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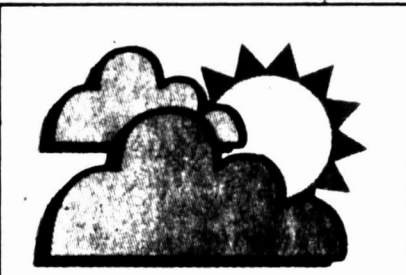


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'Chipper' to recycle used holiday trees

Clean Pampa, Inc., is sponsoring the "Chipping of the Greens" again this year for the Christmas tree recycling. The date — 9 a.m., Jan. 19 at Warner-Horton Supply parking lot.

The safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal is designed to save valuable landfill space, eliminate fire hazards by prompt removal, enable the solid waste department of the city to concentrate on increased residential refuse and reduce solid waste operational costs.

The city side-loader trucks are only able to pick up dumpsters and not designed to pick up the left-over Christmas trees, so please do not put the trees in alleys or alley dumpsters.

After Dec. 26, people are invited to bring their Christmas trees, completely stripped of ornaments, to the parking lot at Warner-Horton Supply, 900 N. Duncan. Place trees away from driveway entrances where the designated barricades are located.

The trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available, free of charge, across the street from Hobart Street Park.

"Chipping of the Greens" is free, but Clean Pampa, Inc., accepts donations. For more information, call Clean Pampa, Inc., at 665-2514.

William Robert Eaton, 79, electrical engineer.

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(Pampa News photos by Kate B. Dickson)

Public Safety Superintendent Kimberly Lincycumb has no shortage of stop signs now that she purchased slightly used ones for only \$2 each.

Sign sale saves city \$'s

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Saying she's always looking for ways to save the city a dollar, Public Service Superintendent Kimberly Lincycumb recently came across a real find — 314 actually.

With stop signs the size of those used in local neighborhoods selling for \$25 each, Lincycumb says she's proud of the 314 "slightly used" signs just purchased from the City of Amarillo for only \$2 each.

"There's nothing wrong with them," she said. "They still reflect really well and they're the size we use in our residential areas."

It seems Amarillo is switching the sizes of some of the stop signs they use thus they have no need for the old ones, Lincycumb said.

"Yes, we need them," she said. "Stop signs get run over, they get vandalized and after about seven years they lose their reflectability."

And while she's proud of the stop sign purchase, Lincycumb's also pleased with a buy on a used pneumatic roller she got for \$2,500 from G.W. James Construction. Some new pneumatic rollers can cost up to \$50,000, she said.

The machine is now at work improving alleys and it replaces a roller that had to be pulled by another piece of equipment.

"This is the kind of equipment we can get by with buying used," Lincycumb said. "It's not like a loader or motor grader that has to be dependable all the time in case of snow or for other emergencies."



A used pneumatic roller, bought for only \$2,500, is at work now improving city alleys.

"There are some people who don't think city employees try to save money," the 21-year-veteran city employee said. "I'm a public servant and I try to get the best deals I can. I'm a taxpayer, too, so I want to make the best use of our money."

Church of Christ to host free holiday dinner

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Good food and good fellowship are being offered to all members of the community by a local church on Christmas Day.

No Pampa resident has to spend Christmas alone. Any local resident who doesn't want to spend the day alone does not have to do so. One local church, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, is inviting anyone in the community who is alone for the special day to have dinner with them.

A Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and free of charge is available to anyone faced with being alone on Dec. 25. The Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ congregation has fed Pampa and area residents on Christmas Day for 16 years.

"We're concerned for people's needs—not just their spiritual needs, but their physical and emotional needs as well," said John Turner, minister. "Providing this meal is a tangible way for us to express our love for people—the same kind of love for people that Jesus showed while He was here on earth. Jesus said the two most important things in life are how we relate to God and how we treat other people. We feel compelled, especially during this time of year, to share what we have with others. God has blessed us so greatly, it would be wrong to hoard our resources. We haven't always done a good job in the past of letting people know we're here; we care; we want to help. But we're trying to change that."

Many of the church families who help with the dinner has established this as a Christmas tradition with their children who assist with the day's activities. Entire families help by assisting with the cooking, serving, decorating, and greeting of guests. Many of the families arrive early Christmas morning at the Fellowship Hall on Mary Ellen Street to begin the preparations.

The church-wide outreach project is a service which provides for the entire community. It is not limited to members of the local church.

The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce and homemade desserts.

Church members cook turkeys and hams which will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Most all of the congregation participates by cooking vegetables, salads, breads, or desserts, including numerous pies and cakes, which will be served at the dinner.

All on-duty emergency personnel, which includes police, sheriff's deputies, fire department, and ambulance workers, are welcome to join the group for the Christmas Day meal.

The church is also delivering Christmas dinner for the Meals-On-Wheels program. Deliveries will also be made to shut-ins who have made prior arrangements through the church office. There will be no takeout meals.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at 655-0031. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the meal and fellowship.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Arvia Willingham, Lanora Ripple, Kurt Curfman, Judy Eppison and Pam Carter prepare for the annual Christmas meal.

Miles of smiles

Volunteers: We enjoyed kids' shopping tour, too!

By JOHN WARNER
Special to The News

Smiles abounded Saturday as 122 children went Christmas shopping for members of their families on the annual Children's Shopping Tour.

"You just can't tell somebody what an experience this is," said Kitty Hall, who took her son, Tyler, along to help children select presents and wrap them. "I am going to encourage my older boys to come next year."

"It's a real special experience to help a kid buy his mom a Christmas gift when he would not have been able to otherwise," said Lady Harvester Basketball Coach Steve Schmidt. "It was fun," declared PHS Basketball Coach Jerry Schaffer. Both basketball teams gave up the day's practice to have the players and coaches assist children with their shopping.

"It's great," said Dr. Mark Ford. "We'll be back next year." Overheard at Wal-Mart from a teenager who was thrilled to help a younger child shop, "It's more fun this year than when I went on the tour."

"This has been a good experience," said Dan McGuire, the Optimist member who served as the general chair of the project. "I have chaperoned before, but this is the first time I have been involved with the Steering Committee."

"We really appreciate the response from the community," said Kiwanians Jeff and Monica Welborn, who recruited over 200 volunteers to help with the shopping. The couple presented a picture of each child with Santa as a keepsake of the tour.

Capt. Patricia Steward of the Salvation Army, who was in charge of processing applications and inviting children to participate, was disappointed that several families who had been selected were not home. "We will try to cover them later," she promised.

"We served 122 children and 241 additional family members on this project which is the

largest number of people we have ever served," said Kiwanian John Wagner, who headed up registration. "Counting the children, their family members, the chaperones and the other people who helped, this project impacted the lives of more than 600 people."

Kevin Davis, the Optimist chair, estimated that the Pampa Optimist Youth Club served 350 hamburgers to the hungry shoppers and volunteers.

Whitney Davis headed the Opti-Mrs. members who helped the shoppers wrap hundreds of gifts in the Optimist gym.

"The largest financial contribution came from the Energizer Class of the First United Methodist Church," said project treasurer John Warner. "They sponsored 15 children on the tour and contributed more than 10 percent of the total donations. I think this is highly significant for these middle schoolers to work so hard to raise the money and help out children younger than they are."

Volunteers gathered at the Optimist Club at 8 a.m. to register and receive the names and addresses of the children they would assist. Kiwanian Winston Holt conducted an information session. The volunteers picked up their children about 9 a.m. and headed to Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart set aside several registers which gave us a discount and did not charge sales tax," said Holt. "They have been great to work with every year."

The shoppers returned to the Optimist building for a wrapping party. Shoppers returning early were entertained by members of the Energizer Sunday School Class, whose chair was Will Shipman. The shoppers played games, used crayons to color, sang Christmas carols and heard a rendition of "The Night Before Christmas."

Todd and Donna Carnegie of New Life Assembly of God Church presented a puppet show which helped the children

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Happy Holidays from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

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SMILES

understand the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

Other participating organizations included: Red Cross, Tralee Crisis Center, Texas Department of Human Services, First Presbyterian Church, Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Aldersgate

Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, St. Vincent's Total Youth Ministry, Body of Christ at Pampa, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Pampa High School cheerleaders, Central Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Gray County Sheriff's Office, Gray County Democratic Club and West Texas A&M University.

Police report

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

Donald Dwayne Johnson, 51, 1111 E. Frederick, #121, was

arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart for theft under \$50 and criminal trespass.

Pampa PD reported an evading arrest in the 1100 block of South Varnon.

Christmas bulbs, valued at \$30, were taken from holiday decoration of the front yard in the 1800 block of Christine.

Several antique guns were reported taken in a burglary of a habitation in the 2100 block of North Williston. Two 12-gauge shotguns, a 22-caliber rifle and two muzzle loaders were reported stolen. A stereo, VCR and phone were also reported taken. Estimated value totaled \$1,920.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly sunny, becoming windy this afternoon and warm. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph increasing early this afternoon to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes through tonight. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Windy early. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing after midnight to 15 mph. Saturday, a slight chance of rain or snow in the morning, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Saturday night, partly cloudy, lows in the lower 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy and cold. Highs in the mid 30s. Sunday evening, partly cloudy. Monday and

Christmas Day, partly cloudy and continued cold. Lows in the mid and upper teens and highs from the upper 20s to the lower 30s.

STATE — Blustery conditions were expected across parts of Texas on Friday for the first day of winter, with a wet weekend on tap in northern and western sections of the state.

A slight chance of snow was even forecast for parts of the Panhandle through Saturday.

The National Weather Service posted a wind advisory for far West Texas. A high wind watch was in effect for the Guadalupe Mountains.

Skies were mostly clear across the state early Friday, with high clouds noted in the Panhandle and cloudiness increasing in Northwest and North Texas.

Light fog developed along the middle and lower Coastal Plains. Early-morning temperatures

ranged from the 20s to 50s. Extremes were 25 degrees in the Dalhart area to 52 at Brownsville.

Other readings included 28 at Junction, 33 at Lufkin, 41 at Abilene and 46 degrees at Guadalupe Pass.

Winds were southeasterly to southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph.

A slight chance of rain or snow showers was forecast in the Panhandle and West Texas through Saturday. Some showers and thunderstorms were predicted for North and South Texas.

Daytime highs should be in the 60s with some 70s in the southeast and in the far south, cooling on Saturday to the 40s from the South Plains into the Panhandle.

Lows overnight were expected from the upper 20s over the Panhandle and portions of the South Plains to the upper 30s along the Rio Grande and 40s across the extreme southeast.

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HOUSEHOLD & baby items for sale, 665-6127.

LONE STAR Country Club: 1300 S. Barnes, Sat. Dec. 22nd "Clear Creek" live on stage.

MARY ELLEN & Harvester Church of Christ is sponsoring the annual X-Mas Dinner, Dec. 25th from 11-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us!

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

KITCHENS, Nelson — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

PENN, Evaline E. — 10 a.m., Neodesha First Christian Church, Neodesha, Kan.

TIDWELL, Geneva Welton — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries (Cont.)

BILL STEPHENS

Bill Stephens, 70, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Stephens was born May 31, 1931, in Northfield, Texas, to Walter and Dessie Stephens. He attended

Childress public schools and played semi-pro baseball for four after graduation. He married Bobbie Sue Kent on Feb. 21, 1977, in Pampa. He was a member of the Pampa Optimist Club for many years where he coached baseball and basketball.

He served as secretary and as president, and was on the Board of Directors for the club. He was a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Texas Realtors Association and the Pampa Board of Realtors where he served as president in 1996 and 1998.

He was a sales associate for Quentin Williams Realtors at the time of his death. Bill also served on the Board of Directors of the Cabot and IRI Credit Unions for 10 years. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church. He served as a director of the Single Adult Department for several years and was serving as director of the Adult 7 Sunday School Department at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Barry; and a step-son, Lindel Kent.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Sue, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Stephens of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Randy and Pamela Stephens of Mansfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Deeda and Wesley Carter of Plainview; a step-daughter and husband, Dana and Tom Wilson of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Walter Stephens of Lubbock; three sisters, Betty Foster of Plainview, Emma Lee James of Paducah and Peggy Norman of Lexington; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to the BSA Hospice Olivia's Angels, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

GENEVA WELTON TIDWELL

Geneva Welton Tidwell, 78, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Tidwell was born Dec. 3, 1923, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. She married Bill Tidwell on June 12, 1941, at Pampa. She was a bookkeeper for Four-R Industrial Supply for 39 years prior to retiring in 1984.

She was a member of Altrusa Club for 35 years, serving as president in 1974 and 1975, and of First Baptist Church where she taught in the pre-school department.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of the home; a son, Billy Eugene Tidwell, Jr., of Pampa; a daughter, Dianne Garrett of Midland; a brother, John Lee Welton of Jefferson City, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Altrusa Club or to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

Fires

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

6:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 100 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported.

7:14 p.m. — Five units and eight firefighters responded to a trash compactor fire at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart. Firefighters evacuated the grocery store briefly while they ventilated smoke from the building.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		Coca-Cola.....48.24 up 0.48	
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up 0.35	Exxon Mobil.....39.20	Triad Hospitals.....28.40	up 0.40
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Williams.....24.06	dn 0.31		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
BP.....45.10	up 0.70	New York Gold.....276.15	
Celanese.....19.46	up 0.16	Silver.....4.46	
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Cabot O&G.....23.00	up 0.25		
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Obituaries

WILLIAM ROBERT EATON

DENTON — William Robert Eaton Sr., 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at Carriage House assisted living facility in Denton. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m., today at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Mr. Eaton was born at Garber, Okla., to Earl H. and Alta Faye (Turner) Eaton, formerly of Pampa. He married Mary Louise Bailey on Sept. 16, 1945, at Herington Army Air Field in Herington, Kan.

He graduated from Pampa High School in 1939 before entering the military. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii, at the time of the Japanese attack that began American involvement in the war. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and six Presidential Unit Citations for combat in the southwest Pacific. In recent years, he was active in national and regional veterans organizations.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., he received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1948.

He joined the General Electric Co. that year and moved through numerous engineering management positions in the fields of aircraft flight control, ballistic missile systems, nuclear weapons, nuclear reactors, spacecraft, manned space systems and commercial computer services.

In 1963, he became executive director and general manager for General Electric at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Mississippi Test Facility, with responsibility for managing the company's contracts to design, construct, operate and maintain the 250-square-mile laboratory complex. During his tenure, the first two stages of NASA's Apollo launch vehicle, the Saturn V, were tested at the facility.

In 1970, he was appointed executive director and general manager of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, an agency providing commuter rail, high-speed rail, subway, trolley and bus transit services throughout the metropolitan Philadelphia area. He retired in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Louise (Bailey) Eaton, of the home; sons, William R. Jr. of Raymond of Mississippi, John B. of Sacramento, Calif., and Gregory S. of Denton and Mark T. of Fort Collins, Colo.; daughters, Angela C., Wilcox of Laurinburg, N.C., and M. Camille Romjg of Huff's Church, Pa.; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the World War II National Memorial, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, DC 20090-6766.

Evaline E. Penn

NEODESHA, Kan. — Evaline E. Penn, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at Wilson County Hospital in Neodesha. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Neodesha First Christian Church with the Rev. Harry Cunningham officiating. Burial will follow in Neodesha Cemetery under the direction of Lorán Fawcett Funeral Home of Neodesha.

Mrs. Penn was born Feb. 3, 1907, at Thayer, Kan., to Henry and Harriett Black Thomas. She grew up in Thayer and graduated from high school there in 1925. She married Joel Franklin Penn on Aug. 30, 1930, at Independence, Kan., and they made their home in Neodesha; he died Jan. 26, 1992.

She taught school in rural Thayer and Altoona, Kan., and was a homemaker. After retirement, she moved to Fairfield Bay, Ark., and resided for 12 years, eventually returning to Neodesha.

She belonged to Neodesha First Christian Church where she taught Sunday school. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bert; a sister, Alice Reece; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Survivors include three daughters, Louise Pendleton of Neodesha, Valetta Frankenberg of Wheeler and Joelene Evans of Georgetown; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today at Lorán Fawcett Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be to Neodesha Gran Villa or to First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in care of Lorán Fawcett Funeral Home.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, December 20

Billy Wayne Morgan, 53, 425 Carr, was arrested on a warrant for theft by check.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, December 20

Dorothy Tunnell Thomas, 81, 2537 Mary Ellen, was cited for failure to maintain a single lane when the 1999 Buick Century she was driving struck a 1997 Toyota Celica driven by Jessica Jean Nicolet, 16, 2524 Dogwood. Both vehicles were northbound when Thomas attempted to change lanes, striking the Toyota. Thomas told officers the sun was shining in her face in the 4:25 p.m. incident. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Adrian Alvis Neal, 22, of Lefors, was cited with failure to control speed when the 1993 Oldsmobile Cutlass he was driving rear-ended a 1995 Dodge Ram 2500 driven by Lemuel David Shelton, 33, Skellytown. The Dodge was stopped at a red light in the 100 block of North Hobart. Both were northbound. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Hayes celebrates birthday

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Former Olympian and Dallas Cowboys star Bob Hayes is out of the hospital and doing well, family members say.

Hayes, who turned 59 on Thursday, is staying at a rehabilitation clinic to complete his recovery from flu-like symptoms that landed him in the hospital for eight days.

"He's doing just fine," said his sister, Lena Mae Johnson. "He's just like his old self."

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Q How can I acquaint my 12-year-old with the need for responsible behavior throughout his life? He is desperately in need of this understanding.

A One important objective during the preadolescent period is to teach a child that actions have inevitable consequences. One of the most serious casualties in a permissive society is the failure to connect those two factors, behavior and consequences.

A 3-year-old child screams insults at his mother, but Mom stands blinking her eyes in confusion. A first-grader defies his teacher, but the school makes allowances for his age and takes no action. A 10-year-old is caught stealing candy in a store, but is released to the recognizance of her parents. A 15-year-old sneaks the keys to the family car, but her father pays the fine when she is arrested. A 17-year-old drives his car like a maniac, but his parents pay for the repairs when he wraps it around a telephone pole.

All through childhood, loving parents seem determined to intervene between behavior and consequences, breaking the connection and preventing the valuable learning that could and should have occurred.

Thus, it is possible for a young man or woman to enter adult life not really knowing that life can bite back—that every move we make directly affects our future, and that irresponsible behavior eventually produces sorrow and pain. Such a person secures his first job and arrives late for work three times during the first week. Later, when he is fired in a flurry of hot works, he becomes bitter and frustrated. It was the first time in his life that Mom and Dad couldn't come running to rescue him from the unpleasant consequences. (Unfortunately, many American parents still try to "bail out" children even when they are in their 20s and live away from home.)

What is the result? This overprotection produces emotional cripples who often develop lasting characteristics of dependency and a kind of perpetual adolescence.

How does one connect behavior with consequences? By being willing to let the child experience a reasonable amount of pain or inconvenience when he behaves irresponsibly. When Jack misses the school bus through his own dawdling, let him walk a mile or two and enter school in midmorning (unless safety factors prevent this). If Janie carelessly loses her lunch money, let her skip a meal.

Obviously, it is possible to carry this principle too far, being harsh and inflexible with an immature child. But the best approach is to expect boys and girls to carry the responsibility that is appropriate for their age, and occasionally to taste the bitter fruit that irresponsibility bears. In so doing, behavior is wedded to consequences, just as in real life.

Q Could you summarize your philosophy of child rearing in a single paragraph? What's the bottom line?

A Let me emphasize my approach by stating its opposite. I am not recommending that your home be harsh and oppressive. I am not suggesting that you give your children a spanking every morning with their ham and eggs, or that you make your boys sit in the living room with their hands folded and their legs crossed. I am not proposing that you make adults out of your kids so you can impress your adult friends with your parental skill, or that you punish your children whimsically, swinging an d screaming when they insult your dignity and authority by being cold and unapproachable. These parental tactics do not produce healthy, responsible children.

By contrast, I am recommending a simple principle: When you are defiantly challenged, win decisively. When the child asks, "Who's in charge?" tell him. When he mutters "Who loves me?" take him in your arms and surround him with affection. Treat him with respect and dignity, and expect the same in return. Then begin to enjoy the sweet benefits of competent parenthood.

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Bible study graduates



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Holding certificates of graduation, these inmates from TDCJ Jordan Prison Unit recently completed a 52-week Bible study course on the Book of John entitled "Free for Sure." This is the 11th group to complete the study. A total of 71 men have earned certificates to date. Above: (front row) Albert Carter, Abraham Castillo, Esteban Salinas; (back row) Royce Remo and Roger Sanders.

The Christmas story retold

In these last days leading up to Christmas we find ourselves hearing the story of the birth of Jesus over and over again.

Hopefully each time we hear it our appreciation of that monumental event grows. However, if we aren't careful we can find ourselves tuning it out. After all we already know what is says and what happened. Maybe Ken Gire's description of the birth of the Savior in his book 'Moments With The Savior' can rejuvenate our passion.

"For the census, the royal family has to travel eighty-five miles. Joseph walks, while Mary, nine months pregnant, rides sidesaddle on a donkey, feeling every jolt, every rut, every rock in the road.

"By the time they arrive, the small hamlet of Bethlehem is swollen from an influx of travelers. The inn is packed, people feeling lucky if they were able to negotiate even a small space on the floor. Now it is late, everyone is asleep, and there is no room.

"But fortunately, the innkeeper is not all shekels and mites. True, his stable is crowded with his guests' animals, but if they could squeeze out a little privacy there, they were welcome to it. Joseph looks over at Mary, whose attention is concentrated on fighting a contraction. "We'll take it," he tells the innkeeper without hesitation.

"The night is still when Joseph creaks open that stable door. As he does, a chorus of barn animals makes discordant note of the intrusion. The stench is pungent and humid, as there have not been enough hours in the day to tend the guests, let alone the livestock. A small oil lamp, lent them by the innkeeper, flickers to dance shadows on the walls. A disquieting place for a woman in the throes of childbirth. Far from home. Far from family. Far from what she had expected for her firstborn.

But Mary makes no complaint. It is a relief just to finally get off her feet. She leans back against the wall, her feet swollen, back aching, contractions growing harder and closer together. Joseph's eyes dart around the stable. Not a minute to lose. Quickly. A feeding trough would have to make do for a crib. Hay would serve as a mattress. Blankets? Blankets? Ah, his robe. That would do. And those rags hung out to dry would help. A gripping contraction doubles Mary over and sends him racing for a bucket of water.

"The birth would not be easy, either for the mother or the child. For every royal privilege for this son ended at conception.

"A scream from Mary knives through the calm of that silent night. Joseph returns, breathless, water sloshing from the wooden bucket. The top of the baby's head has already pushed its way into the world. Sweat pours from Mary's contorted face as Joseph, the most unlikely midwife in all Judea, rushes to her side.

"The involuntary contractions are not enough, and Mary has to push with all her strength, almost as if God were refusing to come into the world with-



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out her help.

"Joseph places a garment beneath her, and with a final push and a long sigh, her labor is over. The Messiah has arrived.

"Elongated head from the constricting journey through the birth canal. Light skin, as the pigment would take days or even weeks to surface. Mucus in his ears and nostrils. Wet and slippery from the amniotic fluid. The son of the Most High God umbilically tied to a lowly Jewish girl. The baby chokes and coughs. Joseph instinctively turns him over and clears his throat. Then he cries. Mary bares her breast and reaches for the shivering baby. She lays him on her chest, and his helpless cries subside. His tiny head bobs around on the unfamiliar terrain. This will be the first thing the infant-king learns.

Mary can feel his racing heartbeat as he gropes to nurse. Deity nursing from a young maiden's breast. Could anything be more puzzling - or more profound? Joseph sits exhausted, silent, full of wonder. "The baby finishes and sighs, the divine Word reduced to a few unintelligible sounds. Then, for the first time, his eyes fix on his mother's. Deity straining to focus. The Light of the World, squinting.

"Tears pool in her eyes. She touches his tiny hand. And hands that once sculpted mountain ranges cling to her finger. She looks up at Joseph, and through a watery veil, their souls touch. He crowds closer, cheek to cheek, with his betrothed. Together they stare in awe at the baby Jesus, whose heavy eyelids begin to close. It has been a long journey. The King is tired.

"And so, with barely a ripple of notice, God stepped into the warm lake of humanity. Without protocol and without pretension. Where you would have expected angels, there were only flies. Where you would have expected heads of state, there were only donkeys, a few haltered cows, a nervous ball of sheep, a tethered camel, and a furtive scurry of curious barn mice.

"Except for Joseph, there was no one to share Mary's pain, or her joy. Yes, there were angels announcing the Savior's arrival-but only to a band of blue-collar shepherds. And yes, a magnificent star shone in the sky to mark his birthplace - but only three foreigners bothered to look up and follow it. Thus, in the little town of Bethlehem... that one silent night... the royal birth of God's Son tiptoed quietly by... as the world slept."

Emanuel Baptist plans special Christmas program Sunday

Emanuel Baptist Church, 1021 S. Barnes, will present a Christmas program at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23.

Dr. Jimmy Flynn, pastor, will

portray Peter. Dr. Flynn has been involved in dramatic presentations and provided stunt work for Glenn Ford's "Heaven with a

Gun" with David Carradine and Barbara Hershey. He has also worked with actor Bruce Lee. The public is invited.

Calvary Baptist's candlelight service open to community

Calvary Baptist Church's annual Candlelight and Advent Service is set for 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23, at the church sanctuary, 900 E. 23rd.

The service will feature Christmas music - carols and solos, dramatizations of the four candles of advent and the candle lighting ceremony for everyone present.

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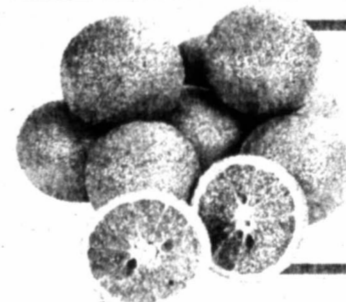
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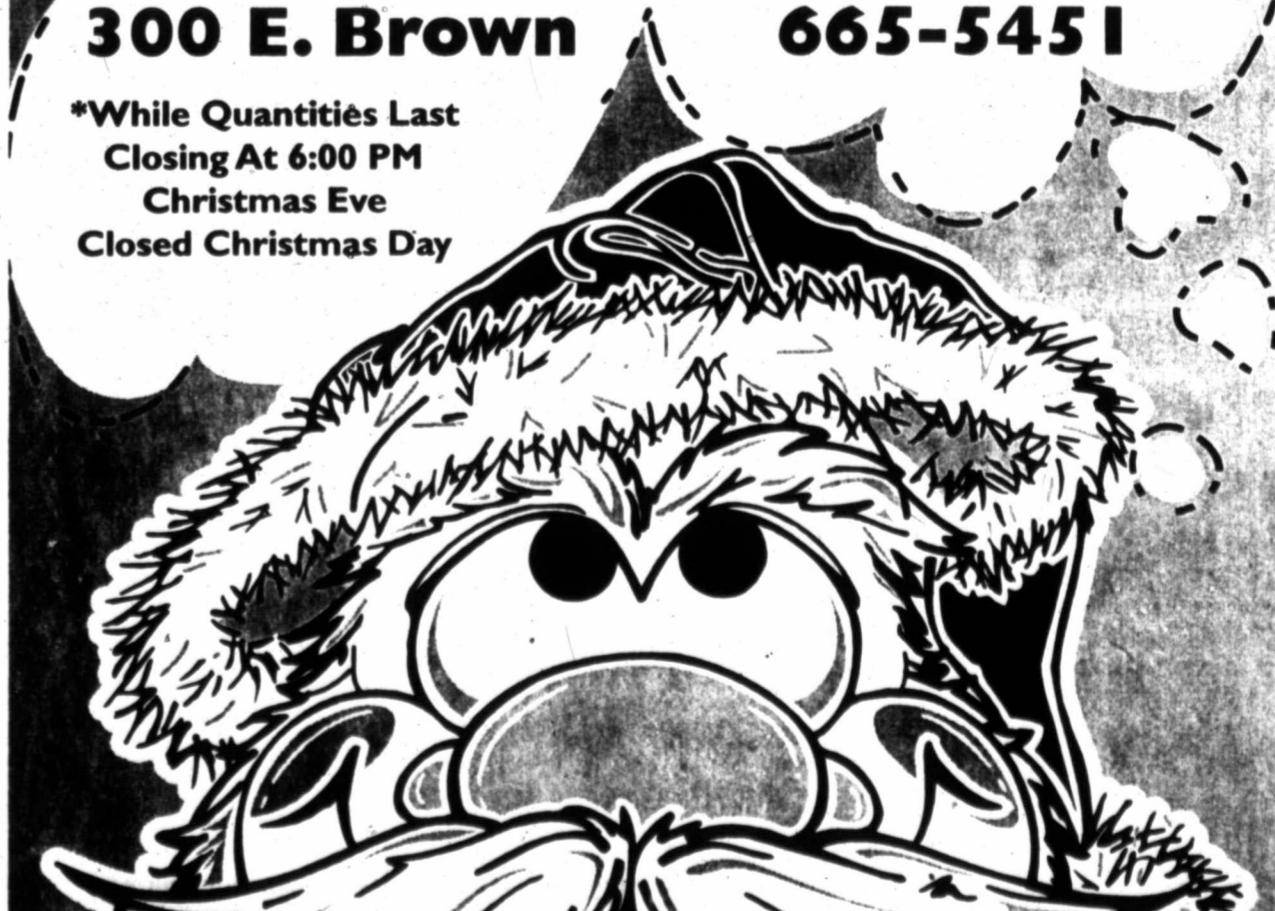


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PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows:

1. Bill Hammer, Glen Downs, James Lee and Gene Winegeart, 63.
2. Larry Schneider, Jerry Stephens, Harvey Malone and Mike Porter, 66.
3. Morris Driver, Bill Washington, Stefanie Harwood and John Howell, 66.

Closest to the hole: Bill Washington, No. 12.

The seniors will play Dec. 28 instead of Dec. 26 next week.

BASKETBALL

SILVERTON — Groom stormed to a 67-31 win over Silverton in a girls' basketball game.

Amanda Conrad and Candace Bohr paced the Tigerettes in scoring with 17 points apiece.

Groom had built a 22-point lead (35-14) at halftime.

Chelsey Cherry had 13 points for Silverton. Bryn Mayfield added 9 points.

The Tigerettes will compete in the Clarendon Tournament on Dec. 27-29.

CHANNING — Lefors lost a close contest to Channing 27-25 in a non-district girls' game earlier this week.

Randi Cutrell was high-point scorer for Channing with 13 points.

Samantha Ceniceros, Amanda Daugherty and Katie Barnes all had 6 points to lead Lefors in scoring.

In the boys' game, Channing came away with a 24-12 victory.

Josh Gordan was high scorer for Channing with 8 points. Ricky Vaughn had 7 points for the Pirates.

HOCKEY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers took advantage of two disallowed goals to end the Dallas Stars' eight-game unbeaten streak.

Philadelphia got goals from Keith Primeau and Marty Murray on Thursday night, and Brian Boucher made 29 saves as the Flyers outlasted the Stars 2-1.

The Stars had a goal overturned with just 6:20 remaining when referee Dan O'Halloran ruled Pierre Turgeon kicked the puck into the goal.

More controversial was the disallowed goal in the first period, when Mike Modano had a shot sit precariously near the goal line before being swiped away by Chris Therien.

The officials reviewed the shot, but there wasn't enough conclusive video evidence to prove the puck crossed the goal line.

"Our replay showed the goal was in," said Modano, referring to the television camera angle from above the net that was broadcast back to Dallas. "When it comes down to a one-goal game and the cameras are not working in the building, it is a little frustrating. It came back to haunt us."

According to Joe Kleug, director of Media Services for the Flyers, the NHL replay officials did have access to the camera angle from above the net, and the ruling was that the video evidence was inconclusive.

"It's just disappointing that with all the views you're allowed to have, how do we end up with the one that shows it clearly in the net?" Stars coach Ken Hitchcock asked. "It bounced a foot behind the goal line and everybody saw it. Our players have seen it and now they're a little angry."

With Dallas trailing 2-1, Turgeon redirected a shot past Boucher with his skate, but it was ruled no goal by O'Halloran.

"I tried to stop it with my skate and then push it with my stick," Turgeon said. "I guess I barely missed it."

Madrid makes all-state

PAMPA — Pampa linebacker Orlando Madrid has been named to the Class 4A first-team, all-state defensive team by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

"It's a very prestigious honor. Orlando is an excellent football player and a wonderful young man," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Madrid, a 205-pound senior, led the Harvesters with 87 solo tackles and 90 assisted tackles. He had 13 tackles for losses, 1 sack, 4 quarterback hurries, 1 caused fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 3 pass breakups.

Madrid, who switched from free safety to middle linebacker this season, also had 2 interceptions, 1 going for a touchdown.

"Those are very impressive stats. It ranks right up there with anybody we've had," coach Cavalier said.

With Madrid leading the charge, the Harvesters had District 3-4A's toughest defense, surrendering just 67 points a game.

Pampa was co-champions with Palo Duro and compiled a 7-3 overall record.

Madrid is looking to play beyond high school.

"Orlando has aspirations of playing in college. There's a lot of tape out on him," Cavalier said. "I feel like it will happen."

Offensive tackle Jon Lambright and defensive end Oscar Ortega of Pampa made the honorable mention list. Lambright is a 300-pound senior and Ortega, a 190-pound senior.

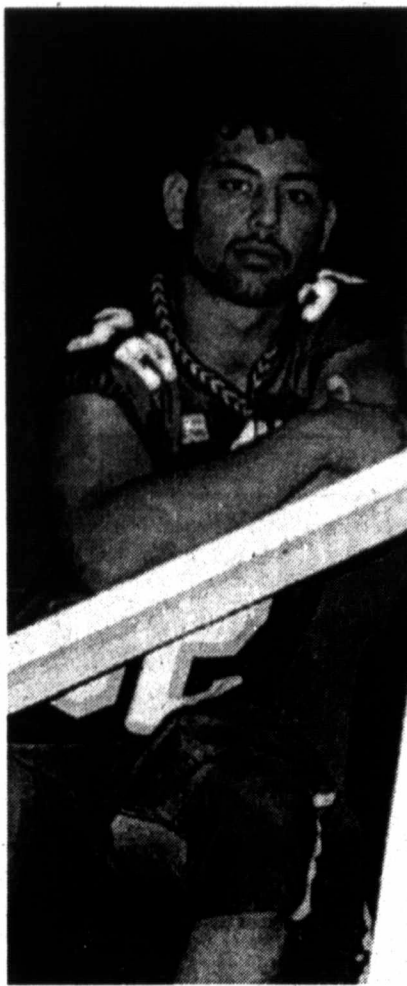
James Battle, a junior quarterback from Denton Ryan, was named the offensive player of the year.

Battle led Denton Ryan to the Division One championship with a 42-12 win over Smithson Valley.

Bay City senior linebacker Archie McDaniel was the defensive player of the year.

Bay City plays Ennis on Saturday for the Division Two title.

The annual APSE Team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.



Orlando Madrid

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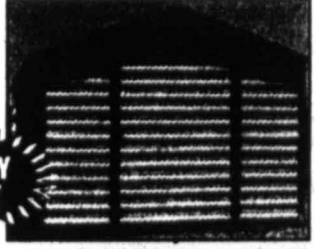
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Alarm Is Pitched Too High For Hearing-Impaired Man

DEAR ABBY: National Fire Protection Association President John M. Buckman III urged families to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when changing their clocks back to standard time.

I recently installed two smoke alarms in my home with the help of an elderly gentleman friend. When the job was done, I pushed the test button and the sound nearly knocked me off my feet.

My friend didn't bat an eye. When I asked him if he had heard it, his response was, "Heard what?" I asked him to put his ear next to the alarm and pushed the button again with the same result. I knew he couldn't hear high-pitched sounds like the singing of birds, but the alarm sound was so sharp and intrusive I couldn't believe he didn't hear it.

I called the 800-number listed on the brochure and was told the alarms are manufactured with only one pitch!

Are people afflicted with this condition expected to remain at risk should fire erupt in their home because no one makes an alarm attuned to their disability?

It would seem like a simple adjustment to make alarms with a lower pitch audible to everyone. Mr. Buckman asked you to remind readers about the importance of maintaining working smoke alarms. I would like to remind him about how important it is they work for everyone, including people with hearing impairments.

Now that I've sounded my alarm, I hope it is heard by those who can

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

respond to it. CONCERNED READER, NEWPORT, VT.

DEAR CONCERNED READER: Your letter is news to me — and I'm sure it will be of interest to many others. Surely some enterprising manufacturer will see the wisdom of producing a smoke alarm with an adjustable tone that would make it audible to almost everyone. There is clearly a market for such a product.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about the elderly widower whose daughters drove away his second wife and thwarted his subsequent attempts to find love, I offer some suggestions:

1. Rather than telling his daughters to take a flying leap or rewriting his will, he should pick up the phone and call his daughters every day. If they're not home, he should call again and demand to know where they were.
2. Call them several other times a day just to tell them how lonely he is.
3. Tell them how much he misses their mother — and wine.

4. Try the phrase, "I don't want to worry you, but ..." and complain he's not feeling well, making sure to fully describe every ache and pain.

5. Invite them to his house, saying he needs their help with something — and whine some more.

6. Drop by for meals unannounced. Better still, stop by any time of day or night and hang around, making a nuisance of himself.

7. Be sure to criticize their housekeeping, child-rearing and anything else he can think of.

If he does this often enough, he'll make them wish he would remarry. ANN RIDDELL, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ANN: You're a clever psychologist. If Dad were to become unrelentingly needy and demanding, his self-centered daughters would probably waste no time in distancing themselves.

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

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
40 Winter transport
1 "Fight Club" star
5 Play-ground users
9 Friend of Aramis
11 Lucy's pal
13 Opening music
14 Reunion attendee
15 Movie computer
16 Hand communication
18 Blusher's hue
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27 Yard sur-rounder
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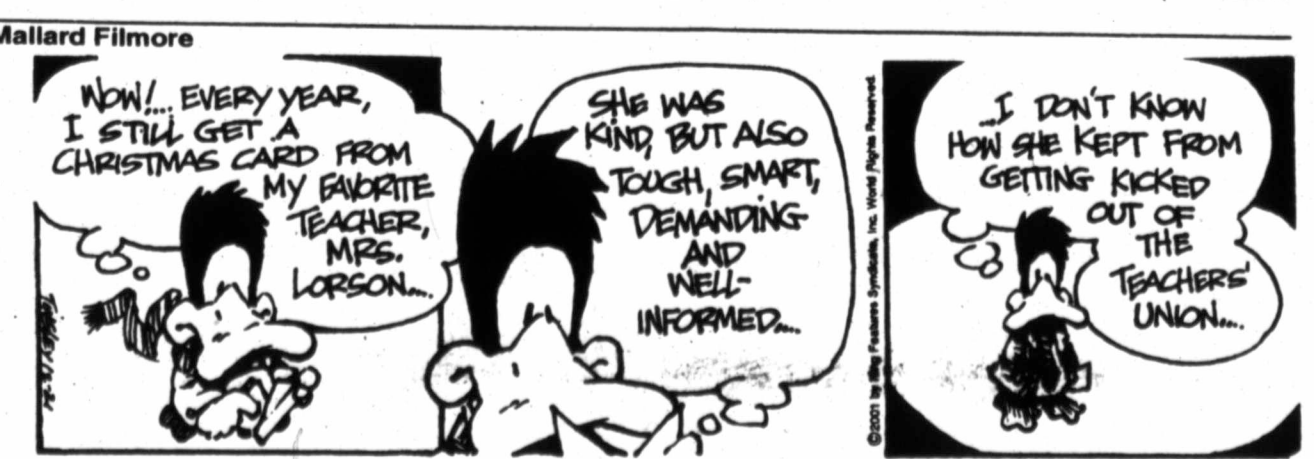
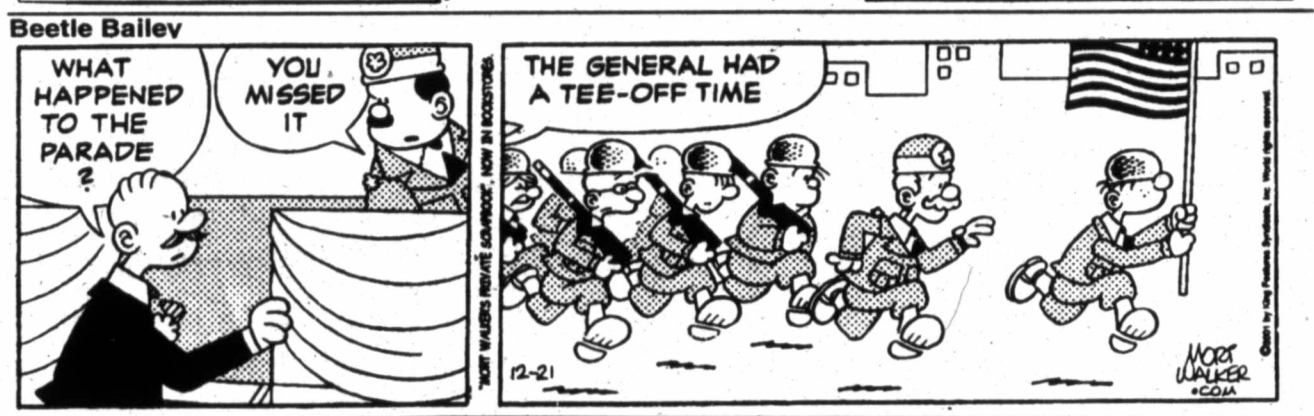


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"Santa watches for naughty stuff in December, then God takes over all the other months."



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1 Public Notice

tered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 17th day of December, 2001.
 Sharon Pearce
 Independent Administratrix of the Estate of PERRY PEARCE
 Deceased
 c/o Peterson, Farris, Doors & Jones
 Suite 400
 Hughes Building
 Pampa, Texas 79065
 K-53 Dec. 21, 2001

1 Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for the following insurance policies until 4:00 p.m., February 15, 2002, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065:
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 General Liability
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 Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from Mark McVay, Business Manager, at the above address or by calling (806)669-4700. Proposals may be delivered or mailed to the above address. Attention: Mark McVay. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "INSURANCE PROPOSALS". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive formalities and technicalities. The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in February, 2002.
 K-55 Dec. 21, 2001

1 Public Notice

Dump Truck
 Please contact Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065 or call (806)669-4700 or 4:00 p.m., January 15, 2002.
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USDA Vacancy Announcement
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21 Help Wanted

FSA-675, Application for Employment, forms may be obtained from any FSA office. The application period closes on Dec. 26, 2001. All applications must be received in this office by that date.
 Duty: Include assistance in administration of Farm Programs as they relate to Gray County. Starting salary between \$21,123 and \$38,053, depending on qualifications.
 Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. General office skills, typing, filing, etc. Must be a U.S. citizen and be at least 18 years of age. Farm background helpful but not necessary. Ability to work with the public and co-workers.
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 This week: Invite others over. Be espe-

cially gracious to those friends without family near by. Get into the special tone of the week. Rest on Thursday if possible.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Plans to take off for the day or perhaps the holiday might need to be changed at the last minute. Realize what you expect from a friend, and let him or her know. Emotionally you work better as a duo. Clear out last-minute details — pronto! Tonight: Escape ASAP.
 This week: Let your creativity lead as your imagination delights not only you, but also others. Bring others together. Make the Christmas spirit last longer than one day.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Use your discomfort to clear the air. Don't worry so much about every detail. Let spontaneity come through. A family member or roommate changes his or her time, if you let him or her. Work with others, even if someone does get under your skin. Maybe in some way, this person is too much like you! Tonight: Schedule some private time.
 This week: Get cozy with a loved one before all the get-togethers and celebrations. Travel or thoughts of travel mark Tuesday and Wednesday.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** Others might be quick to judge exactly what is going on. Lighten up, because you aren't going to change them. You see through an act, but you might be wise to say little and keep smiling for now. Reach out to a neighbor or sibling who counts on you. Tonight: Let someone make an offer.
 This week: Follow someone's lead, and you won't go wrong. Take time with each person on your path, if you can. Your attention means the world to many.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Last-minute details keep you busy, though you do stop to send cheer to someone at a distance. Communication goes haywire. Take your cell phone so others can reach you, as a last-minute change is more than possible. Revise costs. Tonight: Go out for dinner. Make it easy.
 This week: You finish your must-do list just in time. Others delight in your company. Enjoy your popularity. On Thursday, deal with finances.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Take care of necessities before it's too late. Check in with a loved one and a friend. Plans could become messed up at the last minute. A parent or older relative needs your time and attention. Please don't forget this person. He or she depends on you. Tonight: Indulge someone.
 This week: Last-minute expenditures and errands mark Monday. Visit with various loved ones on Tuesday and Wednesday. Take Thursday off if possible.
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Last-minute details could have you frazzled. Don't take your frustration out on a parent or someone around you. Recognize your limits, but also realize that others could be having a hard time with last-minute details. Join friends, but invite a loved one. Tonight: Party the night away with favorite people.
 This week: Your spirits crash on Christmas and the day after. Did Santa deliver coal? Others might not realize just how sensitive you are. Thursday you're all smiles.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Bring others together, even if it is only for a shopping break! Confusion surrounds your plans for the next few days. Your efforts to straighten out who is where and when work to your satisfaction — finally. Again, you absorb more responsibility than you would like to. Tonight: Let someone praise you. You deserve it.
 This week: Invite others over. Be espe-

Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Your ability to read between the lines helps you sort out a potential problem with a lot of caring for those involved. Indulge a partner or dear friend in his or her eccentricities, as you aren't going to change this person. Warm up to another style. Tonight: Play away.
 This week: Your naughty side emerges on Monday, but you become more of a team player (i.e., part of the group eating the turkey) on Tuesday. Someone seeks you out on Thursday.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Start pulling last-minute details together on the home front. Someone goes out of his or her way for you. Stop and enjoy this person's efforts, even if you're in a rush. Remember, people count... especially at this time of year. Lighten up about responsibilities. Tonight: Be vulnerable with someone.
 This week: Stay close to home. Romance and caring filter through on Tuesday and Wednesday. It's back to the grind on Thursday.
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Rockets still fizzling

HOUSTON (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal might have been tired from playing Santa. Derek Fisher is still recovering from foot surgery.

It didn't matter, as Fisher led a rare 3-point shooting display by the Los Angeles Lakers with 23 points, lifting them to a 107-101 victory over Houston on Thursday night, the Rockets' 15th loss in a row.

O'Neal had 16 points and 14 rebounds, but he sat out half of the fourth quarter.

"Shaq was playing Santa before the game," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He brought in a lot of presents and I think he was tired. He wasn't moving quickly. He showed a lack of energy."

Fisher, recovering from foot surgery in October, was 7-for-9 from 3-point range, while Kobe Bryant had 27 points to lead the Lakers, 25th in NBA 3-point shooting.

Rockets rookie Eddie Griffin had career highs with 25 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots. Cuttino Mobley scored 18 points, and Mookie Norris had 15 points and 10 assists.

"We let a couple of their guys get career highs," Jackson said. "We should have done a better job

of identifying those players and guarded them."

Fisher credited O'Neal with making things easier for him on the outside.

"They were paying a lot of attention to Shaquille in the middle. That opened up a lot of space for us," Fisher said.

The Rockets' losing streak is two short of the franchise record of 17, set in the 1967-68 season. They had another slide of 15 in a row that season en route to a 15-67 record.

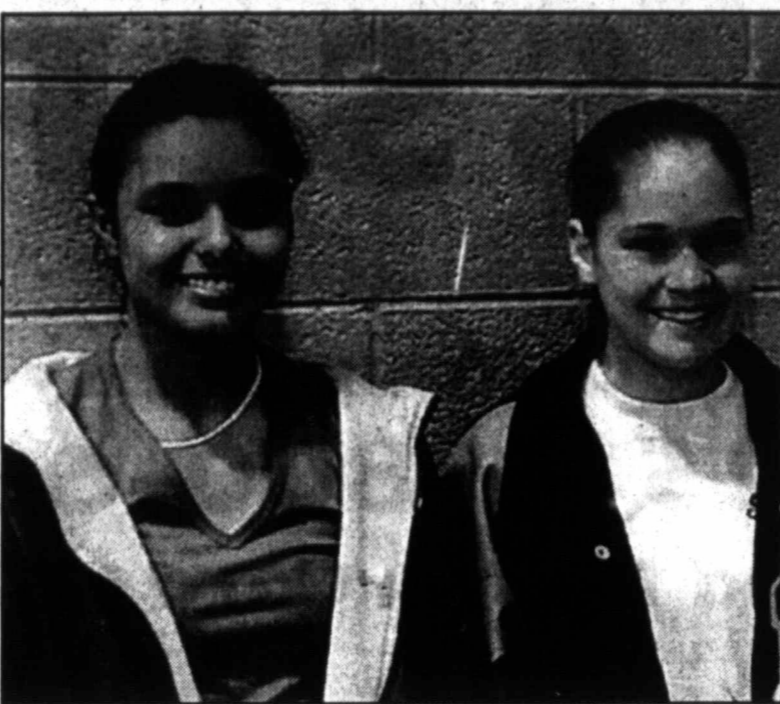
The NBA single-season record is 23 consecutive losses, set by Vancouver in 1995-96 and tied by Denver in 1997-98.

"I'm done counting, I'm just waiting for that one win," Norris said. "You've just got to believe and keep your focus. We were right there tonight. We've just got to reach out and grab it with both hands."

The Lakers led by 14 at the start of the fourth quarter, but the Rockets made a charge behind Mobley, who had eight points in the first five minutes of the period.

"I'm proud of the way we played," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Sometimes I wonder how we do it. We fought and fought and gave them a good game."

All-tourney picks



Samantha Cenicerros (left) and Savannah Smith of Lefors were named to the All-Tournament Team at the Lefors Basketball Tournament this season.

Pitt wins Tangerine Bowl

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Antonio Bryant caught two touchdown passes as the Panthers closed out a remarkable turnaround season with a 34-19 victory over North Carolina State in the Tangerine Bowl on Thursday night.

Bryant was the game's MVP but he wasn't the only star.

David Priestley threw for 271 yards. And Pitt's defense came up big after N.C. State (7-5) closed to 27-19.

Lewis Moore sacked Philip Rivers and forced a fumble that was returned 16 yards by Tyre Young for a score with 6:15 left to clinch it for the Panthers.

Pittsburgh began 1-5, but came back with the program's longest winning streak since 1983.

Bryant had all seven catches for 101 yards in the first half as the Panthers built a working margin. He caught TDs of 15 and 2 yards as the Panthers went up 24-10 at halftime.

Scoreboard

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National Football League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	4	0	.688	276	249
New England	9	5	0	.643	313	253
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	246	231
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	339	405
Buffalo	2	11	0	.154	214	344

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	254	165
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	258	240
Cleveland	6	7	0	.461	230	223
Tennessee	6	7	0	.461	264	314
Jacksonville	5	8	0	.385	222	220
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	177	249

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Oakland	10	3	0	.769	350	267
Seattle	7	6	0	.539	231	257
Denver	7	7	0	.500	307	293
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	293	276
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	252	280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	299	161
N.Y. Giants	6	7	0	.461	221	239
Washington	6	7	0	.461	181	256
Arizona	5	8	0	.385	231	306
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	199	285

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	261	175
Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	302	221
Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.539	241	232
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	271	314
Detroit	1	12	0	.077	241	343

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-St. Louis	11	2	0	.846	392	211
x-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	337	252
New Orleans	7	6	0	.539	302	283
Atlanta	6	7	0	.461	231	295
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Miami at New England, 1:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 5 p.m.

Tennessee at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

Open: Denver

Saturday, Dec. 29

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30

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Atlanta at Miami, 1 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's College Basketball

Major Scores

EAST

Memphis 64, Temple 54

Northeastern 80, Rider 68

St. Bonaventure 78, Siena 74

St. John's 89, St. Francis, N.Y. 82

Syracuse 80, South Florida 68

Virginia 61, Georgetown 55

SOUTH

Auburn 83, N.C.-Asheville 38

Austin Peay 90, Webster 68

East Carolina 81, Middle Tennessee 71

Howard 77, Towson 57

LSU 73, Houston 69

Louisville 73, Tennessee 72

Mercer 61, Fort Valley St. 52

Murray St. 103, Tennessee U. 72

San Francisco 93, Southern U. 76

South Carolina 73, The Citadel 57

Texas-Arlington 69, SE Louisiana 60, OT

UNC-Greensboro 84, Norfolk St. 69

Vanderbilt 85, American U. 57

MIDWEST

Chicago St. 87, Lakeland 58

Wright St. 94, Prairie View 61

Xavier 62, Kent St. 56

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 98, Chattanooga 84

SW Texas 70, Sam Houston St. 67

TCU 110, Appalachian St. 76

Texas-San Antonio 74, Lamar 67

FAR WEST

Arizona 76, Oregon St. 73

Cal Poly-SLO 61, Cal St.-Fullerton 60

Colorado St. 92, Ind.-Fur.-Fl. Wayne 71

Fresno St. 91, Savannah St. 52

Oregon 103, Arizona St. 90

San Diego St. 86, E. Washington 58

Southern Cal 71, San Diego 67, OT

UC Santa Barbara 68, UC Riverside 56

UCLA 85, Washington 79

UNLV 87, Nevada 75

Utah St. 73, CS Northridge 56

Vanguard 72, San Jose St. 70

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Las Vegas Classic

Second Round

Cincinnati 102, Louisiana-Monroe 86

Ill.-Chicago 86, Texas A&M 82

Mississippi St. 74, Richmond 72

Purdue 84, SW Missouri St. 83, OT

Outrigger Hotels Rainbow Classic

First Round

Miami (Ohio) 73, Boston College 67

San Juan Shootout

First Round

Baylor 97, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 58

Fla. International 63, Coppin St. 59

Oral Roberts 73, Jacksonville 64

Texas-Pan American 91, Niagara 85

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Baseball teams have busy day

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Johnny Damon closed in on a \$30 million, four-year contract with Boston, David Wells neared a deal with Arizona and Hideo Nomo returned to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

On a busy day as teams prepared for their year-end break, Texas cut loose former 20-game winner Rick Helling on Thursday, clearing the way for the Rangers to pursue free-agent pitcher Chan Ho Park.

Atlanta added a possible fifth starter, agreeing to a \$4 million, one-year contract with right-hander Albie Lopez, who went 9-19 with Tampa Bay and Arizona last season.

The World Series champion Diamondbacks neared a one-year

deal with Wells. The 38-year-old left-hander's agent said the deal is 85 percent complete, and that Wells expects to sign a contract loaded with incentives shortly after the new year.

"We hit it off well. He's happy. We're happy. We've agreed to agree," Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said. "There's some I's to dot and T's to cross and a physical to take. I fully expect him to be in a Diamondback uniform next year, and he's looking forward to it."

While Boston was talking to Damon, the team's limited partners unanimously voted to sell the team for \$660 million, plus \$40 million in assumed debt to a group headed by former Florida Marlins owner John Henry, whose investors include former San Diego Padres owner Tom Werner. The deal would double the baseball record set in last year's \$323 million sale of the Cleveland Indians to Larry Dolan.

Henry is negotiating to sell the Marlins to Jeffrey Loria, the owner of the Montreal Expos, a team that baseball commissioner Bud Selig wants to eliminate. That agreement could be completed before the end of the year, a baseball official with knowledge of the talks said on the condition he not be identified.

The record for a sports franchise is the \$800 million Daniel Snyder paid in 1999 for the Washington Redskins and the team's stadium in Landover, Md.

The deal for the Red Sox includes Fenway Park and 80 percent of the New England Sports Network.

The sale must be approved by 75 percent of the 30 major league owners, who usually take about six months to consider sales.

Meanwhile, the Mets continued to talk about possible multiple-team trades that would bring first baseman Mo Vaughn from Anaheim to New York.

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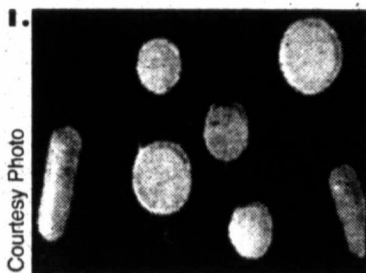
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3. Angela Phillips surfs the web close by the video conference room
4. Senior Destin Bronlow and sophomore John Sturgill get into their jam session.



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Let's Study

Finals After Christmas Break

by Ryan Schindler

Don't put the old tests notes away yet.

Finals are being held one week later and after Christmas vacation this year to accommodate the number of required school days and because school began later in August this year than last to align with schools across the state.

"We have 180 school days," principal John Kendall said. "Eighty-nine days for the first semester, 91 days for the second semester."

The state requires that all schools must be in session for these 180 days and because of the later start date, finals fall after the holiday season.

"I would rather the finals be before Christmas, but the state mandated start time makes it hard to do that," teacher John Stewart said.

But the changes have left some students worried that they are going to forget all they have learned in the previous semester if they have to take final exams after Christmas.

"It is stupid, you have to worry about it through the holidays," junior Jeremy Mitchell said. "Everybody will forget the stuff over the holiday."

However, administrators said they believe that students' premonitions won't pan out.

"It will not effect the students as negatively as they are predicting," Kendall said. "If a student wants to make an A in his classes, he will."

■ IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...



Photo by Mar Faur



■ LIGHT IT UP

The community shows Christmas spirit with brightly colored lights in many Pampa neighborhoods

■ ALL DECKED OUT

Teachers and students decorate classrooms with holiday cheer much like those featured in the library with Librarian Bettie Dacus and Library Aide Karen Scott

Photo by Amanda Weiss

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Long Distance Learning Technology Room Installed

by Garrett Johnston
 Imagine a room of great capabilities, including the ability to communicate with people across seas, or anywhere else, with the click of a button. A room with digital cameras and the ability to zoom in and let a student talk to another person anywhere in the world by the pressing of one button. Leave no more to the imagination - a room like that is now in the high school. The new video conference room will soon be used for students to be taught by a teacher from another location (long distance learning). The way it works is students will be viewed with a digital camera at the front of the room and a teacher will be shot with another camera at the back of the

classroom, according to the high school's new video conference coordinator Mary Crook. If the student has a question, they have a black box next to them on the top of their desk. When they press the button on the bottom of the box, the camera at the front of the room will zoom in on the student. The student can then ask a question by speaking into the microphone on the box. If the teacher wants the kids to have homework, then they can fax it and it can be returned by fax. When this room is up and running, it will be open to any grade level of students. If a school wanted to have a German class, but the school didn't want to hire another teacher, the school could just use that video room and have a Ger-

man teacher from another school district, or even a teacher from Germany could teach the class through this technology. Or if the football team wanted to, for another example, they could meet with another coach or another athlete to get pointers. The video conference program has two project trainers from the high school and two from the middle school. The high school project trainers are teachers Sherry Seabourn and Tanya Elms. The middle school project trainers are Margaret Williams and Kelly Vigil. The technology is there to communicate with endless sources but right now they will just stick to Amarillo. "It's supposed to be open to the public pretty soon," Crook said.

Block Schedule Vs. Seven-Period Schedule PISD Considers Budget Options for Next Year

by Shaun Smith
 Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and the Pampa ISD School Board are already considering changes for next year's budget due to a decrease in population and in local tax dollars for the city. "Right now the local tax rate is at 1.491% and the maximum we can go is 1.5%. We don't have the option to raise the taxes," Orr said. According to Orr, the school board will be looking at ways to reduce the budget in a way that will not have a negative effect on school programs.

"We would not cut student programs, but instead gather and compare information about how much money is distributed throughout the neighboring schools in neighboring towns," Orr said. "But we will do a background check on the student's classes. For example, if we give the football team \$1,000 every year to use for new accessories and they never use more than \$800, then yes,

we would cut excess money." Another possibility that is being researched is returning to a seven period class schedule. "What Mr. Kendall has been asked to do is to make a comparison between block schedule and the seven period schedule to see the difference in cost," Orr said. Changes in positions for teachers could also be looked at. **See Budget Page 3**



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Early Graduation All Good Things Must Come to an End

by Kristina Hartman

The best four years of life has become the best three and a half years for some students. A student needs 26 credits to graduate and many could graduate now.

"Eighty percent of the seniors could graduate in December," counselor Karla Howell said.

Graduating in December has given some students opportunities that they would not have if they went to school for a whole year, according to senior Marquita Nickleberry.

"My mom thinks it's a good opportunity to get started doing what I need to do," Nickleberry said.

Teachers, students, and parents have varying opinions on

graduating early. Teachers have expressed their ideas about it to some of the students who are graduating early, according to Nickleberry.

"A lot of teachers tell me that it's a bad idea. It makes me think, but it doesn't change my mind," she said.

Some students are going to attend their prom and graduation. Others, however, are thinking about not going to the prom.

"I went to the prom last year, I might come back for prom and graduation," senior Jarred Etheredge said.

UIL activities that were a part of some student's lives before they decided to graduate early have been removed because it is against the rules for a part-time student to participate.

"You can not participate in

any UIL activity unless you are a full time student. The state regulates this, not the school district," Howell said.

Friends of the students that are graduating early also have opinions on the subject. Some said they believe that it's cool that they can graduate early and wish they could as well, others are going to miss their friends when they leave, and the rest of them are graduating early as well.

"Most of my friends are leaving in December too," senior Ashley Cain said.

When the students leave the campus, for whatever reason, whether it's because they are parents, they want to work, or because their parents are being transferred and they want their diploma from this school, stu-

dents go in various directions. A lot of the students want to graduate early to save more money before they go to college.

"I'll probably stay here for a while until I can get enough money to get a car to take me to college," Nickleberry said.

Through everything, the high school years are perhaps the best years of a teen's life, because after a student has graduated, they have to become the young adults of the real world, according to Howell.

"I hate for students to miss the last part of their senior year," Howell said. "It's the last chance to do a lot of things and to be a kid."

PISD Budget: Continued from Pg. 2

"Teachers would not be made to resign, but the teachers would be reassigned to different positions that they are qualified for," Orr said.

The budget changes for the PISD schools will be more clear this spring after next year's budget is finalized, according to Orr.

"You can not raise revenue, you have to eliminate expenses," he said.

Brains Unite

UIL Academic Team Begins Practicing for Upcoming Meets

by Stephanie Fisher

Practicing, coaching, and working hard. This is not a sport team. It is the UIL (university interscholastic league) academics team.

UIL academic students compete at regional, area and state meets in events like math, spelling, speech and debate, journalism, accounting and more.

"We go to West Texas High

and Canadian High for practice meets," UIL coach and program coordinator Tonya Lewis said. "Also, we go to WTAMU for district meets."

This year, there will be something different in some events.

"We are doing something new this year," Lewis said. "Current events, spelling, literary

criticism, and science are competing in the Texas Shootout."

The Texas Shootout started after Thanksgiving and consists of six tests given on campus over 12 weeks. Those in the Texas Shootout get medals and other honors.

To prepare for UIL academics, students attend weekly meetings and study on their own. The meetings are held once a week either after school or in the evening, depending on the event.

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"We have weekly meetings, study by ourselves, and just have fun," junior Luke Burton said.

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Yearbooks: Supplement CD-rom to go on sale in spring

by **Amanda Weiss**

This year, in addition to the yearbook, a special CD-rom featuring class portraits, prom and graduation coverage will be released in the spring.

The CD will cost \$10 and may be purchased in May. They will be mailed out in June.

"This doesn't replace the yearbook, but it is a great idea if you can't afford one," yearbook adviser Miranda Bailey said.

The theme this year will be *Sliding Into Change*. This theme was chosen because of all the changes locally as well as na-

tionally and will feature slide and photographic style designs.

Along with the changes throughout the nation, the yearbook has been changing too.

This year's yearbook will include more pages. The color scheme is also different this year. The cover colors picked were white and gold.

The staff has changed as well, according to senior editor Sara McCall. Senior Asia Wilson shares the editor position with McCall, who is graduating in January.

"The people are different this

year, they are a lot more diverse," McCall said.

The staff is getting along well and having a lot of fun, according to junior Jessica Knipp.

"Yearbook is fun because you make new friends," McCall said. "But it is run like a professional business and is taken very seriously."

Traditional yearbooks are currently being sold through Josten's mail order program for \$55 each. Students who filled out an information sheet in homeroom last month will receive two opportunities to pay for the book through the mail.

All students who do not order this winter will have to buy yearbooks on a first-come basis during the May distribution.

Band Thrives in District Competition

by **Randy Young**

On Oct. 27 the Pride of Pampa marching band went to a district competition, and placed well, according to senior Matt Dyer.

"We went ... and got eighth out of 19 bands," he said.

Senior George Keely also participated in the competition.

"We placed just two or three spots away from being

put into an alternate spot," he said.

The band held a slave auction on Nov. 20. People bid on the band members as their slave for a day. The band members had to follow the buyer around and do whatever they were told to do for a full day.

The band also held tryouts for the all region band.

"Students audition against other students from all the area schools," assistant band director Jason Jones said. "After they audition they are placed in an all region band."

The winners will then get to go to Amarillo.

"They get to go to Amarillo and perform with the other students from the area who also make the all region band," Jones said.

In Tribute



Michael Cornelison
Class of 2001
December 13, 2001

News Briefs

National Honor Society

National Honor Society inducted 27 juniors in October.

New Junior representatives

- Abby Bradley
- Bonnie Holmes
- and Luke Burton met this year's officers who are -

- President Samantha Ford,
- Vice-President Sarah Fraser,
- Secretary Cory Bigham
- Treasurer Andy Shank, and
- Public Relations/ Historian Rebecca Fatheree - to discuss future projects for local NHS.

Projects to continue include the Salvation Army Angel Tree, TAAS Aides, and TAAS Bags. The Pampa National Honor Society meets every second Tuesday of each month.

UIL Academics

Twenty members of Pampa Academic Team competed in round one of five categories of the Texas Academic Shootout.

The top three scores in each category advanced to compete state-wide. Students advancing

in round one were:

Literary Criticism-

- Bonnie Holmes - Top Score
- Karen Kirkwood
- Rhianna Anglin

Current Events-

- Luke Burton-Top Score
- Evan Miller
- Ben Briscoe

Spelling and Vocabulary-

- Evelyn Jasso - Top Score
- Jenifer Andis
- Megan Shannon

Chemistry-

- Luke Burton-Top Score
- Nathanael Hill
- Samantha Ford

Biology-

- Nathanael Hill -Top Score
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"She Said/He Said"

Kristina Hartman & Matt Foust



Q: What Do You Think About The High School's Extra-Curricular Code Of Conduct?

The extracurricular code of conduct that was instated this year does have many advantages, but the contract has some obvious flaws. Most students on campus know the general idea behind this code of conduct. If a student who participates in an extracurricular activity is seen smoking, drinking, or breaking any other laws by a teacher, she or he will be suspended for the first offense and then kicked off the team or organization if there is a second offense. The contract was put into place to stop underage drinking and smoking and I support that, but a teacher's sight at midnight is not very reliable.

Students who are in extracurricular activities have to think about the consequences that they have to face if they smoke even if they are of age. Think about it - on my eighteenth birthday I could legally buy a pack of cigarettes, but I could get suspended from my extracurricular activity for doing so. Legally the government can't touch anyone of age if they have cigarettes, but if a teacher or another administrator sees a student at night smoking, even if they are 18, they get into trouble because they represent the school. Something is really wrong with this picture. You get a right from the government and the school turns around and takes it away.

Another thing that I would like to bring up is the fact that any person's sight is not exactly reliable at midnight. For instance, a person is sitting in a car, house, or parking lot drinking and smoking and an administrator drives by and thinks that one of the people drinking is their student. Based on that conclusion the school suspends the accused student from their activities. No drug tests, no blood tests, nothing to prove the identification except for the teacher's word, but the student still gets punished.

This code is a good idea if some things would change. If a police officer catches a student doing something illegal, by all means, suspend them from their activities. An administrator's or teacher's sight and word, however, should not be seriously considered without more reliable evidence.

She Said

The extracurricular code of conduct has created a commotion in the student body. After evaluating the situation I have arrived at the conclusion that people raising the commotion are the same people prone to the activities that the code condemns. Signing the code just seems to me like saying that the extracurricular activity is more important than getting drunk or high on the weekends.

Every extracurricular activity requires its members to be at their best in both mind and body. Drugs and alcohol hinder both of these.

I have heard many students say that what they do on the weekend is their business. That may be true, but it doesn't bother me that the school faculty and administration have the welfare of students as their chief concern.

Benefits are accompanied by drawbacks. The drawback of being involved in extracurricular activities is that a person has to place the good of the team before their own.

Students who are not involved in extracurricular activities are not bound by the code of conduct because they don't represent the school on their own time. However, those who do represent the school should be held to a higher standard because their actions reflect on our school, other students, and our town.

Students who are 18 have contested that they can legally use tobacco products. Turning 18 does not make a person exempt from the adverse effects of tobacco. Smoking inhibits athletic performance. Try running a mile with lungs lined with mucus and decaying cells.

I do, however, know that my generation has to touch the fire just to make sure that it is in fact hot. The code allows for that though. One slip is dismissible with a minor penalty instead of automatic dismissal from the activity. For example, a first time offender would be suspended for a period of time instead of immediately being kicked off of the team.

Athletes and members of other organizations are representatives of their activities, coaches, other team members, and most importantly their school. If they don't want to accept the responsibilities that come with an activity, then they should not accept the benefits either.

He Said

What was the worst Christmas present you ever received?



"Some stinky lotion."
Michael Dominguez, 10



"My brand new hair straightener. After the first time I used it, it broke apart."
Shirlynn West, 12



"My ten gallon fish tank."
Cristina Elliott, 10



"When my parents gave me a huge jar of cotton."
Elizabeth Martin, 9

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Career Corner

by Benjamin T. Briscoe

Title: TEACHER

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What nobody understands: TEACHERS ARE NOT PAID FOR ANY VACATION TIME, INCLUDING SUMMER

- The Life Of A Teacher

In the world of flying spitballs, low pay and little respect there works a dying breed. If you are still undecided in which career is right for you, I offer you a window into the occupation of teaching.

From the time they are in the first grade, some people know they want to be teachers someday. For others, the idea can be a sudden insight, or a feeling that ferments for years in some remote corner of their consciousness. Regardless of where the idea comes from, becoming a teacher is a compelling thought for many.

For sure, not every person who wants to be a teacher should be a teacher. There is a vast gap be-

tween the ideal of teaching and the reality. Teaching probably won't make you rich, and to be sure, no one should make a career decision without gathering as much information as possible. This column is a start.

I will be examining careers through interviews in every issue. Let's take a closer look into the occupation of teaching.

Teaching is like no other profession. As a teacher, you will wear many hats. You will be a communicator, disciplinarian, conveyor of information, classroom manager, counselor, member of many teams and groups, decision-maker, role model, and a surrogate parent, to

name but a few of the roles teachers assume in carrying out their duties. Each of these roles requires practice and skills that are often not taught in teacher preparation programs. Not all that want to be teachers should invest the time and resources in preparation programs if they do not have the appropriate temperament, skills, and personality.

However, if you can put up with spit balls, low pay, and little respect, and are good with managing time, don't take things for granted, and want to make a powerful difference in someone's life, then teaching may be the occupation for you.

Christmas: Past, Present, and Future

by Julie Thompson

I watched the video camera pan across the crowded room of my first Christmas. My birthday is January first so I was nearly a year old. I was fat, dark headed and noisy. My noise didn't matter, however, because the room on the TV was filled with people. A pathetic little silver Christmas tree sat on a table in the background adorned with big red and green globes too heavy for the branches. It looked like something from a Peanuts cartoon.

The camera jolted and I could hear my grandmother yell at someone who had apparently just run into it. Everyone laughed. Everyone was so happy. My mother, (who was just 22 at the time) sat behind me on the floor making goofy faces at me as I was handed my first present. In the box was a toy drum ... as if I needed to make more noise.

As I sat there watching my entire family through the screen, some who had driven for miles, I couldn't help but think about what life was like back then. All these people that I barely have relationships with now sat in a living room that I took for granted everyday.

My grandfather sat in the back of the room on a couch against the wall. He handed my grandmother a present to give to me and looked in my direction. He was the most constant father figure in my life. He's the reason I like to learn. He's the reason I could play poker at the age of four. He's the reason I give a flip about whether or not I go to college. He's gone.

More laughter erupts in the room on the TV and I jolt back to the life on the screen. Someone hit the camera again. It was my Uncle Jerry. He came around in front, doubled over, apologizing and laughing at the same time because my grandmother was mumbling profanities under her breath trying to reposition the camera. He sat another box in front of me and sat down in a chair behind my mother. She opened it for me and held up

a blanket with a unicorn on it that my Aunt Sharon had made.

I watched my Uncle Jerry talking and laughing. That would have been one of the first times I had ever seen him. He still lived in New York. He still drank. He was a struggling comedian. He hadn't been an extra in a movie yet. He didn't know he had hepatitis yet. If anything ever happened to my mother and grandmother, I would have legally gone to him. He died last year.

My mind flashed forward to my last Christmas with him. He had bought a ten foot tree. He and I drove to Vernon to the only general store for 30 miles and bought yards and yards of ribbon and streamers. When we got home, we sat in front of the tree for hours and made hundreds of bows. It was the most beautiful Christmas tree I'd ever seen. It was the last one he would ever see.

Christmas this year is going to be harder than the last. The last Christmas was harder than the one before it. The thing is, when Christmas rolls around, it's too easy to lie awake at night and, instead of thinking about Santa Claus coming to town, you're thinking about who isn't ... and who never will again.

That's when you get to what Christmas is all about. Eventually, you have to get to a point when Christmas is about Christmas ... the way it always was. It's not about feeling sorry for yourself because someone isn't with you anymore, because in actuality, they wouldn't want it that way at all. It's not about which parent you're with or which family ... it's just that you're with family. Period. My Uncle Jerry was a professional comedian. It wasn't his way to be unhappy, and I've made the decision that it's not mine ... not anymore.

So this year I'm going to be with my family and my friends. I'm going to eat apple and chocolate pie. I'm going to remember why I have a Christmas in the first place. Too many things have happened to me in the last year. I've

watched friendships fall apart, I've watched them grow ... I watched New York City fall apart, I watched the world grow. I guess I finally kind of grew up. I can't, with all decency, take anything for granted.

I glanced from the floor back up to the television and watched my grandfather pick me up. Less than two years before, he had lost his last son. You couldn't see that in his face on the small television screen. He knew what Christmas was then ... and I know now.

"The thing is, when Christmas rolls around, it's too easy to lie awake at night and, instead of thinking about Santa Claus coming to town, you're thinking about who isn't ... and who never will again."

There Is No Such Thing As Boredom: Just Boring People

by Matt Foust

"There's nothing to do in this town."
"I'm bored."

These complaints run rampant in the halls and around town on the weekend. I hate to burst the bubble of boring people, but get over it. There are actually things to do in this town. A wise person once told me, "Boredom is in your head."

Now, are we as the youth of Pampa going to mope around all day complaining, or are we going to take life by the wings and enjoy it? Life is short, and any time spent complaining is a waste.

If all the time spent on complaining was focused on finding a worthwhile endeavor, then the concept of boredom would become extinct. I hate riding around in a car hearing the redundant question of what do you want to do?

Youth should be embraced and exploited. You're only young once and I don't want to look back when I'm 40 and wonder what happened. I want to look

back on my teenage years as an adventure instead of a waste.

There are tons and tons of school activities to get involved in. The spectrum ranges from fiesta dancers, to agriculture club, to sports teams, to academic clubs, and even to journalism. No matter your interests, there is definitely something to get involved in.

Perhaps it is the expected cool thing to do. Just lie around complaining about the lack of activities. If that's so, dare to be different. Be exciting. Have fun. You do not have to be held down by the masses.

Mark Twain once said: "If you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to reform."

Life is like a one way train ticket. You only get one trip and you can't go back to revisit the stops you liked. Complaining is like looking down at the floor while life passes you by instead of looking out the window and enjoying the view.

Sept. 11th: Let Freedom Ring

by Tess Kingcade

September 11, 2001.....

Lives were lost, spirits were crushed and from that day on, the American peoples' lives were changed forever.

This has affected my life in weird ways.

This has been the first time I realized that freedom is so special.

This is the first time I have sat and listened to patriotic songs and cried my eyes out.

I'm so proud of my gen-

eration. Teenagers are actually trying to make a difference, and for the most part, we all care in some kind of way.

I know in Pampa we can't do much, but I feel that we have kept the thought in our mind that anything could happen and we do our best to be good people.

This, for myself, has brought many things into perspective.

I actually get along with my family better and sometimes try not to take things for granted as much.

I also take more pride in my country than before.

But it seems the most that has changed is that I can actually tell my feelings of this whole tragedy to my friends.

I feel that I look at people differently when I know how they feel and what they think is going to happen. This makes us closer to each other and better friends.

This tragedy will be with all of us for the rest of our lives.

Late Finals:

Waste Of Time?

Staff Editorial

This year the starting date for school changed, which consequently changed an unwritten rule concerning finals. Finals will now be taken after Christmas break instead of before. Students will return to their first semester classes for a week for review and testing. With this change comes unwanted complications and concerns.

There is a sense of relief when the final bell rings the day before Christmas vacation. You'll never have to sit through another of your English teacher's mind-numbing lectures. The heavy breather that sits behind you can go gasp for air in a different unfortunate ear. Best of all, that final you crammed for all night is finally out of the way.

Now that finals are after Christmas, all this will be taken away. Throughout Christmas vacation we'll be thinking about how to stay awake in English and trying to remember to bring our ear plugs so that we don't have to hear that irregular respiration anymore. The holiday break will lose the carefree spirit that makes it special.

That's not the only problem.

Everything learned prior to Christmas break will be edged out of our minds by thoughts of Christmas trees, presents, and old Saint Nick, and most importantly, freedom from school. By the time we get back from the vacation, we won't remember how to figure the surface area of a sphere or the number of beats found in a line of iambic pentameter. Some students can't even remember what they had for breakfast.

True, we will have a week of review, but that's not enough to relearn an entire semester worth of historical dates and mathematical equations.

There is one option we can think of to solve this issue. We would be willing to give up some of our holidays, such as fall break and snow days, in order to have finals before Christmas. This is that important to us.

Adults always complain about how kids these days don't care about anything anymore. We care about this. Now are you going to tell us that you don't care?

Pampa's Pride:

Patriotism

by Randy Young

Over the past few months, I've noticed something that has given me a greater respect for the people of Pampa. I've noticed that there has been a wave of patriotism going through this town like an eight year old child would go through gifts on Christmas morning.

I am truly impressed by this display of dedication to our beautiful country. It seemed like most people had lost their American spirit until the tragedy on September 11. After the attack, patriotism started spreading through this town at a rapid rate. I would just like to say that I am very proud of our community and its residents.

I do think it is kind of sad, however, that it took something of this magnitude to put that patriotism back into our lives. I'm not saying that Americans didn't love their country before this. I'm just saying that not as many people were showing it. After this attack people started putting up flags and showing how proud to be Americans we really are.

Well, most people did anyway. A couple of months ago, we had an incident at

"I do think it is kind of sad, however, that it took something of this magnitude to put that patriotism back into our lives."

the Freedom Museum where someone burned an American flag. I was outraged when I heard about this. I couldn't believe that such a coward lived in Pampa. I find this a very disrespectful and shameful act. I'm just sorry that they weren't caught in the act.

Besides that little incident, I've heard nothing but people talking about how great our country is and how proud they are to be an American. I can never put into words how honored I am to be a part of this community. I hope that this isn't just a phase that everyone is going through because of Sept. 11. I say that we make this last as long as we can. Citizens of Pampa, please don't let the patriotism in your hearts die. Long live the American dream.

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Final Gift



- Mollie Crossman

Student Leader Defies Stereotypes

by **Amanda Weiss**

If there is one thing that students need to know about FCCLA, according to the president, senior Justin Lemmons, it is that they do not bake cakes, they do not sell things, and they do not sew things.

"We are a student lead organization that has central focus

on the family," Lemmons said. FCCLA, or Family Career and Community Leaders of America, accomplishes much more than most people assume, according to Lemmons.

"We put on workshops and competitions all focused on building strong leaders in the home as well as the community,"

Lemmons said.

Lemmons has been involved in FCCLA since his freshman year. He said his biggest accomplishment is holding the position he presently has as the first male president of FCCLA.

"I wanted to show people I could strike out myself and make a name other than what was

given to me," Lemmons said.

FCCLA has often been looked at as just for girls. Lemmons said that there are still few guys, but there are more now than there were when he first joined.

"It was uncomfortable being questioned and having to prove that I could make it in an organization for girls," Lemmons said.

The Texas FCCLA organization currently has the largest delegation in the world, with roughly 22,000 members. The PHS chapter has already traveled to a number of schools promoting FCCLA.

"The best benefit is getting to travel, meet new people, and see what the world is like outside of Pampa, Texas," Lemmons said.

Working Kids Earning the Dough, Local Students Enter the Work Force at an Early Age

by **Mollie Crossman**

Working. To some it is a responsibility ... to others it is torture. Many kids, on campus have a job, whether it is to help out with their families or just to have a few extra dollars in their pocket.

"I think all teenagers should try having a job at least once during their high school years because it's a good learning experience," senior Cortney Locknane said.

Senior Zach Rogers said he thinks working should be a choice. "If they don't want to work, they don't have to," Rogers said. "I like to work because it keeps me busy and out of trouble."

Some students decide whether or not to get a job, but others students don't have a choice.

"I paid for my own car and braces. I also help my family with the bills," sophomore Aaron Silva said.

Most of the students that don't work have a lot of free time to have fun with family and friends. The students that are working, however, spend all of their time at work and usually don't have any time to do anything else.

"Sometimes my job keeps me from going out on the weekends, but when I get my pay check it's all worth it," Locknane said.

Hog Heaven FFA Kids Showing Their Finest

by **Shaun Smith**

The sound of sheers buzzing, pigs squealing, lambs bawling and show cows being blow dried and groomed can only represent one thing... the upcoming FFA/4H livestock shows at the Clyde Youth Pavilion near the rodeo grounds on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month of January.

Many students take part in showing animals in the FFA/4H program, like sophomore Jake Hopkins, who said he likes to show pigs for various reasons.

"I like to show pigs mainly because they're easiest to take care of and at the end of the year they're good to eat," he said.

Sophomore Lindsey Price also shares the same views in showing in the FFA/4H program.

"I show pigs and steers because I like to work with animals," Price said. "Showing animals teaches you responsibilities."

Hopkins said he has learned many responsibilities while show-

ing in this project.

"I have learned vital information about livestock, proper care and a good work ethic," Hopkins said.

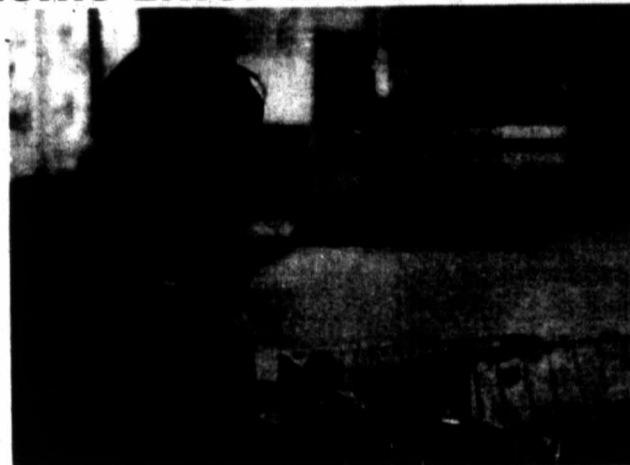
Taking on responsibilities and making sure the animals are taken care of can be beneficial when the stock shows begin, according to the FFA teacher Randy Dunn.

"If you're exhibiting animals, tend to it everyday regardless of the weather," Dunn said.

Senior Robyn Lowrey said she's learned from her experience that if animals are taken care of properly they can place well in the shows.

"I won breed and grand champion last year with my Yorkshire pig," Lowrey said.

There are other activities students can participate in other than



A Cashier's Life Junior Lauren Acker working hard to earn a few extra

Photo by Matt Fous

While some students are out working others are out having fun. "They don't learn responsibility that well and the don't have to earn what they have," Silva said. "I don't think it's fair that they get what they want without paying for it"

showing livestock.

"Students can be involved in several activities such as leadership, being part of a judging team, exhibiting livestock, and attending various meetings," Dunn said.

According to Dunn, FFA/4H is for everyone, not just for the people that live on the farm.

"FFA/4H gives students with different backgrounds and interests the opportunity to be involved in an organization that promotes leadership, citizenship and cooperation," he said.

According to Dunn, there are also many benefits that come from

the FFA/4H program.

"Students can obtain scholarships, personal development, self confidence, the ability to speak before others, self motivation and responsibilities," Dunn said.

Price had some advice for students who would like to join the club.

"FFA/4H is a good way to make friends that have the same interests as you," Price said. "It also teaches you to work hard at achieving your dreams and goals because they sometimes can come true."



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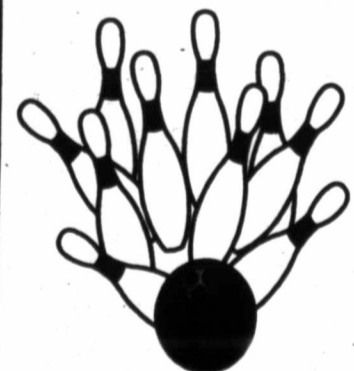
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Doctor Loses Sister-in-Law in WTC Attacks

by Benjamin Briscoe

In 1982, Muslim psychiatrist Dr. Mustafa Hussian emigrated from Pakistan to America for hopes of a brighter and more exciting future. On September 11, this American's world was turned upside-down with the loss of his sister-in-law in the World Trade Center attacks.

"The September 11 attacks have affected me in several different ways," Hussian said.

Because the attacks have affected Hussian on a deeply personal level, he had a different re-

action than most.

"My first reaction was kind of a state of shock, especially with my sister-in-law involved. I had to be very careful about what I said, because my wife started crying and I could not make any kind of remark, because they would really upset her more," Hussian said.

Not wanting to dwell on his sad personal experience, Hussian quickly moved on, like he felt the rest of the nation should do, to his religious interpretation of the attacks.

"They have affected me because I am Muslim and the whole thing

does not really reflect Islam. These people who have done this kind of thing are totally out of context of Islam," Hussian said.

He explained the differences between the recent concept and the real practices of Islam.

"There is a misconception of Muslims in America. We are built on many of the same principles as Judaism and Christianity. In fact, according to Islam tradition, the Christians and Jews are seen as divine people."

It is a misconception among many of Hussian's colleagues that he left Pakistan to escape terror-

ism. In actuality, he left because he was a man in his early 20s who wanted to seek a more exciting path in life, and America seemed like just the place, because it was built in Pakistan as the land of bright, sunny beaches, and intriguing big cities. Explaining this further, Hussian referred to his early life in Pakistan compared to today's Pakistani society.

"When I left Pakistan it was a very peaceful place. There were no robberies and certainly not terrorism. Now if a cab driver over there hears a bomb go off, he just keeps driving," he said.

To keep the events like the Sep-

tember 11 attacks from happening again, Hussian offered a possible solution.

"I think the high school curriculum should be a little more diversified and teach more about other cultures. It should also help the high school students to understand why a person is different from the main stream," Hussian said.

Living in America has also impacted his own daughter, according to Hussian.

"A school teacher of my daughter's asked her as to where she was from, meaning her ethnic background, and my daughter simply said 'Amarillo.'"

In Her Own Words

NY, Houston Firemen Visit Makes Impact on Students

by Sonya Voyles
Guest Reporter

As I crouched on the curb at 203 W. Foster on December 4, I could hear the sound of the air siren from truck one grow as they neared fire station #1.

My dad, Tim Waldie, a local fire fighter, was one of the department members who went to the county line to greet the 12 firefighters from both New York and Houston. Plus, there was even one of our own who had ridden with them since the Texas-Oklahoma state border.

I didn't really know how to react when they all showed up.

To me, it was hard to tell the difference between the firefighters from New York and from Houston because a hero is a hero, no matter where they're

from.

"We were originally going to go to a memorial service in New York, but it got canceled. This is just our way of saying thanks and comforting them," Bob Branch, a captain from the Houston Fire Department said.

His companions consisted of two firefighters - Mike Williams and Eric Kellmann; two engineer operators - Beda Gutierrez and Juan Garcia, and another captain, Kirk Tolliver.

"We've given them a state-to-state escort. It's great that the other departments helped out too. Hopefully they'll remember Lil Bro Houston," Kellman said.

The HFD had also given their firemen buddies wristbands with a special dedication they had made for a captain of theirs who died in the line of duty. The in-

scription read: Captain J.B. Janknke, Houston Fire, 10-13-01, "Gone, but not forgotten."

The "Thank You America" bike tour across the continental US began at ground zero Sunday, November 11 at 8:48 am, the same time the first NY attack was made two months earlier, and will finish in Los Angeles at Pasadena's Old Firehouse.

Project manager, Lynda Stenge, from Pasadena, CA, had many duties on this adventure. As a sponsor from Disc Marketing, she was also part of the support team that supplied an RV to go with the firemen on the trip.

I met with her the morning of their departure and she gave me a few words I know I'll never forget.

"We're not about big cities. We're out to say thanks to everyone. Pampa has been great. It's awesome to have this big a welcome on a trip like this. The support from the Houston Fire Department is overwhelming. By far, this is probably our biggest welcome from a town," Stenge said. "What can I say? Small town - Big heart!"



New Friends Houston Fire Captain Kirk Tolliver stops for a group shot (right) Sophomore Sonya Voyles interviews Tour Across America participant Lynda Stenge

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Rave to the Grave

Ecstasy Use on the Rise in Pampa

by Randy Young

Ecstasy puts holes in your brain. Just like chemical bullets, it robs the mind's ability to remember, process information ... to think.

That's what researchers have found in the brain scans of ecstasy users.

Just as it is nationally, local authorities in Pampa are finding ecstasy is on the rise.

In the town's 2001 Texas A & M Drug and Alcohol survey, 23 percent of the students in grades seven through twelve stated that ecstasy was readily available to them -

higher than the state's overall 19 percent rate.

Ecstasy, also known as MDMA, which is short for methylenedioxymethamphetamine, is an illegal synthetic that has been rumored to be on the rise in Pampa.

"I've been here about nine years and usually I'll have about one to two students a year admit to using ecstasy, but this year there's been more talk about it," drug and alcohol counselor Lesley Gershmel said.

Although rumored to be on the

rise, no ecstasy has yet been confiscated on school grounds.

"There's rumors that it's here, but I haven't seen any at the school," Officer Colby Brown said.

Ecstasy is made from MDMA. MDMA is a synthetic (manmade) stimulant that combines amphetamine and hallucinogenic properties to produce a very dangerous high.

One of the myths of ecstasy is that it makes people more prone to sexual activity.

"It might make people more careless and affectionate, which could make people more inclined to sexual activity," Gershmel said.

It is said to be the "love drug", but there is nothing to love about this mind-altering stimulant.

Dehydration, insomnia, increase in heart rate, hypertension, nausea, and sweating/chills are just some of the immediate effects of ecstasy.

Some long-term effects are high blood pressure, kidney failure, anorexia, and a change in brain chemicals.

There are also psychological effects such as confusion, depression, anxiety, hallucinations, sleep problems, and psychotic episodes.

Ecstasy has also been known to be popular at raves and parties.

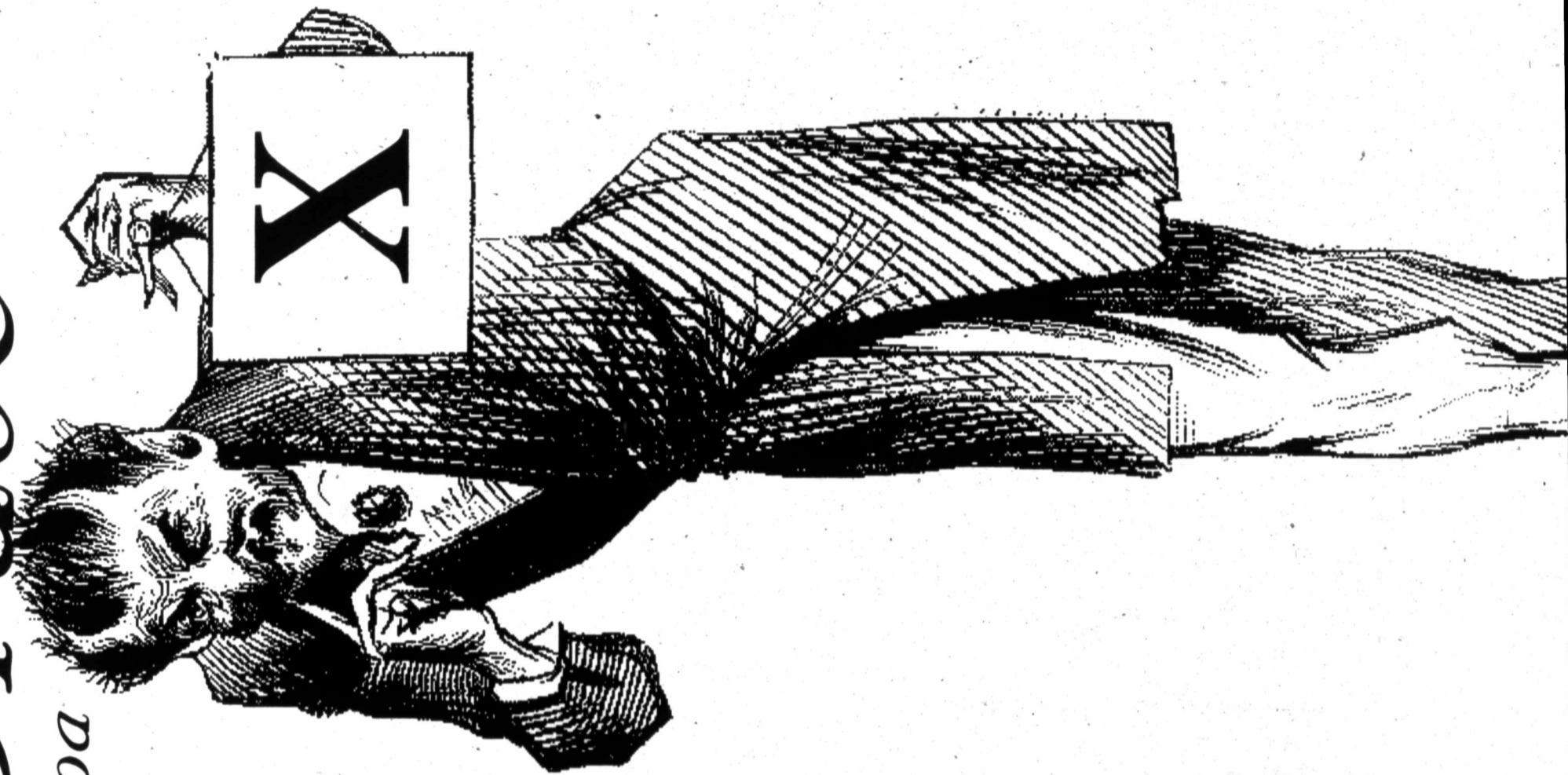
"It's a type of methamphetamine, so it works as an upper," Gershmel said. "That's why it's popular at raves and parties because people think they can dance all night."

The amount of MDMA needed to get high is very close to the toxic dose, making it easy to overdose.

It also causes the body temperature to rise, causing the user to overheat and possibly have a stroke.

Research shows that ecstasy also destroys serotonin-producing neurons in the brain, causing brain serotonin levels to be depleted over a long period of time.

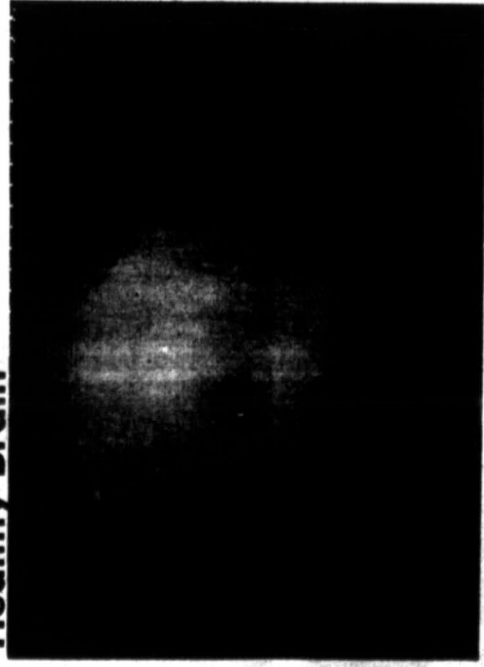
This area of the brain regulates aggression, mood, sexual activity, sleep, and sensitivity to pain.



3-D Brain Scan Former X-User's Brain

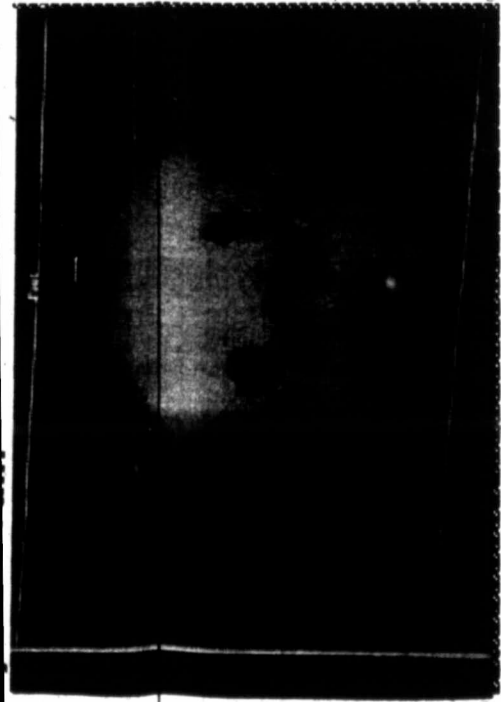
Found on the Internet, these pictures show a brain scan three weeks after Pennsylvania native Lynn Smith took her last hit of ecstasy. She had a 3-D brain scan to help doctors diagnose her psychiatric problems. Doctors told her mom that Lynn's brain scan looked like someone who was 60-70 years old and had suffered multiple strokes. Lynn is only 24 years old.

Healthy Brain



Lynn's Brain





Courtesy of www.oprah.com

heat and possibly have a stroke. Research shows that ecstasy also destroys serotonin-producing neurons in the brain, causing brain serotonin levels to be depleted over a long period of time.

This area of the brain regulates aggression, mood, sexual activity, sleep, and sensitivity to pain.

Despite the endless rumors as to the heavy circulation of ecstasy in Pampa, no hard evidence has been found to prove this on campus.

"I have never found ecstasy up here yet," Brown said. "But it would be foolish to think that it is not here."

Lesson Learned?

True Story of Friend's Battle With Ecstasy

5 **Amanda Weiss**

It's funny how something so small as a pill can change your entire life. I may still be young, but I've seen several of my closest friends get into the drug game early.

Ecstasy is becoming more and more appealing to the younger crowd. I can still remember the first time I was ever around the stuff.

It was my best friend's fourteenth birthday and she wanted to do something big. Her crush of the past four years was also one of the biggest drug dealers in our school.

He had recently become big on dealing ecstasy and had told her how great it was. He had her completely convinced that this, this pill, would make all of her dreams come true. Before I knew it she started scraping together every penny she could.

She said that she had three days to come up with 60 dollars and nothing was going to stop her. She unfortunately came up with the money. It was all stolen from friends, family, and even

her grandparents. I couldn't believe it. She sold her life for 60 dollars.

That Friday night, the night of her birthday, we went out to eat and watch a movie. When we got back home, it was just me and her...that's when she showed them to me. She had two small green pills in the palm of her hand. She said that the 500 on both of them stood for 500 milligrams.

She didn't need any of it. No matter how stupid I told her she was and no matter how much I tried to talk her out of it, she was bound and determined. We were sitting there discussing the whole situation when the guy that sold them to her called.

He asked if she had taken them, and when she said no he quickly started trying to talk her into it. It didn't take much time at all before one of the pills was gone. He started telling her that she needed the other one to. 500 was already too much; she didn't need the full thousand.

I tried to get a hold of the pill, but she swallowed it quickly. She told the guy on the phone that they were both gone and he immediately started laughing. He said that he had just been joking about the sec-

ond one and he didn't know what would happen to her now.

He said a normal dosage was only 500 milligrams, and he had only known one person that had ever taken that much, his cousin. She immediately asked him what happened so she would know what to

"I couldn't believe it. She sold her life for \$60."

expect and her eyes started to fill with tears when he told her that his cousin had died six hours after taking the pills.

Fifteen minutes later, she was shaking all over and holding her stomach. This turned into uncontrollable giggling, mumbling, and making no sense at all.

The guy that sold them to her came over a little later.

Instead of helping me take care of her, he started hitting on her. In the middle of what he thought was his best line, she stumbled, fell, and hit her head. Her whole body started shaking. I tried to go and

get her parents, but her friend, this great guy, held me back.

We finally woke her up, but she faded in and out. She kept talking about this toddler that was skipping around the room. Finally she faded out again and didn't wake up.

I kept a close eye on her to make sure she was still breathing. I watched her for the next four hours. I tried my hardest to stay awake, but around five am I couldn't take it any longer and passed out.

I woke up around nine the next morning, and she was still out. Her breath was getting shorter and further in between. I tried waking her up but it was no use. She slept until three the next afternoon.

When she woke up, her emotions were going haywire.

She would bounce from crying one second to laughing the next. She was sick to her stomach and very disoriented. She stumbled around in a daze all day. She made it through the night, but unfortunately she didn't learn anything from it.

The next weekend she was getting more money and getting more pills.

She didn't learn anything from her nightmare ... did you?

2001 Texas A&M Drug and Alcohol Survey Pampa ISD Grades 7-12

- 23% stated that ecstasy was readily available to them. (19% statewide)
- Pampa ISD students collectively indicated significantly higher rates than did their peers statewide with regard to easy availability of ecstasy, past-month marijuana use, class attendance while stoned (chiefly grade 9), and driving a car while high (chiefly grade 11)
- 25% of PISD 11th graders reported driving while stoned (16%)
- 45% stated they drink beer weekly or monthly (33% statewide)
- 46% reported "binge drinking" at least once during their lifetimes (36%)
- 31% said they usually drink five or more beers at a time on average when they drink (17%)
- 27% said they had driven a car after having "a good bit to drink" at least once during the year (15%)

'In The Spotlight'

How do you think ecstasy or speed use is affecting teens in Pampa?



"Well, I'll tell you, I don't approve and I don't do it, but I hear the kids love the ecstasy, but the people who do speed are just cracked out losers. But they both are terrible."

John Knipp, 12



"I don't think it is that bad, but everybody likes it."

Cody Gardner, 12



"I think it's bad, more people are using it and don't realize the effects."

Cody Atwood, 11



"It is not as bad here as it is at larger schools such as Dallas, Houston, or Abilene."

Meagan Shannon, 11

Student Opinion Poll

Making the Difference.

Student Body Officers Meet Weekly Regarding School Issues

by **Matt Foust**

Every Wednesday the halls are empty after the mass exodus of students at lunch time, but a rare breed of students stay behind. They make the pilgrimage up to the third floor for the student council meeting in teacher and student council sponsor Sherry Seabourn's room.

They discuss such topics as school dances, fund raising, and other upcoming events. Although the student body's power is limited by the school board, they are still involved in many school decisions.

"It would be ridiculous for the administration to just hand us the reins and let us run the school," senior and student body vice-president Chris Lewis said.

One of the goals for the council this year was to bring back the bonfire before homecoming.

"We tried to bring back the bonfire this year, but we got started on it a little bit too late. I think that we are going to try again next year," freshman Mark Williams said.

Being involved in the student council involves many responsibilities. Members must be passing all classes at the time of the election, maintain an overall average of 80, and adhere to the student code of conduct.

"We get to be involved in the school, go to the meetings, come up with activities, and get the school involved," senior

Michelle Lee said.

Another major purpose of the student council is to raise money for the prom through various fund raisers.

"The money from the dances and penny wars go to the prom," junior Mary Alice Warner said.

Many of the events throughout the school year are created and planned out by members of the student council.

"We are in charge of most homecoming activities, school dances, the prom and the woman contest," Seabourn said.

One of the first things a visitor to the school might notice is the hall of fame. This was instituted by the student council. They believed it was proper to honor some of the alumni who have done well after graduating.

Student council is more than just a tool to make a student look good on a college transcript. It actually allows students to play a part in the school.

"It's a great opportunity to learn leadership rolls and a great place to get involved," Seabourn said.

If I Were Principal...

| Lauren Haynes |

What's the first thing you would do as principal?
Fire all of the teachers and hire all new staff.

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Because I'm Lauren! Why else?

2. What would be your easiest punishment?

There would be no punishment.

3. How many chances would you give?

As many as needed

4. What would your dress code ruler be?

Whatever is comfortable.

5. Would you have uniforms?

No.

6. What sport/activity would you give the most money to?

Football and Basketball

7. How would you decorate your office?

Zebra and Leopard

8. Would there be anything that must be done on a daily basis? If so what?

Yeah, we would learn for about 30 minutes in each class.

9. What clubs/activities would you not support having in your school?

I would support them all.

10. Would you be speaking on morning announcements?

Yeah, play some music and talk about what's going on at school.

11. What would be your favorite thing about the job?

Being the boss and not being bossed around.

12. What would be the worst thing about the job?

Having a job.



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CARENET

Colorguard Wins Hard Work, Practice Pays Off

by Mollie Crossman

In September, the colorguard came home with a first place trophy from the West Texas Auxiliary Competition.

"We practiced from 5 to 8 pm on Mondays and an hour after school every other day," senior Amanda Brown said. "That doesn't include first period when we practice for football games."

Their choreographer, Junior Marquez, taught them every step and move, according to junior Lexi Hill.

"He really pushed us and

was strict, but in the end it really paid off," Hill said.

The uniforms that the colorguard are wearing this year are different from last year.

Now they are wearing sleeveless black and brown colored uniforms, while last year they were dark green and gold with long sleeves.

"I get too cold and they need more covering," sophomore Katie Cloud said.

Members had different reasons for joining colorguard.

"I joined because it looked

"I joined because it looked fun and we get to go to competitions, but it's a lot of work"

- Stacy Clay

fun and we get to go to competitions, but it is a lot of hard work," junior Stacy Clay said.

Hill said she joined to be part of a group.

"I thought it would be fun and it would be neat to be part of a small group because band is so is so big," she said.



Fly High:
Amanda Brown and Staci Clay perform during an assembly.

Speech & Debate – Talking Their Way to the Top

by Garrett Johnston

It looks like there is going to be someone from speech and debate at the finals in every meet this year if they keep up at the rate their going.

The four point leaders are senior Richard Conner, junior

AJ Swope, sophomore Zach Cain, and freshman Ben Briscoe.

"Ben has been doing really well out of all the people on the team," sophomore Chelsea Dyer said.

Others on the team are also

doing well according to freshman Omar Chavez.

"We have had someone at finals at every meet this year including Richard, Zach, and AJ. Richard has placed first at one of the meets," Chavez said.

Dametrio Martinez is also contributing a great deal for the team, according to freshman Trevor Talley.

"Right now we are doing CX debate (cross exam) which entails a one hour debate over policy and status quo and then you formulate a plan to fix the problem and we've been covering the foreign policy which pertains to weapons of mass destruction," Dyer said.

Current social issues play a role in subject topics, according to Chavez.

"Pretty soon I think we will just be covering what's hot like Afghanistan, war issues and what

"We have had someone at finals at every meet this year ..."

- Omar Chavez

ever is important," Chavez said.

Talley said he plans to continue in CX debate.

"I think that we will be staying on CX debate for the rest of the year," Talley said.

Opinions vary on whether the team has improved or gone down from last year.

"I don't think our team is as good this year because there are a lot more people that don't want to be there on the team," Dyer said.

Talley said he disagrees.

"I haven't heard much about last year, but I know that we have done more and scored better this year at our meets," Talley said.

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'Spy Game' Not Action Packed Thriller

by Randy Young

"Spy Game"
RATED: R

CAST: Brad Pitt, Robert Redford

PLOT: Tom (Brad Pitt), a CIA operative, goes into a Chinese prison to attempt a rescue without the CIA's consent and gets caught. Over in America, Nathan (Robert Redford) gets word of Tom's capture on his last day at work. They worked together, so Nathan works behind the rest of the CIA's backs to save him.

WILL TEENS LIKE IT?

Depends on the person, but for the most part I would say no. It is a very long and drawn out movie. One of my friends fell asleep during it. I enjoyed it myself, but I have a very open mind when it

comes to movies. Most teens probably wouldn't be able to sit through the whole movie.

GREATEST STRENGTH:

The acting was good. Pitt and Redford did an excellent job portraying their characters. The storyline was good, but it could have used a little bit of work.

GREATEST WEAKNESS:

It could have been at least a tad bit more exciting than it was. It was interesting, but it was very dull. Like I said, my friend fell asleep.

IS IT EXCITING? D

Not until toward the end when they actually go and pull him out of the prison. There were a couple of parts with some action in them. A little bit of fighting, but for the most part it was pretty long and drawn out. It wasn't as much of an action film as the previews made it out to be.

HOW'S THE ACTING? A

The acting was excellent. Brad Pitt played the role of Tom Bishop pretty well. Robert Redford took on the role of Nathan very smoothly. They were definitely the duo for this movie, there's not a lot of people that could have pulled it off as cleverly as these two.

PROFANITY: Mild

NUDITY: None

VIOLENCE: Moderate

FINAL GRADE: C

This was a good movie, but it wasn't one to make my top 20. The acting was excellent, but the movie definitely could have a lot more action. The previews were a let down to the actual film. Don't go to see it expecting an action packed thriller, because it isn't much of an action movie at all.

Creed's Weathered Takes it Higher

by Garrett Johnston

They did it once with My Own Prison and then they did it again with Human Clay. Now they've done it again with Weathered. They're Creed. You may like them, you may hate them, but it doesn't matter because their new album is out and selling.

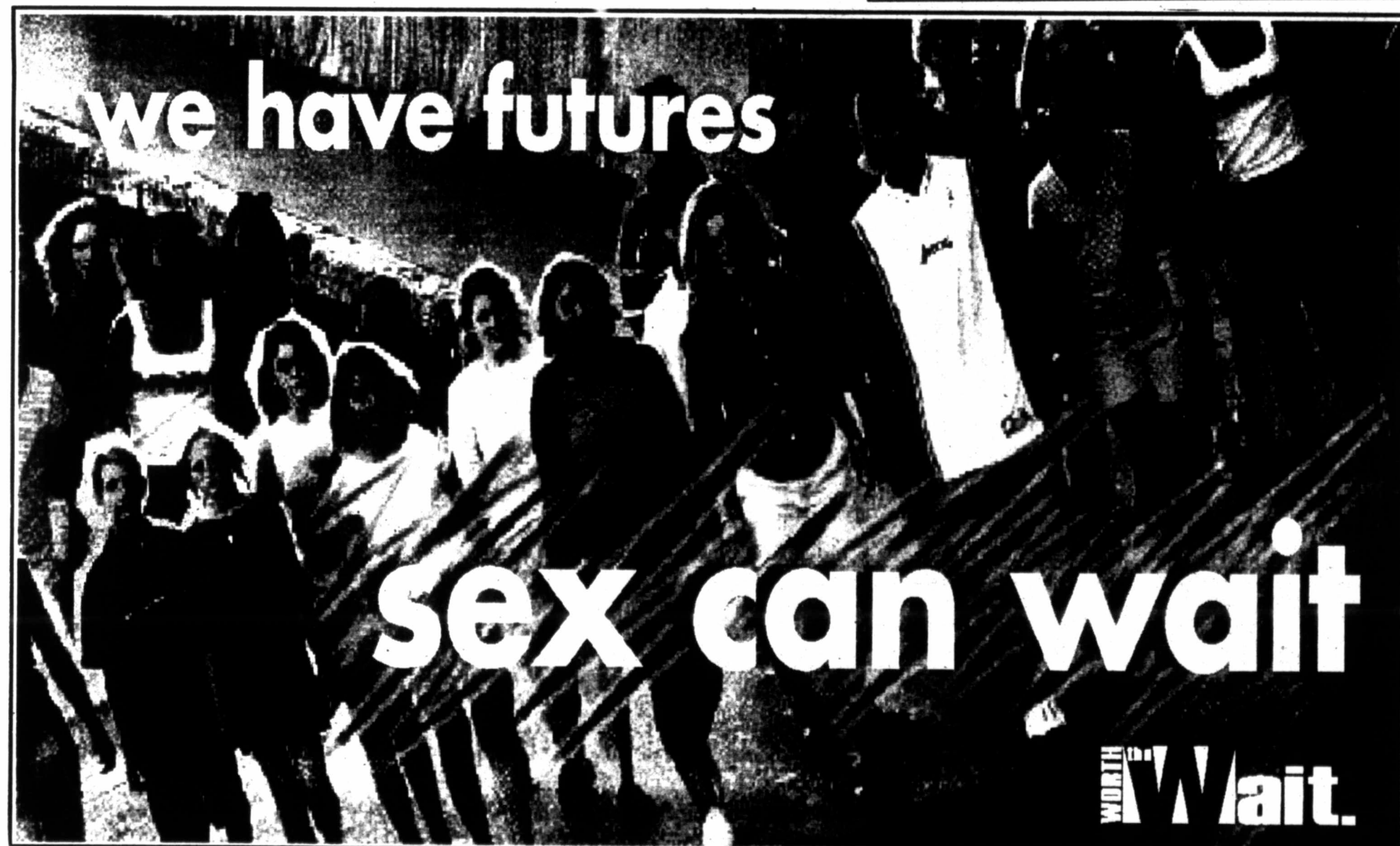
On November 20, Creed came out with their new album Weathered and it seems they're having no problem getting it out to the public.

Weathered has got some mixed reviews and comments like somber, plaintive, gloomy, and brooding. I'd have to go against a couple of these reviews because about half of this album has a harder sound and the rest has more of a pop or soft sound.

Their newest video, My Sacrifice, which was debuted on MTV's Making the Video, hasn't been doing as well as some of their other videos. Higher and With Arms Wide Open did pretty well on MTV and both of them made it to TRL.

Personally, I think that all of their other CDs were better and that they will have had more exposure than any of the songs off this album will. They had What If on the Scream 2 soundtrack and Higher on the soundtrack of Titan After Earth.

So no matter if it's their worst album or their best, Creed still made it and you can decide if you want to buy it or not.



Internet Search Engines: Frels' Web Reviews

by Michael Frels
Guest Reporter

The Internet is growing and growing. With 25 web pages being added to the Internet super highway each second, you're bound to find what you're looking for. But where is the best place to turn to help when searching through the roughly 9.2 billion web pages available?

The fact is that search engines just can't keep up. Alta Vista still isn't up to par, even with its highest recorded 550 million page database.

The problem today is people

aren't effectively using these search tools. You must use a strategy to meet with results you can make use of. You should think about what you're searching for. Is it a very precise subject, or very common with double meanings?

Huge companies such as Alta Vista, Northern Light and Fast Search are all known for digging up an over abundant amount of results. The only downfall is that with these results, you are faced with finding a needle in a cyber haystack. But don't be turned off by their results. There is a positive

result when searching for very uncommon, precise subjects.

Other alternatives are Yahoo, Google, and Direct Hit. These all use a type of handpicked sites in their index. Humans can't keep up with search engines when delivering results, but you are more likely to get more relevant hits, even though fewer are found.

Direct Hit began a new approach to finding better and more helpful results through ranking them. This company anonymously follows web surfers after leaving the search and records how long

a user visited the chosen site. They then are able to rank pages and this leaves better results for the next user.

Another big hitter is Ask Jeeves. The only twist is you ask Mr. Jeeves a question in order to find your web answer. By pairing your question to it's well supplied database of frequently asked questions, it allows you to choose an answer that closely conforms to your original question.

Oingo is an interesting engine with context clues in mind.

It would leave your English teacher proud. Oingo attempts to find the meaning of search queries rather than match keywords. It finds the meaning by leafing through six words on either side of a term for clues as to context.

In the end, search engines will deliver results, but it is the quality of these results that generally count. People often make the mistake of thinking the web is more helpful than it really is. Right now it's still the wild, wild, web.

Video Review

Wishmaster 3: Beyond the Gates of Hell

by Stephanie Fisher

Rated: R

Cast: A.J. Cook, Jason Connery, John Novak

Plot: A college student (Cook) discovers a red gemstone that contains a Djinn, or evil genie (Novak). After she inadvertently unleashes the malevolent creature, it takes on the body of her professor (Connery) and wreaks havoc on the campus.

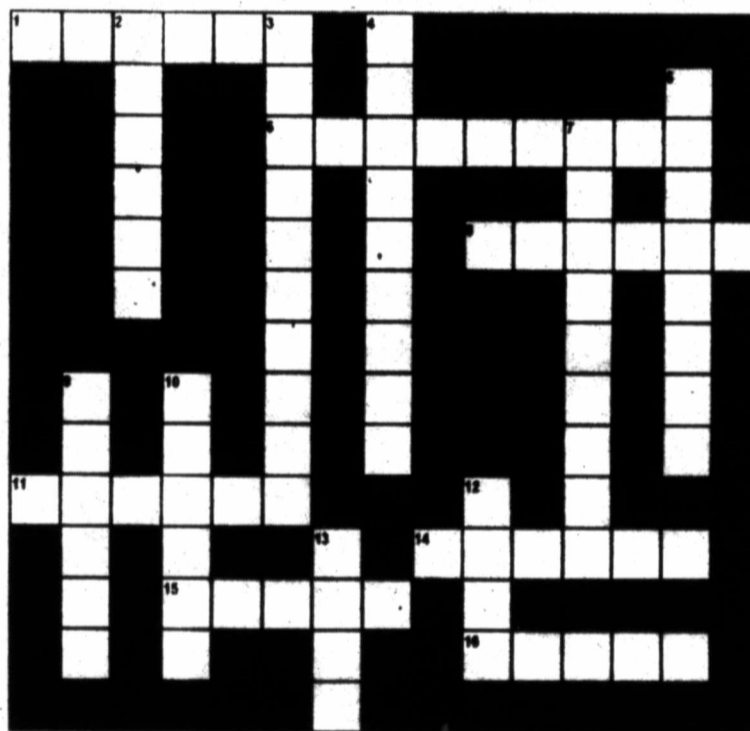
Greatest Strengths: The film has tons of suspenseful scenes, such as the battle between the Djinn and the girl's boyfriend. The tension between the characters was felt throughout the movie.

Greatest Weaknesses: Sadly, this film did not meet the expectations set by the last two "Wishmaster" films. It does not deliver what the other two did in the past. If you are a die hard splatter film fan, this film will disappoint you.

Profanity: High
Nudity: Moderate
Violence: High
Final Grade: C

This film was pretty gory. However, it is not my personal pick for the best horror film. When you rent this film, don't expect to see more than what was in "Wishmaster 1&2". The acting did not help the film, but the action and suspense was good.

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**Livin' It Up:
Basketball Begins**

by Randy Young

This has been a great year for Hustlin' Harvester basketball.

"We've got a great bunch of guys who work hard and have great attitudes, and that will help a lot toward having a great season," junior varsity coach Jeff Reed said.

Coach Reed is full of high hopes for this year's varsity and JV teams.

"My expectations are to get these guys to play to their full potential, ultimately to win a district championship," Reed said.

Teamwork is an essential part to the Harvester's game play.

"We all have our different roles, but when we work together as a team, that's when we're at our best," sophomore Jake Hopkins said.

Hopkins has set high goals for himself.

"My personal goal is to become a better player and help my team out in anyway that I can," Hopkins said.

According to Reed, JV has been doing well this season.

"I think that as far as JV is concerned, we have a good chance at winning the JV championship," Reed said.

Varsity coach Jerry Schaeffer has chosen to run a less traditional type of offense. Most teams run plays where each player is assigned specific movements for an entire possession.

"We're running a lot of passing game this year, which is an offense based on reading the defense rather than a set pattern of movement," Schaeffer said.

The next home game will be on January 25, when the Harvesters will take on the longhorns of Caprock.

"We hope to see good crowds at home this year," Schaeffer said.

SPORTS PLAYER PROFILES

COACH TURNER'S PICK

Wrestling

NAME: Ty Elledge
GRADE: 12
STRONG POINTS: Leadership, work ethic
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Willingness to learn and works hard
OTHER COMMENTS: Ty's competitiveness and eagerness make him a strong asset to our team. His ability to lead through his actions makes everyone around him better.

COACH PENNICK'S PICK

Volleyball

NAME: Morgan White
GRADE: 12
POSITION: Outside Hitter
STRONG POINTS: Strong server and hitter
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Takes responsibility, sets goals, listens well, focused, works well with others, attitude of wanting to succeed, willing to sacrifice priorities, unselfish
OTHER COMMENTS: Morgan's defense picked up next to the end of the season. Morgan is very unselfish and wants to contribute to the group. She is not particularly focused on receiving or who gets credit. She is very encouraging to her teammates and praises other's successes to achieve the team goals.

COACH QUARLES' PICKS

Tennis

NAME: Jared Spearman
GRADE: 12
POSITION: #2 singles, #1 doubles
STRONG POINTS: Strong competitor, team leader, hard worker, good attitude, respects his opponents.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Leads by example and puts his team first.

OTHER COMMENTS: He will be missed in team tennis but we look forward to a great spring in individual tennis.

Tennis

NAME: Ashlei Jordan
GRADE: 12
POSITION: #2 singles, #1 doubles
STRONG POINTS: Great attitude, team leader, sets examples at practice, great strokes, plays hard.
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Leads by example and puts her team first.
OTHER COMMENTS: Will be missed in team tennis but we look forward to a great spring in individual tennis.

COACH DENTON'S PICK

Trainers

NAME: Alisha Furnish
GRADE: 12
POSITION: Student Trainer
STRONG POINTS: Good work ethic
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Strong character, initiative
OTHER COMMENTS: Alisha does an excellent job of taking care of the athletes for which she is responsible.

COACH SCHMIDT'S PICK

Girls Basketball

NAME: Lindsey Narron
GRADE: 12
POSITION: Post
STRONG POINTS: Scoring, rebounding
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Unselfish, puts her team first.
OTHER COMMENTS: Lindsey has shown glimpses of greatness already this season. When she turns loose and doesn't hold back, she is a dominant force.

COACH OWEN'S PICK

Bowling

NAME: Shawn King
GRADE: 11
POSITION: Special Olympic Bowling
STRONG POINTS: He always does his best.
OTHER COMMENTS: Shawn will participate at the state bowling tournament in December.

COACH SELF'S PICK

Varsity Golf

NAME: Gary Utsey
GRADE: 10
POSITION: Boys Varsity Golf Team
STRONG POINTS: Putting, short game.
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Puts in extra time after practice, gives 100 percent all the time.
OTHER COMMENTS: Gary has the desire to make himself better so he can help our team improve. He sets a great example for others to follow.

COACH WEST'S PICK

JV Girls Basketball

NAME: Tara Jordan
GRADE: 10
POSITION: Guard
STRONG POINTS: Very competitive, wants to win, great defensive skills, has a great basketball mind.
LEADERSHIP SKILLS: Positive attitude, hustles, smart
OTHER COMMENTS: Tara is a great competitor and a great leader on and off the floor. She does well in the classroom and applies herself in all she does.

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Tennis Wins Across the Court

by **Matt Foust**

The tennis team wrapped up the year with their fifth consecutive district championship.

They also had an impressive showing at the regional semifinals, before being edged out by Wichita Falls Rider, who is the number five team in the state.

The 3-4A all-district team was dominated by Pampa players.

Seven of the nine boys selected for the first team were from Pampa.

The boys selected for the

first singles team are as follows: senior Jared Spearman, junior Jay Gerber, junior David Thacker, and junior Tyler Howard. Jared Spearman-senior A.J. Smith, Jay Gerber-David Thacker, and Tyler Howard-sophomore Zack Hucks were the doubles teams awarded with first team all-district honors.

Five out of the nine girl's spots belong to Pampa as well.

They are as follows: senior Ashlei Jordan, sophomore Tara Jordan, junior Helen Brooks, and junior Vanessa Orr.

The doubles team of senior

Brittany Kindle and Tara Jordan, was awarded with first team honors as well.

The mixed doubles team of sophomore Britton White and Helen Brooks were also named to the first district team.

Players making the second team are as follows: A.J. Smith, Zack Hucks, and senior Michelle Lee.

Vanessa Orr and junior Brittany Brazil were named as part of the second doubles team.

Jared Spearman was also named as the district MVP.

This award is given to the best boy player in the entire dis-

trict.

"I'm proud to represent PHS tennis and be named the MVP," Spearman said.

Many players said that part of the success to the team is the friendship among the players.

"We're friends on and off the court; we're really a close knit team. I really think that helps us win," Jay Gerber said.

The tennis team's winning record in recent years has helped them become known as the "big dog" in their district.

"Everyone in our district gets up for the matches against

us," Coach Carolyn Quarles said.

Another component to the success of the team was the play of the underclassmen.

"All of the sophomores and juniors stepped up and played like seniors, that really helped us," Spearman said.

The team had four returning boy letterman and five letterman girls returning this year.

"These seniors have been district champs their entire career," Quarles said. "They definitely went far above the normal call of duty."

Rodeo Clowns Can't Stop This Rivalry: Local Rodeo Clubs Battle it Out

by **Julie Thompson**

Two rodeo clubs made up of high school students are locked in constant showdown. The high school based

rodeo club, school led and supported, battles with the Texas Panhandle Rodeo Association for domination of the arena.

"They had dumb rules,"

"They had dumb rules so we started our own club."

—Curtis Pritchett

club vote on the candidates. In fact, the members are what seem to draw others to the club.

"I'm looking forward to having supportive friends," sophomore Shaleene Taylor said.

Taylor is a newcomer to the PHS rodeo club. She had to pay a ten dollar entry fee to be in the club but said she feels it's worth it.

"The members support each other and rely on each other," Taylor said.

Each of the two clubs claim to be better than the other. However, TPRA has more points. The better the club does at a rodeo, the more points they will earn. The one thing that members of each club do agree on, is the people.

"We don't fight as much," TPRA member, junior Kaily Richardson said. "We just like to have fun."

junior Curtis Pritchett of TPRA said. "So we started our own club."

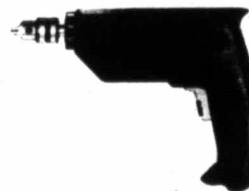
Pritchett said that, among other things, one must be involved with the PHS rodeo club for four years before you can become an officer. However, junior Codi Wisdom holds the position of secretary and second vice president.

"I've been involved with the Rodeo Association for a long time. It's not as easy as it looks. You have to have a relationship with your horse. You have to know each other and anticipate each other's moves," Wisdom said.

Wisdom was recently voted as the PHS rodeo queen. The members of the

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Schools: High school spreads at football game

Hanging Up the Jersey: Football Season Ends

by **Matt Foust**

The varsity football team finished this year with their loss to Andrews in the bi-district championship game but not before winning the co-district championship.

They finished the season with a 7-4 overall record and 6-1 for district play.

The only loss on the district record came at the hands of the eventual district champions, Palo Duro.

"Our young men competed with honor and distinction," head coach Dennis Cavalier said.

After a 1-3 start, things started clicking for the Harvesters. They won six straight games before being knocked out of the playoffs.

"We matured a lot as a team. We won six straight and laid it all on the line against Andrews," senior Ryan Nash said.

For several underclassmen this year was their first season of varsity football.

"It was exciting, fun, and a whole different experience than my junior varsity and freshmen seasons," junior Tristan Brown said.

The Harvesters were aided by the number one defense in the area. They had a total of 16 interceptions, 9 fumble recoveries, and 30 sacks. Individual stat leaders for the defense were senior Michael Galloway with 7 interceptions,

junior Curtis Pritchett with 2 recovered fumbles, senior Chris Lewis with 5 caused fumbles, and senior Oscar Ortega with 8 sacks. Senior Orlando Madrid had 13 tackles for a loss, 90 tackle assists, and 87 solo tackles. Madrid was also chosen to be on the all-district first team.

For the seniors this was their last opportunity to suit up in the Harvester green and white. Many of them have played football together since they were in elementary school.

"I've been playing with these guys since fourth grade. It's going to feel weird not playing football with them everyday," senior Randy Tice said.

According to Cavalier, the players ended their high school careers in a commendable fashion.

"They competed every game day intensely and with great sportsmanship," Cavalier said.

Harvester Football Season Wrap-Up

Pampa 14 - Dalhart 10
 Estacado 13 - Pampa 7
 Amarillo HS 10 - Pampa 7
 Palo Duro 10 - Pampa 7
 Pampa 21 - Hereford 15
 Pampa 14 - Dumas 7
 Pampa 21 - Caprock 7
 Pampa 35 - Canyon 21
 Pampa 20 - Randall 19
 Pampa 20 - Borger 7
 Andrews 14 - Pampa 7
 7 - 4 Record

Boy's Soccer Set, Ready to Begin Season

by **Julie Thompson**

The boys soccer team is set and ready to roll, according to Coach John True.

"We hope to have a successful year on and off the field," True said.

True said that he is focusing more on their possession game. The team began practice on Nov. 29 and their schedule has become tougher. They are playing three tournaments this year and all of their pre-district games will be against 5A schools.

"I like how rough and physical it is," junior Chance Crain said. "You really have to be in shape."

In fact, several of the players are interested in the rough and tumble aspect of the team.

"You get to run people over," junior Louie Campos said. "It's football without the pads."

Campos also said that he'd like to change the poor attitudes of the freshmen players.

"They cry about having to run," Campos said.

Many of the players have been involved in soccer

"All of my seniors are really strong players," Coach True said.

since they were young. All have highlights of their own, however, Coach True's highlights consist of making the playoffs his first year here, and having some high achieving athletes play for him.

"All of my seniors are really strong players. Last year we had the most valuable offensive player, being Ryan Nash and the most valuable newcomer, being Sammie Silva," True said.

The team will play Amarillo High for their first home game.

They will also play a scrimmage against Lubbock Monterey on Jan. 2. True wants to invite everyone out to come and support the team.

"We just have an experienced team this year," True said. "We don't have any particular strength ... just a good team."



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Wrestling Slams Back Into Sports Department



Fighting to Win:
Sophomore Tony Shorter is struggling to win for the JV Wrestling team.

Photo by Tess Kingcade

by Tess Kingcade

Wrestling, an old-time favorite, has slammed its way back into the sports department.

Athletic Director Dennis Cavalier said the high school decided to bring wrestling back because of the growth of Pampa's youth wrestling program, and "the belief that wrestling provides competitive athletic experiences for a wide range of students."

The program consists of both a J.V. and varsity team with approximately 20 wrestlers on varsity including senior Joe

Wilson, who has won about 150 matches and many trophies throughout his wrestling career.

"I have been wrestling for 11 years," Wilson said. "Anyone can play sports, but it takes a real man to wrestle."

Coach Justin Turner was hired this year to take over the program. Turner began wrestling when he was eight years old and was an All-State wrestler at Dumas High School in 1995. He was on the Oklahoma State University wrestling team through 2000.

"I think that Coach Turner is awesome," Cavalier said. "He's perfect for our needs as we re-inaugurate our wrestling program."

Cavalier also said he hopes to see that the wrestling team will continue to grow and that all weight classes will be filled. He also foresees that team members will be able to compete as a team as well as individually.

"I think that it will be quite a learning experience for our novice team members," Cavalier said.

Practice Makes Perfect Swim Team Excels This Season

by Jake Crain

Football is not the only sport with intense practices and training. Swimming has to practice twice a day. In a week, team members swim a total of 35,000 yards.

"Swimming is the best workout you can get," senior Misty Moman said.

Practices are a part of this workout

"Practice isn't really fun, but it's worth it in the long run. Practice is very tiring," senior Willie Griffin said.

Moman said she is not always able to participate in practices.

"I'm not always there because of physical therapy. I

only practice half of the practices because of my wrist," Moman said.

Moman sustained an injury that is affecting her swimming.

"I'm not as good now because of my injury," Moman said.

This injury has changed her goals in swimming, according to Moman.

"Now I just want to make it through the season," Moman said.

Griffin also said he has goals. "I am hoping to make it to state and actually place," Griffin said.

There is also a lighter side to swimming, according to sophomore Meagan David.

"I like the meets," David said.

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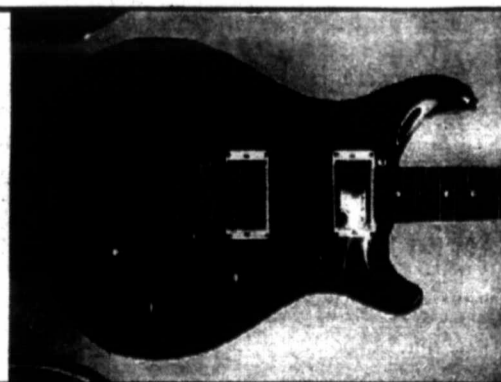
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(Clockwise) 1. **Like What?** Junior Jessica Nicolet, and sophomores Katlin Passini and Amber Freeman talking it up. 2. **Ahhh!** Senior Robbie Hambrick quenches his thirst with a coke at Sonic. 3. **What's up baby?** Junior Casey Lee and sophomore Jesus Hernandez have a short little chat at lunch. 4. **Chillin...** Seniors Nick Jennings, Cody Gardner, and Levi Trevathan kicking it in the kicker parking lot. 5. **Ouch!** Senior Alisha Furnish heals sophomore Blake Helms's boo boos.