North Hobart and collided with a 1999 Eclipse driven by Jennifer Dawn Stubblefield, 20, of 1103 Duncan.

No citations were issued when a 1994 Ford Thunderbird driven in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Crystal Joan Smith, 22, 608 N. Russell, turned into the path and collided with a 1993 Buick driven by Susan Ann Parrish, 47, 807 West. Lorrie Fulton, 24, White Deer, was cited for failure to control speed when the 1989 Dodge pickup she was driving in the 100 block of South Cuyler struck the rear of a 1998 Toyota van driven by Mary D. McDaniel, 81, 1816 Dogwood.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Jasper Steve McBride, 88, 925 Barnard, was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign, when the 1991 Chevrolet pickup he was driving in the 1000 block of East Browning collided with a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Steven Dale Schaub, 39, 617 Lowry.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222
Energas.....1-888-Energas

Police report

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

Friday, Nov. 16

Ricky Lynn Potts, 30, Amarillo, was arrested on a warrant for following too close.

Johnny DeWayne Bridges, 19, 109 N. Dwight, charged with violation of probation and DWI/minor.

Ryan Randal Hill, 19, 636 N. Dwight, charged with public intoxication.

Friday, Nov. 17

Justin Orr, 22, 818 E. Brunow, charged with public intoxication.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, Nov. 16

Eddie Lawrence, 20, 210 E. Francis was charged with criminal trespass.

Jeffrey Goldsmith, 40, McLean, was charged with assault causing bodily injury and unlawful restraint.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Nov. 16

10:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to PRMC.

11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

12:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to SCCI in Amarillo.

9:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

People in the news ...

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — The Montgomery, Ala., bus on which Rosa Parks is believed to have refused to give up her seat to a white man in 1955 has arrived at the Henry Ford Museum.

Caked with peeling paint, dust and rust from years of neglect, the bus was delivered Thursday. Bill Pretzer, the museum's curator of political history, called it one of the most important artifacts in 20th century America.

"It captures the power of that situation for a new generation of kids to now see," he told the Detroit Free Press.

On Thursday, about a dozen people washed and swept the bus, and performed other minor touchups before moving it into the museum's vehicle storage area. The museum has planned a private event for Dec. 1 with the Rosa Parks Foundation on the 46th anniversary of the bus ride.

"Everyone is pleased to have that particular piece of American history right here in the Motor City," Greg Bowers, spokesman for Detroit mayor Dennis Archer, told The Detroit News.

Parks was fined \$10 for violating a city ordinance when she refused to give up her seat. Her arrest set off a yearlong boycott of the Montgomery buses, bringing national renown to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and helping forge the civil rights movement.

No bus number was written down on police records when Parks, now 88 and living in Detroit, was arrested. There have been questions over the years as to whether it would be possible to identify the vehicle.

The museum paid \$492,000 at an Internet auction for the bus.

On the Net:
Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village:
<http://www.hfmvgv.org>

LONDON (AP) — A collection of letters and other documents from famed writer J.R.R. Tolkien were sold at auction Friday to an anonymous telephone bidder for \$86,656.

The collection, compiled by Tolkien's friend George Sayer, shows the development of the British author's classic work, "The Lord of the Rings," which more than 100 million people worldwide have read.

The earliest letter in the collection sold at Christie's asks for the return of a manuscript of the trilogy as George Allen & Unwin, the publishers, are now "clamoring to reconsider it," Tolkien wrote in the mid-1950s.

Guest lineup for Sunday TV news shows

ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" — Secretary of State Colin Powell; Richard Holbrooke, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Richard Perle, former assistant secretary of defense; George Friedman, chairman of the intelligence organization STRATFOR.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz; Haron Amin, spokesman for the Afghan northern alliance.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice; Princeton University Professor Bernard Lewis; authors Ahmed Rashid and Tom Friedman.

The first installment of the film version of the series, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," is set to open in December at theaters worldwide amid predictions it could be one of the highest-grossing movies in history.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — After a personal appeal from Robert Redford, Cox Communications has decided not to remove his Sundance Channel from its cable television lineup.

The 64-year-old actor-director spoke to Cox officials after they announced plans to stop offering the channel, which specializes in independent feature films. He also spoke to Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin, chairwoman of the Oklahoma Film Commission.

Dave Bialis, Cox vice president and general manager, said a deal was reached Thursday with Redford and his associates that will enable the cable service to keep the channel and still add four new channels — the Lifetime Movie Network, the Biography Channel, History Channel International and Fox Sports World — without raising subscribers' rates.

"We talked and I can't give you specifics, but they were able to meet our needs to keep them on, and at the same time we were able to keep the rate we charge," Bialis said.

On the Net:
<http://www.sundancechannel.com>

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — America's two richest men — Bill Gates and Warren Buffett — strolled into an elementary school gym and chatted with students about stock picks and learning the basics. "I was good at math," Gates said. "Reading and math: Do those two things, and the sky's the limit."

The Microsoft chairman said he stopped in Omaha on Thursday to visit Buffett, chairman of the investment company Berkshire Hathaway, after promoting Microsoft's new video game system, Xbox, in New York. He was on his way back to Seattle.

He said he looked forward to having "grease and meat" — that is, dinner — with Buffett, who joked that Gates was only after a free meal.

Buffett received letters about three weeks ago from fifth- and sixth-graders at Conestoga Elementary School because they were studying investments in a stock market class.

Economics teacher Michele Wulff said she didn't expect Buffett to respond to the students, but to her surprise, Buffett wrote back two days later.

CNN's "Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer" — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice; Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., House minority whip; Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.; Haron Amin, spokesman for the Afghan northern alliance; Karen Armstrong, author, "Islam: A Short History"; David Forte, law professor, Cleveland State University; Robert Francis, former vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"Fox News Sunday" — Secretary of State Colin Powell; Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.; Kenneth Starr, former independent counsel; Alan Dershowitz, professor, Harvard University Law School.

Energy futures down on OPEC decision

NEW YORK (Dow Jones) — Crude oil and petroleum products futures rose Friday at the New York Mercantile Exchange, recovering from two straight sessions of heavy selling.

Front-month December crude oil futures, which fell \$4.19 a barrel, or nearly 20 percent, on

Wednesday and Thursday, advanced 58 cents to close at \$18.03 a barrel.

The possibility of a price war among global oil producers rose after OPEC said it would cut output by 1.5 million barrels a day only if non-OPEC countries reduced production by 500,000 barrels a day.

Texas round up ...

Flooding kills seven in Central Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — As some Central Texans picked through the muddy debris in their cars and homes, survivors of heavy rains that swept away cars and killed seven people told of hours spent clinging to trees waiting for rescue.

The torrential rains that pounded areas around Austin and San Antonio moved on Friday, but more rains hit South Texas. Even more was expected Saturday.

Rescuers scouring the banks of Brushy Creek north of Austin found the body Friday afternoon of Chau Do, who hadn't been heard from since calling his girlfriend on his cell phone as he stood on top of his car in the raging water Thursday night. He was swept 6.5 miles downstream.

Sharon Zambrzycki, 54, who was in a car in front of Do, was able to survive Brushy Creek by clinging to one tree and then another with a rope from firefighters as a lifeline. A heavy log pushed her under way at one point.

"Several times I thought I would drown," she said in a story in Saturday's San Antonio Express-News. "There was no doubt in my mind I was going to make it. I'm an obnoxiously positive person."

Sessions to run for new House seat

DALLAS (AP) — Congressman Pete Sessions announced Friday that he will run for the new 32nd Congressional District seat created this week by a three-judge federal court panel.

Sessions' decision will likely derail a potential bid for Congress by state Rep. Ken Merchant, R-Coppell, who is also considering running for the seat.

Sessions, R-Dallas, currently represents the 5th Congressional District. He was first elected to the House in 1996.

The new district, created by the federal court panel Wednesday, is within Dallas County and is expected to be a safe Republican seat. Session, 46, lives about a half-mile from the new district.

The more compact district would reduce travel time to constituent meetings and make it easier for Sessions to spend time with his family when he returns from Washington on weekends.

Three new lawsuits filed against A&M

HOUSTON (AP) — Three more lawsuits have been filed against Texas A&M University because of the 1999 bonfire collapse in which 12 people died and 27 were injured.

The lawsuits filed Friday in federal court in Galveston are on behalf of the families of five people who died and for three people who were injured. The federal court in Galveston covers College Station.

Texas A&M, university President Ray Bowen and four administrators are named in all the lawsuits. One of the lawsuits also names student bonfire leaders, construction companies and crane operators.

The lawsuits allege a "state-created danger" caused by A&M officials who knew of the perils involved in the traditional event but did nothing to prevent the danger. Traditionally, students have built the bonfire each fall and burned it before the school's football game with rival Texas.

Monday is the deadline for suing over the accident.

Court won't hear appeal on Texas A&M-law school affiliation

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has refused to intervene in efforts by Texas A&M University and the private South Texas College of Law to join forces in educating attorneys.

The high court this week denied a request from both schools to hear an appeal of previous rulings that dissolved a partnership formed by the schools in 1998. The affiliation allows Texas A&M, which lacks a law school, to provide law training and gives South Texas, in downtown Houston, the A&M name while remaining a private school.

Soldiers prepare to go overseas

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Staff Sgt. Samuel Williams will carry two pictures in the side pocket of his Army fatigues when he is in Kuwait. One shows him and his wife. The other shows his four young daughters.

Being away from family is one of the hardest parts of being in the military, especially during the holidays, Williams said Friday, but "you've got to do what you've got to do."

Williams and about 60 other soldiers at Fort Hood boarded a plane for Kuwait on Friday. They are among about 2,000 soldiers from a brigade combat team from the 1st Cavalry Division who have been ordered to Kuwait to reinforce American military already there.

"You talk to your family on the telephone, but you want to be with them and they want to be with you," said Williams, who is from Odenton, Md.

At a formal send-off, soldiers said they were prepared for their duty. But the feelings of sadness about leaving behind the family were shared by many.

San Antonio receives statue of hero

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A bronze statue of Francisco I. Madero, who led a manifesto for the Mexican Revolution while exiled in San Antonio, was presented Friday to the city.

San Antonio received the gift from Enrique Martinez, governor of the border state of Coahuila, where Madero was born.

Madero's statue now stands in HemisFair Park, where about 300 people came for the presentation. The 6-foot-tall statue, perched on a granite pedestal, is to recognize the positive history shared by San Antonio and Mexico and to remind the city of its past.

"He who is a leader must be willing to give up his life for a cause," said Martinez, who compared Madero Martin Luther King, Jr. and Luis Donaldo Colosio, the Mexican presidential candidate who was assassinated in 1994.

Waco works to repair image

WACO, Texas (AP) — This Central Texas city just can't seem to get a break.

Reaping the benefits of its close proximity to the "Western White House" — President Bush's ranch in Crawford — Waco has all but severed its link to the 1993 Branch Davidian compound siege.

But the city faces yet another hurdle in its quest for positive press. Cyber-squatters are now using the city's name for a lewd Web site.

"We're not happy about it," said Larry Holze, a city spokesman.

The rogue site features pictures of scantily clad women in suggestive poses and a bizarre warning message to Osama bin Laden. It has the same URL as the city's official site — www.waco-texas.com — without the hyphen.

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Comp'n plan for Texas House nixed

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice on Friday rejected part of a Republican-backed plan that redraws Texas House districts, saying a portion of the map violates the federal Voting Rights Act by denying Hispanics opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.

City Briefs

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PAMPA NEWS Office will close at 1 p.m. Wed. Nov. 21st, and re-open Fri. Nov. 23rd at 8 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

PAMPA SENIOR Citizen's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Tues., Nov. 20th, 10:45-12:45, \$5 ea., Members & Guests. For take-outs call Mon. 21st, 669-7414.

RED RIVER Steakhouse will be closed Tues. Nov. 20th thru Sat. Nov. 24th. We will open again on Tues. Nov. 27th.

SANTA NEEDED for Downtown Business Association beginning Nov. 29 thru Dec. 24! Hourly wage. Call Ken at 665-2381.

THANKSGIVING SHARE A Meal Volunteers Needed at Meals on Wheels, 669-1007.

THE NEW Book about Woody Guthrie and Pampa, Texas by Thelma Bray is available at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard st. \$20

SANTA'S ELVES needed for picture taking and babysitting at Coronado Center! Contact Christy 669-7417 or Sharon 665-3100.

WANTED TO buy a small upright deep freeze, 669-6195.

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WE APPRECIATE and want to thank all the voters who participated in the Nov. 6th election concerning the PEDC. Paid ad by Concerned Citizens, Dalton Lewis, Treasurer, 2238 Evergreen, Pampa, Tx.

WE WILL be closed Thanksgiving Day! Happy Thanksgiving from The Pampa News!!

WILL CLEAN your house. Have references. Call 665-1848.

WILLOW TREE Angels & Beaded Hand Bags have arrived. Best Kept Secrets, 1925 N. Hobart

Weather focus

Today, partly sunny. Highs around 70. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, increasing clouds and breezy. Turning colder with a 20 percent chance of showers

or possibly a thunderstorm. Lows 35 to 40.

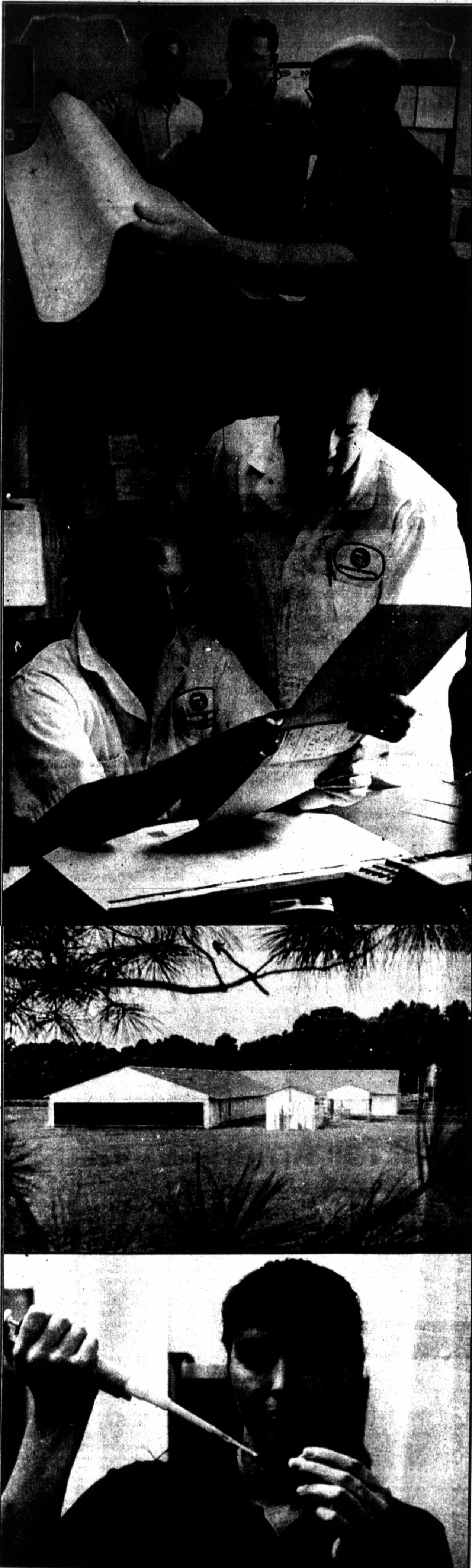
Monday, cloudy. A 40 percent chance for rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Monday evening, cloudy with a chance for rain showers.

Tuesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain early. Rain

may mix with snow at times in the morning. Lows 30 to 35. Highs in the mid 40s.

Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Lows around 35. Highs 45 to 50.

Thanksgiving and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 50 to 55.



NPD (USA)[®], a leader in swine genetics research, is excited to be expanding its operation to the Texas Panhandle. The move will mean increased employment and business opportunities for the area, both of which are critically important during these difficult economic times.

After a nationwide search, we selected Gray County for the great fit it offers us in terms of an educated, qualified workforce, isolation that's essential for our breeding stock, and access to technical facilities. We hope you'll find the great fit we offer this area to be just as obvious.

For starters, the new facility will create roughly 45 quality, career-oriented jobs for area residents with a payroll in excess of \$1,500,000. The added tax revenue will certainly enhance the regional tax base which supports schools, health care, and other important public services.

We are already seeking partnering opportunities with local businesses for construction needs as well as long-term, day-to-day maintenance and operational needs such as auto and truck maintenance, computer support, general office supplies, and many other services. We encourage businesses in Pampa, Miami, Canadian, White Deer, Borger, McLean, and beyond to contact us for potential employment or partnerships.

We look forward to becoming an involved corporate citizen in the community. We trust that offering good employment opportunities and strengthening the local economic base will be seen as a positive first step. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. By working together, we can make this project beneficial for the entire community.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: San Angelo Standard-Times on issuing terrorism warnings:

One of the most persistent criticisms of the Bush administration over the past few weeks is that it has been sending mixed messages to the public about the proper response to the threat of terrorism.

On the one hand, the attorney general and homeland security director warn of possible terrorist acts and urge citizens to be cautious. On the other, the president and others encourage citizens not to be cowed, to go about their regular lives.

That's an easy target, all right. How can the administration ask people to do two seemingly incongruous things?

Maybe the better question, though, is how can it not do that? The alternative is either to say nothing or to pick just one of the messages.

Certainly we don't want our leaders to be silent. They wouldn't be leaders if they did that.

So should the president and every member of his administration only sound an alarm? Should they tell Americans, day after day, that another terror attack is imminent, and that people had better be ready? Should they talk about every possible scenario that might occur, so that people could prepare?

That would be a clear, unambiguous message. And within days the nation would be a basket case. Then, if no attacks came, after a while Americans would pay less attention to all warnings.

That doesn't sound like an effective strategy.

Should the administration not urge people to be on alert, just tell them not to worry because the government is on the lookout and everything will be OK? Would Americans be better served if the president and his spokespeople mounted a "don't worry, be happy" approach?

There probably is no surer way to lose credibility than to tell people everything's just fine while their countrymen are being exposed to anthrax.

So maybe the two messages not only aren't incongruous, they belong together, at least in this instance. It is possible to be cautious but continue a normal routine; in fact, most Americans seem to be balancing the two responses well.

Moreover, being alert and taking reasonable precautions when that's appropriate probably makes it easier for people to go about their lives as usual.

There's nothing wrong with questioning the president it's the American way. On the matter of mixed signals, though, it's the critics who are sending the wrong message.

From our files ...

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Nov. 19, 1961. Downtown Pampa took on the Christmasy look today as Jaycees hung out decorations to herald the yule season.

MONDAY, Nov. 20, 1961. Worthwhile Home Demonstration Club met Friday for an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. Boyd Brown, east of the city.

TUESDAY, Nov. 21, 1961. The float entered by the Pampa Red Cross in the city's 1960 Santa Day parade is reproduced in the December issue of the American Red Cross Journal, which has worldwide distribution.

25 years ago

FRIDAY, Nov. 19, 1976. Linda Haygood, eighth grade vocational home economics teacher, has resigned to accept a position with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lipscomb County.

SUNDAY, Nov. 21, 1976. Sporting a tufted tam-o'-shanter, the director of the Pride of Pampa Band, Jeff Doughten, dropped into The News office Saturday, one of his first stops the morning after he returned home from a week in Ireland.

MONDAY, Nov. 22, 1976. E.O. (Red) Wedgeworth, manager of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce since 1945, submitted his formal letter of resignation today at the Chamber's November board meeting.

10 years ago

TUESDAY, Nov. 19, 1991. A multi-department task force at Coronado Hospital spent five months developing a more streamlined pre-admission program which the hospital began recently.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20, 1991. Pampa High School seniors Jocelyn Chen and Christina Wingert have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, Principal Daniel Coward announced.

FRIDAY, Nov. 22, 1991. Dick Greenwood, president of Alam, which manufactures pump jacks, confirmed this morning that the company is ceasing operations in Pampa.

Some feel TNRCC rules inadequate

This column is the second column I am writing pertaining to my meeting with Mr. John Carter of NPD and Dr. L.M. (Mac) Safley, president of Agri-Waste Technology. As in the previous column the asterisk (*) before a question will indicate that a written question had been asked to NPD previously. No asterisk is a new spontaneous question. Parenthesis () will enclose a statement made for reader clarity. Brackets [] will indicate my opinion. I have not stated all of my opinions in order to let the readers form their own.

We had a general discussion on the design and operation of sewage lagoons used to capture and hold the excrement from the pigs. The lagoons are a primitive method of sewage treatment, they can also be referenced as cesspools.

The sewage lagoons must have a clay liner to reduce the amount of liquid being absorbed into the soil and migrating downward to the aquifer. Erosion of the clay liner caused by wind and wave action has caused clay liners to fail in some locations. (This was the subject of a previous Letter to the editor.) Mac had a design to hopefully reduce the erosion by installing a membrane over the upper portion of the slope. John was not aware of this design item and it is not addressed in the permit application.

We discussed the matter of sewage lagoons (cesspools) being prohibited for municipalities in Texas and the fact that Pampa is currently spending \$2 million to upgrade the waste treatment system.



Dale Roth

Guest columnist

We discussed other treatment systems as an alternative to lagoons. Smithfield Foods Dry Waste System, both John and Mac did not recall. After a little deliberation, they did remember the Dry Waste System but did not elaborate. (I have asked about this system and have not been able to find out much about it, other than they do not like the utility bills.) Ozone system, no good. Anaerobic Digesters, not interested, although Mac lists them as alternatives on his website.

Q. Are there any other alternatives to the Lagoon System being developed by the University of North Carolina, as a result of the Smithfield Agreement, that are viable?

A. No. (The Smithfield Agreement is a legally binding agreement between Smithfield Foods and the State of North Carolina in which Smithfield Foods will contribute \$15 million this year and \$2 million per year for the next 25 years, a total \$65 million, to the University of North Carolina, for research to develop environmentally friendly systems, as an alternative to lagoons.)

*Q. Is there a possibility of expansion of the facility?

A. Absolutely not, we do not want another pork facility nearby.

Q. What is the high-tech part of your operation?

A. We will examine the pig's characteristics to determine the best breeding traits for leaner pigs.

Q. Will you market your genetically improved product to other producers?

A. No, they will be utilized within Smithfield Foods.

John asked me a couple of questions.

Q. What is your interest in this matter?

A. Our water, our soil and our air.

Q. What do local people feel about the TNRCC?

A. There are some people who feel that the TNRCC rules are adequate to protect our interests. There are some of us who feel that they are too lax and not protecting the interests of the people. There is a Sunset Commission recommendation in the process that would strengthen the TNRCC, give it more power and enforcement capability. I support the Sunset Commission Report.

Written questions previously sent to John Carter. Not discussed at the meeting and not answered to date: The TNRCC has a rule prohibiting Nuisance Odors at the facility boundary. How do you plan to comply with this regulation?

Do you consider the waste lagoon system to be the best available technology?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 2001. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1928, the first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

On this date: In 1820, U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered

the frozen continent of Antarctica.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York at age 56.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1949, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was named the National League's Most Valuable Player.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays.

In 1969, financier-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy died in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 81.

In 1976, Spain's parliament approved a bill to establish a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

In 1978, California congressman Leo J. Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the People's

Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by 912 cult members.

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A&M University collapsed.

Ten years ago: Shiite Muslim kidnapers in Lebanon freed Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, the American dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

Elitist contempt for American values

College campuses are home to elitists who are out of touch with and have contempt for American values. Let's look at some of their statements after the recent terrorist attacks. A list of those statements have been compiled by Young America's Foundation (www.yaf.org), Virginia Institute (www.virginiainstitute.org) and Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (www.thefire.org).

Hours after the terrorist attacks, University of New Mexico History Professor Richard Berthold told his students in his Western Civilization and Greek history classes, "Anyone who can blow up the Pentagon has my vote." A University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, teach-in featured William Blum, author of "Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower." Blum equated the United States with the terrorists, saying, "There are few if any nations in the world that have harbored more terrorists than the United States."

Nick Woomey, a student columnist at the University of Michigan, thinking that the United States deserved to be attacked said that "the action taken by the terrorists on Tuesday are not completely unwarranted. We try to forget about the way this country behaves internationally — that we too often behave as terrorists."

California is home to most of America's leftists and the blame-America-first crowd, and they made their thoughts clear. Sixty-six Berkeley professors were joined by 100 other academics in placing a New York Times ad calling the U.S. war on terrorism "unaccept-



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

able." A Sacramento elementary school teacher burned an American flag in front of his sixth-grade class. A California Chico State College professor said that President Bush wants to "kill innocent people," "colonize" the Arab world and capture "oil for the Bush family."

University of Texas professor Robert Jensen said that the terrorist attack "was no more despicable than the massive acts of terrorism ... that the U.S. government has committed during my lifetime." Adam Goldstein, University of Wisconsin-Madison's former campus relations committee chairman, said in a letter to the editor of the Badger Herald that "before you preach at us about the evil terrorists, why don't you try getting your facts straight and face up to the reality that our leaders are war criminals just as much as people like Hitler, Stalin and other monsters of the 20th century."

What were some campus responses to staff or student pro-American sentiment? At Florida Gulf Coast University, Library Services Dean Kathleen Hoeth ordered employees to remove stickers saying, "Proud to be an American,"

from their workplaces. At the University of Massachusetts, students against the military response to terrorism were granted rally permits. Students in support of our military response had their rally permit revoked. At Lehigh University, Vice Provost John Smeaton ordered removal of the American flag from the campus bus. After adverse publicity, the flag was replaced and Smeaton apologized.

These actions and remarks shouldn't surprise us, for they represent the prevailing attitude on far too many, perhaps most, American campuses. These professors and administrators, formerly the hippies and flower children of the 1960s and '70s, are people to whom we entrust our impressionable 17- and 18-year-olds. As parents, we cough up to \$30,000 and sometimes more in tuition money to have our youngsters taught that America is not only a racist, sexist and homophobic nation, but a terrorist nation as well, and an international monster creating world poverty and destroying the planet. Among their preachments is that Western civilization is no better than other civilizations. I'd like one of these professors to stand up and make the case for the moral equivalency between the Taliban and American treatment of women.

Americans as donors and taxpayers have been far too generous with the higher education establishment. It's about time we stop paying for campus anti-Americanism and academic dishonesty. Nothing opens the closed minds of college administrators more than the sounds of pocketbooks snapping shut.

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Roach said Terry, Eskridge, and Morris are all on the grand jury subpoena list as are Dalton Lewis of Concerned Citizens and Terry's wife, Pat, who is also a member of the group.

Roach said city officials want a grand jury investigation in order to have a "totally unbiased, autonomous body" look at this. "That way, nobody

can squabble" over how it turns out.

The district attorney said he will present the case to the grand jury of 12 Gray County residents each of whom can ask their own questions and request more subpoenas be issued if needed.

"The whole purpose of this is to see if we can investigate further and if there is a crime the city wants to have it looked at, if not, this needs to be put to bed," Roach said. The city wants closure ... to get it taken care of."

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CELEBRATION

He had special thanks for prison Warden C.C. Bell because community service projects by inmates are being cut due to a shortage of correctional officers.

"We were fortunate Warden Bell saw the significant impact Celebration of Lights has on our community by boosting morale and aiding tourism," Hildebrandt said.

Again this year the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is playing a major role in setting up displays. They'll start taking the displays down after the event closes in the early morning hours of New Year's day.

Hildebrandt said it takes over six weeks to get

the displays ready and another three or four weeks to take it all down.

"Last year when we saw that we might not have the inmates we called Hoover Fire Chief Joe Millican to see if the firefighters could help," Hildebrandt said. In return, the volunteer fire department gets a portion of the gate receipts.

Admission to Celebration of Lights is free but donations are accepted.

"There are other themed Christmas displays in the area that charge but we wanted ours to be one that would be available to everyone.

In addition to the Hoover department, donations are used to pay off a loan that was taken out to purchase some of the displays, Hildebrandt said. The funds are also used to buy additional displays.

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didn't have an opportunity to speak at the Nov. 1 meeting.

A retired cost engineer, Roth has extensively researched the lagoon procedures used in the swine industry for waste.

"Since July all I've done is study this issue," he said. "It's not just a Gray County problem. It is in several counties — Ochiltree, Hutchinson, Lipscomb. People throughout the Panhandle are concerned. These are grassroots efforts."

Roth said he was at a meeting Monday night near Sunray regarding five proposed hog farms moving into that area. He said several county commissioners joined with about 40 people in the area concerned about the issue.

"We can learn from the past," he said, and can benefit by what has happened. We need to be proactive. I'd like to leave some-

thing of value for my grandchildren."

Roth said he appreciated the commissioners at the Thursday meeting—Wheeler, Greene and Hefley—listening to their concerns. "The atmosphere was much different at this meeting," he said.

Edna Haydon presented to the commissioners a copy of a letter sent to John Carter at National Pig Development urging NPD to reconsider their move to Gray County. The letter contained 157 signatures she said.

In other business, Commissioners approved \$430 for a budget amendment regarding Constable Precinct 2 Chris Lockridge's office.

Lockridge said he has reduced his fuel usage and there shouldn't be a need for additional funds until the new budget year begins Jan. 1, 2002.

Jeff McClendon presented the Community Supervision and

Corrections Department's Statement of Financial Position and Last quarterly report for fiscal year 2001.

County Auditor Elaine Morris commented that McClendon's budget is through the state and he had unexpended funds which he returned to the state.

Also approved was a request from Phillips Pipeline to cross County Road G and leasing a hangar area of Lot 44 to J. Scott Smith.

Tabled until the Nov. 30 meeting was action on additional projects related to Knorrp Road bridge project. Also tabled was consideration of a declaration of an agriculture emergency.

Commissioner James Hefley said he would like to have additional time to study the proposed resolution as well as obtain more information on it.

He said it was discussed at a recent meeting in Amarillo of County Judges and County Commissioners, but he felt local input was necessary before action is taken.

Bills in the amount of \$128,740.36 and payroll in the amount of \$188,162.16 were approved for payment.

Jury continues deliberations in Tahoe cliff-fall murder mystery

Wealthy art appraiser charged with wife's death

By SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Frustrated jurors headed into a fifth day of deliberations Saturday still disagreeing on whether a wealthy art appraiser killed his wife the way prosecutors say: by deliberately crashing their truck through a guardrail and jumping out as the vehicle went over a cliff.

The murder trial of Peter Bergna took another dramatic turn Friday when one juror said the panel was deadlocked partly because a holdout believes God would punish Bergna if he really killed his wife.

The move prompted a defense motion for a mistrial, but the judge refused and ordered the jury to resume deliberations Saturday.

Bergna's wife, Rinette Riella-Bergna, an international tour guide, had just returned to Reno the night of May 31, 1998, after six weeks in Italy. Bergna picked

her up at the airport, and on the way home, turned onto the dead-end road near Lake Tahoe. He told police they went there to talk about his desire for her to quit her job and stay home.

Bergna said his wife promised to cut back on her travel, and they started toward their home in Incline Village. They were stopping at a pullout to take in the view when the truck brakes failed, Bergna told police.

Prosecutors argued that Bergna set up the crash and jumped out just in time while his wife plunged more than 700 feet to her death. Witnesses testified that he was upset about his wife's travel, and two other women told jurors Bergna asked them for dates just before the crash.

Washoe County prosecutor David Clifton said Friday he believes the jury is leaning toward conviction.

On Thursday, a juror sent the judge a note saying the jury was deadlocked 9-3.

A different juror sent a note to the judge Friday that said: "One of the jurors told me 'I cannot give a guilty verdict because I couldn't live with myself later if I found out he was innocent.'"

He "then got choked up and stated he (Mr. Bergna) would live with his guilt and that God would take care of him," the note said. "I truly believe that this is compromising our vote and we will not be able to bring this to a decision."

Clifton said the juror might be violating jury instructions by refusing to consider the possibility of a guilty verdict.

Defense attorney David Smith said it just means the juror thinks the state failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Bergna is guilty.

If convicted, Bergna could face life in prison.

Judge orders woman to stop tapping account

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman has been ordered by a state district judge to stop taking money from an account in which her former employer erroneously deposited more than \$700,000 as her severance pay.

Verizon Wireless laid off Tonya Young on Sept. 30, and told her the specific amount of her "separation package." Verizon custom service manager Connie Jackson testified Thursday before state District Judge Sherry Radack.

"It was fully explained to her how much she was to receive, \$10,014.49," Jackson said.

However, the check Verizon sent was for \$1,001,449. The amount was changed because of an accounting error that misplaced commas and a decimal point, according to court records.

Young had worked as a customer service clerk earning \$39,500 a year.

60 heart surgery patients, families sue over infections

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sixty open-heart surgery patients or their families sued a hospital Friday, claiming its negligence caused infections that in some cases were fatal.

The lawsuits involve surgeries performed since 1995 at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. The hospital failed to control infections, then didn't properly review the cases or take steps to remedy the problem, the lawsuits allege.

Lawyer Calvin Warriner said 90 patients developed drug-resistant staph infections, and sixteen died. Nineteen lawsuits were filed earlier this year.



Each lawsuit seeks damages exceeding \$15,000. Medical malpractice laws in Florida allow a jury to award higher sums than a plaintiff seeks.

Clint Matthews, chief executive for the hospital, said he stood by the hospital's reputation for quality cardiac care. More than 6,500 open-heart surgeries have been performed there since 1995.

"More physicians have trusted their patients to Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center than any other cardiac provider in South Florida," Matthews said in a statement.

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Protect against diseases when hunting or enjoying outdoors

■ **Anyone who sees a wild animal such as a skunk, raccoon or bat that is active during the day or any animal that appears sick, fearless or aggressive should contact area animal control or law enforcement officers. That animal may have rabies.**

AUSTIN — A Texas autumn typically brings out people who enjoy activities in the cooler weather. Along with hiking, biking and camping, many take to the fields and woodlands for hunting.

"But hunters, campers and hikers need to be aware that they could be exposed to diseases transmitted by ticks, fleas and mosquitoes as well as animals in the wild," said Guy Moore, a wildlife biologist with the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

A bite from an infected tick, for example, can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are often found in the very places people like to visit — wooded, brushy and grassy areas — and on animals.

Mosquitoes continue to be a biting nuisance almost year-round in many parts of the state. Mosquitoes can carry organisms that cause viral infections such as St. Louis encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis and dengue fever.

And while the illness has been known for years, questions about contracting anthrax from animals continue to grow. Anthrax is a serious infectious disease caused by spore-forming bacteria and occurs naturally in animals, especially in southern and southwestern Texas. Many animals can get the disease. It is rare in humans.

"Deer and livestock normally get the disease by swallowing anthrax spores while grazing on

contaminated pasture," Moore said. "Handling or eating an animal infected with the disease can transmit anthrax to humans and to other animals. That is why it is extremely important not to touch sick or dead animals, including their horns and antlers, with your bare hands."

Anthrax spores can remain in the soil for many years. Seriously affected animals may stagger, have difficulty breathing, tremble and finally collapse and die. Symptoms in pigs, dogs and cats may be less severe than in deer and livestock.

A vaccine for livestock is commonly used in areas with anthrax, but it must be used before the animal is exposed to the bacteria. This vaccine is not for humans or pets.

Another potential danger is rabies. All warm-blooded animals, including humans, are susceptible to this deadly viral illness. People become infected with the rabies virus if they are bitten by an animal that has the disease. Only a series of shots will keep a bitten person from getting rabies.

Anyone who sees a wild animal such as a skunk, raccoon or bat that is active during the day or any animal that appears sick, fearless or aggressive should contact area animal control or law enforcement officers. That animal may have rabies.

Attracting wild animals with food or trying to feed them by hand is not a good idea, either. "Never touch a wild animal," Moore said.

TDH offers these suggestions to protect yourself from insect bites:

—Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package directions carefully).

—Stay on trails outdoors and avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

—Wear protective clothing

such as a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks. Wear light-colored clothes so you can easily spot ticks.

—If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small, easy to miss and will attach to any part of the body

from head to toe; so look carefully. To protect against other potential disease sources:

—Let cabins and hunting stands air out before cleaning them. Clean them in such a way that you reduce your exposure to dust.

—Wear latex gloves when field dressing animals.

—Avoid contact with any animals that appear to be sick.

—Be especially careful not to handle injured or dead animals with your bare hands.

"If you need assistance, contact a game warden, park employee or an animal control or law enforcement officer," Moore said.

WIC reminds holiday cooks about food safety; keep food-borne illnesses out of meals

With the holiday season upon us, Outreach Health Services WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program is reminding "holiday cooks" on proper food handling and preparation by offering free classes throughout November and December. Though food safety should be practiced year-round, it is even more necessary for large, festive meals, such as Thanksgiving.

"The holidays are a time when we feed others, so food safety is very important. We don't want to give anyone a food-borne illness," said Linda DeFrank, WIC nutritionist and education specialist. "It isn't unheard of for a person to have a holiday dinner with friends or family and then get home feeling sick."

Bacteria, such as Salmonellosis, E. coli or Staphylococcus, cause food-borne illnesses. People may become sick after eating food with too much bacteria — bacteria that was not killed in the cooking process. Symptoms may include vomiting, diarrhea, stomach aches and fever. Young children and senior citizens are especially susceptible to food-borne illnesses because their immune systems are less efficient than average adults.

According to DeFrank, many people do not realize that their cooking methods can actually encourage the growth or spread of bacteria. For instance, many people may let a turkey thaw on the counter when it should thaw in the refrigerator. Others may cross contaminate food by using the same knife to cut the raw meat and the cooked meat. An even greater number of individuals determine if a turkey is fully cooked by its color and texture rather than by checking the internal temperature with a thermometer.

However, even those who are well-practiced in food safety sometimes forget basic rules during the holiday season.

"The cooks usually have a lot of family and friends visiting, and we don't concentrate on properly preparing the food," DeFrank observed. "During the holidays we're distracted because we're talking with relatives or playing with the kids or watching football on television."

A common mistake that happens at holiday meals is to leave

the food out too long. Ideally, enough food should be served out for the meal and then put back into the refrigerator in shallow containers. Too often, food may sit at the table for an hour after the meal — growing bacteria.

"The longer food stays at room temperature, the faster bacteria will grow — and you can't tell by looking at it. It doesn't look or smell any different," DeFrank cautioned.

Remember the four basic rules of food safety to kill bacteria and prevent illness:

—**Wash hands and surfaces often.** Wash hands with hot, soapy water before preparing food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, sneezing or touching pets. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item, and use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces or wash kitchen towels in the hot cycle of your washing machine prior to re-using.

—**Separate foods to keep bacteria from spreading.** Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood and their juices away from other foods in your shopping cart and refrigerator. Place cooked meat, fish and poultry on a clean plate — never back on an unwashed cutting board. If possible, use a different cutting board for preparing raw meat. If not, wash it in hot, soapy water in between different foods.

—**Refrigerate well.** Do not crowd the refrigerator. Cool must be able to circulate. Don't leave food out to thaw or marinate. Thaw food in the refrigerator or in cold-running water, and always marinate in the refrigerator. Set your refrigerator at 40-degrees F and your freezer at 0-degrees F or lower.

—**Cook to proper temperatures.** When cooking in a microwave oven, cover, stir and rotate food for even cooking. Use a meat thermometer to make sure meats, poultry and other foods are cooked to a safe temperature all the way through.

To register or for more information on local food safety classes, call Outreach Health Services-WIC at (806) 665-1182.

Seven tips to avoid seven pounds this holiday season

An estimated 61 percent of Americans are overweight, and 26 percent are obese. One of the leading contributors to this epidemic is the unconscious consumption of food — especially during the holidays.

A typical scenario: You go overboard on the turkey and cranberry sauce during Thanksgiving dinner and by dessert are involved in a feeding frenzy that becomes a Christmas binge which turns into a seven-pound weight gain — sound familiar?

Every year, Americans gain an average of seven-pounds during

the month between Thanksgiving and New Year's — it then takes more than twice as much time to lose the weight.

However, this year will be different because the Registered Dietitians at Nutricise have put together seven tips to avoid gaining another seven pounds of holiday weight.

1) **Indulge mindfully.** Choose low-fat foods such as roast turkey and vegetables naturally low in fat. Holiday fare such as ham, duck, stuffing or potato cakes have a lot of fat in them.

2) **Practice moderation.** To still enjoy traditional favorites that

are higher in fat, consider eating smaller amounts. Practice moderation by paying attention to the amount of foods you eat.

3) **Be patient.** Wait 15- or 20-minutes after a meal to request seconds or dessert. By delaying, you may find that your appetite will lessen. When there's a lot of food in front of you, it's easy to get caught up in the social aspect of eating — but be aware of your hunger signals and don't eat if you're not hungry.

4) **Substitute.** Substitute high fat foods such as butter and sour cream with lower fat alternatives such as reduced-fat butter, reduced-fat sour cream, or plain yogurt in your holiday recipes.

5) **Don't starve yourself/plan ahead.** Eat small meals through-

out the day, so you do not binge at your holiday meal. Also, know ahead of time what your are going to eat. For example, if you know you're going to want dessert, cut back your meal portions or have a low-calorie option ready, such as fruit.

6) **Go easy on the alcohol.** Alcohol decreases inhibitions — potentially causing you to eat more — and is loaded with calories. If you must drink, opt for a wine spritzer made with equal parts wine and club soda.

7) **Relax and enjoy.** Engage in conversation to help keep your eating at a healthy pace. When you talk, you are less likely to eat. Remember your mom always told you not to talk with your mouth full!



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Researchers: Spinach, blueberries improve mental abilities of rats

By **SETH HETTENA**
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Studies exploring the effects of specific foods on the brains of animals found that diets rich in spinach and blueberries may help stave off age-related declines in rats' mental abilities.

Rats fed a diet rich in spinach reversed a normal loss of learn-

ing that occurs with age, according to a study by researchers at the University of South Florida. The study was presented at the Society for Neuroscience's annual meeting in San Diego this week.

Rats fed a normal diet that contained 2 percent freeze-dried spinach learned to associate the sound of a tone with an oncoming puff of air faster than those fed regular rat chow, the study found. The test measured the interval between the sound of the tone and when the rats blinked.

The experiment was designed to test the ability to associate two distinct but related events, a skill that has been shown to decline with age in rodents, rabbits and humans.

Spinach is rich in antioxidants, which scientists say can block the effects of free radicals. Studies suggest the lifelong accumulation of free radicals in the brain is linked to mental declines in old age and is also a probable factor in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

"This is a preclinical finding of significant interest that now needs to be tested in humans," said Dr. Paula Bickford of the University of South Florida, an author of the study.

Blueberries are also rich in antioxidants. A study by researchers at the University of Houston at Clear Lake and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico found that blueberries may help fight age-related declines in rats' memories.

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Letters to the editor

Team carries itself with distinction ...

Dear Harvester fans,
The 2001-02 Harvester Football Team has represented our community and school system each Friday and Saturday with honor and distinction that is truly rare. In my 34 seasons of coaching high school football, this year's team has done a better job of playing the "game" as I believe it should be played than any I've coached. I have been extremely impressed with their passion for excellence, their competitiveness, their respect for their opponent and their genuine thirst for good sportsmanship.

I am privileged to be able to associate with this group of men on a daily basis. I will be ever grateful for their willingness to adopt our three primary team goals for each week: (1) compete with honor and distinction; (2) practice good sportsmanship in a highly competitive atmosphere; (3) respect all opponents.

I have stood with this team in victory and defeat (helmets off) and honored our opponent as their school song has been played. It has been a blessing to share this season with these Harvesters.

Dennis Cavalier
PHS head football coach

Citizens of Pampa must work together to rebuild city

To the editor,
We need to pray for our city. I have been to many meetings over the last six months, trying to hear everyone's concerns. In my opinion, none have been as disturbing as the City Commission meeting Tuesday night.

I felt that the election was over. The side that wanted to do away with economic development and the funding had won. We would now have to look at how this would impact the city, and for me as a city commissioner, how it would affect the funding and priorities of the city government. I was not prepared for the new battle of how we handle the dissolution of PEDC and who is right legally and who is trustworthy.

Before Nov. 6, the PEDC was a corporation of its own. The city did not have any part in the day-to-day operations. The city took care of water, sewers, landfill, parks, recreation, animal control, health issues, codes, fire and police.

Now the city will take over the day-to-day dealings of the past PEDC endeavors. This will take becoming familiar with the information, contacts, billing and all the legal contracts and interactions. It will eventually become a simple process, but at first will require time and effort on the part of the city employees who are already working full-time on their regular city jobs.

I see nothing wrong with giving Susan Tripplehorn a severance/contract package that will treat her fairly and allow the usage of her knowledge to help in this transition. To ask her to volunteer her time, as Kathleen Green suggested, would be like asking Jim Green to give up his 30,000 County Commission salary and volunteer his time to that job.

For information, as a city commissioner I receive \$20 a month before taxes. Under normal conditions, I give an average of 30- to 40-hours a month to this position.

Because the city workforce is facing economic issues like other businesses, we have consolidated and combined jobs. We are trying to be as efficient and money-conscious as possible without cutting services.

Most of our employees are working full steam ahead with very little slack time. I think they do a good job. Since none of us are perfect, I am sure we don't do everything right and on everyone's time schedule. Contrary to the feelings expressed at the commission, our employees try to do all the various jobs required of city employees and do them to the best of their abilities.

I also believe the integrity of Don Lane and Bob Eskridge is impeccable. The comments made and insinuated about the abilities of these two men to do things legally and correctly are wrong. In my opinion, these are honest, hard-working men of great integrity. In fact, sometimes for me, they are so by-the-book and the law, that I could scream.

Several times during the meeting, commissioners were reminded they were elected officials and could be un-elected. That is perfectly right. This is a republic, and anybody who would like to take on the responsibilities of working on city policies and services for all of us, is encouraged to run. That's what it is all about.

I ran because of concerns for quality of life issues such as parks, M.K. Brown Auditorium, library, and general over-all look of our city. However, as our population has declined and our expenses continued to increase, these are areas that are cut from the budget. They are not "necessary" and regulated like water, sewer, fire and police. It is sad for me to see these areas neglected because of declining revenues.

The bottom line: It is easy to tear down but hard to build up. If you are in business, you have a plan from knowing where the business is going to how to get there. Pampa now needs to come up with a different plan. It takes more than saying "you do this." It takes action and hard work plus a consensus of what is to be done. How are we going to get there with all this distrust and accusations of lying?

Everything in a community our size is intertwined; our city services, our schools, our hospital, recruitment of new doctors and their spouses, meeting the United Way Goal, extracurricular activities for our children, keeping the current manufacturing business we have, keeping retail and restaurants, dealing with state agencies, the Chamber of Commerce, our membership in churches and their outreach.

All of these depend on numbers of people — people willing to share their gifts and volunteer their time. What positive part are you and I going to play in Pampa's future?

Faustina Miller Curry
Pampa

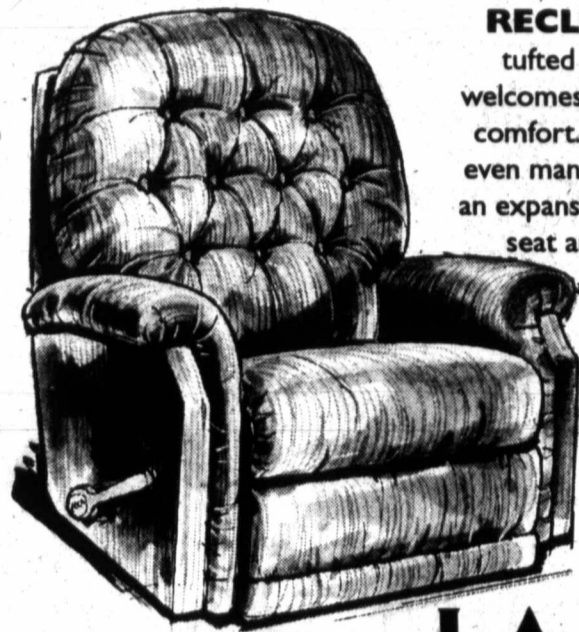
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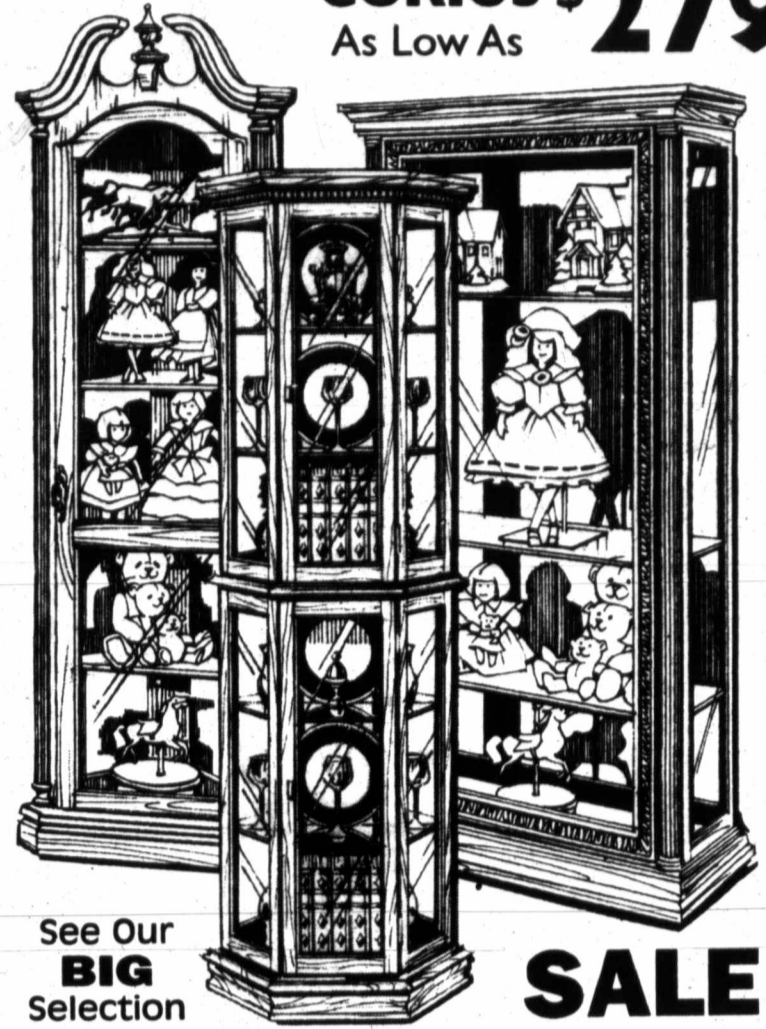
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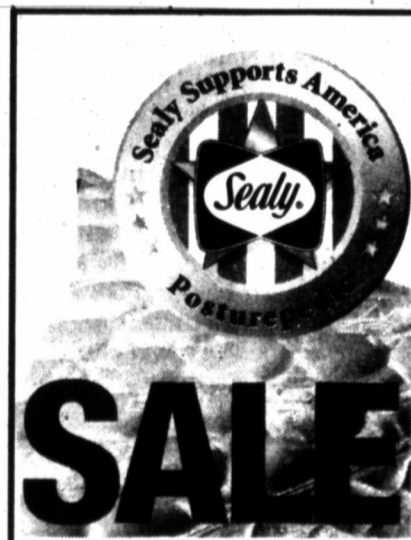
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Countryside in China: Unwanted girls being abandoned, killed

By MARTIN FACKLER
Associated Press Writer

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Mrs. Liu could have had three daughters by now. But the shame and legal costs would have been unbearable, so she gave her second daughter away at birth and aborted a third when an ultrasound scan showed that fetus, too, was a girl.

In 1949, the Communist Party took power promising to end centuries of degradation for China's women. Yet hundreds of thousands of unwanted baby girls are abandoned, aborted and even killed each year.

For poor, rural families, the choice is as stark as it is cruel. To keep a girl risks public ridicule in villages where traditions favoring boys still run strong.

Government limits on family sizes imposed since 1979 also mean that by keeping a girl, couples can lose their chance for a boy — long prized in China as the heir who will carry on the family name, till the family plot and care for his parents in old age.

"A woman without a son will be cursed by her mother-in-law and laughed at by the village," says Mrs. Liu, a farmer in the impoverished eastern province of Anhui. "Everybody thinks it's the duty of a woman to bear a boy."

Mrs. Liu, 36, asks that her full name not be used for fear that village officials who enforce birth quotas might punish her if they learned of the daughter she gave away. Those quotas, aimed at slowing the growth of China's population, now 1.26 billion, limit rural families to one child, or two if the first is a girl. A third would have brought Mrs. Liu heavy fines or

maybe even a forced abortion. So many baby girls are "missing" that shocked Chinese authorities have delayed releasing figures from a national census last year that showed the problem is getting worse.

Experts who have seen the results say they show almost 900,000 fewer girls were reported born last year than would be expected from natural birth rates. That's up from a shortfall of about 500,000 in 1990.

Normally, women give birth to about 107 boys for every 100 girls. But in China, 118 boys were born last year for every 100 girls. The ratio is creeping up: In 1990, it was 112 boys per 100 girls.

The World Health Organization, in a 1997 report, estimated as many as 50 million Chinese girls are missing since the problem appeared in the early 1980s.

The births of many girls are simply not reported, Chinese experts say. Instead, parents give them to childless relatives or neighbors, or abandon them on the doorsteps of hospitals or government offices. Girls fill China's 900 state-run orphanages.

The lopsided gender ratio, with far more males than females reaching marriage age, is creating social strains and helping to drive a thriving market for brides and prostitution. Rural men pay handsomely for a wife — even one abducted and married off against her will.

When the communists took power in 1949, they virtually eradicated the previously common practice of killing unwanted newborn girls. Officials plastered the countryside with slogans like "A girl is worth as much as a boy" and "Firmly uphold equal rights for girls and boys."

But today, tradition and modern technology work hand-in-hand. Rising incomes in rural areas have made ultrasound scans affordable. And while laws ostensibly bar doctors from disclosing the sex of an unborn child, bribes can loosen their tongues.

Officials say couples pay as much as 500 yuan (\$60) — 10 times the cost of a regular check-up and more than many farmers earn in a month — to learn the sex of a fetus. Illegal abortions are readily available for those who don't want a girl.

"Sex-selective abortions account for at least a third and maybe more than half of the missing girls," said Zeng Yi, a population expert at Peking University.

For women in areas too remote or too poor for ultrasound, infanticide remains a last resort, according to a Chinese study released in January.

"Some parents consider female infanticide nothing more than a delayed abortion," said one of the authors, Zhu Chuzhu of Jiaotong University

in the northern city of Xi'an.

Chinese girls also are far more likely to die before age 5 — a reversal of their natural propensity to survive boys, the study found. That's because some parents see no point in spending time and money on a girl who will leave them to live with her husband when she marries. The study found rural parents less likely to take girls to the doctor or feed them as well as boys.

After years of trying, Mrs. Liu finally had a boy in 1997. Her husband celebrated by getting drunk and buying her candy. "That night was like New Year's Eve," she says.

She dreams of sending her son to college and is saving for an expensive kindergarten near her village outside Anqing, a city 250 miles west of Shanghai.

She has no plans for her 9-year-old daughter beyond the nine

years of compulsory education.

Still, her eyes redden when she recalls the winter night seven years ago when she let the midwife take away her second daughter.

"I only heard her cry once. I never even saw her face," says Mrs. Liu, a slightly built woman with a face creased by years of working outside. "I cried and cried, missing her very much. But reality stopped me from try-

ing to take her back. I had to have a boy."

Relatives who took the child say she is alive and was adopted in a neighboring village, though they won't tell her where.

"I dare not imagine that she might be dead," Mrs. Liu says.

On the Net:
China's national census:
<http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/index.html>



(Courtesy photo)

Madeline Graves M.G. Flyers All-Around Team recently competed at the Judges Cup in Midland, Texas. Level 4 competitors were Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga and Abbey Rios. The Level 5 competitor from Pampa was Allison Cooper. Above, left-right: Cooper, Steward, Zuniga and Rios.

M.G. Flyers compete at meet in Midland

The M.G. Flyers All-Around Team from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa recently competed at the Judges Cup in Midland, Texas. Level 4 competitors included Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga and Abbey Rios.

The Level 5 competitor from Pampa was Allison Cooper. Steward took home red ribbons on vault and floor, a white ribbon on bars, a yellow

ribbon on beam and a white All-Around ribbon for an overall score of 26.95.

Zuniga earned blue ribbons on floor (8.1), vault (8.05), and beam (8.25), a red ribbon on bars and another blue ribbon in All-Around for her overall score of 31.65.

Rios earned a blue ribbon on vault (8.45), red ribbons on floor and beam and a yellow ribbon on bars with an All-Around red

ribbon for an overall of score of 28.5.

Cooper placed fifth on floor and vault, sixth on beam and fifth All-Around with a score of 32.3.

The Flyers are coached by Madeline Graves with the help of assistant coaches Shauna Munsell, Jeanna Zuniga and Chris Steward. The USAG Tumble and Trampoline Team will begin their competitive season in December.



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West Texas A&M to host Carol of Lights, Greek program ...

WTAMU Spreads Christmas Cheer with Carol of Lights

CANYON — The sweet songs of Christmas will be heard from the steps of West Texas A&M University's Old Main when Dr. Russell Long, president, turns on thousands of Christmas lights at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The Carol of Lights is the second and final phase of the University's annual Festival of

Lights. The Festival of Lights began in late October with the Hanging of the Lights when the WTAMU community came together to string thousands of lights across campus. The lights will be turned on for the first time when Long does the honors Nov. 27.

The Carol of Lights will include a short Christmas program featuring the WTAMU choirs directed by Dr. George Biffle, associate

professor of music. The choirs will sing songs of the season including "Carol of the Bells" and "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming." Candles will be distributed to those attending the event, and participants will be encouraged to join in the singing. A small reception inside Old Main will follow with hot chocolate and cider, cookies, sandwiches and chips.

The event serves a dual purpose as the University's annual Toys for Tots Drive. Those attending are encouraged to bring a new or gently used toy.

The Carol of Lights is free and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 651-2097.

Greek culture during its annual "Taste of the World" from 12:15-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

The annual event highlights a specific culture and features food, music and activities that best reflect that culture. This year's organizing committee chose to feature Greece and is planning a sampling of Greek foods with information about the country as well as a few added surprises.

"This event gives students a chance to see and experience another culture," Sarah Ebling, a junior social work major from Amarillo and organizer of the event, said.

"Taste of the World" is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the WTAMU Multicultural Center at (806) 651-2328.

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AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

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. 1-75-337422-9.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC
Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

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.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

CLASS OF 1961
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion

this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

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Pampa Retired Teachers Association will not meet in November.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, 525 N. Gray, will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a special worship service at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 18. Among those present will be former pastors the Rev. Donald S. Hauck, the Rev. Marty Hager, the Rev. Joseph Turner and the Rev. John Judson. For more information, contact the church office.

BAND FUND-RAISER

Pampa High School Band will stage its "Fall Concert and Live Auction" 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. The event is free and open to the public.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West, will offer free Thanksgiving dinners at 12:30 noon, Nov. 22. Reservations are encouraged though not necessary. For more information, call Naomi Driggers at 669-1897 (anytime) or Liz Sculthorp, Mission pastor, at 665-8577 (weekends only).

AMARILLO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Amarillo Railroad Museum will present a model train display dur-

ing the Christmas holidays at Western Plaza. The display will open from 12 noon-7 p.m., Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, and from 12 noon-4 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. A drawing will be held Christmas Eve for a hand-built HO-scale model railroad and a demonstration on digital command control is slated Dec. 15. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit the museum, a non-profit educational charity.

CLASS OF 1982

The PHS Class of 1982 Reunion Committee will meet at 2 p.m., Nov. 24, at the Coffee Shop in Pampa to discuss plans for a 20th reunion celebration in the summer of 2002. All class members are urged to attend. For more information, call Jill Lewis at 665-7007 or 669-7682 or Susan (Birdsell) Bromlow at 669-3780.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held the evening of Nov. 29. For more information, call 669-3241.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Festival of Trees will kick-off Friday, Nov. 30 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Hours will be 5-8 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 and 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2.

PAMPA BOARD OF REALTORS

Pampa Board of Realtors will hold its 2002 Officers Installation Banquet Friday, Nov. 30 at Pampa Country Club. Social hour and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Cost per person will be \$15. Reservations will be accepted no later than Nov. 28. To RSVP or for more information, call 669-1811, fax 665-7842 or e-mail pamparealtors@nts-online.net.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS DISPLAY

Celebration of Lights will be open Dec. 1 through Dec. 31 every evening after dark at Recreation Park.

COME BACK TO CHRISTMAS

"Come Back to Christmas" holiday celebration will be held Dec. 1 in Pampa, complete with carriage rides, crafts, drawings, Victorian-era costumes and more.

THE NUTCRACKER
Pampa Civic Ballet will present

"The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m., Dec. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

LAKE MEREDITH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Christmas Bazaar is in the offing Dec. 6-9 at 104 N. Robey, Fritch. The event will include a bake sale as well as craft items. Donations in the form of cash, crafts or baked goods are currently being accepted through Dec. 1 (baked goods Dec. 5.) For more information, call (806) 857-2458.

TOUR OF HOMES

Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club will host its annual "Tour of Homes" Dec. 9 in Pampa. All proceeds will benefit "Opportunity Plans, Inc."

WRITERS' LEAGUE OF TEXAS

Writers' League of Texas, in cooperation with Texas Commission on the Arts, is accepting applications for grants and fellowships in literature for 2002-03 through Dec. 10. For more information or to request an application, call (512) 499-8914; e-mail awl@writersleague.org; or write the League at 1501, W. 5th St., Suite E-2, Austin, TX 78703.

TWU SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas Woman's University is offering scholarships to women and minorities interested in degrees in computer science, engineering or mathematics. For more information, contact Melinda Miller Holt at (940) 898-2168 or (940) 898-2166 or mholt@twu.edu.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1-Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave.,

Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31, 2001.

MIRACLE EAR

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

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 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.

PATHWAYS

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

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Nov. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Nov. 15, Groom School, Groom; 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 20, White Deer Community Center, White Deer; 11 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., Nov. 26, City Hall, Canadian; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 28, Miami School, Miami.

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Tenth Farm Credit District reports strong third quarter results

AUSTIN — Strong net income and record loan volume highlighted third quarter 2001 financial results reported by the Tenth Farm Credit District.

At quarter-end, the 10th District was composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), headquartered in Austin, and 23 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. It is the largest rural-lending network in the five-state region.

District net income for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2001, totaled \$85.8 million, a 32.4 percent increase over the \$64.8 million reported for the same period in 2000. Net income for the third quarter of 2001 was \$30.1 million, reflecting a 30.9 percent increase from the \$23 million reported for the third quarter a year ago. These results are attributed primarily to increases in net interest income and non-interest income and a decrease in the provision for income taxes.

Gross loan volume totaled \$5.809 billion at Sept. 30, 2001, 11 percent increase over the \$5.236 billion loan volume reported at year-end 2000 and a record in the 84-year history of the 10th District.

High-risk asset volume increased by 21.9 percent from \$64.7 million at year-end 2000 to \$78.9 million at Sept. 30, 2001, due largely to depressed commodity prices and weather effects on crop production. Nevertheless, the quality of the loan portfolio remained exceptionally strong with the district reporting overall acceptable credit quality of 97.7 percent at Sept. 30, 2001.

"We are extremely pleased with these excellent third quarter financial results, especially considering the less-than-ideal growing and marketing conditions many of our agricultural customers experienced this summer," said Arnold R. Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "Sustained demand for real estate was a key factor in the district's loan volume growth. But just as significant were the competitive loan pricing, reduced borrower stock requirements and increased marketing and customer service efforts offered by our lending associations," Henson said.

At Sept. 30, 2001, the combined assets of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and 23 10th district lending associations totaled \$6.4 billion. Together, these lending institutions had 59,081 loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural homeowners and landowners.

The local financing cooperatives included 10 Federal Land Credit Associations, which make mortgage loans, two Production Credit Associations, which provide short- and intermediate-term agricultural credit, and Agricultural Credit Associations, which make both mortgage and agricultural operating loans.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$431 million and \$1.295 billion for the three and nine months ending Sept. 30, 2001, respectively. This compares with combined net income of \$388 million and \$1.048 billion for the same periods last year.

Community Thanksgiving Service

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LETTERS

Have faith the builders will overcome the destroyers

To the editor,
First, we would sincerely like to praise the leaders of our City Commission and PEDC for working to make Pampa a better place to live. We feel the people of Pampa let you down instead of the other way around. While you were spending time away from your families trying to make us all more prosperous, the misinformed and fault-finders were busy, too.
We don't understand why some people would rather think the worst about things instead of looking for the positive. We have lived in Pampa most of our lives and hate to see the town dying because of the short-sightedness of the more vocal residents.
We were really disappointed in the people who didn't vote and let 1,786 people out of a population of 17,000 kill our chances of any population stability. Very few of the retail businesses in town that depend on a stable population stood up for the only agency in town that gives them a chance to survive or grow. The worst thing about killing our PEDC was also killing our faith that we still had a chance of staying a viable, thriving community and not a dried up old town with old falling down houses.
We are still optimistic that in a few years, there will still be enough builders to rise up and overcome the destroyers. If anyone thinks these people who were instrumental in the beginning of our demise will step up and take a lead in community development, they can forget it. These people are not builders, they are destroyers and the two ideas are not compatible.
Some of our so-called "concerned citizens" have their heads stuck in the sand and refuse to face the economic reality that a town either grows or stagnates and dies. Some of our friends in neighboring towns are shaking their heads at Pampa's stupidity in getting rid of our economic development corporation.
If there is a plus to all this, it is that the pig growers can move here without any help (which they didn't get from the PEDC anyway, except for their sponsorship of an "information forum"). Of course, that's all we'll have a chance at, since there won't be a PEDC to recruit manufacturing businesses. So come on pig and cattle producers. We doubt if all those concerned citizens are confirmed vegetarians. They may not want your company here, but they will still eat your products.
Calvin and Rochelle Lacy
Pampa

Taxpayers rely on newspaper to keep them informed

To the editor,
Mrs. Young, on behalf of the taxpayers of the City of Pampa and Gray County, thank you for your coverage of both sides of the PEDC issue, as well as business conducted by the City Council and the County Commission.
We, the taxpayers, cannot attend every City Council and County Commission meeting, because we have to earn a living in order to pay the taxes to support the community. We, therefore, depend on the newspaper to keep us informed about the use of our tax dollars, the performance of our elected officials, and the management of our community.
When tax dollars are used, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer become the lending institution, and as such, have the right to know how our money is to be used before it becomes a final deal.
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Our elected officials are our loan officers and trustees, and are accountable to the taxpayers the same as a bank is accountable to its board members and stock holders or share holders. When we vote for an official we have the right to expect him or her to use our trust and our money, honestly and responsibly and to manage it wisely.

When our City Council allowed PEDC to gain approval of expenditures without divulging at the City Council meetings the intended uses of the funds, both the PEDC and the City Council betrayed the trust of the taxpayers. By continuing the practice for nine years, their dereliction of duty became an insult to the taxpayers. This is what caused the demise of the PEDC.

We, the taxpayers, are now looking for candidates to fill the offices of those persons who were participants in this insulting scenario. We, the taxpayers, trust that *The Pampa News* will always exemplify journalism at its finest.
Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

Despoilers will be recognized for their handiwork ...

To the editor,
To those of you who have purchased, embezzled, stolen, hypothesized or usurped the natural birthrights of others, utilizing accepted legal means, or by force or by deception to ruin the very air we breathe, the environment we enjoy and despoiling the water we drink in order to enrich yourselves; shame on you all.
No one forced Mr. B. Pickens to buy extensive water rights. It was done for one of two reasons — greed or to cure a non-anxiety complex he may have had. Owning the water rights could cause him to be anxious that someone would pump some of his water. His purchases were to the detriment of every person in the Texas Panhandle.
The jobs Pantex has provided may in the long run prove to be the most disadvantageous harm of all. Owned by a government that does not always tell its citizens the truth about matters, and managed by a succession of contractor firms whose safety and security concerns are secondary to the profit motive.
Particularly alarming is a recent refusal by management to permit a recognized citizens oversight group to attend their meetings or to review certain aspects of their operation. The management of Pantex has effectively rendered this legally constituted group organizationally impotent. Plutonium is a dirty word and some of it does get loose. Explosive element residues do get into our water supply and sometimes they will tell you about it. Say Rocky Flats, Colo.
Those who want to be Boss Hog. The proliferation of pig palaces in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and additional ones in the planning stage may put a few bucks into the local economy but at too great a cost in air, water and other environmental harm.
The half-life of pig smell is less than that of plutonium but it will transcend generations and change the nature of natural assets common to us all, the original states thereof never to be retrieved or made whole. The denigration of our environment is not progress in any sense. The Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) is just another example of, "Give, loan or let me take from you your natural assets and we will do great things for you."
You promoters of these facilities usually provide a small number of low pay, non-union jobs. The significant benefit accrues to the

owner/managers, some of whom do not have a local address or contribute financially to the local economy. Even if significant financial contributions were made, there is no earthly way you could repay or make recompense for the usurpation of our natural assets. They were not for sale and should not have been taken.

It took God six days to create the world. It will take you despoilers much longer to destroy it. Running roughshod over people will require more rest than God needed in the creation.

Chamber of Commerce members, EDC members, small town boosters euphoric over the proposed odor of animal waste will one day be appropriately recognized for their short sightedness. God gave us Adams Ale for drink. Nitrites, nitrates, E. coli of several types and Salmonella really add nothing to it.
Bill Reeves
McLean

Unjust assumptions give food for thought ...

To the editor,
I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a letter printed recently by Shirley Nicholson. In this letter, Ms. Nicholson made several statements that I must take issue with. She stated, "I was disappointed to see persons who profess Christianity on Sunday compromise their principles to gain power, approval, influence and money the rest of the week."
This comment was made in regards to Judge Peet and the other three commissioners. Ms. Nicholson, you certainly do have a right to have your opinions, but I believe that you do not have the right to make unjust assumptions about the religious and moral values of the members of the Commissioners' Court.
Simply because your own agenda was not fulfilled does not give you license to attempt to besmirch the integrity of others. I would be interested to know just how many Commissioner Court meetings you have attended. I personally have attended many, and I have never seen you there. Perhaps you should become more involved in city and county government before you deem yourself an expert.
I can assure you that Joe Wheeley, Gray County Commissioner Precinct 1 is a very religious and highly moral person. He has been active in our church for more than 30 years; he has served on man community boards and has spent countless hours improving Pampa and Gray County. He works very hard to research each and every issue that comes before the court. He communicates with the people he represents and genuinely cares deeply about this community.
I am totally bewildered about the rest of your statement regarding power, approval and gaining money. Just how do you think that an individual member of the court could possibly profit in any way from a decision in this matter one way or the other? Furthermore, I am offended at the very mention of such a thing.
In reference to the last statement in your letter, Joe Wheeley has ever right to be referred to as a man of honor, a concerned citizen, and a loving Christian husband, father and grandfather. I find it sad that you deem it your right to bestow titles on others. It is quite possible that others are seeing you in a new light as well. It gives one pause for thought.
Sara L. Wheeley
Pampa

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AGRICULTURE

Senate committee approves bill's subsidy section

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats forced a new farm bill through a Senate committee Thursday after giving Southern senators more money for big farms and adding a dairy program that could raise retail milk prices.

Republicans said the spending will stimulate price-depressing surpluses of subsidized crops and may break the budget.

The Senate Agriculture Committee approved the bill's subsidy section 12-9 with the support of one Republican, Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas, who is up for re-election next year in a major agricultural state. The panel rejected a Republican alternative backed by the Bush administration.

Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, a fierce critic of the Republican "Freedom to Farm" policy enacted five years ago, called the Senate bill a "nudge" to existing subsidy programs.

"We're not going to make any sharp turns. We have to keep our farmers going," the Iowa Democrat said.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said the bill was a "step back to the past." Increases in subsidy rates are bound to encourage overproduction, he said.

The legislation could go to the Senate floor the week after Thanksgiving. It faces a series of amendments there, including one that would shift billions in crop subsidies into conservation programs.

The legislation would cost \$174 billion over 10 years, by Harkin's estimate, \$4 billion more than a farm bill passed by the House last month. Both bills would continue to direct the bulk of subsidies to farmers who grow wheat, corn, cotton, rice and soybeans and add new crops such as peanuts.

The Senate bill has more spending for conservation programs and food stamps.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, said the Senate measure exceeded the spending limits in this year's congressional budget agreement. Harkin denied that, but congressional budget analysts have not finished totaling the cost of the Senate bill.

To win approval of the committee's southern Democrats, Harkin dropped his effort to cut payments to big grain and cotton farms, added money

for rice and peanuts and offered new subsidies for lentils and chickpeas.

Under the bill, farms will still be allowed to collect crop subsidies in unlimited amounts, and they could get another \$200,000 in payments under two other income-support programs.

Critics of farm subsidies, including the Bush administration, say they encourage overproduction and drive up land rents, which they contend makes it difficult for small farms to survive.

"We're just moving in the direction of subsidizing big farms to drive other farmers and ranchers out of business," said Chuck Hassebrook of the Center for Rural Affairs, an advocacy group.

The dairy program, added to the bill to win the support of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., probably will generate wide opposition.

The program would guarantee dairy farmers minimum returns for their milk in every region of the country, much as a pricing system did in New England before it expired in September. One independent analysis estimates the system would cost consumers \$1.8 billion more a year.

Both the Senate and House bills set up new

"countercyclical" subsidy programs that provide special payments to farmers when commodity prices are below target levels. The Senate measure would guarantee wheat farmers \$3.45 a bushel, corn growers \$2.35 a bushel, cotton growers 68 cents a pound and soybean farmers \$5.75 a bushel.

The 1996 farm bill ended a Depression-era system of production controls and scaled back on price-based subsidies. Commodity prices dropped sharply in 1998, and Congress has responded with billions in additional assistance each year.

The Republican plan proposed Thursday by Roberts and Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., had lower price guarantees than the Democrats' but offered higher fixed payments and also would have given farmers money to deposit into IRA-type savings accounts.

The Senate committee narrowly approved an amendment by Sen. Paul Wellstone, R-Minn., that would require meat, lamb and produce to be labeled with the country of origin. U.S. farmers believe the labels would discourage consumption of imported food.

November Texas crop report

AUSTIN — Production prospects remained mostly unchanged from the previous forecast released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2001 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 4.3 million bales, up 9 percent from 2000 and down 2 percent from last month. "Cotton harvest remains active with some producers waiting for frost instead of applying defoliants," according to Robin Roark, state statistician. Yield is expected to average 459 pounds per acre compared with 430 pounds last year.

Corn production is forecast at 163.3 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year's production, but unchanged from last

month. Based on Nov. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 115 bushels per acre, 9 bushels fewer than in 2000 and unchanged from last month.

Texas peanut production, at 924 million pounds, is up 32 percent from last year. Statewide yield, at 2,800 pounds per acre, is up 260 pounds from last year and up 200 pounds from last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 80.1 million hundredweight (cwt), fractionally less than last year and unchanged from last month. Harvested acreage is estimated at 2.6 million acres, up 11 percent from last year but unchanged from last month.

Yield, at 3,080 pounds per acre, is down 336 pounds from last year

but unchanged from last month.

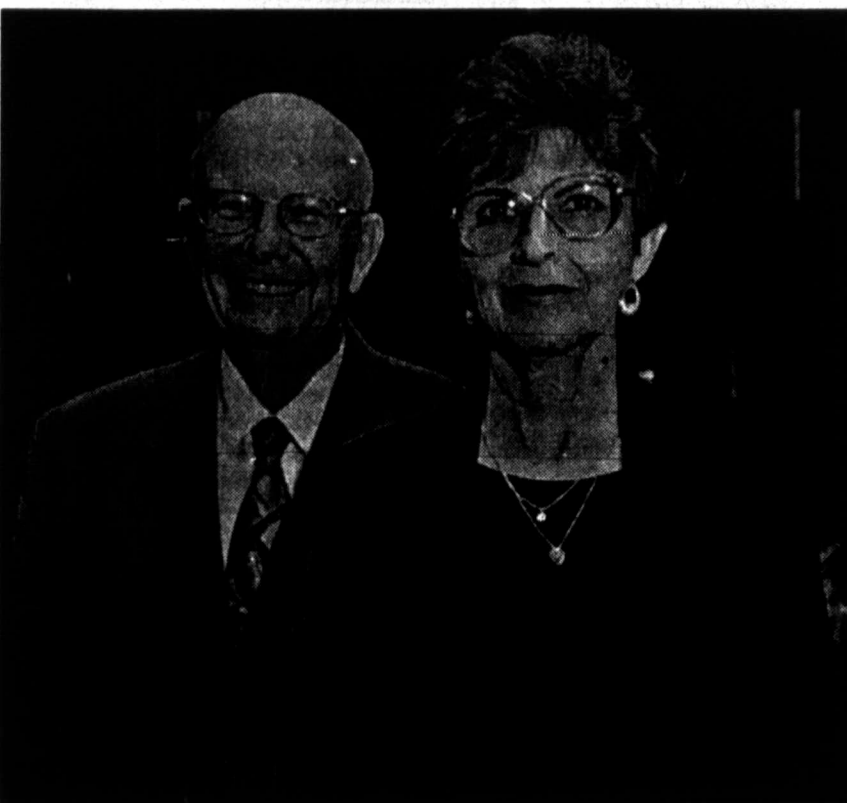
The 2001 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 7.02 million bushels, unchanged from last year's production and unchanged from last month. Harvested acreage is forecast at 260,000 acres, and yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year and last month.

United States corn production is forecast at 9.55 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last year's crop. A yield of 138.0 bushels per acre is forecast, up 1.7 bushels from last year. The sorghum crop is expected to increase 14 percent from last year to 300.5 million cwt. The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 19.6 million bales, up 16 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 2.92 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last month. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 4.16 billion pounds, up 27 percent from a year ago.

TFB Convention will be in Waco

WACO — For the first time in the modern era of Texas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization will hold its annual convention in the city it has called home since the late 1940s. The 68th annual meeting Dec. 2-5 will draw farmers and ranchers from across the state to the Waco Convention Center as they seek solutions for troubling times in agriculture.

"We meet in Waco at a difficult time for the farm and ranch families of Texas," said TFB President Donald Patman. "As always, we will attend to the business of our organization and lay the policy foundations for a profitable agriculture in Texas. Waco, like so many other cities in our state, was founded, and has prospered, on a strong agricultural base..."



Jim Waterfield with his wife, Sandy, at his side said good-bye this month to his job as chairman of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. A native of Canadian, Waterfield's term expires this month, but as the immediate past chairman he will still serve on the board of directors and will be actively involved in the association.

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Cattle feeders hear about beef checkoff importance

DALLAS — "This is not the United Way."

That, said Mark Thomas, is an important distinction — the \$1-per-head beef checkoff isn't in business to serve as a charity organization for packers and retailers. "We are in business with the checkoff to maintain and enhance beef demand and, at the end of the day, grow the production side of the beef industry."

Thomas, vice president, Center for Consumer Marketing at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Denver, delivered an "accountability report" to cattle feeders on the beef checkoff during the Texas Cattle Feeders Association Annual Convention in Dallas.

However, Thomas emphasized that cattle producers and the organizations that work for them at the state and national level

must work shoulder-to-shoulder with all segments of the beef marketing system if the goal of growing the production side of the beef industry is to be met.

"You will not have an opportunity for profit unless there is real consumer demand," he told cattle feeders, reminding them that every dollar that winds up in their pockets started when a consumer purchased their product.

"In order to maintain, increase and stimulate consumer demand, there have to be products in the marketplace that fit consumer needs and wants. The whole purpose of the checkoff, going back to its inception in 1922, is to build consumer demand for beef so there could be an opportunity for profit throughout the beef system."

There is a long and very successful list of how the beef checkoff has done exactly that. For example, Thomas described beef crumbles, a new beef product that hit grocery shelves recently with the help of checkoff dollars. These crumbles are precooked ground beef in three different flavors that allow a time-harried mom to quickly and conveniently prepare a ground beef meal.

"On the retail side, we're approaching 11,000 stores that have implemented Beef Made Easy." This is a program that encourages stores to organize their beef-shelves according to how different cuts are cooked and then, among other things, to put preparation instructions on individual beef packages.

And attitudes about beef are showing marked improvement. "We've seen significantly improved attitudes by moms about beefs nutrient benefits." That's key because it's moms who buy the food their families eat, and they won't buy anything they don't trust and believe in.

In addition, checkoff dollars

are used to work with the major news media to communicate messages about beef safety issues such as BSE, foot-and-mouth disease and anthrax. "We have been successful in maintaining consumer confidence in the safety of beef."

All this benefits cattle producers and none of it would happen without industry segments working together. "The checkoff didn't do it all, but through the checkoff, producers have been at the table in helping some things take place that never would have taken place without the checkoff."

Thomas told cattle feeders that there's an old adage in any industry that holds, "He who puts in the most value will reap the most reward." The checkoff is trying to stimulate packers, other beef manufacturers and retailers to look at the opportunity beef provides them to enhance value to consumers, so that demand pull will create higher bidding for raw materials. "If a manufacturer has to bid higher for the raw materials he or she needs, that's going to create higher prices at the raw material level."

Thomas said that he's sensitive to the fact that a cattle producer, whether a cow/calf, stocker or feeder, often doesn't think of the consumer in the daily struggle to make an operation profitable. "I understand that and appreciate that." But that fact alone makes the beef checkoff an essential part of the beef industry.

"The fact of the matter is, our job is to work for those men and women and to create the demand pull with private industry so that cattle producers have an opportunity for profit and can stay in business. We have a very vested interest in why we do what we do," Thomas concluded.

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LETTERS

Pampa's future not very clear ...

To the editor,
The most divisive issue that I have seen in Pampa is finally over, the votes counted, the winners being the Concerned Citizens to Dissolve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. The leaders of both sides of the issue have made statements, and the PEDC is being dismantled.

What now Pampa?
I feel that the winners of the vote should make a statement detailing their views for Pampa's future. I'm positive they gave long and thoughtful consideration to a new plan for Pampa's future development before starting their campaign to dissolve the PEDC.

There will never be a better time than right now to share those plans with the community. After all, among your major complaints was that neither the City Commission nor the PEDC would listen to, or share their plans, with the public.

James Braxton
Pampa

Add another a name to the list seeking election overseer

To the editor,
Regarding the article in the Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, *Pampa News* "Names released of those seeking election overseer" — when I presented this request to the registered voters I did not ask if they were for or against the issue on the ballot.

Since I am the person who initiated the request for an inspector from Austin to be here, I feel my name should have been included in that list.

Joyce Davis
Pampa

Purchasers of memorial bricks get no satisfaction

To the editor,
For Christmas 2000, my family paid for two separate memorial bricks to honor our loved ones that served in the armed service. At the time, we were told that it might take a few months to be made and set.

Around the first of June 2001, my mother started to investigate why the bricks have not been laid, even though they had been paid for since late November 2000. Over this period of time, there was several calls placed to the coordinator, every time she called there was the answer that they were to be in and laid within a few weeks.

At the first of August, my mother went to Freedom Museum and asked again why they have not appeared, and they said that they have to sell one more brick to have enough to fill the order, to the engravers. So that the order could be filled and finally completed, my mother bought one more additional brick. At that time, she was told that the bricks would be finished and laid by the end of the month.

On the first day of November 2001, my mother and I went to the museum, and there is still nothing there. We both have placed several telephone calls to the coordinator, left messages and have not received return telephone calls.

My family and I have a few questions for the Freedom Museum and since we have not been able to get a response any other way I thought I should write this letter. Why are we being ignored and stonewalled when we have paid money for these items and still have nothing? Why can't we show our loved ones honor, too?

Melissa Denton
Skellytown

Freedom of Speech not given full reign

To the editor,
I cannot tell you how appalled I am that Freedom of Speech is being squelched in my hometown of Pampa, Texas. I have been hearing about a local volatile issue: whether or not to abolish the PEDC.

Evidently, while several front page articles were published in praise of the same, letters to the editor regarding the PEDC issue are being prohibited until after the vote. How convenient. By the time this letter is received, the results of the vote will be in. I just hope my former fellow citizens weren't bulldozed as well as brain-washed.

Marsha Ellis Lermon
Lake Jackson

The election was lost; PEDC is dissolved ...

To the editor,
I read with interest the headline in Monday's paper concerning the Pampa City Commission considering Susan Tripplehorn staying on as "consultant" between her old job as PEDC executive director and the PEDC.

Just what part of losing this election do you people not understand? You lost, and there is no need to keep her on any board, and especially at an additional gouge the taxpayers to the tune of

\$15,900! If you so desperately want to spend that amount, then why not put it towards the debt the PEDC enjoyed gouging the taxpayers?
And if she is approved, why should she be paid one dime for services rendered, bad as they were? And she is to share her "knowledge, expertise ..." WHAT?

And to Mr. Doug Locke's quote ... "It's a sad day in the history of Pampa" which was referring to the results of the special election in which Pampa voters voted to dissolve the PEDC. Mr. Locke, it is a sad day when the director and the board of said department have mismanaged our funds to the tune of \$2.5 million in the red! And, it would be even more sad to let this all continue.

I know the decision on Ms. Tripplehorn will be made tomorrow, Tuesday, and this letter can't possibly be printed until Sunday. But, oh, well.

Gynelle King
Pampa

Where is the compassion for ordinary citizens?

To the editor,
I try hard not to say anything, but I just can't help it. The people all involved in the PEDC, they are all asking us to overlook what they did. Who got them in this mess? They did it themselves. I didn't do it and neither did you.

They are asking for mercy and compassion. Well, where was their compassion and mercy on the citizens when they did this?

They keep saying it's not going to cost us but about \$3 a piece a month. It's the reason we are having to pay the loans off that matters.

This world is changing fast. Ever look at the adults now that want to be children and the children are having to act like adults? Just look in our town how many are even being thrown in jail just for being kids.

The people from PEDC keep talking about how hard last winter hurt the dairy and how they suffered a big loss with cows and because of it. What do they think it did to a lot of the rest of us? Do they think it was easy for us? Who felt sorry for us?

They say they created 260 new jobs. What about the hundreds that lost their jobs because of businesses closing?

Where is their compassion and mercy for the people on Social Security?

They talk about these peoples' losses. Well, where is their mercy for those of us who have lost our spouses? We're having to build new lives without the one's who have always been there to help us and been our life. Do they not think that's a loss, too? What about the children who their parents decide they need a new life, that they don't want the responsibility of raising them and just leave the kids to do the best they can without much of anybody to lean on?

What do these new people have that the rest of us don't have?

I sure haven't seen any banks giving me or anybody else money because of the losses and challenges we've had to meet. We just have to do the best we can. We sure don't have any mercy or compassion from these people. So why should we feel sorry for them? They don't us.

They also keep talking about the country club was losing business. Well, whose fault is that? If they had any sense, they would realize that the Hidden Hills Golf Course took business from the country club. That's just another one of their ideas that backfired on them.

I just want them to tell us where their mercy on the rest of us is at or was. Why there's none for people on SS or low-income people or the rest of the citizens. I just feel like if some of these people had been through what some of the rest of us have, things would be different.

Sue Meeks
Pampa

Local city government not listening to citizenry

To the editor,
I attended the City Commission meeting tonight, and it went about like I thought it would. The city commissioners have blocked their ears to the people. That has been the problem from the beginning. They just will not listen. Close to 1,800 people bothered to come out and vote and ousted the PEDC. They do not want Susan Tripplehorn to have one more cent of their money. Did they listen? NO.

Now, the Tripplehorn and the people supporting them may feel that they have won a victory tonight, but in my book, many of our local politicians are committing political suicide. Why, I am not sure. Maybe God has decided it is time for a big change in Pampa. Only He knows that, but this much I am sure of.

It was not really the Concerned Citizens group that brought down the PEDC, as much as it was their own arrogance. To the Tripplehorn, \$15,900 is probably not a lot of money, but to most of us out here, it is, and we see this awarding of this money to her almost as robbery. Taking money she does not have any right to. Money she doesn't deserve.

They say they want what is only fair and right, but that money belongs to the people of Pampa, not the city commissioners or PEDC. It is ours.

The people have voted, the people are saying "Read our lips: We do not want the pigs" and "We do not want Susan Tripplehorn to have any more money." Is anybody listening? Obviously not.
Karen Son
Pampa

Remembering Merle Miller

To the editor,
Not long ago I read in some big city newspaper an article used as a "filler" (newspaper jargon for a brief piece of writing used to fill space in a newspaper or magazine) about the death of Merle Miller buried somewhere in the back pages.

For those of you who never heard of Merle Miller, one might make a very strong case that he was one of the best penman of our time. He wrote several books, but none better or more important than "Plain Speaking An Oral Biography of Harry S. Truman." Sadly, I thought, that's life ... must be a journalistic effort by a Republican as it's not even listed in the obituaries! Too bad, too bad!

If it pleases the court, and those of you who love America as I do, I think this book is a must read. It's almost as good as Ray Charles rendition of "America The Beautiful"! For now I wish to rest. But, I would urge you to read this book, and I'll want you to be the judge. Thanking you in advance, I am.

John D. Seaman
Perryton

TDCJ policy may become too costly to taxpayers ...

To the editor,
Please publish this issue in your news paper to inform the taxpayers how TDCJ-ID is ripping them off of their hard-earned tax dollars.

A) It is true that when an offender is found with "tobacco products" on his person or in his possession he is subject to serve an additional year or two years on his sentence, because offenders are not permitted to have any tobacco.

B) The impact effect on the taxpayer may result in an additional cost to house those offenders — \$30,000 to \$40,000 extra per year — that should not be necessary.

My question to ask the taxpayer: Is it really worth an extra \$30,000 to \$40,000 to punish the offender for being caught with 3-cents or more of tobacco products?

I would also like to ask the taxpayer what justice is being served to set-off an offender from one to two years or not grant him parole at all? Especially if he has a clean disciplinary history and is trying to do his best to go home to be with his family? Imagine the cost to multiply by thousands of offenders affected.

Larry Williams
Rufe Jordan Unit

Former PEDC director predicts 'bleak' future for Pampa

To The Citizens of Pampa,
I was truly honored when I was asked to take the position of Executive Director of the PEDC. I accepted the job at a much lower salary than any of my predecessors, and I did so for the sole reason of wanting to help Pampa grow and prosper.

I will leave this job knowing that there are seven new businesses and 260 new jobs now in Pampa. And, I had the privilege to work with wonderful directors who cared about and believed in this community.

For those who voted for the dissolution of the PEDC because you didn't want hogs, let me just say, you were misinformed. NPD is coming. Many of you crucified Richard Stowers when he made this comment, but I can assure you, he was correct. What a terrible reason to vote against Pampa's future.
(See, LETTERS, Page 16)

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SPORTS

Harvesters fall in OT to Andrews

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FOOTBALL

The Power Point week 10 winner was Lauryn Krug of El Campo with a perfect score of 136.

The Pampa high score was Mike Voss with 134 points.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School girls basketball teams opened the 2001-2002 basketball season earlier this week against Hereford.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa defeated Hereford 42-20 behind the 15-point performance from Britteni Rice. Stephanie McVay was second-leading scorer with 8 points, followed by Nicole Clark 6, and Cassy Tice 6.

Pampa also won the B team game 35-15.

Shandale Young was high scorer with 15 points. Tanna Stowers added 8.

In the 8th grade division, Pampa lost to Hereford 71-41.

Callie Cobb had 11 points and Mariza Scott 10 to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa's B team won 30-26.

Top scorer for Pampa was Kylie Winegeart with 16 points. Courtney Crawford had 8.

The next middle school games will be played at home Monday against Dumas. Starting time is 5:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Baseball was barred from eliminating the Minnesota Twins next season when a judge on Friday ordered the team to play its 2002 home schedule in the Metrodome.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad also was ordered not to sell the team unless the new owner agrees to have the team play its 2002 home schedule in the ballpark.

The order by Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump threw into question last week's vote by baseball owners to eliminate two major league teams next season.

While baseball owners didn't formally pick the teams when they met Nov. 6, they made clear the Montreal Expos and the Twins were the likely candidates.

"The welfare, recreation, prestige, prosperity, trade and commerce of the people of the community are at stake," Crump wrote in his four-page order. "The Twins brought the community together with Homer Hankies and Bobblehead dolls.

"The Twins are one of the few professional sports teams in town where a family can afford to take their children to enjoy a hot dog and peanuts and a stadium. The vital public interest, or trust, of the Twins substantially outweighs any private interest."

Baseball and the Twins will try to overturn the order before a three-judge panel of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, but temporary injunctions usually are difficult to remove before a trial.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, reached at his home in Milwaukee, declined comment.

"Both sides in this controversy have known from the outset that this case would ultimately be decided by Minnesota appellate courts," said Roger Magnuson, the lawyer for the Twins and major league baseball. "We are, of course, disappointed in this decision, but we are confident that we will prevail at the end of the day. ... We have a very strong case and believe that we will be fully vindicated when our appeal is heard."

Spring training starts in just three months, making it unlikely a trial would be over before then.

"There can and perhaps will be further legal proceedings in the matter (but) the procedures take time," said Minnesota Chief Deputy Attorney General Alan Gilbert.

PLAINVIEW — Even though Pampa came up short, it had to be one of the better bi-district games ever played.

Pampa and Andrews battled right into overtime with the Mustangs coming out on top 14-7 as Ryan Newbrough scored on a 1-yard run in the extra period.

Playing on a soggy field Friday night in Bulldog Stadium, the defense came up big for both teams. Andrews ended up having the edge with a ball-control offense that controlled the clock most of the way.

Andrews scored on its first possession of the game, going 55 yards in 10 plays and capped off by Matt Gardner's 1-yard run.

Pampa's defense, though rose up to stop Andrews on its next three possessions. Linebackers Chris Lewis and Orlando Madrid, along with tackle Adam Parks, noseguard Terrell Jennings and end Daniel Ortega, led Pampa's defensive charge.

Late in the first half, Pampa was able to tie the score on John Braddock's 28-yard TD pass to Jesse Tarango, who made the catch between two defenders in the end zone. The drive, which went 51 yards in four plays, was set up by tailback Johnny Moore's 18-yard run to the Andrews 28.

With the score tied 7-7 at halftime, Andrews had a pair of scoring opportunities fall by the wayside in the second half. Late in the third quarter, the Mustangs drove inside the Pampa 5, but back-to-back illegal procedure penalties backed

Andrews up. Kicker Joe Barnes tried for a field goal from the 27-yard line, but failed to convert.

Pampa's defense spoiled Andrews' next scoring threat. With 1:56 remaining, the Harvesters were forced to punt from near their own end zone and Andrews got good field position on the Pampa 45. Three

plays later, however, Madrid picked off Newbrough's pass to end the threat.

Andrews won the coin toss and took the ball first in overtime. Starting on the 25, Andrews converted two first downs on the drive before Newbrough crossed the goal line for the game-winner.

On Pampa's possession, quar-

terback Randy Tice was sacked on a second-down play from the 25. Andrews recovered a fumble to end Pampa's season.

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P-Jesse Tarango 28 pass from John Braddock (Jared Snelgroes kick)
A-Ryan Newbrough 1 run (Barnes kick)

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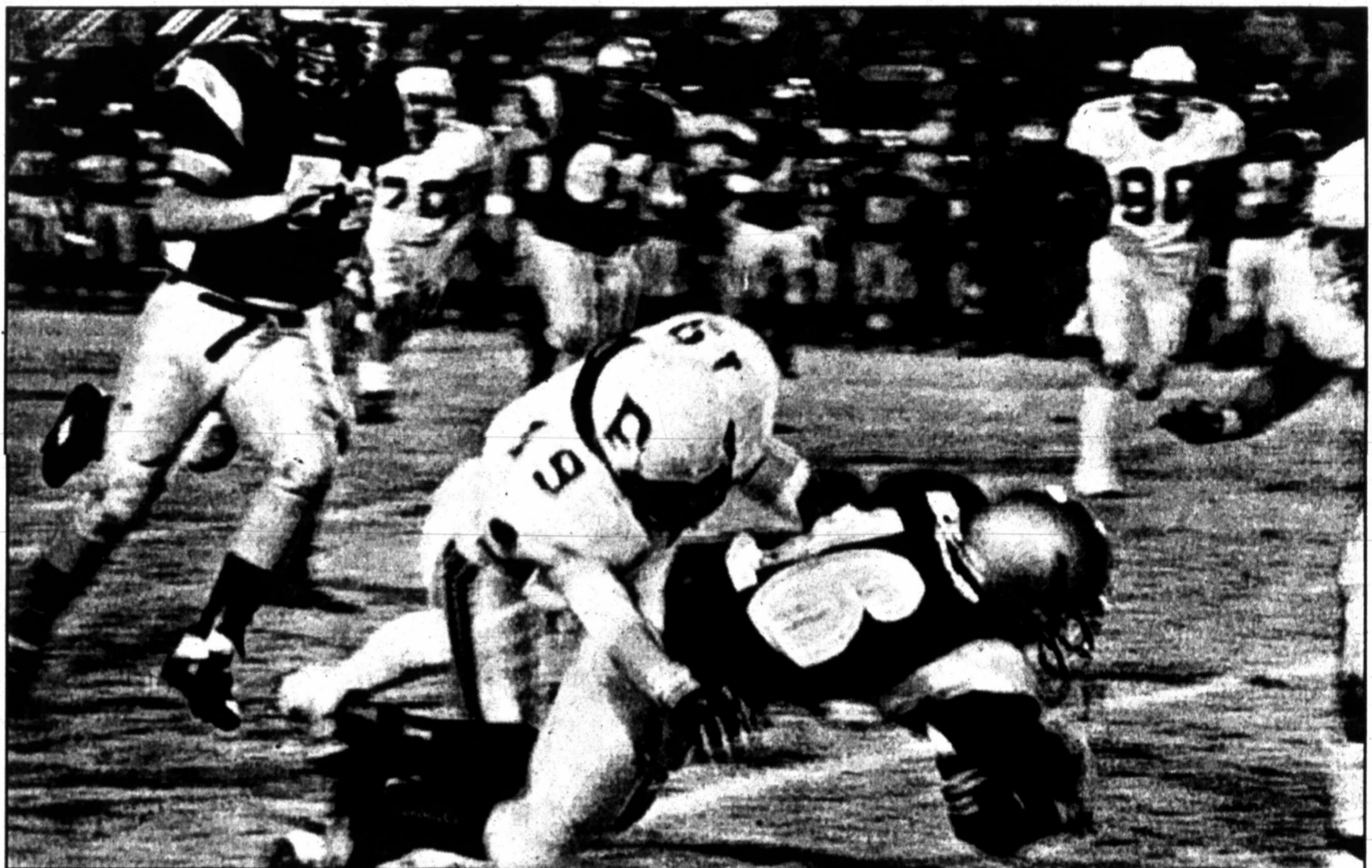
Passing
 Randy Tice 3-10-1-31; John Braddock 11-13-0-98.

Receiving
 Johnny Moore 9-54; Jordan Klaus 2-30; Jesse Tarango 3-45.

Andrews
Rushing
 Matt Gardner 28-87; Ryan Newbrough 14-21; Tom Garcia 8-36; Jerod Stewart 1-14.

Passing
 Ryan Newbrough 5-7-1-43.

Receiving
 Eddie Caruso 1-6; Tom Garcia 3-24; Jason Glasen 1-13.



Pampa's Curtis Pritchett (19) moves in for the tackle in the Class 4A bi-district game against Andrews. (Photo by Grover Black)

Astros face crucial off-season decisions

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros face a plethora of personnel decisions this off-season as they deal with more free agents than team officials say they can remember in recent years.

Of the 13 players who have so far filed for free agency, right fielder Moises Alou, the National League's third-best hitter this past season with a .331 average, is probably the best.

However, Astros General Manager Gerry Hunsicker said Thursday the economics of the game and the salary Alou could command, possibly in the \$10 million range, make it unlikely he will return.

"The goal here is to put (together) the best team possible year in and year out that we can afford," Hunsicker said during a news conference. "Year in and year out, we're probably not going to be able to re-sign all our good players."

The Astros are expecting next season's salary budget to be about the same as this past season's total of \$62.5 million.

While closer Billy Wagner is still a year from free-agent eligibility, Astros officials said one of their priorities this off-season will be to resign him to a long-term contract. Wagner tied his career high for saves with 39 this season.

"There's a risk to give any pitcher a lot of money," said Tal Smith, the Astros' president of baseball operations. "With Wagner's case, he grew up in our system. He's become a fan favorite. But you can't do too many of those. You have to pick your spots."

Other free agents Astros officials said they probably won't pursue aggressively include third baseman Vinny Castilla and relief pitchers Mike Jackson, Ron Villone and Mike Williams. The Astros have also declined to pick up the \$9 million option on starting pitcher Pedro Astacio, who was picked up in a trade with the Colorado Rockies.

The Astros are hoping to resign catcher Tony Eusebio, reliever Doug Brocail, infielder Jose Vizcaino and outfielder Orlando

Merced. Astros officials said they were confident that outfielder Daryle Ward would be able to replace Alou in the lineup.

Hunsicker said some of the things on the Astros' wish list of signings this off-season include: a left handed hitting corner infielder, an experienced starting pitcher to complement the Astros young arms and an experienced relief pitcher.

"I think our future looks very bright," Smith said. "We've got a lot of depth in the organization."

The Astros have already made several changes since their season ended last month after they went 93-69 and won the NL Central but were swept by the Atlanta Braves during the first round of the playoffs.

On Oct. 18, Larry Dierker resigned after five years as the Astros manager. He led them to four division titles but the team lost in the first round of the playoffs each time.

Two weeks later, the Astros hired former Boston Red Sox skipper Jimmy Williams as their 13th manager.

Williams, fired in August during his fifth season as Red Sox manager, was signed to a three-year contract. Williams was AL manager of the year in 1999.

Astros brass on Nov. 7 extended Hunsicker's contract through

the 2004 season.

Hunsicker helped the Astros to win four NL division titles in his six years as general manager and pulled off several key trades that have kept the team competitive.

Knight has successful return

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bob Knight made an animated, successful return to college basketball, more than a year after the volatile coach was fired by Indiana University for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

Knight's Texas Tech team defeated William & Mary on Friday 75-55 in what marked the first game in 20 months for a coach who won three titles at Indiana.

"There was no question in my mind if I wanted to coach again I would," said Knight. "It's not like they found me on a barren island at the last second."

Knight walked onto the court biting his lip and looking down. He pulled up the right sleeve on his black sweater before tipoff,

then stretched his arms in disgust after his team's first possession.

The Red Raiders saw a 21-point lead late in the first half shrink to nine midway through the second half, but they remained in control, sticking to the motion offense and tight man-to-man defense their new coach is teaching.

Knight, often known for his courtside outbursts, was fired in September of 2000 after an incident involving a freshman student who said "Hey, what's up, Knight?" The coach grabbed the student's arm and lectured him about manners, believing the greeting was disrespectful.

Knight took last season off and returned to basketball this year with at Texas Tech.

Pampa freshmen team has unbeaten season

PAMPA — The Pampa freshmen touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Tyler Doughty to Brittian East. Seth Foster kicked three extra points and Doughty had a conversion run.

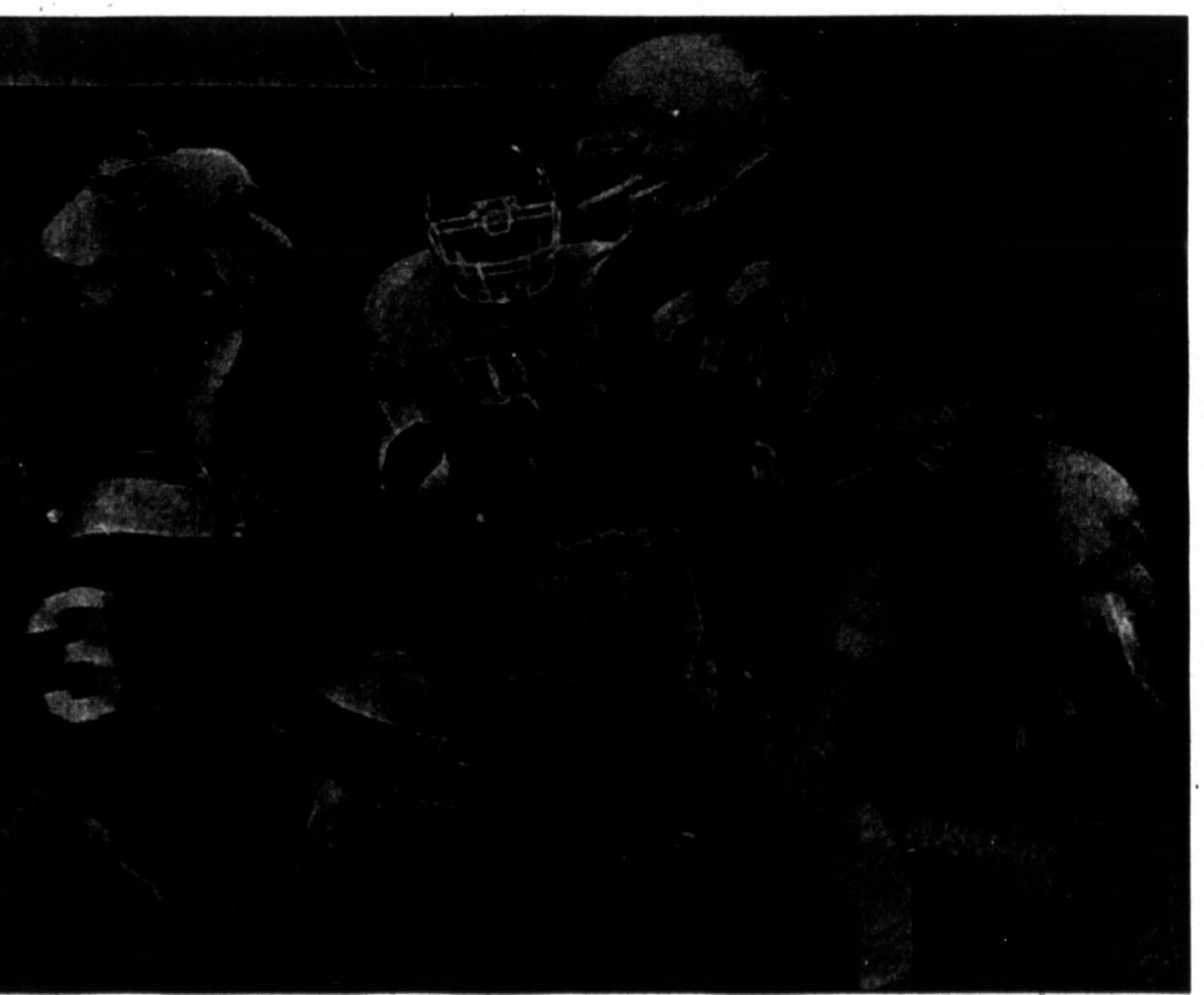
Pampa closed out the season with a 35-0 win over Hereford as Q.B. Cobb and Mark Williams paced the offense with two touchdowns apiece. Cobb scored on a pair of 1-yard runs. He set up his first touchdown on a 25-yard run.

Williams scored on runs of 55 yards and 3 yards.

The Pampa's other touchdowns came on a 15-yard pass from Tyler Doughty to Brittian East. Seth Foster kicked three extra points and Doughty had a conversion run.

Pampa receiver Dusty Lenderman made a pair of receptions to help his team pick up some big yardage, and tailback Mateo Campos helped Pampa move down the field with some good runs.

Defensively, Campos, Cam Segar and Shawn Brown were the outstanding players.



Pampa's Dusty Lenderman makes some yardage after catching a pass against Hereford in the final freshmen game. (Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

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National Football League
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	6	2	0.750	180	161
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0.667	184	182
New England	5	4	0.556	206	171
Indianapolis	4	4	0.500	224	224
Buffalo	1	7	0.125	133	216

Central

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0.750	135	90
Baltimore	6	3	0.667	157	139
Cincinnati	4	4	0.500	133	166
Cleveland	4	4	0.500	144	133
Jacksonville	3	5	0.375	144	128
Tennessee	3	5	0.375	139	196

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	6	2	0.750	216	167
Denver	5	4	0.556	218	198
San Diego	4	4	0.500	222	172
Seattle	4	4	0.500	152	185
Kansas City	2	7	0.222	171	199

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East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	3	0.625	193	115
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0.556	165	150
Washington	3	5	0.375	111	193
Arizona	2	6	0.250	109	183
Dallas	2	6	0.250	129	167

Central

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	2	0.750	174	115
Green Bay	6	2	0.750	188	117
Tampa Bay	4	4	0.500	159	136
Minnesota	3	5	0.375	155	213
Detroit	0	8	0.000	127	217

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	7	1	0.875	255	129
San Francisco	6	2	0.750	202	162
Atlanta	4	4	0.500	155	184
New Orleans	4	4	0.500	175	167
Carolina	1	8	0.111	132	212

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at New England, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Kansas City
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 22
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 25
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Open Date: New York Jets
Monday, Nov. 26
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

CLASS 4A PLAYOFFS

DIVISION I
Bi-district
Region I
EP Ysleta 33, EP Mountain View 9
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.
Burleson 22, FW Wyatt 12
Regionals

EP Ysleta (7-2) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro or Plainview, TBA
Azle or Grapevine vs. Burleson (9-2), TBA
Region II

Denton Ryan (10-0) vs. Waxahachie (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Southlake Carroll.
Dallas Sunset 24, Dallas South Oak Cliff 0
Richardson Pearce 26, Texarkana Texas High 13
Corsicana 10, Longview Pine Tree 7
Regionals

Denton Ryan or Waxahachie vs. Dallas Sunset (6-5), TBA
Richardson Pearce (10-1) vs. Corsicana (8-3), TBA
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 19, Canyon Creek 12
Friendswood 13, Angleton 7
Regionals

Belton or Magnolia vs. Beaumont Ozen or Nederland, TBA
Houston Sterling (8-3) vs. Friendswood (11-0), TBA

Region IV

San Marcos 35, Pflugerville Connally 21
Smithson Valley 41, SA McCollum 6
SA Roosevelt 13, Gregory-Portland 6
Alice (5-5) vs. Brownsville Lopez (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Brownsville.
Regionals

Houston Lamar (9-2) vs. Alief Hastings or Fort Bend Kemper, TBA
Aldine Eisenhower or Humble Kingwood vs. Deer Park (6-4) vs. Pearland (10-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.
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San Marcos (8-3) vs. Smithson Valley (11-0), TBA
SA Roosevelt (9-2) vs. Alice or Brownsville Lopez, TBA
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Converse Judson 49, Austin Bowie 21
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Southlake Carroll 35, Wichita Falls 21
FW Dunbar (9-1) vs. Stephenville (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.
C.C. Carroll 45, Pecos 6
Hereford (8-2) vs. Frenship (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.
FW Bowles 39, Burk Burnett 13
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LETTERS

For those who voted for the dissolution because we had debt, let me assure you the debt was being managed quite well. In fact, the debt was put in place three years ago, before I became the executive director, and we were still able to do the United Medicorp project without any further debt. Do you honestly believe the banks would have loaned us money if we weren't managing our business properly?

For those who voted for the dissolution because of mistakes made in the past, let me say, the only ones who never make mistakes are the ones who never do anything. Yes, the U.S. Bus project went under, but do you honestly believe the board of directors went into that project knowing it was going to fail? Does any football team start a game knowing they're going to lose?

For those who voted for the dissolution because you think we can put a 4B corporation in place next year, that will not happen. By law, cities in the state of Texas can only levy two cents in sales tax. Our two cents is allocated until this 4A corporation's obligations are met. How much will our population drop between now and then? In 1960 our population was as high as it's ever been - about 29,000. Today we are less than 18,000. How will we ever catch up?

The PEDC invested \$9 million dollars that returns more than 6 million dollars in payroll to this community every year. That's the PEDC record. A 73 percent return on your money each and

FPC names new center

BORGER — Frank Phillips College main campus in Borger will soon have a new addition — the newly named Service Drilling Southwest, L.L.C. Center for Access and Innovation education facility. The facility was named by Sherman E. Smith, president of Service Drilling Southwest, L.L.C., Tulsa, Okla., in honor of his contribution to the FPC Access Innovation Campaign.

The Center, worth a projected \$3.5 million, is scheduled to open in January 2002. The official grand opening will not take place until February. The A&I Campaign now exceeds \$2.5 million committed to construction of the center.

Sherman E. Smith was born May 22, 1923, at Rolla, Mo., and grew up in Bristow, Okla. He attended Oklahoma A&M College of Engineering for two years, interrupting his studies to serve his country in the U.S. Army during World War II in France.

Prior to returning to school in the fall of 1946, Smith roughnecked in the Perkins Field for Portable Drilling Co. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1948. After graduation, he began his career as mud engineer for Baroid in the Lindsey Oklahoma Field.

Smith is chairman and president of SerDrilco, Inc. (Service Drilling Co.) in Tulsa. SerDrilco is an independent oil and gas drilling contractor employing approximately 200 workers with offices in Borger and Tulsa. The company was founded by Smith's father, Edward A. Smith, and two other shareholders in 1947.

Smith joined the company in June 1949 as a field employee in Borger. He became chief operating officer in 1962 and president in 1972. He succeeded his father as chairman of the company in 1982.

Grandview-Hopkins honor roll

Grandview-Hopkins ISD recently announced its second six-weeks honor roll for the 2001-02 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Claire Hopkins, Joseph Slatten, Alex Stevens.

Second Grade

Amber Harris, Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz.

Third Grade

Kyle Turner.

Fourth Grade

Hilary Acker.

Fifth Grade

Jessica Baggerman, Hannah Hopkins.

AB HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Alex Ragsdale.

Third Grade

Reid Bradley.

Fifth Grade

Cody Schiffman.

Sixth Grade

Rusty Warner.

every year. To Dalton Lewis, Jim Terry, Joyce Davis, Louis Hayden, Marie Eastham, and Jim & Kathleen Greene, I challenge to do better than that!

As I move into a certainly less stressful stage of my life, Pampa will continue to be in my prayers because our future is very bleak indeed. The negative attitudes by so many will be hard to erase from the minds of the rest of the State and from the minds of those looking to move their businesses to a community such as ours.

Susan Triplehorn
Former Executive Director
Pampa Economic
Development Corporation

City Council meeting lively

To the editor,
To those of you who were unable to attend the Nov. 13 meeting of the city council — you missed a rare treat! Those in attendance were entertained by the "City Council Quartet" with a rousing rendition of "We Know What's Best For You," followed by the hymn "We Shall Overcome" (the election results.) A lively discussion of items of current interest followed, including accusations by city council members of

unethical conduct by their opponents (a case of the pot calling the kettle black) as well as pointing out "trouble makers" (those who differ in point of view with the "powers that be").

The mayor made a few comments about how the community will put the election behind and continue to function. This was the most encouraging thing that came from this meeting. All I had heard from PEDC supporters prior to this was how the community would disappear from the face of the earth if there was no such organization. I personally haven't seen a great deal of real

growth in the six years we have lived here. I have seen, however, a steady decline in real estate values, and increases in taxes, water rates, and charges for city services, and during this period of time we all enjoyed the advantage of having a wonderful organization bringing so much wealth to this community for such a small cost!

Tuesday evening's meeting showed how much contempt and disdain the city government has for the citizens of Pampa. Prior to this, the Concerned Citizens had been threatened with lawsuits for publishing the truth, which is all public record;

accused of unethical conduct and had political ads pulled by both the local newspaper and the local radio station after running for two days. We were reimbursed for the remaining contracted ads. The "Partners for Progress" were not denied access to the local media and spent a great deal of money (the exact amount will not be known until after their expenses are filed in accordance with the state election code) on TV, radio and newspaper advertising. In spite of this, the Concerned Citizens were able to win the election.

Jim Terry
Pampa



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The Nutcracker

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Pampa Civic Ballet



A member of the Pampa Civic Ballet for fourteen years, Deanna McGill will be dancing the Dew Drop Fairy at the performance on Dec. 1.



Ashley Wheeler, right, will play the child lead of Clara. Nutcracker /Prince will be Dustin Neef.

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The Nutcracker is one of the most popular of Christmas traditions. The bright young faces dancing the annual ballet is a favorite holiday activity for all ages and will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's work is the story in music and dance of a young girl and her Christmas dreams.

Pampa Civic Ballet has presented the annual production for 30 years. Many local residents consider the presentation a tradition and are sure to put it among the top of their traditional Christmas events each year.

Young dancers audition each year in September for the annual production. For the company members the ballet is promoting interest in professional ballet while teaching dramatic arts, staging and other phases of ballet not experienced within the classroom.

Two guest artists will be joining the production of local dancers this year.

Tara Mora is a native New Yorker. She received her training on full scholarship at the School of American Ballet. She also is a graduate of the High School of Performing Arts.

Tara has danced with many companies including Cleveland/San Jose Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Alabama Ballet and Carolina Ballet.

Her repertoire includes principal roles in George Balanchine's *Serenade*, *Square Dance*, and *Who Cares?* And Robert Weiss' Handel's *Messiah*, as well as *Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake* and *Giselle*.

Most recently Ms. Mora was invited

by Suzanne Farrell Ballet Company on

a two and half month tour, which commemorated with a two week engagement at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C.

Dallas Lundquest didn't begin ballet lessons at the age of 18.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, he trained on full scholarship at the Joffrey Summer Workshops in San Antonio and New York.

He majored in French and Communications at the University of Texas. Dallas was soloist for four years with the Sacramento Ballet in *Serenade*, *Four Temperaments*, *Symphony in C*, *Swan Lake*, *Carmina Burana*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The past two years he was a principal dancer at the Alabama Ballet under Wes Chapman with leads in *Dracula*, *La Bayadere*, *Coppelia* and *Don Quixote*.

Most recently Dallas was invited to dance with the Suzanne Farrell Ballet



Jordan Dodge will portray a toy soldier in The Nutcracker.

Company. He has also performed in Canada, Germany, Austria and Italy.

The three principal dancers in the ballet are local residents.

Deanna McGill has studied dance for 24 years under the direction of Jeanne Willingham and has been a member of the Pampa Civic Ballet for fourteen years. In 1990 she was awarded the Margaret Moore scholarship for Excellence in Dance.

She received a Lone Star Ballet scholarship and danced two seasons in the *Nutcracker*.

Deanna spent three summers as a dancer in the musical *TEXAS*, dancing the leads in *Cowboy and the Lady and Fire Ballet*.

She was chosen to dance at the World Trade Market in England.

Deanna has assisted Jeanne Willingham with the Pampa Civic Ballet *Nutcracker* for nine years.

She is married to David McGill and they have a daughter, Dacie, age 4.

Glennette Goode has studied dance under Jeanne Willingham for 30 years. She has been a soloist in the Pampa Civic Ballet, as well as studying tap, jazz, and Spanish.

She is best known for her Spanish

solos through the years and character roles such as the stepmother in *Cinderella* and currently Herr Drosselmeyer in *Nutcracker*.

Glennette has acted as scenic design director and stage manager, with husband, Jimmy, since returning to Pampa in 1984.

She has made many of the costumes for *Nutcracker* including the "Bear", the "Mouse King" head, the "Nutcracker Prince" head, the "Spanish dancers", and of course her favorite character, Herr Drosselmeyer.

Amy Watson has been dancing since she was three years old. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with honors, where she danced with Lone Star Ballet for four years. She is a former student of Jeanne Willingham.

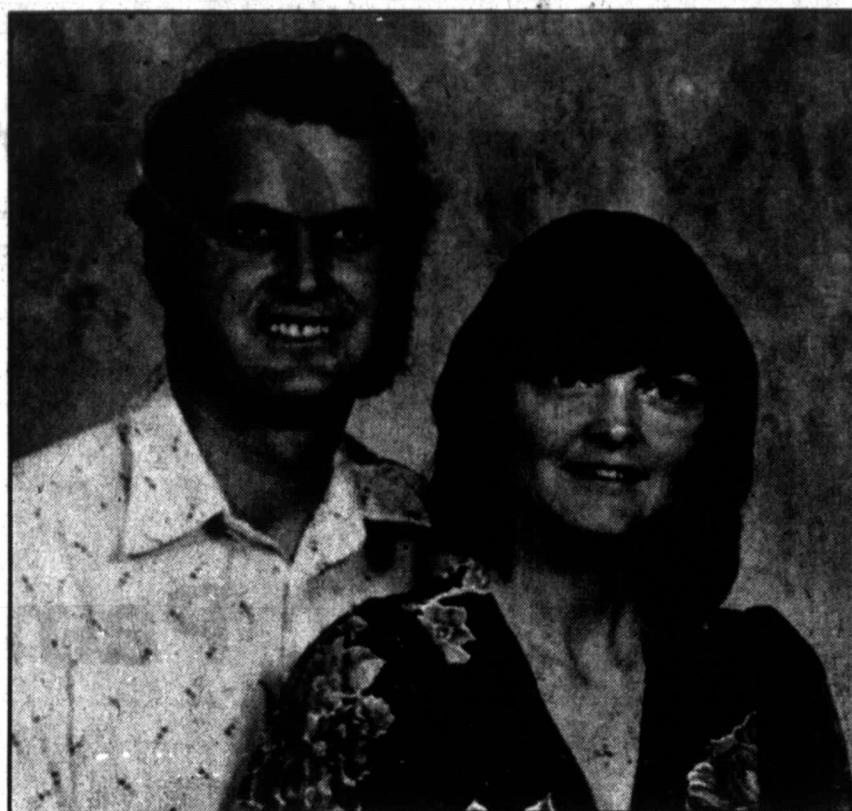
She also performed in the musical *TEXAS*, the *Nutcracker*, a Texas Commission on the Arts performance in Austin as well as performances with the Light Crust Dough Boys, Brian Glow's The Sorcerer and the Jim Cullum Jazz Band.

She taught dance at the Borger and Canyon Dance Academies for three years.

Amy has recently returned from a one-year contract on the Disney Magic Cruise Ship and is currently working towards an elementary teaching certificate at WT.

Tickets for the annual performance are available from the board member: Linda Reed, Peggy David, Mary Wilson, Cile Taylor, Vonna Wolf, Shannon Buck, Linda Johnson and Stephanie Kelly.

LIFESTYLE



Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Mayer

Mayer anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Mayer of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 17, 2001. Robert Mayer and Lajuana Ann Holmes, both lifelong Pampa residents, were married Nov. 17, 1951, at Pampa. The Mayers belong to Carpenter's Church. Mr. Mayer retired in 1985 from Celanese. Mrs. Mayer owns Nearly New Consignment Store. Children of the couple are Pam and Chris Dittberner, Sue and Don Campbell and Danielle and Kenny Mayer, all of Pampa. They have seven grandchildren.



Charzetta R. King and Jai Summers

King-Summers

Charzetta R. King, formerly of Pampa, and Jai Summers of Houston were wed Oct. 27, 2001, at Wydham Gardens in Dallas. The bride is the daughter of Charles and JoAnn King of Pampa. She is currently employed at Cinculayar Wireless. The groom is the son of Sylvia Summers of Houston. He is currently employed at Verizon Wireless. The couple planned to honeymoon in New Orleans and intend to make their home in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Thomas

Thomas anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Thomas of Pampa will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows at 7 p.m., Dec. 1, 2001, at Clyde Carruth Pavilion with the Rev. Ronald Sinyard assisting. The maid of honor will be Dana Free. The best man will be Rodney McPherson. The candlelighters will be Heather and Ben Ponce. Registering guests will be Kelle Chaffin and Keila Rodriguez. Music will be provided by Tommy Henson. Serving the guests will be Marie and Ashleigh Burns and Jan Thomas. A reception and dance will follow the ceremony hosted by children and grandchildren of the couple. John Wesley Thomas and Sherry Sue Arnold, daughter of the late Bill and Marie Arnold, were married Nov. 24, 1976, at Pampa and are lifelong Pampa residents. They currently own and operate Thomas Propane in Pampa. Mr. Thomas has worked for Dr. Pepper Company, Tom's Candy, Tigrett Petroleum and Vernon Bell Oil. Mrs. Thomas has worked at Carousel Shoes, Wrights Department Store, Behrmans Clothing and Pampa Hardware. Children of the couple are Steven and Dana Free, Rodney McPherson and Hiedi Hayden, all of Pampa. They have five grandchildren.



Marian Rose Shinpaugh and Danny M. Davis

Shinpaugh-Davis

Marian Rose Shinpaugh and Danny M. Davis, both of Galveston, Texas, plan to wed March 23, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Galveston. The bride-elect is the daughter of Earl and Helen Shinpaugh of Houston. She graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston and from the University of Houston. She is currently an accountant for Galveston Housing Authority. The prospective groom is the son of Dean and Pat Davis of Colleyville, formerly of Pampa. He attended Pampa High School and graduated from Moore High School in Moore, Okla. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Central State University in Edmond, Okla., and is currently employed by Carnes Brothers Funeral Home in Galveston.

Amanda Nicole Tyrrell and Christopher Wade Archibald

Tyrrell-Archibald

Amanda Nicole Tyrrell and Christopher Wade Archibald, both of Pampa, were wed Nov. 17, 2001, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa with Mike Stevens, uncle of the bride of Austin, officiating. The maid of honor was Heather Garner of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Mandy Waldrip, Mindy Tinney and Amanda Jenkins, all of Pampa, Brandi Walters of El Reno, Okla., and Saylor Stevens of Amarillo. The flower girls were Alex Stevens and Lexi Mungia, both of Pampa. The best man was Matt Archibald of Pampa. The groomsmen were Kevin Marak and Steve Sanders, both of Dallas, and Duane King, Brandon Stevens and Ricky Mungia, all of Pampa. The ring bearer was Chase Cree of Pampa. The ushers were Darby Schale of Corpus Christi, Heath Stevens of Amarillo and Jeff Cloud of Pampa. The candlelighters were Kacey, Harvey of McAlester, Okla., and Kiaran Milam of Midland. Registering the guests was Meagan Cree of Pampa. Music was provided by Mike and Tonya Stevens of Austin and Dixie Danner and Ben Howard, both of Pampa. A reception was held following the ceremony at the church with Brooke Maloné, Melissa Garner and Jeannie Parks, all of Pampa, serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tyrrell of Pampa. She is currently employed at CC Cattle Company. The groom is the son of Patricia Eastham and Keith Eastham and of Wade Archibald, all of Pampa. He is currently employed at Leonard Hudson Drilling. The couple plan to make their home in Pampa.

Menus November 19-23

Pampa Schools	
MONDAY	Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage-on-a-stick. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or pizza, green beans, applesauce.
TUESDAY	Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Corn dog or burrito, potato rounds, mixed fruit.
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY	
Holiday.	
Lefors Schools	
MONDAY	Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, tater tots, beans, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY	Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini burritos, chicken fajitas, beans, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY	
MONDAY	Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-FRIDAY	
Holiday.	
Senior Citizens	
MONDAY	Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrots, beans, Boston cream pie or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY	Turkey/dressing, giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans, pumpkin rolls or cherry cobbler, fruit cups, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, slaw, fruit salad or tossed salad, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY	
MONDAY	Catfish and hushpuppies or Salisbury steak, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels	
MONDAY	Spaghetti/meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.
TUESDAY	Turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, peas, fruit salad.
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY	
Holiday.	

Bridal Registry...

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson

Jackson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson of Lefors will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-3:30 p.m., today, Nov. 18, 2001, at First Baptist Church of Lefors. Russell and Diana Jackson, Barry and Lendi Jackson and Katisha and Brandon Kidd, all of Lefors, Mike and Sabrina Jackson of Albuquerque, N.M., and Cole and Jana Goldsmith of Pampa will host the reception.

Walter Jackson and Betty Goldsmith were married Oct. 24, 1951. They belong to Lefors First Baptist Church.

Mr. Jackson is retired from Chevron. Children of the couple are Larry Jackson of Borger and Karen and Ron Gordon of Clarkston, Wash. They have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Celie Stewart and Jim Locke

Stewart-Locke

Celie Stewart of San Angelo and Jim Locke of Miami were wed Oct. 20, 2001, at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. The matron of honor was Jaime Ross, sister of the bride of Levelland.

The best man was John Locke, brother of the groom of Austin. The bride is the daughter of Karla and Charlie Stewart of San Angelo. She is currently a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

A reception was held following the service at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino.

The groom is the son of Dee and Keith Locke of Miami. He is a rancher.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise down the Mexican Riviera and intend to make their home in Miami.

Books: A rich diet of food for thought

In Loving Memory
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Nov. 17, 1985
Nov. 30, 2000

Happy Birthday!
We Love You
and
Miss You

There is hard work underfoot for Pampa

Deep in the ghetto of a big city, an old woman hung a window box. She planted a few flowers. As they grew, the neighborhood hoodlums plucked them out of the box. She replanted. They plucked. A stubborn woman, intent on a little beauty in her life, she stood inside the stoop one night with a broom. When the hoodlums returned, she whacked the bad boys with the broom.

That being done, her flowers remained in the window box. And bloomed. Soon another window box hung from another window. And another. The hoodlums returned. Their mothers wanted window boxes. Would the old woman help them? Oh, yes ... but for a price.

She built the window box and planted the flowers. The



Kathy Davis
GARDEN WISE

hoodlums swept the sidewalks, picked up broken liquor bottles and washed the windows above the flowers. She

became their leader. Instead of loitering around, the young men patrolled the streets, picked up trash and handed out flowers.

While their homes still were not mansions, they were clean and attractive. Crime sank to nearly nonexistent levels. If that one old woman and her gang of hoodlums sparked pride in a place of terrible ugliness, imagine the possibilities in our town.

Over the past two months I dragged out my soapbox many times. Going as far as to perch upon the box, I thought twice and slid it back under the couch. The community did not need my measly two-cents worth of opinion.

The political split in our town echoed across the panhandle. What is done is done. A challenge lies ahead of us.

Our corner of the world is filled with good people, ready to work — whatever their viewpoint.

Where do we start? Adopt a yard — rake someone's leaves or trim the shrubs. Clean up a vacant lot. Repair a fence. Haul off trash. Plant a tree. Organize a neighborhood cleanup party. Take advantage of the city's loaner truck for big loads of trash. Plant flowers. Let's get after it.

If the roads leading into town are tidy and well kept, they are attractive. If they are attractive ... the possibilities are endless. There is hard work underfoot. I volunteer.

"My father instilled in me the attitude of prevailing. If there's a challenge, go for it. If there's a wall to break down, break it down." — Donny Osmond

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Oct. 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Susie Edwards presiding. Twenty-eight members and one guest were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Baby quilts made by club members were to be donated to CARE-Net Pregnancy Center in Borger, Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa, Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa and Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo.

—Fabric lists for a "Know as You Go" mystery quilt were distributed.

—A quilt, entitled "Wind on the Plains," is being constructed for the 100 year celebration in Pampa in 2002.

—The PPQG Christmas party will be at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Activities will include a potluck supper, a gift exchange and a drawing for quilt blocks.

—Members participating in "show and tell" were Carol Willis, Brenda Donaldson, Donna Reynolds, Colleen Ethridge and Kathy White.

—Jane Jacobs, White and Edwards delivered the program, demonstrating how to make name tags.

The next meeting will be Jan. 24, 2002. Visitors are welcome.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Study

Club met Nov. 13 at the home of hostess Vonna Wolf of Pampa. She was assisted by Thelma Cotner

Old and new business covered several subjects and committee reports were presented.

Phyllis White delivered the program "A Story of Life in the Texas Panhandle."

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 11 at the home of White located on Loop 171.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met recently at the home of Mildred Salsman with President Ferline Calvert presiding. Six members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Secretary-treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood gave her report.

—Members voted to adopt a needy child for Christmas via the Angel Tree or some similar Christmas program.

—A casserole cover project was discussed.

Jewel Holmes won the door prize.

Holmes will host the December meeting.

Altrusa

Altrusa International of Pampa met Nov. 13 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Terry Gamblin reported the Laser Light Show, the major fund-raising activity of the club year, reached its goal.

—Billie Sue Evans listed local businesses thanked for underwriting the Laser Show and later discussed the outcome of Make A Difference Day.

—Darlene Birkes read a letter from a potential sister club in New Zealand.

—Mattie Norton asked for volunteers to help with a special project for residents of the Schneider House.

—The local chapter agreed to participate in the Celebration of Lights from 5:30-11 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11.

—More than half the mem-

bership contributed or helped in the presentation of books to benefit children of Bright Beginnings Day Care of the Pampa Learning Center.

—Jeane Mitchell asked for volunteers to paint the craft rooms at Shining Star Child Day Care Center and Judy Warner to wrap gifts for the Salvation Army Christmas project on Dec. 19 and 20.

—Birthday wishes went to Dorla McAndrew, Mary Wilson and Mary McDaniel.

Chleo Worley gave the Altrusa accent, recognizing Mary McDaniel for 40 years as an active Altrusan. A letter of appreciation written by Pat Johnson was read and several other members added their comments. Karen Bridges presented McDaniel with a dozen red roses from the club.

The next meeting will be Dec. 9 in the home of Diann Birdsell.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met Nov. 8 at Pampa County Club with Sue Howard presiding. She was assisted by Kris Brown, Northern Zone chairman.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The club plans to make donations to several foundations sponsored by garden clubs throughout Texas.

—Preparations for the annual Festival of Trees were completed. The event is scheduled Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

—PGC will give-away a food basket to a needy family for the holidays.

—A program was presented by representatives of Amarillo Botanical Gardens. All present were treated to a decoupage, painting and stenciling demonstration.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Dec. 10 at the home of Geraldine Lovinggood, 1022 N. Dwight.

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2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

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wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

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7. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

8. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

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WORTH the Wait

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Angela Harvey ~ Clark Overman
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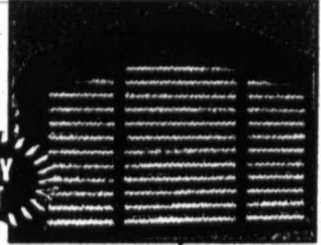
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Woman Who Ran From Family Yearns to Return to the Fold

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I made a horrible mistake. I ran away from home. I am not a child — I am a 40-year-old wife and mother.

I was unhappy with my husband and walked away from my life. I left everything: my kids, my clothes, and the mementos I had collected my entire life.

For a long time before that, I felt unneeded and alone. My husband talked to me mostly in irritated tones — as if everything I said to him was stupid or worthless. My teen-aged sons were disrespectful or ignored me altogether. Their father thought it was funny and said it was my fault. So I ran.

I have had no contact with anyone for a year. Not my kids, my mother or any of my friends. I am lonely and miserable. I suffer from depression. I had a bad case of endometriosis and large fibroids. I am recovering from a full hysterectomy.

The reason I am writing is that I miss my family. I want so much to hug my sons and make sure they are all right. After what I have done, I am not sure I have that right any longer. I don't want to cause more upheaval in their lives. I love them very much, and I know what I did was wrong. I probably don't deserve their forgiveness.

Maybe I should stay out of their lives for good, but my heart aches. I am so confused and scared — but mostly lonely. I really need your advice.

LOST MOTHER IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR LOST: What you did

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

was irrational, and whether it was triggered by your depression or a hormonal imbalance is anybody's guess. Before trying to contact your family, I urge you to schedule some sessions with a counselor to be sure you're strong enough to face what may lie ahead. Once you're on firmer emotional footing, the counselor — or a clergyman — should mediate and facilitate the family reunion. I wish you the best of luck.

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the letter from "Stamp Out Stereotyping," who asked why patrons of the parents' "ethnic" restaurant assume that he/she has no command of the English language.

The situation described is not unusual. It is an example of lack of sophistication. As Fernando Lamas said on the Johnny Carson show many years ago: Do not make fun of people who speak with an accent — they know more languages than you do.

The other side of the coin is the Native American man (he called himself an Indian) I met in Santa Fe, N.M., a while ago. He was a graduate student at Harvard, educated and articulate.

During Fiesta, the town's big celebration, he would dress himself in his "Indian outfit," speak like Tonto from "The Lone Ranger," and sell cheap trinkets to the tourists at exorbitant prices. The customers were completely fooled, and my friend laughed all the way to the bank. So, you never know!

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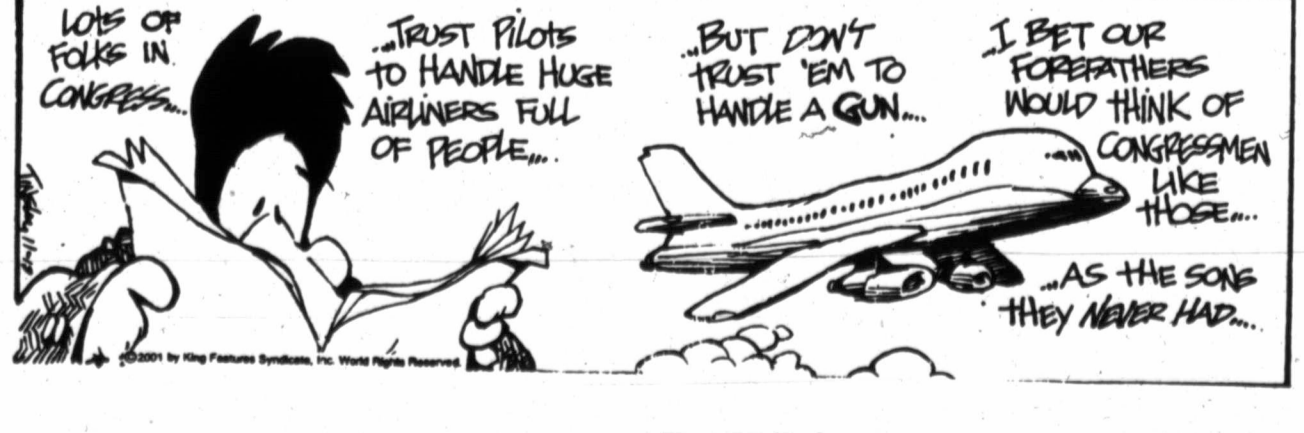
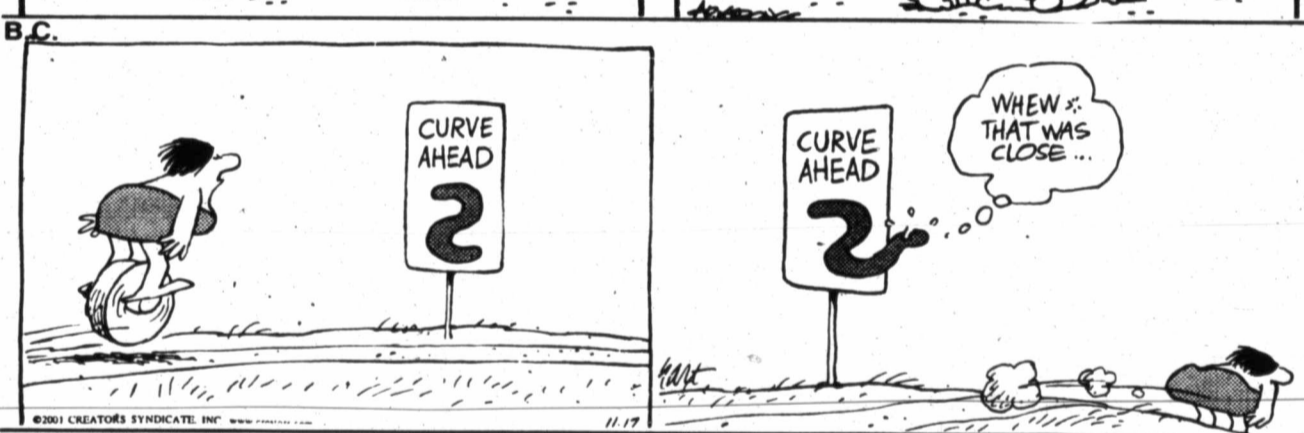
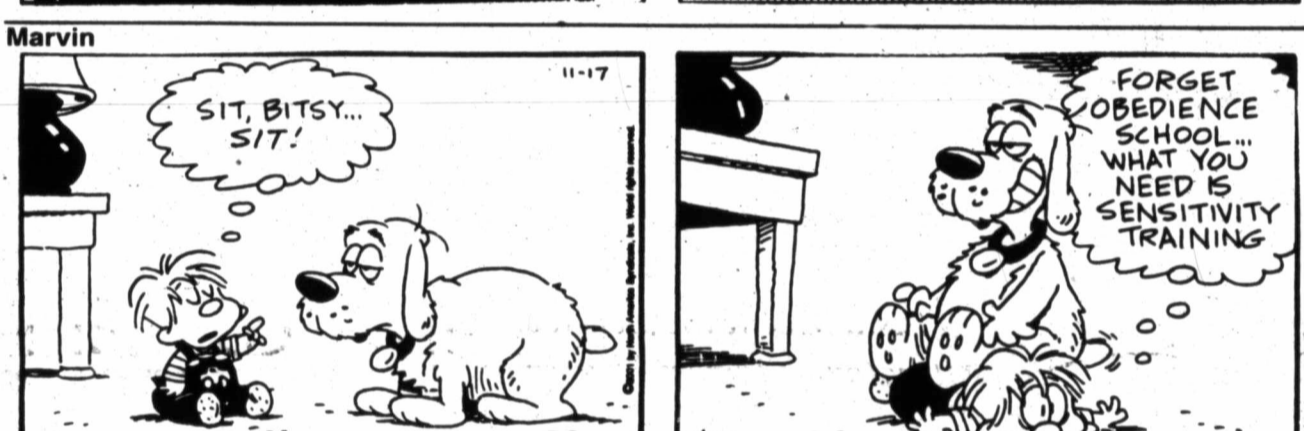
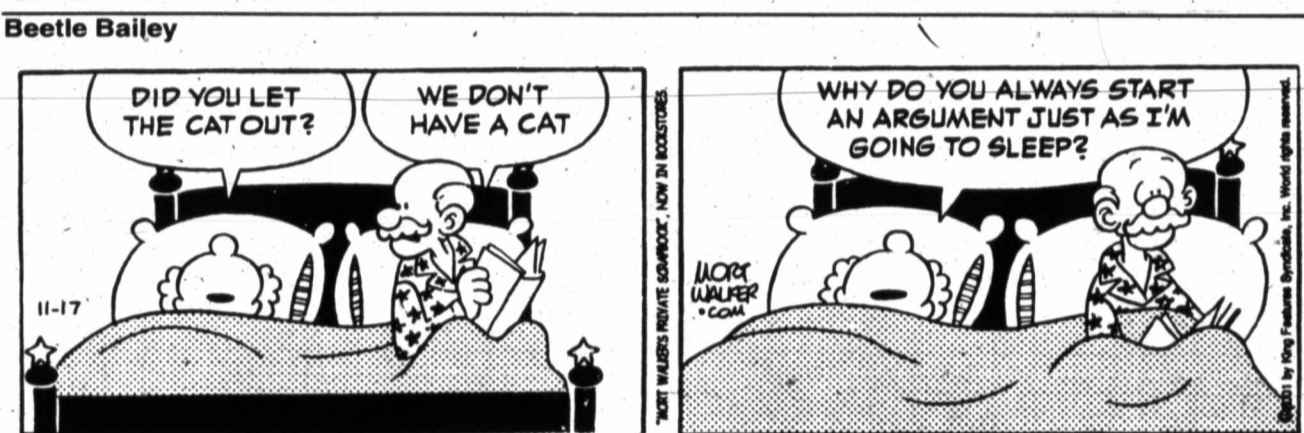
DEAR TOM: I can say without reservation that the young man had a wicked sense of humor as well as an astute sense of business.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Oh, the kind words we give shall in memory live; "And sunshine forever impart; "Let us off speak kind words to each other; "Kind words are sweet tones of the heart."

— Joseph L. Townsend (submitted by Emilio Caballero)

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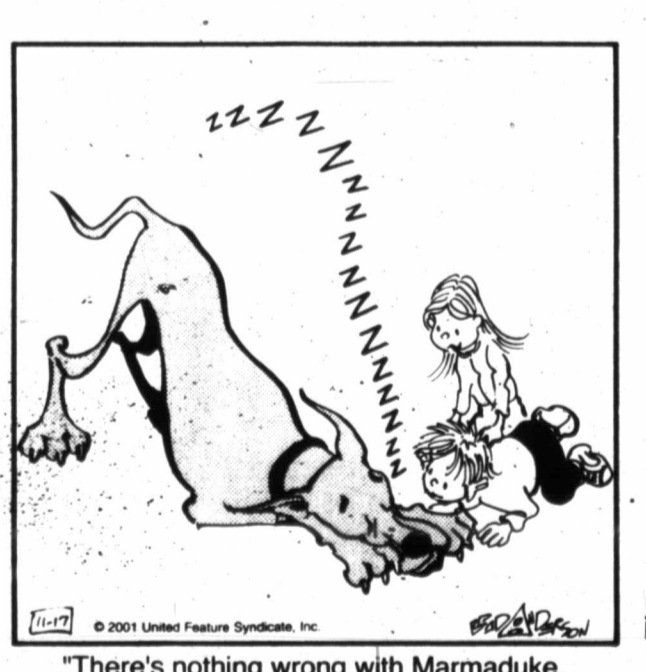
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ENTERTAINMENT

TV's greatest time slot may now be a curse instead of a blessing

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Zach Braff, star of NBC's new comedy, "Scrubs," will likely have his biggest audience ever during a one-time airing Thursday after "Friends." It's an episode he thinks is particularly good.

So why is he dreading the night?
"That 8:30 Thursday time slot is just a killer," Braff said. "No show seems to be able to survive there. It's like the Bermuda Triangle."

He doesn't want "Scrubs" to disappear like "Jesse," "Union Square," "The Single Guy" or "Cursed."

Not that anyone misses those sorry sitcoms. The time slot's current regular occupant, "Inside Schwartz," hasn't been seen in a few weeks, replaced by reruns of other sitcoms, although it's too early to send out a search party.

The comfortable half hour on NBC's "must-see TV" night between "Friends" and the popular 9 p.m. comedy, currently "Will & Grace," is generally considered the best time slot in television to launch a new show. Only the 9:30 slot before "ER" rivals it.

Yet NBC has devalued its asset like a luxury-home owner who rents out to a slob who doesn't cut the grass, punches holes in the wall and keeps a '78 Cadillac on blocks in the driveway.

NBC has always considered "Scrubs" a more promising new comedy than "Inside Schwartz." But the network was afraid to give "Scrubs" the Thursday opening this fall for fear that viewers would simply assume the show was bad.

Think about that. The best time slot in television — and viewers are conditioned to expect some of the worst shows.

What a waste.
Scheduling that half hour is such a challenge that NBC Entertainment president Jeff Zucker has even tried to make it disappear, supersizing "Friends" for a few weeks last winter and padding the hour with 20 minutes of "Saturday Night Live" skits.

"The media has made it almost impossible for us," Zucker said. "They don't want to give us the credit. What happens is the public thinks it's going to be bad, the media keeps that going and it's a vicious cycle."

Then he stops pointing fingers.
"At the end of the day it's our responsibility because we've scheduled a lot of bad shows there," he said. "It's our fault."

Tim Brooks, a Lifetime network executive who wrote "The Complete Directory to Prime-Time Network and Cable TV Shows," said the arrogance of success made NBC believe it could fool viewers.

"They take a program that is marginal and put it there and hope the viewers won't notice," Brooks said. "That doesn't happen very often. Viewers do notice."

The "hammock" strategy of placing a weak show between two strong ones is actually a time-honored approach for television networks.

In the late 1970s, for example, ABC scheduled "Laverne and Shirley" on Tuesday night between "Happy Days" and "Three's Company." "Laverne and Shirley" wasn't very good, but ABC bet — correctly — that viewers wouldn't change channels and eventually would become accustomed to the show, Brooks said.

That worked when a viewer had to get up from the couch and walk over to the TV to change channels. It's much riskier when change takes only the twitch of a finger on a remote control.

Braff is hoping, obviously, that viewers hold their fire.
On Thursday's "Scrubs," Braff's character, J.D. Dorian, and a fellow resident at the hospital try to slip out to a strip club on a

lunch break, only to wind up saving the life of a protester who falls ill in front of the club.

Braff, a New Jersey-born actor who followed a girlfriend out to California and tried to get a role in a TV pilot, originally told his agent not to pursue a situation comedy. He considered the format tired.

"I read 'Scrubs' and it cracked me up," he said. "That dry humor, just like 'The Simpsons,' and the broad comedy, and the ability to vacillate between drama and comedy, it just seemed like an uber-role. I really started to try as hard as I could to get it."

"Scrubs" tries to do a lot in a 21-minute show, running the risk of confusing viewers. So far, producers have found the right tone and the show has been moderately successful in its regular time slot, 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays after "Frasier."

Braff has reason to believe that NBC executives like the show. "All I can say is, Jeff Zucker hugged me the other day," he said.

Tempting as Thursday is, Braff would like "Scrubs" to stay in its current time slot, building an audience gradually through word of mouth.

"Thursday is like the big show," he said. "That 'must-see TV' night is like getting asked to the majors."

He might not get his wish. This Thursday's special showing after "Friends" is quite clearly a test. If "Scrubs" does well, don't be surprised to see a permanent move.

At the Movies: 'The Simian Line' scattered, unfocused

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Entertainment Writer

Lynn Redgrave. Tyne Daly. William Hurt. Harry Connick Jr. Cindy Crawford.

What were they thinking?
All performers of varying and estimable talents, they waste their time in "The Simian Line," a scattered, unfocused movie that may be a comedy, may be a drama, may be a love letter to Weehawken, N.J.

Then again, it may not be worth sorting out the difference.
Written and directed by Linda Yellen, who previously was behind a series of forgettable TV movies in the mid-'90s, "The Simian Line" follows four couples during the two months between Halloween and New Year's Eve.

Connick co-stars as Rick, a stained-glass artist living with Katharine (Redgrave), a real estate agent who's old enough to be his mother.

Katharine rents out a room in her Weehawken home to Marta (Monica Keena from Fox's "Undeclared") and Billy (Dylan

Bruno), a young, multi-pierced couple who are part of a fledgling rock band.

Sandra and Paul (Crawford and Jamey Sheridan) are the next-door neighbors. Sandra is a party planner, Paul is a controlling deal-maker; they both cross the Hudson River into Manhattan each day with dreams of financial success.

All of them get together for a Halloween dinner party at Katharine's house, where Rick has invited Armita the psychic (Daly) for entertainment.

But Armita freaks out when she sees ghosts in the house — a '20s flapper named Mae (Samantha Mathis) and Edward (Hurt), a proper Southern gentleman who died 80 years ago and turns out to be Katharine's grandfather.

Armita drinks too much to calm her nerves, gets offended when the party guests make fun of her and stomps out — but not before predicting that one of the three couples will have broken up by year's end.

The six of them try not to let the psychic's ominous words bother them, but little fights and misunderstandings start taking on new importance.

Katharine fears that Rick is having an affair with Sandra, who

admires his artwork. Paul fears he's losing Sandra when he comes close to losing an important business deal. Marta has to take custody of her young son when the boy's father dies, and she fears Billy won't want to help care for the child.

The ghosts float in and out of rooms — William Hurt floats! It's so humiliating — and make observations on the romantic developments, occasionally trying to help the couples by telling them what to say or do.

Confused yet? It's just as confusing on screen because the editing is so choppy. The movie moves too fast between each pair of characters, making it hard to connect with any of them. It doesn't help that the scenes often cut away too soon, without allowing enough time to linger on an emotional moment.

And there's no flow, no pacing. The movie jumps from a forced wacky moment to a forced poignant moment and back again with seemingly no regard.

A couple of scenes work, and they're so rare, they're worth mentioning:

— One is an argument between Rick and Katharine, in which Katharine accuses him in a drunken rage of having an affair with

the sexy — and much younger — Sandra.

— The other is when a social worker (Eric Stoltz) visits the home to see whether Marta and Billy are suitable parents, and they concoct an inflated — and funny — lifestyle, spontaneously dragging all their friends into the raise.

Oh, and there are a couple of gratuitous scenes in which Crawford lounges in the bathtub with suds covering all the necessary places. Those alone, however, do not make the movie worth seeing.

"The Simian Line," a Gabriel Film Group release, is rated R for language and some sexuality. Running time: 100 minutes.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:

G — General audiences. All ages admitted.

PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children. PG-13 — Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

R — Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

NC-17 — No one under 17 admitted.

That was the week that was ...

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of Nov. 18-24:

In 1973, drummer Keith Moon of The Who collapsed twice during a concert in San Francisco. Guitarist Pete Townshend asked for a volunteer from the audience to finish the set — and got one.

In 1976, Jerry Lee Lewis was arrested outside of Elvis Presley's Graceland mansion in Memphis. Authorities said he was brandishing a pistol and was demanding to see Elvis. Lewis was charged with public intoxication and possession of a weapon.

In 1979, Chuck Berry was released from a prison farm in California after serving two months for tax evasion in 1973.

In 1980, more than 80 percent of the TV audience tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R., played by Larry Hagman. It turned out to be Kristin Shepard, played by Mary Crosby.

In 1987, actor Bruce Willis married actress Demi Moore in Las Vegas. They separated after 10 years.

In 1989, actor Martin Sheen was arrested for blocking the entrance to the Los Angeles federal building. He was part of a

protest against U.S. support for El Salvador's government.

In 1990, pop duo Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy because other singers had lent their voices to the "Girl You Know It's True" album.

In 1991, singer Cyndi Lauper married actor David Thornton in New York.

In 1995, singer Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day was arrested for dropping his pants at a concert in Milwaukee. He was fined \$141.

In 1996, actor Woody Harrelson and eight other environmental activists were arrested after scaling the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco as a protest to save redwood trees in northern California. They were accused of tying up traffic for hours.

In 1997, rapper Coolio and seven members of his band were arrested for theft and assault in a boutique in Boblingen, Germany. They were accused of assaulting a clerk and stealing nearly \$1,000 in clothing.

In 2000, actor Michael Douglas married actress Catherine Zeta-Jones in New York.

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U.S. high school graduation rate reaches new high percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The high school graduation rate for young Americans rose slightly to a record 86.5 percent last year, the Education Department reported Thursday. Hispanic, black and low-income students lagged behind whites and the well-to-do.

Education Secretary Rod Paige said rates had not risen in proportion to the billions of dollars spent on schools since the 1970s.

"The study released today is another indicator that we have not made enough progress in recent years to improve access to quality education and that comprehensive change is needed," Paige said.

After sliding a bit in the mid-1990s, the overall percentage of students who finished high school or earned equivalency diplomas has inched up in the past three years, from 84.8 percent in 1998 to 85.9 percent in 1999 and 86.5 percent in 2000. The highest previous rate was 86.4 percent in 1992.

In 1972, the earliest year studied, the rate was 82.8 percent.

Nationwide, minority students' completion rates have risen, too, but have lagged behind that of white students, whose 2000 rate was 91.8 percent. The rate for black students was 83.7 percent; for Hispanic students the rate was 64.1 percent.

The statistic measures the percentage of 18-to-24-year-olds who have graduated from high school or earned a GED. Compiled as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey each October, it is considered one important measure of national dropout figures.

Using another measure, researchers said about five of every 100 students ages 15 to 24 dropped out of school between October 1999 and October 2000, a figure that has remained fairly steady since 1987.

The dropout rate for the poorest 20 percent of students was six times that of the wealthiest 20 percent. About 10 percent of the poorest students dropped out of school between 1999 and 2000; in the same period, only 1.6 percent of the wealthiest

students dropped out.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who has pushed for dropout prevention legislation for several years, said the dropout rate remains stubbornly high largely because keeping students in school isn't a priority for many school districts.

"We have too many large schools, particularly large high schools, but also large middle schools, where kids are lost track of, essentially," he said. "And we need to put a real focus on it."

The Senate last spring passed an education bill that includes Bingaman's proposal to create an office of dropout prevention at the Education Department. It would give money to school districts that use proven strategies to keep students in school.

The House-passed bill has no such proposal. A House-Senate conference committee is reconciling the differences in the two bills and hopes to produce a compromise by the end of the year.

While U.S. schools as a group have yet to graduate 90 percent of students — a goal envisioned by a national education goals panel in 1989 — 18 states say they did just that in 1999-2000.

John Jackson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the report shows that schools aren't providing equal education programs to minority students. He called current education reform efforts "void of any focus on equity."

The NAACP on Thursday was scheduled to issue a report asking states, school districts, universities and the Education Department to submit five-year plans to reduce racial inequalities in education funding and research.

On the Net:
Education Department Report:
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Report: Consumers pay extra \$2.5 billion for credit insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who bought credit insurance when they took out loans, bought cars or got credit cards were overcharged by \$2.5 billion last year, largely because state regulators failed to enforce laws on rates, two consumer groups said Thursday.

Inaction by insurance regulators in California and Ohio has caused consumers in those states to overpay some \$340 million a year, the Consumer Federation of America and the Center for Economic Justice said in a report.

Many state insurance regulators "have failed to take the most basic steps to protect credit insurance consumers — simply enforcing existing laws and regulations," said Birny Birnbaum, executive director of the center, an Austin, Texas-based group that advocates for low-income consumers.

"Credit insurance can be a valuable product to some consumers if it is priced right and sold fairly. Unfortunately, it is seldom priced fairly," Birnbaum said.

Except for the elderly or those in poor health, most people do not need credit insurance because their life insurance policies could be used cover the same needs, said Birnbaum and Robert Hunter, the federation's director of insurance.

Credit insurance pays a lender, such as a bank or finance company, car dealer, department store or credit card company, if a borrower becomes disabled or dies. Other types of credit insurance provide for monthly payments if a borrower becomes disabled, loses his job or takes a leave from work, or provide for repair or replacement of property bought with the loan or used as collateral.

People pay some \$6 billion in premiums for credit insurance each year, the consumer groups said.

The groups wrote all the state insurance commissioners asking them "to do a better job of protecting credit insurance consumers" by enforcing state standards for loss ratios. That is the ratio between the total amount paid out in benefits and the amount the consumer paid for the insurance.

Spokesmen for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners had no immediate comment Thursday.

In the California and Ohio cases, the consumer groups maintained that:

—California Insurance Commissioner Harry Low failed to establish new lower rates for credit insurance by last Jan. 1, as required by the Legislature. The Insurance Department does not expect to act until early next year. Estimated overcharges are \$230 million a year.

—Scott Edelen, the deputy commissioner, acknowledged the delay but said it was necessary to gather and analyze data to set the new rates.

"It was in the best interest of consumers," Edelen said in a telephone interview.

—Ohio's Insurance Department has not adjusted rates since 1985 despite regulations requiring an annual adjustment. Estimated overcharges are \$110 million. A department spokesman had no immediate comment Thursday.

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Winter forecast update: cold and stormy still on the agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cold, stormy weather in the Northeast and Great Lakes and chilly spells in the South remain on this winter's agenda, the National Weather Service said Thursday.

Much of the country is likely to see a repeat of last winter, the agency said in an update of the forecast for December through February.

The Weather Service regional winter outlook:

— Northeast: Colder-than-normal temperatures are expected. Snowfall will depend on north-south movement of the jet stream wind in the upper atmosphere known as the arctic oscillation. Nor'easters possible along the coast.

— Mid-Atlantic: Equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and wetness. Storm tracks could bring more snow than the winters of the late 1990s, depending on the arctic oscillation.

— Southeast: Drier than normal. Temperatures have a slight chance of averaging above normal, but cold outbreaks are possible.

— Midwest and Great Lakes: Temperatures should be lower than normal, with more subzero days than the average of recent winters. There are equal chances for rain and snowfall to be above normal, normal or below normal.

— Northern Great Plains and Rockies: Should see below normal temperatures with more subzero days than during the late 1990s, but wet and mild weather is more likely for the southern Plains. The central Rockies can expect equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and wetness.

— Northwest, there are equal chances for above normal, nor-

mal or below normal rain and snow. Heavy coastal rain is more likely compared to the last three winters. A repeat of the near-record dryness last winter is unlikely.

— Southwest: Expect warmer-than-normal temperatures in most of the region and equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal precipitation.

— Alaska and Hawaii: Southwestern Alaska can expect a wet winter. The rest of Alaska and all of Hawaii can expect equal chance of above normal, normal or below normal temperatures and wetness.

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Clarendon College-Pampa Center scholarship winners plan their course schedule for this spring. From left, Annie Sims, Denise Joiner and Evelyn Noble were awarded \$500 scholarships for the fall semester by Pampa Center Foundation, through a grant from Amarillo Area Foundation. Scholarship applications for the spring semester, 2002, are available at the college office, 1601 W. Kentucky or call 665-8801. Applicants must be taking 12 hours with a grade point average the previous semester of 2.5.

Marines' Osprey program gets endorsement from NASA panel

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A NASA panel recommended resuming flight testing of the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey after the fleet was grounded in the wake of two deadly crashes.

The study by the NASA Ames Research Center called for extensive flight testing.

"There are no known aeromechanics phenomena that would stop the safe and orderly development and deployment of the V-22," the report said. "When fielded, the V-22 will truly revolutionize the role of transport aircraft in the defense of our country."

A May report by the Defense Department also recommended that the program continue.

"We're encouraged," Pentagon spokesman Capt. David Nevers said. "For the second time this year, an independent review has determined that given adequate commitment and resources, we can fix, test and safely fly the V-22."

The Marines estimate that the aircraft could be put into service in a year or two if flight testing resumed in the spring, Nevers said.

Four of the 20 Ospreys built so far have crashed.

The Osprey is designed to take off and land like a helicopter and cruise like an airplane. Each cost about \$89.7 million.

The fleet was grounded indefinitely after four Marines were killed in December when their Osprey crashed and burned in the woods near Jacksonville, N.C., on the way back from a training flight. A crash in Arizona in April 2000 killed all 19 Marines aboard.

In September, two Marine officers received letters of reprimand amid allegations that they ordered Osprey maintenance records to be doctored to exaggerate the troubled aircraft's readiness.

The report was hailed by officials at Fort Worth-based Bell Helicopter Textron. Bell and Boeing Co. make the Osprey.

"Anyone who studies the NASA report and still remains opposed to the V-22 is clearly working from some other agenda than the merits, safety and operational effectiveness of the aircraft," company spokesman Bob Leder told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

But an attorney representing the families of Marines killed in the V-22 crashes said he was unimpressed with the report.

"Is this a marketing presentation for Bell and Boeing, or what?" said Jim Furman of Austin, a former Army helicopter pilot who specializes in aircraft litigation.

Pair convicted for hog-tying, force-feeding boy

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A couple who handcuffed the boy and tied his hands and feet because he ran away from Brumit's house during a visit from his foster home in June 2000.

Jody Brumit, 41, faces 30 years in prison, while her husband, Ronald Festa, 49, could get life in prison because he has more than two dozen previous convictions.

The couple, who married in April, said they handcuffed the boy and tied his hands and feet because he ran away from Brumit's house during a visit from his foster home in June 2000.

Brumit and Festa said they forced the boy to drink hot sauce while Brumit sat on him as punishment for cursing.

Defense attorneys said the couple was dealing with a vio-

lent child the only way they could and that other guardians have also had to restrain him.

The caseworker who approved the unsupervised visit didn't know Brumit was living with a convicted felon. The case prompted Florida's Department of Children and Families to require caseworkers to check leases and utility bills to find out who lives in a home before authorizing visits.

Alabama man dies from West Nile virus

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A 44-year-old man has become the first person in Alabama to die from the West Nile virus, state health officials said Friday.

The man, who was not identified, died Oct. 30 after becoming infected in late August, state veterinarian Bill Johnston said.

The man is the fifth person in the nation to die from the mosquito-borne virus this year, following a 70-year-old man in Massachusetts, a 45-year-old man in New Jersey, a 71-year-old woman in Georgia and a Connecticut woman in her 90s.

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Report: Religious faith helps prevent alcohol, drug abuse

NEW YORK (AP) — People with religious faith are markedly less likely to abuse alcohol and illegal drugs than non-believers, a Columbia University research report issued Wednesday says.

The report from the university's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, found a greater tendency to shun drugs and alcohol both among people who attend worship regularly and among those who personally consider religious belief important — whether or not they are regular worshippers.

Previous studies have claimed that religion has beneficial effects in mental health, physical health and life expectancy.

Center vice president Susan Foster,

who directed the latest study, said the report shows clear correlations but does not say faith is the direct or only reason people avoid alcohol and drug abuse.

"We need a lot more research to understand the causes," she said.

Survey specifics:
—Adults who never attended religious services were more than five times likelier to have used illicit drugs other than marijuana, and nearly seven times likelier to have engaged in binge drinking, compared with those who worship weekly.

—Adults who considered religion unimportant were more than three times as likely to binge drink, and almost four times as likely to have used a drug besides marijuana, than those who felt strongly that religion is important (whether or not they worship regu-

larly).
—Among teens, those who never attended worship were twice as likely to drink and smoke as those who were regular worshippers.

—Teens who considered religion unimportant were nearly three times likelier to drink, to binge drink, and to smoke; almost four times likelier to use marijuana and seven times likelier to use other illicit drugs.

The study speculated that religion might have a positive impact by specific teaching against using drugs and alcohol, by providing a "sense of acceptance and belonging" or by providing faith that "fills a need that makes substance use unnecessary or provides hope for the future."

Clergy recognize that abuse is widespread but get little training on how to

deal with it, Joseph A. Califano Jr., center president and former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare, warned in a statement accompanying the study. And psychologists and psychiatrists too often ignore religion's importance in treating troubled patients, he said.

Among U.S. clergy, only 12.5 percent have formally studied substance abuse, the report said.

It recommended increased training to help religious professionals recognize signs of abuse, make appropriate referrals and prevent relapses. It also urged clergy to speak more from the pulpit about the problem.

For health professionals, the Columbia center recommended more training and sensitivity to help recognize religion's potential benefits and

understand that many patients desire spiritual help to complement treatment.

The report drew upon data from a combination of sources, including the center's own annual surveying in 1999 and 2001, with margins of error from plus or minus 2.2 to 3.1 percentage points. Also used were the 1998 questionnaires in the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and figures from 38,000 respondents to the General Social Surveys conducted by the National Opinion Research Center.

On the Net:
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse: <http://casacolumbia.org>

From Taliban to Russia to economy, a week of good news for the White House

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — The Taliban are on the run. The United States and Russia agree to slash their nuclear arsenals. Aid workers jailed in Afghanistan are free. "We've got incredibly good news," President Bush declared toward the end of a busy week.

About time, he might have thought. The week's developments were a timely tonic for a president who had grown impatient with critics, particularly those who thought the pace of the war was too slow. His irritation bubbled to the surface Nov. 2, during a Rose Garden question-and-answer session.

"This is not an instant gratification war," he snapped. At the same time, Bush was railing in private meetings about critical journalists, by name, associates said.

In recent days, Bush and his top advisers have found a measure of vindication.

"I guess there are a couple of lessons in that for folks, the handwringers who a week or two ago were saying, 'It's not going to work, you're not doing enough, you've been at it for three or four weeks, my gosh, the war is not over yet,'" said Vice President Dick Cheney.

Every White House battles the ups and downs, buffeted by events that are out of

a president's control.

"The key for the president and his staff is immunizing themselves from the highs and lows," said Antony Blinken, a senior foreign policy adviser in the Clinton White House. "They're on a high now."

Among the cascade of positive developments this week:

— The president and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to reduce their nuclear stockpiles by two-thirds.

— Congress broke its impasse over an aviation security bill as the holiday travel season began.

— Consumers shrugged off their worries to send retail sales surging. The stock market showed signs of reviving.

— Kabul fell to U.S.-backed northern alliance forces, triggering a rout of Taliban troops and the release of aid workers, two of them Americans. Both women are members of a church in nearby Waco, adding to Bush's pleasure.

That news came as Bush was preparing for dinner Wednesday night with Putin. On the president's orders, White House aides summoned reporters for a statement.

A cold, driving rain and thunder and

lightning forced the event inside — to a two-car garage next to a staff house on the 1,600-acre ranch. Nothing about the site was very presidential. Not the oil-streaked cement floor, the two dozen water cooler bottles nor the zigzag cracks in the wall. Not even the dusty fake flowers and cowboy boot vase, rushed to the scene for the event.

But Bush happily stood before a single TV camera, basking in the good turn of fortune. At the same time, he reminded Americans there were challenges ahead.

"I'm patient, and I'm steady," Bush said. "Our troops on the ground are on the hunt to accomplish the objective. And we will stay there until we do accomplish the objective."

The criticism and handwringing are probably far from over. Hardly all the problems have been solved.

Osama Bin Laden, suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, has not been found.

Even with the Taliban fleeing, U.S. special forces have been involved in ground combat and are at high risk. "They are armed and they're participating," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday.

Investigators are still trying to determine who laced the U.S. mail with anthrax, killing four and infecting 13 others.

On U.S.-Russian relations, Putin refused to strike a deal on missile defense that would allow the administration to conduct research that is now banned by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Their accord on cutting nuclear warheads is shaky. Putin wants the deal in writing after detailed negotiations, but Bush thinks a handshake is enough.

The aviation bill took two months to pass at a time when the industry needed action to soothe the jittery travelers. It also puts security issues in the lap of the administration, meaning Bush may be politically accountable if terrorists strike from the nation's skies again.

Some of the economic news was good this week, but there was also this: Industrial productivity dropped in October for the 13th month in a row. That is the longest string of declines in manufacturing activity since the Great Depression.

Bush's political team has thought for months that the economy is the biggest danger to his re-election prospects.

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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)

***** Bright ideas mark your day. Think about being in charge. Empathize with a boss. Don't be so quick to make a judgment. Talk about finances, especially if you want to refinance your home or restructure your budget. Good news surrounds loans. Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Make inquiries as soon as possible. The more feedback you get, the better the decision you will make. Worry less about gossip. Stick with facts. Handle a legal or professional issue. Find an expert in the field. Strength comes when you understand your limits. Tonight: Rent a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You whip out suggestions one after another. Your swift mind and natural ingenuity easily overwhelm others. Give someone the space to put in his two cents! Surprises surround finances and a partnership. Opt for spontaneity. Tonight: Respond to another's loving gesture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You're great at checking out investments and are willing to jump on a good deal. Once more, you demonstrate unusual monetary insight as you review

your budget. Don't be surprised if others often seek you out for feedback and advice, especially today! Tonight: Use CANCELS (June 21-July 22)

***** People seek you out this morning. In fact, you might have difficulty starting your work, as the phones ring overtime! Lighten up about another's request. You can always say "no" nicely. A meeting proves instrumental to your plans. Listen well. Tonight: Sort through invitations. Lucky you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** All work and no play could make the Lion a bit sad. Stop. Think of the long weekend ahead. You prove to be a dynamic source for ideas; others tap into your resourcefulness. Co-workers support an important change in your schedule or procedures. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** If you would like to extend your weekend or network more than usual, others will fill in for you. Return calls, as good news surrounds you. A loved one wants time. A flirtation could develop into a lot more if you let it. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Realize that, as much as you would like to, you cannot escape a domestic matter. Your feedback remains key, at least financially. Check in on an older friend or relative. Make sure he feels up to snuff. Sometimes others get depressed before the holidays. Tonight: Extra work comes home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Others respond to your inquiries and suggestions. You encourage dialogue when others hit a dead end. Use your lunch break to get some improving. In fact, you might have difficulty for the office. Tonight: Visit with a friend over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Reverse your path, if need be. Your strong direction helps those around you. Work as a team. Communicate with others. Put a plan into action. Use your mind, but don't hesitate to tap into your charisma, too! Tonight: Whatever the Goat wants.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Stand back. Use your intuition with those in charge. You're right on target and, as a result, you make the proper decisions. Presently your strength lies in working behind the scenes. Make calls. Clear out work. Tonight: Do whatever it is that you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Be sensitive to friends as well as associates. Discussions behind the scenes might not exactly be honest. Do a better job of listening and reading between the lines. Make calls and seek out experts. You come up with unusual ideas that impress many. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.
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Abilene banks on tiered water payment plan

By SAMUEL SEGRIST
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas — If you ignored the xeriscape campaign, if you laughed in the face of the "Defeat the Drought" crusade and if you thumbed your nose at watering restrictions, the city of Abilene can always reach deeper into your wallet.

As a kind of last resort in its plans to encourage people to use less water, the city's conservation program includes a rate system that charges people on an increasing scale for water.

The system, referred to as tiered rating, was used by 22 percent of U.S. water utilities in 1998, the last time the American Water Works Association checked.

Abilene's water utility has been on the system since 1984. It was designed to cause the least amount of pain to the people who use the least water, said Dwayne Hargesheimer, water utilities director.

People who use 6,000 or fewer gallons a month, primarily residents on a fixed income, pay the lowest rate of \$1.14 for 1,000 gallons. Families in larger houses that use up to 15,000 gallons pay \$1.52 per 1,000 gallons after the first 6,000 gallons. And people who use more than 15,000 gallons pay the top rate of \$2.11 per 1,000.

Commercial customers have only two tiers, with the top rate of \$1.52. Industrial customers pay a flat rate of \$1.32. The price difference is seen as a way to protect businesses.

Everyone also pays an extra 88 cents per 1,000 gallons for the Ivie pipeline surcharge, which is the primary cause for an almost 50 percent increase in the average water bill since summer.

History

The price of water in Abilene has been as reliable an indicator of drought and a shrinking water supply as a rain gauge.

"Historically water has been so cheap that people weren't aware that they were even buying it," said Michael Nieswiadomy, an economics professor at the University of North Texas in Denton who has produced several studies on water and energy rates.

But recent history, especially in the western United States, has shown a gradual increase in the

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cost of water as more cities turn to methods such as tiered rates to cover the rising cost and to prompt conservation.

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"It's still relatively cheap if you consider that a gallon of water is a fraction of a cent," Nieswiadomy said.

How Abilene charges for water has undergone a sea change, Hargesheimer said.

In the early 1980s, the water department charged people less per gallon if they used more. Customers who managed to consume more than 50,000 gallons paid only 46 cents per 1,000 gallons. People who used only 1,000 gallons paid \$3.30.

"The thinking used to be that the more water we treated, the cheaper it was," Hargesheimer said. "We found that it was untrue. The more you treat, the bigger system you have, the more your maintenance costs go up."

It also didn't help when drought hit in 1983 and 1984. Abilene was one of three cities in the state — the other two being Austin and Corpus Christi — that faced severe water shortages. After brainstorming with each other, the three cities implemented many water conservation methods, such as watering restrictions, that much of the state uses today. Tiered rates were part of the plan.

Effect

For most years since then, the average amount of water Abilenians use has been lower. Water administrators in Austin and Corpus Christi said they've seen the same results.

During the Texas heat wave of 1980, the average per capita use in Abilene reached almost 220 gallons a day. Since the price increases, the average use has been 180-160 gallons a day.

The lone exception came in 1998 when the drought caused the average use to rise above 200 gallons for the first time since 1980. The city responded with watering restrictions and a new round of price increases. Water use fell sharply in 1999 and 2000.

Assistant water director Linda Simpson said the city has never studied how effective the tiered rates are. Because water usage changes with the weather, it's difficult to show how well they work, she said.

Nieswiadomy said studies show tiered rates,

have an effect, albeit a muddled one, with water customers.

People tend to be aware of the average cost of water, not the tiered rates, he said. Even if they are aware of tiered rates, the number of customers who bother to track how much water they've used are few.

But if an information campaign successfully tells enough people that the more they use, the more they'll pay, more sprinklers will be turned off.

"It is something that, if you scare the dickens out of people, they'll more than likely be conscious of the water they use," Nieswiadomy said.

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(Community Camera photo by Donna Reynolds)

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild recently donated a baby quilt to Shining Star Child Day Care Center. Above: (left-right) Deidra Davis of Shining Star with PPQG members Susie Edwards, president, and Jane Jacobs, vice president.

Children's museum in San Angelo spotlights work of folk artist

By CANDACE COOKSEY
FULTON and DIANE MURRAY
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas — The bright and optimistic — some nostalgic and some purely fanciful — folk artworks of the late Emma Lee Moss are on exhibit at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts Children's Art Museum.

The work will remain on display through Jan. 26 in the museum, located on the ground floor of the Cactus Hotel.

Though Moss lived to see her work largely appreciated, her introduction into the art world was a humble one. Moss was born in Tennessee and after attending school to the eighth grade, she went to work as a housekeeper. Her employers relocated from Tennessee to San Angelo in 1946. Because Moss, 20 years old at the time, had grown quite fond of the youngest child, Tommy Figuers, she came with the family.

In the early 1950s, while young Tommy was at school, Moss made her first attempt at painting. The paint colors fascinated her and she couldn't keep herself from experimenting with the 9-year-old's paints and brushes. But even Moss's earliest attempts impressed Tommy's mother, and Mrs. Figuers encouraged Emma Lee to approach the boy's art teacher, Tincie Hughs Heddins, for art instruction.

Through that connection, Moss was allowed to attend Heddins' art classes at San Angelo College for two years where she learned media, materials and techniques. Heddins insisted Moss had a unique style and should continue with it.

"Her work was very instinctive," said Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. "It's really very charming . . . and some of it is quite funny."

Moss friends, critics and fellow artists agree has a vivid painting style that connects nostalgia with whimsy. Her work that's considered most outstanding "seem to capture the spirit of the day with busily populated urban and rural landscapes."

Though her paintings, "show a naive lack of perspective," the "innate attention to intricate patterns and composition" are practically Moss's trademark.

"I knew Emma Lee after she was rather well-known as an artist," said Roger Allen of the Old Chicken Farm Art Center. "She was moving back to San Angelo, and I took a van to Dallas to bring back some of her artworks."

Allen and Moss became good friends.

"Emma Lee was at ease in any crowd. She had a great sense of humor and she could just enjoy any situation. She was about 70 when I first got to know her, but by attitude or anything else, anyone would have thought she was much younger," Allen said.

Moss lived within walking distance of Chicken Farm and often spent time there working on her creations. Allen said Moss had wanted to learn to throw pots, but he conspired with her to paint plates he had thrown.

"She did that for a while and I noticed they were selling like hotcakes," Allen said. "That's really what gave me the idea of painting plates myself."

For her paintings, Moss drew on her rural, agricultural background and her African-American roots, as well as offering her unique view of "high society," Taylor said.

Taylor's favorite piece in the SAMFA collection pieces primarily left to the museum in Moss's will is "Bloomingdails," one of the paintings currently on display at the Children's Art Museum. Other pieces in the

exhibit have been borrowed from private collections.

"The painting is full of people in abstract patterns, going up and down on escalators," Taylor said. "It's quite funny and full of energy."

In many ways, Moss's approach to her artwork, her ability to create, were "what every artist dreams of," Taylor said, describing Moss as a fountain of creativity who apparently didn't suffer creative blocks.

"There was no dark side to Emma Lee," he said. "She is a true treasure of our community."

While SAMFA owns about 15 Moss paintings, most of the works by the prolific folk artist are in private collections. Ultimately, Taylor said, the museum would like to acquire more.

In the meantime, Taylor hopes the works on display in the Children's Art Museum "will inspire parents and children to take a freer approach to their own self-expression."

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