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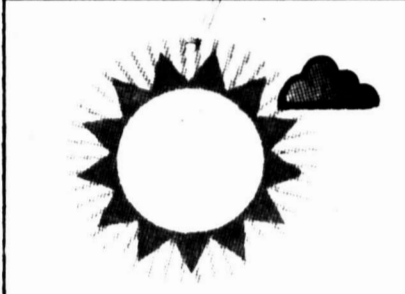


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## Office closings

While most local businesses and shops will be open Monday, several local offices will be closed both Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas season.

All Gray County offices will be closed both days to allow employees additional time off for the holidays. City of Pampa offices and Gray County Appraisal District offices will also be closed. All three entities will re-open on Wednesday.

Banks will be open Monday, Christmas Eve, but will be closed on Tuesday, Christmas Day.

Pampa Independent School District dismissed classes on Friday for the holidays. Classes will resume on Jan. 7.

## American Legion website features cards for military

INDIANAPOLIS - Sending a holiday greeting card via the Internet gets a patriotic twist this Christmas from The American Legion.

The American Legion, the nation's largest wartime-veterans organization, offers free electronic greeting cards, individually customized for each branch of military service, available as a free service to everyone.

To access the cards, click on the link in the upper right hand corner of the Legion's web page ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)).

With thousands of members of the military serving in the Afghanistan and the Middle East, as well as Bosnia, Korea and at sea, the American Legion encourages the public to let them know they are remembered and appreciated for their sacrifices for this country.

William J. "Bill" Golobay, 89, father of Pampan.

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## Filing deadline nears for candidates

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Deadline for candidates to file for a position in the upcoming 2002 elections is Jan. 2.

Several local elected positions as well as statewide offices will be on the ballot in the Democratic and Republican primaries on March 12. The victors in the primary elections will meet in the General Election in November.

Among the positions which will be decided by the voters and the present elected local office holders are: 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, 31st District Judge Steven R. Emmert, County Judge Richard Peet, District Clerk Gaye

Honderich, County Clerk Susan Winborne, County Treasurer Scott Hahn, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene and Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley.

The unexpired position of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 currently held by Joe Martinez will also be on the ballot.

Incumbent Martinez was appointed several months ago by Gray County Commissioners Court to fill the position formerly held by longtime Justice of the Peace Bob Muns who retired.

The positions of Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman as well as Precinct 3 JP Mary Ann Carpenter will be up for re-election, also.

All county terms are four-year-terms.

Candidates seeking a county office should contact the chairman of the political party of their choice to file an application to seek office.

Doug Ware is chairman of the Gray County Republicans and can be reached at 665-0085.

Gray County Democratic Party chairman is Jim Osborne. His number is 665-4142.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting County Clerk Susan Winborne at her office at 315 N. Ballard. The clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Numerous state candidates for office in the general election will also be decided by voters in the March primary.

Pampa State Representative Warren Chisum will seek re-election to a two-year term. He will be among 150 State Representatives candidates through Texas. Chisum has recently announced he will seek the Speaker of the House position upon re-election.

Amarillo State Senator Teel Bivins, Gray County's present senator, will seek re-election of the 31st District in the 2002 elections. However, Gray County will be represented by the 28th District after the elections. Senator Robert Duncan currently holds the position and is seeking re-election.

Several statewide officials, including Governor Rick Perry, will be seeking elec

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## Guthrie Center board to meet with architect

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Officers and board members of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center will meet with an architect next month to discuss the restoration of a Pampa drug store where the legendary folk singer once worked.

Woody Guthrie, a folk singer of the 1930s and 1940s that went on to inspire folk singers of the turbulent 1960s and most recently the singers on today's music television stations, lived in Pampa from 1929 through 1937.

It was in Pampa that Guthrie got his first guitar, married his first wife and began writing and singing the ballads of the working man in the nation's heartland during the Depression and Dust Bowl.

The new officers and board members of the volunteers that have banded together to establish the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center will meet with Larry Irsick Friday, Jan. 4, at 318 S. Cuyler, the site of Harris Drug, now a vacant building that the volunteers want to turn into a center for folk music.

"Larry is going to meet with us that Friday afternoon," said Paulette Kirksey, president of the center.

Kirksey was elected at the group's meeting Thursday, Dec. 13. Loralee Cooley was elected vice president. Lilith Brainard was elected secretary. Reed

Echols was elected treasurer of the center.

Thelma Bray, Charles Henry, Bill Hildebrand, Glenna Lea Miller, and Clay Rice were elected to the board of directors.

John Forister, Lloyd Harvey and Shane Wallace were named to an advisory board to restore the building.

At age 17, Guthrie quit Pampa High School to go to work at Harris Drug Store. It was here that he found an old worn guitar that his uncle, Jeff Guthrie, helped him restring and taught him how to play.

Kirksey said the folk center group wants to refurbish the building on South Cuyler to house the center.

"We want to restore that building as close as we can to what it was like when Woody Guthrie worked there," Kirksey said.

Irsick is an architect with the firm that is overseeing the remodeling of the Gray County courthouse.

Kirksey said she thinks that although it will require a lot of work and patience, restoring the old drug store will be a fun community project.

"I think this board is determined to do it well," Kirksey said.

She said that Pampa will benefit from such a project.

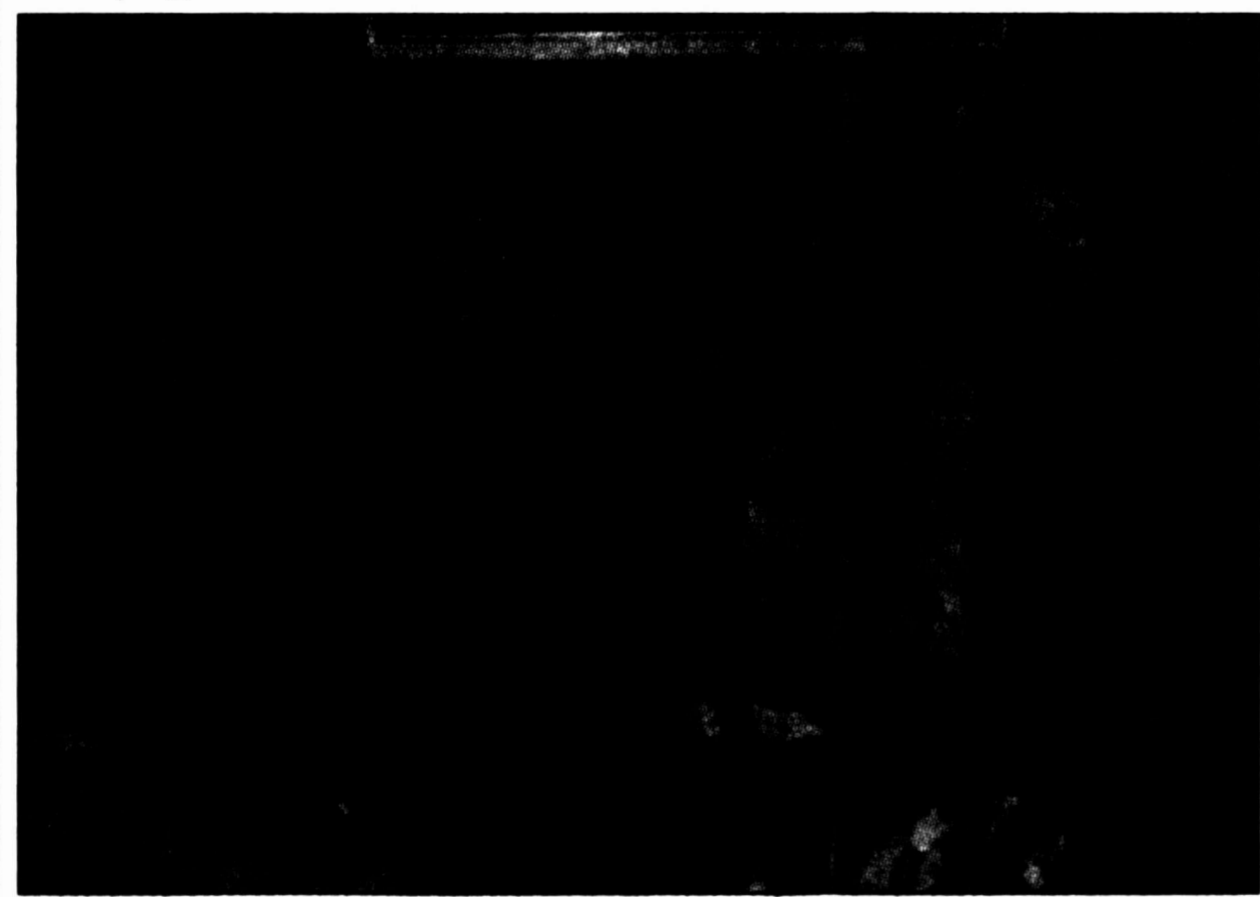
"There is worldwide interest in Woody Guthrie," Kirksey said.

## Ho! Ho! Helpers



Merry Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's elves, in this case from the Pampa Police Officers' Association, were at the Salvation Army offices this week helping to prepare for Christmas. Unloading presents for the Salvation Army Angel Tree are, from left, Connie Lockridge, Kimberly Brown, Donny Brown, Capt. Gary Steward, Capt. Patricia Steward, Kim Ham and Fred Johnson.

## Five generations



Five generations of George E. Keeton's family gathered together recently to welcome the local centenarian's newest great-great grandchild, Logan Scott Wood, born Aug. 23. Pictured are, from left, Helen Danner, Keeton's daughter; Candace Wood, his great granddaughter; Keeton holding Logan; and his granddaughter Tammy Hill. Keeton, an active 101, plans to celebrate his 102nd birthday on Dec. 27.

## Clean Pampa, Inc. offers Christmas card recycling

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Christmas is the time of the year when people send and receive cards, getting caught up on all the news of the past year of friends and family members.

A popular holiday custom for more than 150 years, the Christmas card is still one of the most favorite times of the forms Christmas season as people look forward to hearing from family and friends.

Many cards are religious while others are secular. Some are lighthearted and humorous, and others quite serious. The type of card usually reflects the beliefs of the sender.

As the Christmas season draws to a close, the problem of what to do with the large number of cards has to be solved.

Clean Pampa, Inc. has the solution.

Beginning today, many local businesses, banks and churches will have boxes for local residents to deposit their Christmas cards. Cards will be accepted

through Jan. 22.

Jacy Padgett of Clean Pampa, Inc. is urging residents to recycle their Christmas cards by inserting them in an appropriate receptacle so the cards may be recycled.

The cards will be separated front from back and the front of the cards will be sent to St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nev.

Card fronts will be made into new cards to be sold by the children at St. Jude's.

The backs of cards will be recycled at the Pampa Recycling Center located in the Hobart Street Park.

"Please recycle your Christmas cards this year instead of chunking them in the trash," said Padgett.

Clean Pampa, Inc. office at 836 W. Foster will be accepting the cards, also.

The organization maintains a listing of businesses which will have the receptacles for the cards.

A listing may be obtained by calling 665-2514.



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## Heaping helping



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Gray County Juvenile Probation Officer Felipe Chavez and County Judge Richard Peet spoon up heaping helpings at the Juvenile Probation Office Christmas dinner recently.

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tion. Also Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, Chief Justice Supreme Court as well as one unexpired term on the Supreme Court.

## OKC bombing victims feel they are slighted

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some of those who lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing are feeling slighted by the federal government over its decision to dispense an average of \$1.65 million apiece to the families of the Sept. 11 dead.

No such federal fund was ever set up for the Oklahoma City victims.

"I don't want to do a hierarchy on terrorism here, but that's kind of minimizing what happened to the people of Oklahoma City," said Marsha Kight, whose daughter Frankie Merrell was killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and wounded more than 500. "The individual loss was just as great for us."

More than 3,000 people were killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon and in the plane crash in Pennsylvania. Generally, survivors will get a minimum of \$300,000, with the exact amounts depending on such things as salary, age and number of dependents.

The money will be in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars in charitable donations that are being distributed to those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The government fund was set up in September as part of a \$15 billion airline bailout package. Those who want to receive money have to agree not to sue the airlines over the terrorist attacks.

Spokesmen for Sens. Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer of New York, who pushed the bill, did not return calls seeking comment on why Oklahoma City victims were not included, as some families say should have been done.

After the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building, the government paid out death or disability benefits to federal employees or their families. The amounts depended on the employees' insurance coverage.

Dan McKinney, whose wife was a federal employee, estimated spouses received \$100,000 on average. "Some people may have gotten rich off of it, but none that I know of," he said.

And cafeteria employees, parents of children killed in the day care center and those who died while visiting the building did not receive federal benefits.

Other federal aid given to the state for the victims totaled only about \$75,000, said Suzanne Breedlove, director of victims' services for the district attorney's office.

Oklahoma City collected about \$35 million in charitable donations, mostly to the Red Cross, Breedlove said. Victims had to prove loss of income or other reasons for assistance. Much of the money was used for mental health counseling and surgery.

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grandsons were killed in the day care center, said she has always felt the government treated

bombing victims unfairly.

"They never offered us anything," she said. "Since we're stuck here in Oklahoma, our state representatives haven't done anything to help us."

Before the attacks, in 2000, Congress passed a law that helps compensate American families who lost loved ones in terrorist attacks in other countries. The law makes it easier for victims to claim damages from the frozen assets of countries suspected of supporting terrorism.

The law retroactively covers the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Africa and the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

## 'Time' in quandary over Person of the Year

By SETH SUTEL  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There's no question he has captured newspaper headlines for days on end and impacted millions of lives, but should Osama bin Laden be Time magazine's Person of the Year?

While the decision won't be announced until Sunday morning, editors at Time had to weigh several considerations in making their selection this week — including the likelihood of a strong reader backlash.

Choosing bin Laden would undoubtedly anger some and could even lead to canceled sub-

scriptions to the magazine.

At the heart of their decision, though, must be the criteria set out by Time founder Henry Luce: "the person or persons who most affected the news of our lives, for good or ill, this year."

Time spokeswoman Debra Richman declined to specify this year's list of candidates, but she did say that the selection would in "some way" reflect the events of Sept. 11.

In addition to bin Laden, readers of Time's Web site have nominated candidates including President Bush, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the rescue teams of New York.

Time has faced similar quan-

daries in the past, and has occasionally selected unpopular leaders, including Hitler and Stalin.

Granted, both of those selections were made before the full extent of either man's ruthlessness was known to the world at large.

In selecting Hitler for 1938, the year before he invaded Poland, Time called him the "greatest threatening force that the democratic, freedom-loving world faces today."

Likewise, Time twice chose Stalin — in 1939 and again in 1942, while World War II was still raging and Stalin was stand-

ing up to Adolph Hitler.

Time also picked Iranian Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979, leading thousands of people to cancel their subscriptions, Richman said.

Two years ago, Time's selection process also generated controversy when it became known that Hitler was among several candidates the magazine was considering as Person of the Century.

In the end, Time chose Albert Einstein as Person of the Century, followed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mohandas Gandhi.

## State school takeover sets experiment in privatization

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia school district on Saturday became the largest ever taken over by a state government, and a new agreement between the governor and mayor set it up to become the nation's biggest experiment in school privatization.

The agreement, announced Friday, paved the way for a private school management company, likely the for-profit Edison Schools Inc., to help run the 210,000-student district and take control of dozens of its worst schools.

Gov. Mark Schweiker and Mayor John F. Street jointly announced the plan following weeks of negotiations on the future of the nation's seventh-largest school system. The state takeover went into effect at 12:01 a.m.

"We want to assure the students of this city we have your best interests at heart," Street said.

The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers said it would challenge the arrangement.

"We will fight any attempt to replace union-wage jobs with minimum-wage jobs," said Ted Kirsch, president of the union. "We will be relentless in our criticism if this deal turns out to be ... a political power grab that leaves kids out of the equation."

Schweiker has argued that bold strokes are needed in a district with a \$216 million budget deficit, low test scores, chronic teacher shortages and crumbling buildings.

Under the agreement, a five-member commission — three members appointed by the governor and two by the mayor — will replace the school board.

The commission will hire a chief executive officer, decide how many schools will be privatized and negotiate contracts with private education companies. Businessman James E. Nevels, who has worked with private management of public schools, was appointed interim chairman.

Schweiker promised the district "a mountain" of new textbooks — one million — along with more teacher training and \$75 million in new state money each year. Street promised an additional \$45 million in city funding, while vowing there would be no new taxes.

"We have a full partnership," Schweiker said. "And to that end, I believe we will give rise to the finest urban school system in the United States."

Last summer, former Gov. Tom Ridge contracted with Edison to conduct a \$2.7 million, two-month study of classroom and financial management within the Philadelphia district.

State officials have since been negotiating with Edison on a contract believed to be worth more than \$100 million. Under Schweiker's latest plan, Edison would be hired to advise the central management of the district and run as many as 45 schools.

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"RUDDOLPH, WITH YOUR NOSE SO BRIGHT...  
 ..WON'T YOU ACT AS ARMED UNDERCOVER SKY MARSHAL ON MY SLEIGH TONIGHT...?"

From our files

**40 years ago**  
 SUNDAY, Dec. 24, 1961. Pampa's city jail will be empty Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. ... Corporation Judge Carubi said Saturday he was granting Christmas amnesty to any prisoners in the city jail.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26, 1961. LEFORS (SPL) — The proposal made by the Gray County Gas Company to the Lefors City Council for higher gas rates has been turned down by the council meeting in a special session.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27, 1961. Pampa's Optimist Club boxers carded three decisions in the open division against a strong team from Clovis, N.M., but found the going pretty rough in the Pee Wee division at the Optimist Club gym.

**25 years ago**  
 THURSDAY, Dec. 23, 1976. Bill Groves, fifth grade teacher at Travis Elementary School, recently received an honorary life membership to Travis PTA.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26, 1976. Joe Clarke of Lefors, Gray County Commissioner for 22 years, will retire Jan. 1.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1976. Pampa broke away from a tie score late in the third quarter to take a 75-65 basketball victory over Albuquerque Manzano in Monday afternoon's first round of the Clovis, N.M., tournament.

**10 years ago**  
 MONDAY, Dec. 23, 1991. Hemphill and Roberts County telephone subscribers will be able to access 9-1-1 emergency service within the next two weeks.

TUESDAY, Dec. 24, 1991. The city of Pampa is down almost 25 percent with this month's sales tax rebate, according to figures released by the State Comptroller's Office.

FRIDAY, Dec. 27, 1991. Pampa received an official two inches of snow during the past 24-hour period — too late for a white Christmas but still welcomed for the extra .44 inch of moisture it added.

**Thought for today**  
 "I love the Christmas-tide, and yet  
 I notice this, each year I live;  
 I always like the gifts I get,  
 But how I love the gifts I give!"  
 — Carolyn Wells

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Where is Uncle Tom's cabin anyway?

It may be common in this part of the country, too, but I know having "aunts" and "uncles" who really aren't kin is commonplace in the South. Usually they are good friends of your parents.

Uncle Tom was one of those. And there were quite a few teen-agers who were friends of his children who called him Uncle Tom, too.

There even was an Uncle Tom's Cabin. It said so in big black Old English letters right across the front of the second story.

At Horseshoe Lake in Arkansas it became one of those directional landmarks. If someone was trying to tell you how to get somewhere out at the lake, it wasn't unusual for them to start, "Do you know where Uncle Tom's Cabin is?"

The only thing about the name was that the apostrophe was in the wrong place. It read, Uncle Tom's Cabin. And, if you knew Uncle Tom, you knew there could only be one.

What happened was that his nephew Philip, who had an artistic bent, was assigned the painting job at the lake house. Philip may have been good at art, but obviously he didn't do so well in English class. Maybe that's why he later got sent off to military school. I don't know. Philip never told me about his classes though he did explain in detail just how walking off demerits on Saturday mornings worked.

My close friend Ramsey has an aunt and uncle who really aren't. Aunt Nelda and Uncle Wesley. They are in their 80s and live in Benton, Ark., my friend's hometown and where he and

**Kate B. Dickson**  
 associate publisher

his partner, Jerry, recently moved.

Ramsey and I met at college and have been fast friends ever since. He's considered part of our family. He and Jerry decided to leave Fort Worth earlier this year ... they'd had enough traffic and big city hot weather. You know, where it is so hot you feel it radiate up from the concrete.

Not too many Sundays ago, a little while after Aunt Nelda came in from church, she decided to go to Wal-Mart. So she pulled the Lincoln from the driveway and left. Uncle Wesley stayed home.

It wasn't too much later that this well-dressed older couple, contemporaries of Uncle Wesley and Aunt Nelda, came by the house. Uncle Wesley greeted them and invited them into the living room, telling them Nelda would be back from Wal-Mart before long. Some of Nelda's church friends, he thought, still dressed in nice church clothes.

Then Uncle Wesley, who is retired from the phone company, went about his business. He's

always mowing or gardening or doing some project or another around the house and yard, though he does take time out to study up on the stock market.

In a little while, Aunt Nelda came back home and asked Uncle Wesley to help her with the Wal-Mart sacks. He did.

Aunt Nelda saw the "cute couple sitting there holding hands" in the living room and spoke to them. One of Wesley's old Army buddies passing through town, she thought, not an unusual occurrence.

So the couple sat. And sat. And sat ... alone in the living room.

"Who are those people?" either Uncle Wesley or Aunt Nelda finally asked the other.

It didn't take long for them to realize that neither knew the "cute couple" in the living room. So, they marched off together to solve the mystery of the hand-holding couple.

A little conversation, then the mystery man spoke up.

"Aren't you the justice of the peace who is supposed to marry us?" the man asked Uncle Wesley.

Well, no, he wasn't. And Aunt Nelda wasn't the witness the couple thought they were waiting on to return.

"You need to drive on down the road a little piece," Uncle Wesley said. "That's where the JP lives."

"They really were," Aunt Nelda said as she related the story to Ramsey. "They really were just the cutest things."

Today in history

**By The Associated Press**

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 1975, Richard S. Welch, the Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Athens, was shot and killed outside his home.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled, round-the-world flight as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

'If God did not want them sheared...'

Congress, which is too busy to pass an economic stimulus program or other parts of the president's agenda, nevertheless found the time to vote itself a third pay raise.

Our valiant senators and congressmen now will make a minimum of \$150,000 a year plus the best set of perks in the solar system. I can't speak for other solar systems or galaxies, as Congress has been downright stingy in funding the space program.

My estimate is that there are no more than about 40 out of 535 who deserve that much. The rest of them are already overpaid. Most of them are mediocre people with mediocre records, both before and after they came to politics. Some are as dumb as a mule. A few are wealthy and were able, in a manner of speaking, to buy their seats. A lot of the wealthy ones are wealthy only because they came down the right chute and landed in a nursery owned by a wealthy family.

We have traveled far, pilgrims, from our humble republican (little r) beginnings. Serving their nation used to involve a financial sacrifice on the part of the politicians. Many of our greatest leaders died poor. It was once thought an honor and, by many, a duty to serve in public office for a time and then return to private life. Today we have professional politicians who intend to cling to the public teat as long as humanly possible.

It is the curse of a free society that we really

**Charley Reese**  
 Syndicated columnist

do get the kind of government we deserve. Not one up there stole into power in the dead of night. They are all there because we voted for them. They stay there because they keep getting re-elected. It makes you wonder, sometimes, why so many people (including me) gripe about government.

The problem is not the money. The problem is that many of these nabobs actually believe that by reason of having been elected by a majority of the turnout of a largely uninformed electorate, they are special people who deserve all their comforts and perks. They get downright huffy when we common folks don't show them proper respect. They remind me of some National Basketball Association players who, instead of thanking God they are being paid millions to play a child's game, spend their time whining and complaining.

It's probably a sign of a decaying society when a position defines the person. A congressman is looked up to because he is a con-

gressman, not because of any personal qualities. People who are on television become celebrities simply because they are on television. And most of them are on television because of their looks, not their brains. A very rich guy is looked up to because he's very rich, even if he got his riches by underhanded means.

It's hard to believe that there was a time when if you ask American schoolchildren to name heroes, many would have said Alexander Bell or Thomas Alva Edison. Today, they mostly name entertainers and politicians. That's probably due to the fact that the American press, the freest from government interference, has become the most superficial and rarely covers either affairs or people of substance. A large majority of Americans today rely on television for their news, which is to say they are addicted to mind candy.

So, after all, maybe it doesn't matter if congressmen and senators pay themselves five times the median income in the United States. They do it because they know they can get away with it. Many of their constituents won't even know it. Others won't care.

This situation — the growing passivity of too many Americans — always reminds me of a line from an old cowboy movie: "It may even be sacrilegious (not to rob the villagers)," a bandit leader says. "If God did not want them sheared, why did he make them sheep?"

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## Prayer given renewed emphasis after attacks

By MATT CURRY  
Associated Press Writer

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The president welcomes two fellow Texans to the White House, calling Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry "courageous souls" saved by prayer during three months in an Afghan prison.

Gov. Rick Perry joins a prayer at an East Texas middle school and later calls for prayer in school to become a topic in his re-election campaign.

Faith is nothing new in Texas, considered the buckle of the Bible Belt because of the influence of evangelical Protestants and their huge, prominent congregations. The Baptist General Convention of Texas is the largest Southern Baptist state convention.

But spirituality is taking on a renewed emphasis after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I think it serves as a reminder. I'm a Christian, and what it does I can't ignore," said Kevin Videtich, a convenience store clerk in Grapevine, north of Fort Worth. "Time is close. I believe God's going to split that sky open, and I'm going to go home."

Many Texans turned to their religious beliefs for comfort after Sept. 11 tragedy.

Nationally, in a Sept. 21-22 Gallup poll, 47 percent said they attended church or synagogue in the previous week, a level rarely seen since the 1950s. By November, Gallup found church attendance had dropped to 42 percent.

The surge was tied to realizations of vulnerability, said Terry York, an

assistant professor of Christian ministry at Baylor University in Waco, the largest Baptist university in the world.

"I noticed in the church where I am a member that the Sunday following Sept. 11, there was an obvious increase in worship attendance. I think it has something to do with the realization that none of us are going to live on this earth and in this flesh forever," York said.

"How long lasting will it be? I'd like to think in an instant that it was a national revival, but I doubt it," he said.

The Rev. Robert Crilley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine, saw the Sunday after Sept. 11 as something of a "national memorial service."

"I don't know a pastor whose church wasn't packed," he said.

"Sitting at home just didn't seem right."

Since the attacks, Crilley said, it has become apparent that people are reordering their lives.

"I think what it has done is tended to force you to look at your life and reprioritize what's really important," he said. "You know you've got a good job, but if it takes me away from my family for 80 to 90 hours a week, what am I working for?"

York said he believes another legacy from Sept. 11 is increased tolerance for people of other faiths.

Attacks on Muslim-Americans were widely condemned, with government and religious leaders declaring Islam a religion of peace and an inappropriate target for retribution.

Interfaith services brought together people of various religions to mourn the victims and unite them in patriotism.

"It helps us deal with our own hatred of the Taliban if we express some type of love or concern for our neighbors who are Muslims," York said.

Meanwhile, the prayer-in-school debate, long a hot topic in Texas, was re-energized.

The Rev. David Johnson, president of the Greater Palestine Ministerial Alliance, cited divine intervention after Perry joined a prayer at a Palestine middle school.

"We believe God opened the door, and we are going to walk through it," said Johnson, part of a campaign calling for a silent "moment of meditation" in Palestine schools.

But for some, the governor's taking part in the prayer during a school assembly sparked concerns that church and state separation may be on the ropes.

"There's a long history of blurring in the state of Texas," said Will Harrell, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1963 that public school prayer violated the U.S. Constitution. Last year, in a Texas case, the high court ruled against student-led prayer at football games. Perry disagreed with the ruling.

Critics have suggested that the governor used the Palestine event for political gain.

Harrell said Perry simply made an honest mistake — another sign of the times.

"In this intense time in which we're living, people tend to step over lines that they forget existed," he said. "Once they realize those errors, they step right back."

## Breakfast with Santa



(Courtesy photo)

Santa and his elves (left-right) Colby Smith, Alicia Kirkwood, Katie Kirkpatrick, Jessica Wagner and Brittany Taylor made an appearance during "Breakfast with Santa," a fund-raiser held recently at St. Matthews Episcopal Church to benefit Shepherd's Helping Hands. Not pictured: Janelle Jennings.

## Christmas cards can brighten holidays

By MELISSA MARTINEZ  
El Paso Times

EL PASO — Thirty-four cents can't buy much, but during the holiday season that pocket change can bring as much cheer into a home as Santa does on Christmas morning.

Like twinkling lights, greetings cards are displayed on mantels, doorways and tabletops to spread holiday cheer.

During the holidays, El Paso resident Sylvia Hernandez eagerly awaits the arrival of greeting cards from family and friends.

"It's a beautiful thing to receive all those cards," Hernandez said at the Downtown post office.

Displaying the cards is part of fun of receiving them. Though cards can be just set on a table, many home-decor items — card holders in the shape of wreaths, for example — are available for creative displays.

Hernandez said she always sends many cards each year and plans to mail just as many this Christmas. The mailed-anthrax scares will not deter her, she said.

Both the postal and greeting-card industry feared Americans would avoid the 100-year-old greeting-card tradition, but recent sales indicate that may not happen.

"Greeting-card-industry research bears out what I've felt all along: Americans will continue to share best wishes through the mail this holiday season with family and friends," Postmaster General Jack Potter said. "Exchanging holiday greeting cards connects family and friends during these complex times."

Various national surveys also indicate that Americans want to keep in touch with family and friends more than ever after the Sept. 11 attacks. Times of war and recession generally reflect a boost in greeting-card sales, said Laurie Henrichsen, spokeswoman for American Greetings.

"Cards are a communication vehicle, a way to connect and express emotions to family," she said.

Almost 2 billion greeting cards will be sent during the holidays, industry experts estimate.

The Greeting Card Association commissioned a survey that indicated 90 percent of Americans plan to send the same number of cards as or more than they did last year. More than 85 percent said they were not worried about handling personal mail.

Times of stress seem to be when people most want to hold on to tradition, said Deidre Parkes, a spokeswoman for Hallmark.

"Sending cards is a tradition of the holiday season," Parkes said. "Traditions are comforting to people, and it's more important now than ever."

Budgets are tight in the midst of the recession, and a card is seen as an acceptable form of gift, Parkes said.

"If they don't have the money to

buy a present, they can at least send a card and say they're thinking of them," she said. "That's what people really want — to know someone is thinking of them."

Many holiday greeting cards this year reflect a patriotic flair. One Hallmark's card depicts a snowman waving a U.S. flag; inside, the message reads "God bless America!"

Both American Greetings and Hallmark produced the holiday patriotic cards in record time for the season. The production of a greeting card typically takes from a year to a year and a half.

And the patriotic cards are among the top sellers. Earlier this month, they were the third-best-selling category, Parkes said.

American Greetings created the America Forever card line, which will benefit the American Red Cross. The Red Cross also has its own holiday cards for sale. All cards benefiting charities are expected to be popular options this year

The Children's Art Project at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston is in its 28th year of producing its now-famous greeting cards.

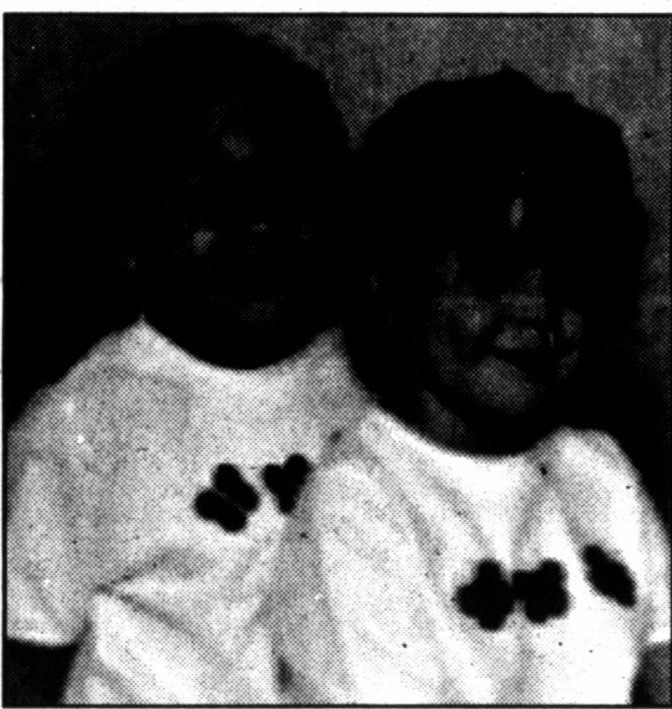
The project benefits hospital programs for children who have cancer. It has returned \$14.2 million to the children's programs so far, said Gail Goodwin, spokeswoman for the Children's Art Project. This year's greeting-card collection includes 44 designers.

The project also includes various stationery products, sterling silver jewelry, neckties, tote bags, T-shirts and calendars.

"I think it's the sense that it's a gift that keeps on giving," Goodwin said. "It's more than just buying a card to send to your friend, which is special in itself. It's the fact that by doing this, you're also helping a child who is ill."

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## Reindeer helpers



(Courtesy photo)

McKinli Thomas and Madison Myers recently visited residents of Pampa Nursing Center dressed as a couple of Santa's reindeer. Distributing presents and goodies, the reindeer ("Dancer" and "Prancer") also helped decorate the front door of the nursing center.

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# Texas in 2001: From Allison to Andrea Yates to Armey

By **BETSY BLANEY**  
Associated Press Writer

When Texas Gov. George W. Bush was sworn in as America's 43rd president in January, authorities in his home state were searching for seven escaped prisoners accused of killing a police officer.

Now President Bush leads the nation in an even larger manhunt — for terrorists connected to the Sept. 11 attacks.

In Texas, hundreds of U.S. Army reservists were called to active duty and National Guard troops began patrolling the state's airports. Security guards at sporting events dug through purses and task forces explored ways to make the state more secure.

Six convicts who fled the Connally Unit in South Texas Dec. 13, 2000, were back behind bars, nabbed in Colorado, and a seventh had committed suicide before the first month of 2001 had concluded.

Ringleader George Rivas was sentenced to death in August for

murdering Irving officer Aubrey Hawkins during the Christmas Eve robbery at a sporting goods store. The remaining escapees await capital murder trials.

Meanwhile, other stories dominated Texas headlines: torrential rains of Tropical Storm Allison, the tumbling of an energy-trading giant and the deaths of several children at the hands of their parents.

"It was a big year for serious news and it was a big year for not-so-serious news," said Evan Smith, editor of Texas Monthly. "It's always interesting in Texas."

In June, more than 30 inches of rain from Allison killed 23 people and caused \$5 billion in damage to southeast Texas. The floodwaters that made Allison the costliest tropical storm in U.S. history devastated Houston's Texas Medical Center, destroying or leaving in doubt years of study about cancer, AIDS, childhood diseases, cardiovascular disease and gene therapy.

In the same month, a Houston woman called police to her home

and told an officer: "I killed my kids." Police found five drowned children: the oldest 7, the youngest 6 months. Andrea Pia Yates, 37, with a history of psychological problems, faces a possible death sentence if convicted of capital murder at a trial set to begin in January.

Another parent, Dallas accountant John Battaglia, 45, faces a similar fate if convicted of the May shooting deaths of his 6- and 9-year-old daughters, killed while he talked on the telephone with his ex-wife.

Similar cases were reported in Lufkin, Lubbock, Highland Park and Katy.

Four days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and with the state and nation on edge, eight people were killed when the midsection of the Queen Isabella Causeway, South Padre Island's link to the mainland, collapsed. A tug boat pulling four barges slammed into a bridge support, sending vehicles tumbling 85 feet into Laguna Madre. The causeway underwent \$4.3 million in repairs and reopened in late November.

San Antonio's Kelly Air Force Base, the oldest continuously operating air force base in the country, did not survive military cutbacks, closing in July with a formal ceremony and lowering of the flag.

In a contrived tale of survival, Colby Donaldson brought worldwide attention to the West Texas town of Christoval in May when he lost a \$1 million prize by finishing second in the television show, "Survivor: The Australian Outback."

After years of wondering, Texans saw one mystery solved and encountered a new one. Skeletal remains of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two family members were discovered in March in a shallow grave on a remote Hill Country ranch. David Waters, who led authorities to the remains, confessed to having masterminded the three slayings in 1995 and was sentenced to 20 years for extortion.

The new mystery involved a man who had been presumed dead for 17 years. The Rev. James Simmons surfaced in January with a different name after being recognized at a predominantly

gay and lesbian church in Dallas. Simmons turned out to be Barre Cox, who claimed amnesia had robbed him of his memory of a wife, an infant daughter and his life as a youth minister at a prominent San Antonio church in 1984.

Though no police or hospital records have been found to confirm his account, Simmons claimed he had been badly beaten and left in the trunk of a car in Memphis, Tenn. Widespread media attention cast doubt about his story. He now is a pastor in Garland.

The state lost two high-profile Texans in 2001. Henry Wade, whose 35-year career included the murder trial of Jack Ruby and the landmark abortion case Roe vs. Wade, died in March at 86. In November, Mary Kay Ash, whose namesake cosmetics company made her one of the most famous women in American business, died at her Dallas home. She was 83.

Two large businesses that call Texas home faced changes as one expanded and the other crashed.

In April, American Airlines acquired most of the assets of Trans World Airlines for \$500 million, creating the world's largest carrier. After losing two jets in the World Trade Center attack, American announced it was laying off at least 20,000 employees. The airline suffered another loss last month when one of its jets crashed in Queens, N.Y., shortly after takeoff.

Houston's Enron Corp., which began the year in the Fortune 500's top 10 with shares trading higher than \$80, ended it with the

once-mighty energy trader in bankruptcy and its stock worth less than \$1.

The stock slide turned into free fall after October when huge earnings losses were made public. A would-be savior, smaller rival Dynegy Inc., bailed out of an \$8.4 billion buyout. Enron's collapse, which led to more than 4,000 layoffs and depleted retirement accounts of thousands of others, is the subject of numerous investigations.

In Texas' judicial system, it looked like the state would produce the first civil judgment in the hundreds of lawsuits against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. for possibly faulty tires on Ford Explorers. But in August, as a McAllen federal jury began a fourth day of deliberations, the parties reached a settlement.

On the criminal side, Oklahoma topped Texas as the country's leader in executions. Oklahoma put 18 to death in 2001, one more than Texas, which the previous year led the nation with a record-setting 40 lethal injections.

One high-profile execution that didn't take place involved convicted killer Johnny Paul Perry, whose death sentence was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in June because a jury lacked clear instructions on how to weigh his mental condition. About two weeks later, Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a bill that would have banned the execution of mentally retarded death row inmates, saying the state already has numerous safeguards in place to protect them.

The governor vetoed 79 bills on June 17, so many that some law-

makers called it the "Father's Day Massacre." Among the record 82 vetoes were a bill that would have restructured the state's Medicaid program and another that would have required the State Board of Education to get outside advice when investing a \$20 billion school trust fund.

Perry's vetoes came after a legislative session that included passage of a hate crimes bill that strengthens penalties for offenses against minorities and another that provides access for convicts to state-paid DNA testing that could exonerate them.

Perry signed both bills into law. In the Legislature's aftermath and after a rough round of redistricting, Republicans prevailed in the once-a-decade redrawing of congressional and state legislative boundaries. Texas gained two additional congressional seats — bringing the delegation to 32 — because of population growth.

State and federal courts handled congressional redistricting because the Texas Legislature failed to get the job done. Legislators also failed to pass any legislative redistricting plans, so the state's five-member, GOP-controlled Legislative Redistricting Board took control. A federal court upheld most of the new districts, which could give Republicans the edge in both the House and Senate.

On the national political scene, two Texas Republican heavyweights decided to call it quits. U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm and House Majority Leader Dick Armey announced they would not seek re-election.




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**Community Day Care Center Carolers**



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Community Day Care Center recently went caroling at First American Bank, spreading the holiday cheer in song. Above: (back row) Dalton Birks, Macy Reed, Erika Spenee, Jaycee Preston, Treyton Perry, Gabby Solis, Christian Leith; (middle row) Camron Beesley, Walker Kennedy, Chancie King; (front row) Leblentha Johnson, Caleb Patrick, Kaylan Smith, Marcy Wilson, Natalie Galaviez, Cheyanna Spence, Austin Hendrick, Weston Hendrick, Andrea Cotter, Tanner Swanny and Mackenzy Milburn. The children were accompanied by teachers Tabitha Winkler, Joyce Velasquez, Ginger Alexander and Keisha Patrick.



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**AAF establishes fund to aid families of area servicemen and women**

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Foundation (AAF), recently announced a new charitable "Families for Freedom Fund" to provide emergency financial support for Texas Panhandle military families currently without a wage earner due to deployment in the military.

The Amarillo Executive Women civic club made an initial charitable contribution to the foundation to establish the fund, a new Advise and Consult Fund of the AAF. Others are now being encouraged to consider charitable contributions to further build the fund which was designed to provide small grants to help support families facing unique financial emergencies or hardships while a member of the family has

been deployed to defend their country. "The Foundation and Amarillo Executive Women are providing a way for area citizens to do what they can to assist those families with emergency needs." AAF will manage the newly formed fund and approves each family grant that is made. Every dollar donated will be used to

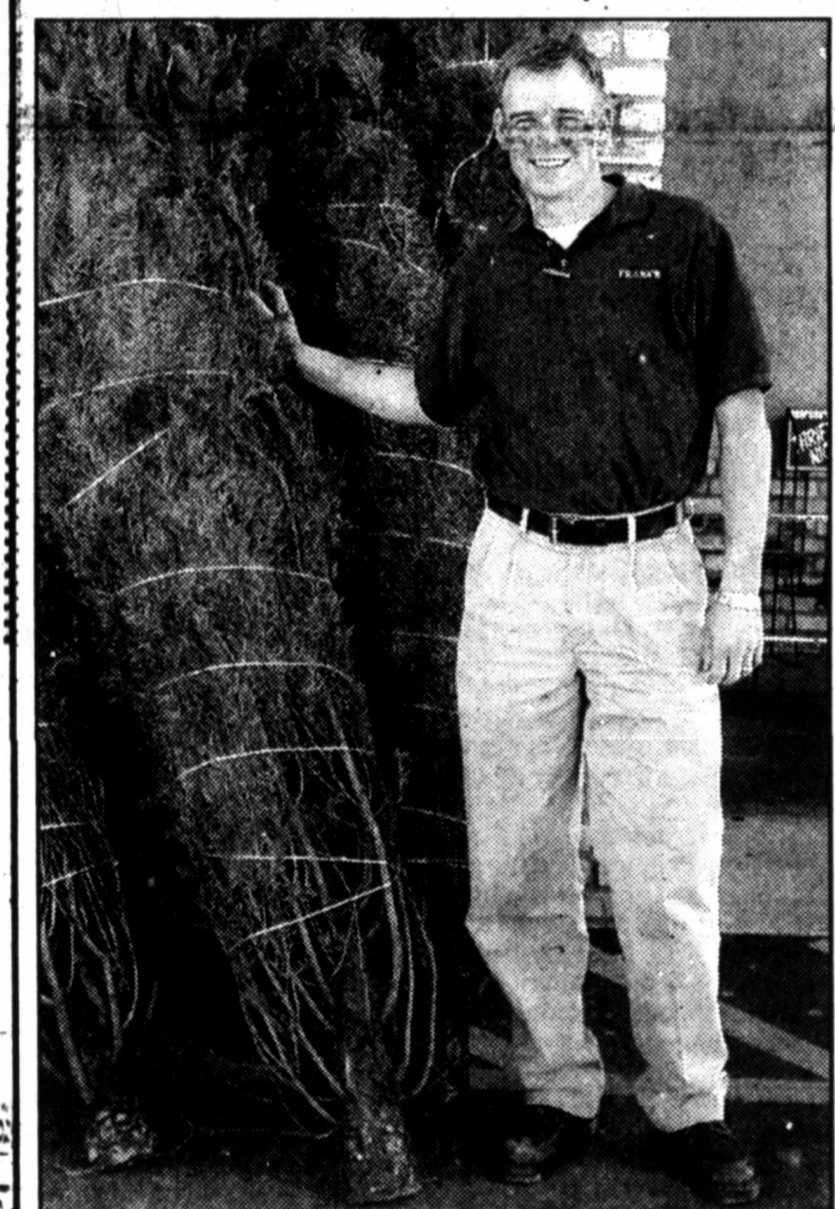
support area families. As an Advise and Consult Fund of AAF, principle and income may be distributed in grants to families that qualify. No management or administrative fees will be charged, a general policy regarding all AAF funds. To make a contribution to Families for Freedom Fund, mail checks to: Families for Freedom Fund, c/o Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Ste. 700, Amarillo TX 79101.

Military family members needing more information are advised to continue procedures already in place to assist all military families — call their local Red Cross to seek Armed Forces Emergency Services. Amarillo's ARC will process each request and AAF will then see grant funds are made available to qualifying families.

To contact Amarillo's American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Center toll-free, call 1-866-792-9296.

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**Ten-tree give-away**



(Courtesy photo)

Jeff Stephens of Franks Thriftway, 300 E. Brown, shows off Christmas trees awarded recently during a 10-tree holiday give-away. The lucky recipients were: Barbara Sparks, Reyna Castillo, Suzanna Grajeda, Enriqueta Soto, Christina Cook, Wilma Helms, Ray Carter, Irma Martell, Susan Wessner and Celia Armendaiz.

**Lilac bush fooled by area's unseasonably warm weather**

Gardeners rejoice! For some weeks, I had a secret. If you promise not to tell, I'll spill the beans.

A few weeks ago, I drove by Watson's Garden Center. Among the blowing ashes and scorched siding, I spotted a flurry of activity. Feeling right at home, I stepped gingerly through the burned debris.

I spotted the prey — my former boss. And he better have an explanation for the swarming commotion. He did.

We tromped through the rubble to his temporary office. Held in place by stones, a huge slab of papers on his desk brought tears to my eyes.

The papers, meticulously drawn, contained the plans for a new garden center. As I peered at the drawings, the paper buildings came alive. In my imagination, the greenhouse supports dripped with heavy asparagus ferns, shocking pink petunias and magenta ivy geraniums.

Gentle winds blew the shimmering cottonwood leaves. Wisteria twined across the greenhouse, the purple blooms hanging in great clusters. Tightly knotted rosebuds withheld their perfume. Privets, hawthorns and hollies glistened from the morning dew.

Rousted from my mental wanderings, Kirk and I walked among the trees unscathed by the fire. How they had grown during the summer. The purple robe locusts, 20-feet tall, promise quite a show in the spring.

Miracles do rise from the ashes. A few wandering thoughts and pet news:

The weather has been gorgeous! I would like to slap my lilac bush back to reality. The silly thing is trying to bud. Every day I



**Kathy Davis**  
**GARDEN WISE**

remind the bush that it is winter.

Sophie, my silly parrot, is now a talking bird. Boggles my mind that she can actually speak. I've always wished my animals would talk to me. Be careful of what you wish. Her favorite food is pasta with a side order of toast.

For all the readers of this column, I appreciate your overwhelming response. Thank you for your comments and contributions.

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## Texas Comptroller posts monthly sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2001. The Comptroller sent \$217.8 million to cities and counties, up 5 percent compared to December 2000.

Texas cities received \$200.6 million in sales tax revenue, up 4.7 percent compared to December 2000. Texas counties received \$17.2 million, up 9.5 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller also delivered \$74.5 million to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$7.8 million was paid to 66 special purpose districts.

December sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.3 billion, up 1.6 percent compared to a year ago.

December's sales tax rebates bring the total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2001 to \$4

billion, an increase of 4 percent compared to \$3.8 billion in sales tax allocations in 2000.

In 2001, Texas cities received \$2.6 billion in sales tax rebates, a 5.2 percent increase compared to 2000. Counties received \$221.8 million, a 4.4 percent increase over 2000. Sales tax rebates to six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments totaled \$993.6 million, up 0.5 percent compared to 2000. Special purpose districts received \$97.9 million in sales tax revenue in 2001, an increase of 8 percent compared to last year.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocation/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocation/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.



## Middle School collects 2,975 cans in food drive

Pampa Middle School completed its annual food drive to help the Salvation Army provide food for needy families in Pampa.

The goal was to collect 2,001 cans from the students and faculty at Pampa Middle School. This goal was surpassed, and 2,975 cans were collected. The students brought the food to their homerooms where it was collected and counted before being recorded on a big chart in the main hall by the office. The cans were then taken to barrels set up by the cafeteria for display under the Christmas Tree Poster.

A contest was held between grades and between homerooms in each grade. Sixth grade won extra time at lunch after the holidays. Winning homerooms received certificates, coke parties, popcorn and cookies.

The grand-prize, a pizza party, was donated by the Salvation Army.

The winner was Mrs. Vigil's sixth grade homeroom where 18 students brought 326 cans. The seventh grade winner was Mrs. Abbe's homeroom with 389 cans collected; the eighth grade and Mrs. Cotter's 17-student homeroom collected 124 cans while Ms. Loter's mixed homeroom, consisting of 10 students, collected 100 cans.

Every homeroom collecting 200 percent won a certificate and 300 percent a coke party. The winner in each grade won popcorn, and the overall winner won cookies. The certificates, popcorn and cookies were provided by the Student Council. The students provided their own cokes, and the Salvation Army provided the Pizza.



(Courtesy photos)

Top left: Pampa Middle School recently collected 2,975 cans for the Salvation Army Food Drive. Pictured are the class presidents from the homerooms winning the contest and the Middle School Mayor and Vice-mayor; (back row) Nicole Fornuk, Mrs. Cotter's eighth grade (124 cans); Mayra Hernandez, Mayor; Krissie Alexander, Vice-mayor; (front row) Maegan Patterson, Mrs. Abbe's seventh grade (389 cans); Krishna Henderson, Mrs. Vigil's sixth grade (326 cans). Top right: Vice-mayor Krissie Alexander and Mayor Mayra Hernandez stand next to the chart that shows the middle school food drive "blew the top off" the goal of 2,001 cans. Bottom, right: Mrs. Vigil's sixth grade homeroom won the food drive contest with the largest percentage of cans collected. Pictured: (front row) Kevin Kirkham, Stephanie Jasso, Arlene Puentes, Daniel Valdez, and Chris Boren; (middle row) Ashlee Winkleblack, Tyler Dodson, Heather Dalrymple, Eduardo Mendoza, and Evelin Castillo (back row) Mrs. Vigil, Krishna Henderson - homeroom president, Meleah Parr, Lilian Vargas, George Albear, and Kelly Turk.

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## PPHM to host photographic exhibit by Dumas native

CANYON — On Jan. 15, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will open a photographic study of the High Plains. The exhibit, appropriately titled, is "Flat Places" and

includes 60 black-and-white photos by Dumas native George Tuck, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

On his 10,000-mile trek throughout the Great Plains, Tuck was often asked why he would want to shoot pictures of flat places? In answer to that question, Tuck reveals the

symbiotic relationship between agriculture and petroleum, the never-ending skies that seem to abound in flat places, flat parade grounds outside old military forts, bare cottonwood trees reflected in a river next to a Mormon trail campsite, frost-covered trees against a winter sky and more, through

the lens of his camera.

"While I was growing up in Dumas, on the High Plains of the Texas Panhandle, I became aware of the subtle differences of light playing across the textured land and the endless variations of the 'big sky' that always amaze visitors. In 1998, I returned to photograph what I consider my 'stomping grounds,' the flat lands that run from Texas through Nebraska," states Tuck.

Photographs in the exhibit reflect the quiet beauty that abounds in the High Plains, especially in the patterns of the land, the sky and dramatic clouds. Tuck photographs interesting people of the area, along with the landscapes.

According to Martha Kennedy, immediate past curator of the Great Plains Art Collection, "The photographer treats classic themes such as cattle branding, trading horses, cultivating crops, and small town life, with an informed and sensitive eye. In addition to people typically encountered in the rural plains, he also focuses on less familiar figures — those who drill for oil, for example, or operate grain elevators, or repair railroad tracks in bitter cold. In addition, he has taken time to talk with these people and his understanding informs his carefully framed images."

The exhibit will be featured in the Alexander Gallery of the Museum through Nov. 15, 2002.

## Dallas firm selected to design fine arts complex at university

CANYON — West Texas A&M University officials recently announced that HLM Design of Dallas has been selected to design its new \$30 million Fine Arts Complex.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approved the selection of HLM Design during a meeting in College Station.

Gary Barnes, WTAMU vice president for business and finance, said the design phase of the project is expected to take 9-12 months, with groundbreaking anticipated approximately a year from now.

The Fine Arts Complex will be funded through \$23 million in state appropriations, with other funding coming from the

University, donations, grants and other sources.

The Fine Arts Complex will house programs presently being delivered in the Fine Arts Building that was constructed in 1959.

In its 39-year history, HLM Design has completed projects in more than 80 cities, 19 states and 12 countries, including many facilities designed specifically for higher education.

In other business, the Board also gave WTAMU authority to continue planning efforts for a doctoral degree in agriculture, a doctoral degree in instructional technology and a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.



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the birth of Christ  
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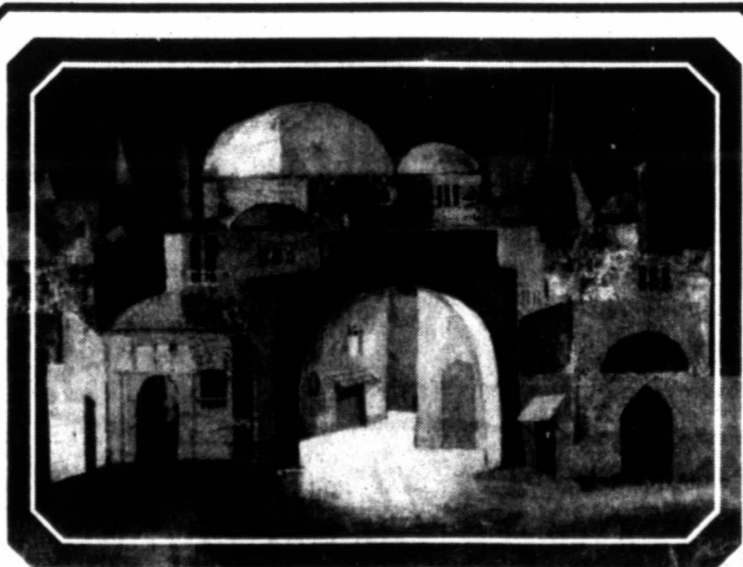
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Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students at Skellytown Elementary School recently visited Bank of America in Pampa and sang Christmas carolers. Above: (front row, left-right) Emily Banks, Hunter McNeeley, Aspen White, Hunter Hall, McKenna Tull, Jacob Clifton, Meghan Collier; (middle row) Falon Canaday, Dillon Helfer, Chato Rivera, Alexis Nambo, Kullen Bridwell, Tisney Swanson, Josiah Lymburner; Kota Dillard; (back row) Mikah Tice, Dusty Barrow, Cesilia Nambo, C.J. Annett, Dakota Wilson, Kolton Boaz and Cody Brown.

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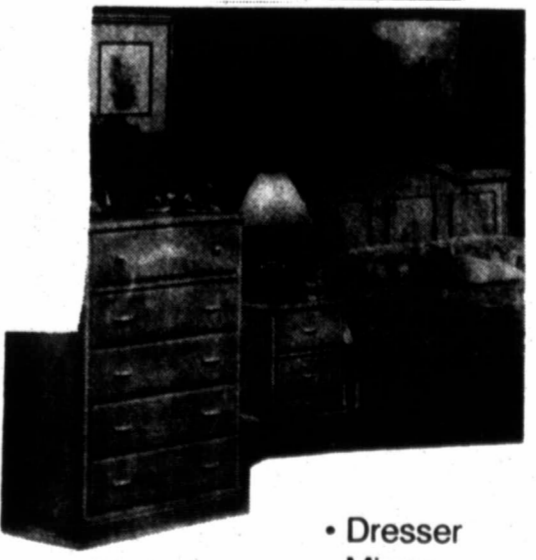
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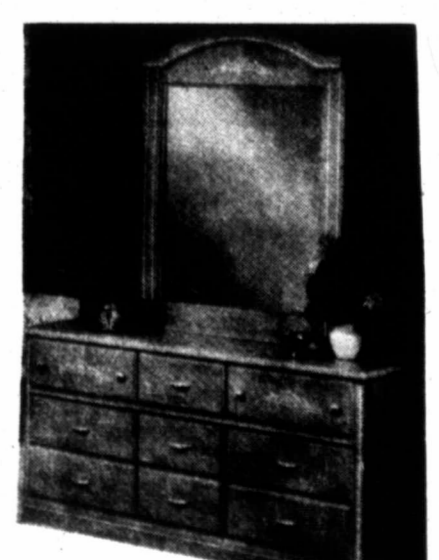
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

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

### PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

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

### TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

### BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA

program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

### PAMPA ROTARY CLUB

Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

### PAMPA CITIZENS PATROL ASSOCIATION

Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

### PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

### PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

### PAMPA GARDEN CLUB

Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

### WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

### FREEDOM MUSEUM

Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

### MIRACLE EAR

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

### HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

### TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP

Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs

are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

## Upcoming Events

### CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS DISPLAY

Through Dec. 31, Celebration of Lights will be open from 6-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 6-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday at Recreation Park. Several new displays have been added — a Wizard of Oz, an American flag and stars, a hippo and elephant playing tennis and a reindeer playing football. Donations will be accepted at the gate or by mail. The address is: Celebration of Lights, Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79065.

### 'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

### HOLIDAY HERO BLOOD DRIVE

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will conduct a "Holiday Hero Blood Drive" from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard, in Pampa. For more information, call 358-4563. Each donor will receive a special "Holiday Hero" shirt for their contribution.

### WOMEN IN BLACK

The Peace Farm in Amarillo is sponsoring a 30-minute, silent candle-light "Women in Black" vigil at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 28 at the Community Holiday Tree at 5th and Buchanan in Amarillo. For more information or in case of bad weather, call (806) 335-1715.

### PACS

Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance will be held from 8-11 p.m., Dec. 29 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with music by Mike Porter. Bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

### TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW

Top O' Texas Livestock Show will be held Jan. 4-6 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

### AGGIE MOTHERS' CLUB

Amarillo Aggie Mothers' Club will host its Annual Family Night Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church gym, 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Billy Hobbs, former Tascosa High School football great, All-American linebacker at Texas A&M and pro with the Philadelphia Eagles and New Orleans Saints. Hobbs is now serving as executive director of Faith City Mission. The event will be catered by Hoffbrau Steak House. Cost will be \$7 per person. RSVP by Dec. 29 by calling Connie Boudreaux at (806) 622-3436 or Gerry Pachulski at (806) 356-8529.

### GRAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County 4-H Livestock Show is in the offing Jan. 12 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

### GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County Livestock Show will be staged Jan. 17-19 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

### PCCA CONCERT

Pampa Community Concert Association will present "Rhythm Kings" Jan. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler; Pampa; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 16, Miami School, Miami; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Jan. 23, Groom School, Groom; 1-3:30 p.m., Jan. 23, McLean School, McLean; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., City Hall, Canadian.

### HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 5 and 26, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.



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# Santa Letters

To: Santa Clause  
North Pole 85921

Dear Santa,  
To santa deer santa how are you i am fine for christmas i want some barbie dolls and a barbie radio and a dvd movie with the pover puff girl i love you santa to sataclos from jazmyn hair  
—Jazmyn Hair, 6

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like leap frog, scooter wheels, a new dress doll, yellow doll blanket shoes-clothes, Blopens, green TV, clear phone, Barbie cash reg., Legos, easy-bakeoven.  
—Lindsay Garmon, 7

Dec. 13, 2001  
Dear Santa, I want a E-Kara and magnetic earrings. I have been good so far and I made a sticker on my folder last week. I just can't last until Christmas and what kind of cookies do you like?  
—Kara May Stabel

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing I hope you are having fun I want a snowboard please and a pair of skis. Please get me some shoes that have wheels. For my mom a ring aring with lots of diamonds bring my dad some new handcuffs bring my dog's a new chewtoy for my cats a scrachpost  
—Zirix Nix, 8

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old. I am in 1st grade at Lamar School. I have been very good. Please bring me an air snares, an art set, a Hot Wheels Fire Ball. I will leave you milk and cookies.  
—Zachery Andrew Wolfe, 6

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait till you come with your reindeer. For Christmas I want a teddy bear and gameboy

games, playstation.games. I also want some books. I want a race car. And the most inportent thing I want is for my family to be together.  
—Kaci Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I will be 15 months old by the time you get here. My mother and daddy and my brother have been trying to tell me all about you, but I still don't quite understand. What I do know is great! There's lots of red and green and sparkly stuff everywhere and even a tree growing in our living room! And what fun it is to pull all those paper things off the boxes.  
Anyway, you can bring me any toy that has buttons to push and a new baby doll and musical toys and even a few stuffed animal things. Please bring my mother and daddy and Taylor anything you would like them to have, too. You be sure to drop in on my Papa Arvie and Grandma Betty and Grandma Garmon, too. They are real special!  
—Amanda Garmon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Caden Lin Engle. I am 4-years-old. I want a Dallas Cowboy Football suit for Christmas. Thank you for my train set that you brought me last year. I have been good and bad, but my mom says not too bad for a little boy. I hope I get to see your reindeer. My brother, Cole, wants an Air Hockey table and nothing else. Goodbye, that's all I want to say.  
—Cade Engle, 4

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my Game boy that I got last year. this year I want a Air hockey table. my brother whants a Dallas Cowboy suit. what kind of milk do you want? Chocolate, strawberry, or plain.  
—Cole Engle, 8  
PS. what kind of cookies do you want?

Dear Santa,  
My name is Danielle Rae Wall. I am 9-years-old. I would like to get these things for Christmas:  
1. Bicycle  
2. Lil' Miss executive set  
3. Baby stroller with car set  
4. bank with me barbie  
5. leap frog twistit(spelling)  
Thank you so much.  
—Danielle Rae Wall, 9

Dear Santa,  
Please bring mckinli a doll, barbie car and barbie dolls  
—McKinli Thomas, 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Santa doll and reindeer doll.  
I will leave cookies and milk.  
—Madison Myers, 5

Dear Santa,  
My name is Shelby Broaddus, and I am 7-years-old.  
I would like a new bike, a new twin doll stroller, two twin dolls, and some new CDs, and some

clothes would be okay, also. I hope all your reindeers are getting rested up for the long trip. Be care. PS. I have been pretty good this year.  
—Shelby Broaddus, 7

Dear Santa,  
This is from Eric and Mommy. I would like to have a new big guy bike with a bell, a new blankie, turbo man like on the movie, a bad guy, and some toys. My dogs Jake and Noodle want a new bone. Be careful.  
—Eric Hendrickson, 4

Dear Mr. S.C.,  
how's the North Pole kinda chille L.O.L. any way all I want is a dell computer and clothes and the best one for last, Bless America Please  
—Amy Silva

Dear Mr. Santa,  
This is my list diva star, Harry Potter books, pokemon cards, computer games, tekno cats, dogs, last but not lease some more Jurassic Park dinosaurs  
—Miranda Davis  
PS. I have a 2-year-old sister named Ashton will you Please give her every thing you got me than she won't take mine thank again

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, blue please, and a red race car. Hope you've had a good yr. I've been a good boy and so has my baby brother Andrew. Could you please bring him some rattles and things. I'll leave cookies and milk. I'm 4-yrs.-old.  
—Christopher Stilwell

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are your elves doing? I hope none of your elves get sick. Will you please get me a playstation with 2 controls and a football cd? Will you please get me a 4 wheel-er? Thank you for not for geting me.  
—Jacob Tidwell

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ryan Lee Damron. I've tried to be a good boy, how are you doing with your rain deers? I want a T-Shirt it is green with a bike on it and my brother want's a pate ball gun. I will leve cookies and milk and I feed your rain deers  
—Ryan Lee Damron

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus doing? I'm very excited because I might see you. I only want some stuff, will you please bring me some skating shoes I will leave some cookise. Thanks  
—Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I want a bear bag with yellow stars and a red bear bag. And I want a real puppy and a fake Rudolph and a fake pink butterfly (and red and purple, too!)  
I love you.  
—Mattie Eldridge

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I'm Hannah. I really like your reindeer and your shows on TV. I came and sat on your lap, but I got a little scared, but I'm not anymore. Sissy and I will leave some cookies and milk for you and cheese.  
Please bring me some candy, toys, boots, socks, train, and I like dinosaur stories. If you can, bring us a baby doll, too — we've been very good girls, but you know that. Tell everyone about, Happy Birthday Jesus.  
—Hannah, 2

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I'm Leslie, remember I came and sat on your lap for a picture? Sister ate my cookie for me, but thank you anyway. I'm almost 9-months-old now, and I would like some flashy bright light vibrating toys, socks, shoes and a sippy cup. I have lots of hair, so please bring Mommy some hair ideas and Daddy some sugars cause sister and I get them all. God bless you.  
—Leslie, 9 months

Dear Santa,  
I'm a sweet boy (at least that's what everyone tells me!) This is my first Christmas, so I know I am going to have fun!  
Please bring me a little Harley like my Dad's and some noisy toys to play with. My dog, Casper, needs a new chew toy and my cousin, Garrett, needs some trucks.  
I love you, Santa!  
—Logan Scott Wood, 4 months

Dear Santa,  
My mom and dad said I've been a good boy ... not bad for a 2-year-old! I'd really like a train and some "Bob the Builder" toys, a little TV to watch "Bob" and "Shrek." Don't forget my dog, Sadie, and my new little cousin, baby Logan.  
Sadie likes everything, and Logan likes Winnie the Pooh. I will be in Pampa at my Nana and Papa's house for Christmas.  
I love you, Santa!  
—Garrett Wood, 2  
Round Rock, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a slithering snake, an Electronic T-rex, and a cork gun. I really would like a Motor Scooter

and game boy. I want Rudolph the red nose Reindeer. I mean the real reindeer; I like you. I want to see you Thank you.  
—Jared Miner, 6

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I want to give you a hug and give Rudolph a hug from me. I want an electronic tractor that picks up rocks.  
—Joshua Miner, 4

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elves doing at the North Pole? I wish I could see Mrs. Claus and your reindeer. Can you please bring me a poochie dog and my sister a poochie dog too? Thank you.  
—Yelitzta Anguiano

Dare Santa,  
My name is Aries and my sister name is ALisa We will like same toy's and colus to. I will like blue dog and Pokymon to. My size in colus 4 in shirt and in pans s bay. Sis like my littil pethy and baby doll. She is 2T or 3T in shirt, pans to. Mom is good to so pless do not forget us.  
—Aries and Alisa Villarreal

Dear Santa,  
I know your not comeng if I'm

not good. My name is Brandon Michael Gage and I have been good. I would like a rainbow art set and a cyborg city.  
—Brandon Michael Gage, 5

Dear Santa,  
I want a lime green computer-a cd (music) a Play Station  
A vcr  
A movie  
A helmet  
A scooter  
A baby doll  
A Barbie cash register  
A collectible Barbie  
—Alison


Dear Santa,  
I've been a very good boy this year for you. I would like a few special things for Christmas. I want a Pokemon game, a Game Boy Advanced, a new Power Wheels go-cart because I have a new sister who might want to ride on it, a big boy bicycle and remote control big truck.  
My baby sister wants some baby dolls and some baby clothes. I will leave you lots of milk and cookies by the fireplace.  
I love you, Santa.  
—Dannon and Jaydin Rickles

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**Newborn**



**Emma Rilee Swint**

Lindsey Swint of Pampa gave birth to a baby girl, Emma Rilee Swint, at 12:02 a.m., Dec. 11, 2001, at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.  
Baby Emma weighed 3 pounds 7 ounces and was 16 1/2-inches in length.  
She is the granddaughter of David and Kim Murtishaw of Pampa, the great-granddaughter of Vergil and Emmie Burks of Weatherford, Okla., and is the niece of Colt Cox, Adam Murtishaw and Ann Murtishaw.

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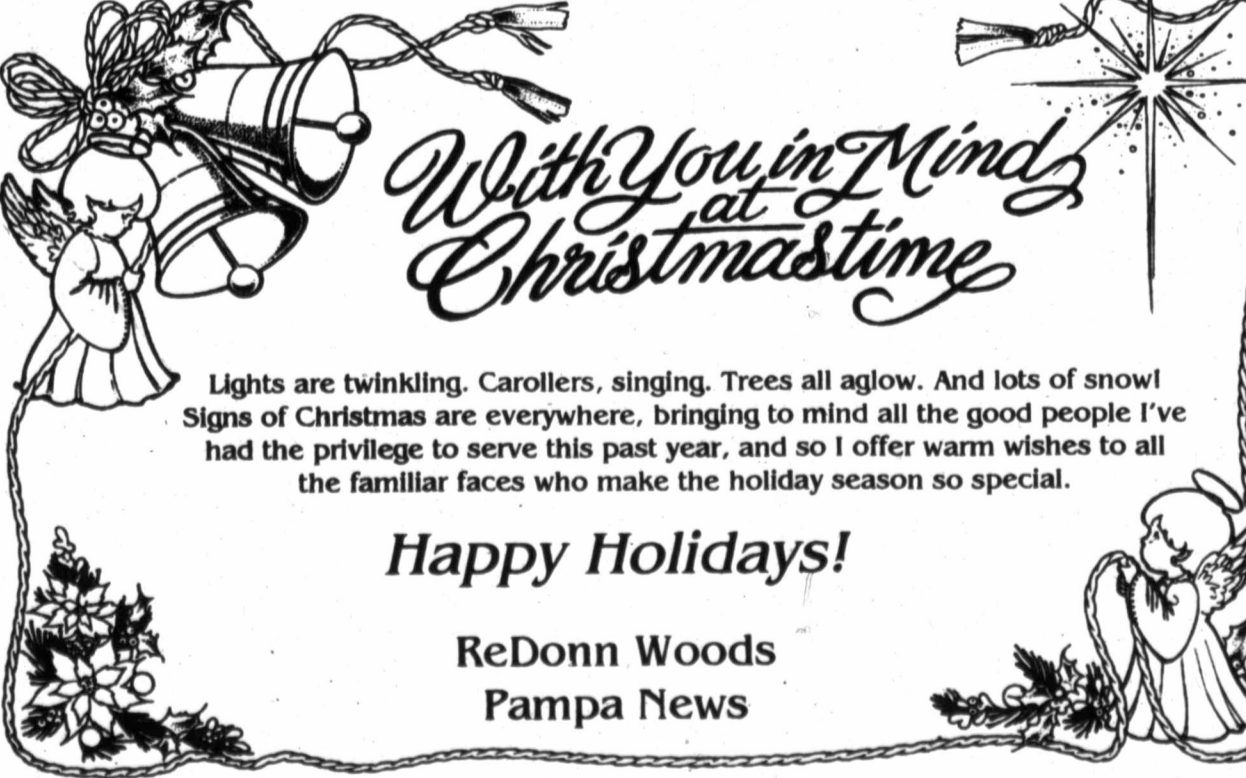


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at  
Christmastime*

Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow. And lots of snow! Signs of Christmas are everywhere, bringing to mind all the good people I've had the privilege to serve this past year, and so I offer warm wishes to all the familiar faces who make the holiday season so special.

**Happy Holidays!**

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# AGRICULTURE

## Cattle industry posts wins, losses

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — While ranchers got record prices for their cattle that went on into Texas Panhandle feedyards, those that fed the cattle lost money, according to Dr. Richard McDonald, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Cattle

Feeders Association (TCFA). It was an up-and-down year for feeding cattle, McDonald said here this week at a year-end conference. "We started the year with a strong market and a lot of optimism," McDonald said Wednesday. "Then we continued to watch our prices as they fell. As the fed cattle prices

**Roller-coaster cattle market due to such factors as an uncertain global market, world events, and diseases, officials say.**

decreased, we saw feeder cattle prices remain at near record levels. This has resulted in some large equity losses for our members."

There were winners and losers in the highly segmented cattle industry in 2001.

McDonald said that average prices for 750 pound feeder cattle were about \$86 per cwt. The record for seven weight feeder cattle is \$88, set in the year 2000.

The average price for 450 pound calves was a record \$111 in 2001, up two dollars from 2000.

At the same time, the cattlemen that feed those cattle in area feedlots lost more than \$100 a head at times during the year.

"There are a number of reasons for the fed cattle market's performance this year," McDonald said.

They include a tenuous global market and large numbers of very heavy cattle coming out of feedyards.

"We saw England face a devastating foot-in-mouth outbreak and cattlemen in the U.S., working with both state and federal government, went to extraordinary efforts to keep it out of our country," McDonald said.

In addition, the report of BSE, or mad cow disease, in Japan severely eroded beef consumption in the land of the rising sun, a major export market for U.S. beef.

"Consumers there have cut back on beef consumption," McDonald said, "and that's taken a toll here in cattle feeding country."

The low prices for cattle going to slaughter from the feedyard will probably push down prices for cattle going into the feedyard

as the new year begins, and cattle feeders try to stem their losses.

In the meantime, McDonald said TCFA stepped up its efforts to encourage support of the beef checkoff as the beef industry encouraged restaurants, grocery stores and the USDA to take advantage of declining wholesale beef prices and pass the savings on to consumers.

"The beef checkoff, particularly when we face a market like we endured this year, becomes even more important to cattlemen," McDonald said.

"That's why we were so disappointed when the Livestock Marketing Association, unable to gain enough support from cattlemen to force a referendum, turned to the courts and challenged the checkoff's constitutionality."

TCFA officials said that their survey of livestock auction markets found that 75 percent of the sale barns do not support LMA's efforts to declare the beef checkoff unconstitutional.

The LMA will go to court in Aberdeen, S.D., in February, to argue their position that the beef checkoff is a violation of free speech guarantees. The USDA and National Cattlemen's Beef Association are arguing that it is not.

The U.S. Supreme Court, earlier this year, ruled that a checkoff program for the mushroom industry was unconstitutional.

McDonald said that the beef checkoff program was instrumental in increasing demand for beef.

That demand, he said, has remained strong, particularly with new ready-to-serve products hitting the retail markets. Many of the new products were developed using money from the beef checkoff program.

"We're excited about it because these new products were stimulated by a lot of effort that we had through our beef checkoff program," McDonald said. "The beef checkoff program was a concept and idea that Texas cattle feeders generated back in 1974."

## Firefighting certificate



(Pampa News photo)

John Evans of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department, right, receives a certificate of completion from Texas A&M University's firefighting training school presented by Don Whitney, agency manager for Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Farm Bureau sponsors a volunteer firefighter each year to train at the Texas A&M school, considered one of the top in the nation. In the past, firefighters from McLean, Lefors, Hoover, and Miami have attended the A&M firefighting school through this scholarship program to help save lives and property in local communities.

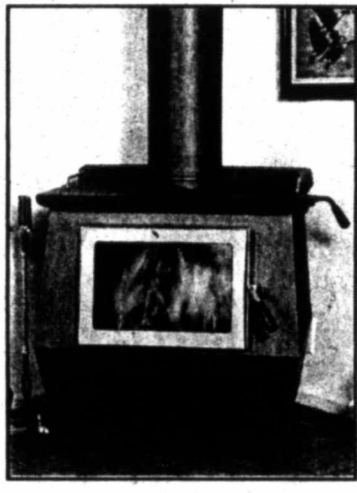
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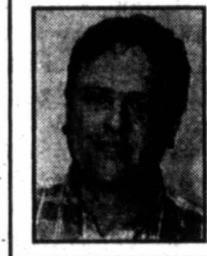
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## Extension In Progress

Thank you for your participation this past year in our programs and hopefully we can help in the coming year. Do not hesitate to call if I, Danny Nusser, Gray Co. Extension agent, can do anything.



**Danny Nusser**

Gray County Extension Agent-Agriculture

A special thanks to those of you who participated in the water quality series and returned your evaluations. This helps me determine the value of our programs and what issues need to be addressed next.

After a 12-part series on water quality and risk assessment along with doing water screenings on over 60 water wells this past year, participants have a better understanding of the risk of contamination to their water.

No samples showed signs of fecal coliform (animal or human waste) or nitrates present in the water. Samples were taken from all areas of the county.

The participants who responded learned that in areas of tight, low permeable soils with depth to water of greater than 50-feet the risk of contamination is low. Our water table in Gray County ranges from 50- to 400-foot in depth. Above the breaks, the depth range is from 275-400 feet to water.

Participants also learned that the disposal of oil-based paints on property, vehicle maintenance drops and spills flushed onto property near wells, metal or cinder block septic tanks, ash from trash burning on homesite, age of your well, and pesticide storage 100-feet down-slope from the well all have a higher risk of water quality contamination than a lagoon designed and installed according to accepted engineering standards and specifications which is properly maintained and lined.

Water quality is our responsibility, and we must all do our

part to ensure that our water remains safe. The potential for contamination is lower in areas of the county with clay surface and subsoil texture, high pH, low permeability, and high organic matter. Risk increased off the Caprock because of shallower soils, sandier soils, lower pH and less organic water. Potential for contamination is there, and we must all do our part regardless of where we live. Facts about water quality contamination risk are available and how you can assess your risk. Call if I can help!

### Upcoming Programs

- Gray County Ag Day, Jan. 23. Focus on Silage Production (corn, sorghum, small grain); harvest management and storage of silage and hay; water efficiency and utilization for growing silage and hay; dairy management and needs; and economics of silage and hay production.
- Introduction to Marketing, Feb. 5. Basic futures and options.
- Sunflower Production Meeting, Feb. 6, at Groom. Irrigated and dryland; and production and marketing of sunflowers.
- Cotton Production Meeting, March 7, at White Deer. Cotton management and production; and in-depth marketing discussion with Dr. Carl Anderson.
- Marketing Series, March 12 and 19. Continuation of Feb. 5.

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### Middle School Christmas plays



(Courtesy photos)

Students of Mrs. Heather Fuentes' theater classes at Pampa Middle School recently performed two different Christmas plays — "A Christmas Carol" and "A Hillbilly Christmas Carol." The cast of "A Christmas Carol" included: (top picture, back row) Garrett Eggleston, Kalynn Jones, Megan Waldrop, Kim Lawrence, Rachel Bartel, Erin Hall, Kayla Kidd, Robbie Dixon, D.J. Nelson, Nick Burklow, Andrew Roy, Veronica Herrera, Kayla Mendoza; (front row) Josh Pryor, Ryan Carnagey, Lindsey Riley, Taylor Busse, Greg Wariner, Stephanie Jasso, Soloman Cruz, Monica Schepp, JaCee Villarreal. Not pictured: Joey Johnson, Jamie Pergeson, Kelli Wilson, Jessica Hearron, Andy Anderson, Andrew Winton. The cast of "A Hillbilly Christmas Carol" included: (bottom picture) Jose Venegas, Andrea D'Jesus, Brittanie Foshee, Wendy Stephens, Jessica Hearron, Russell Anglin, Evan Grice. Not pictured: Andy Anderson, Andrew Winton.

### ACT provides timely financial aid pointers

The start of a new year is quickly approaching and that means one thing: It's financial aid time again. Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork. The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Beginning Jan. 1, students will be able to submit the form that determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Students will need family

income statements from their 2001 earnings to complete the form. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. FAFSA is available from high school counselors or may be found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) online. ■ Financial aid tips from ACT: —Apply early for admission and financial aid. —Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are required. —Apply for scholarships and grants. —Look into Work Study programs.

—Surf the web for financial aid information. ■ Try these websites: —Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information — [www.act.org/fane](http://www.act.org/fane) —Free college scholarship search — [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com) —Financial Aid Information Page — [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) —Federal Government Financial Aid Page — [www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html) —Free Application for Federal Student Aid — [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) —Scholarship scams — [www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship) For additional financial aid specifics, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).



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	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Local and Intermediate Sources:	\$ 277,967	\$ 18,042	\$ 18,467	\$ 314,476	\$ 290,318
Other Local and Intermediate Sources	10,277,401	462,264	345,873	11,085,538	11,051,252
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	10,555,368	480,306	364,340	11,400,014	11,341,570
5800 State Program Revenues	8,772,849	560,835	243,102	9,576,786	9,305,681
5900 Federal Program Revenues	123,100	3,064,342	-	3,187,442	2,530,541
5920 Total Revenues	19,451,317	4,105,483	607,442	24,164,242	23,177,792
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	11,865,262	2,142,795	-	14,008,057	13,647,384
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	1,243,403	30,208	-	1,273,611	1,281,300
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	2,170,784	1,430,347	-	3,601,131	3,220,912
0040 Administrative Support Services	914,459	-	-	914,459	902,747
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	2,058,343	15,416	-	2,073,759	1,901,719
0060 Ancillary Services	21,653	169,861	-	191,514	154,968
0070 Debt Service	494,930	-	617,100	1,112,030	1,115,309
0080 Capital Outlay	215,071	3,445	-	218,516	120,904
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	-	372,039	-	372,039	360,055
6030 Total Expenditures	18,983,905	4,164,111	617,100	23,765,116	22,705,298
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	467,412	(58,628)	(9,658)	399,126	472,494
7020 Other Resources	11,200	-	4,735	15,935	4,735
8030 Other (Uses)	(4,735)	-	-	(4,735)	(4,735)
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	473,887	(58,628)	(4,923)	410,326	472,494
0100 Fund Balance-September 1 (Beginning)	1,032,004	252,502	53,000	1,337,506	865,012
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's 3 on 3 basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Three on three is played "half-court" style with three players on each team.

Entry deadline is Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players on each team roster.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### FOOTBALL

**EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)** — Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, and the team will not rule out his return for the final game of the season.

### OLYMPICS

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Olympic torch took an emotional route through the nation's capital Friday, passing the damaged Pentagon where terrorists slammed a hijacked airliner into the building on Sept. 11.

The torch arrived at the Pentagon just after noon, under clear blue skies and chilly temperatures, carried by Chief Petty Officer Bernard Brown, whose son was among the 189 killed there.

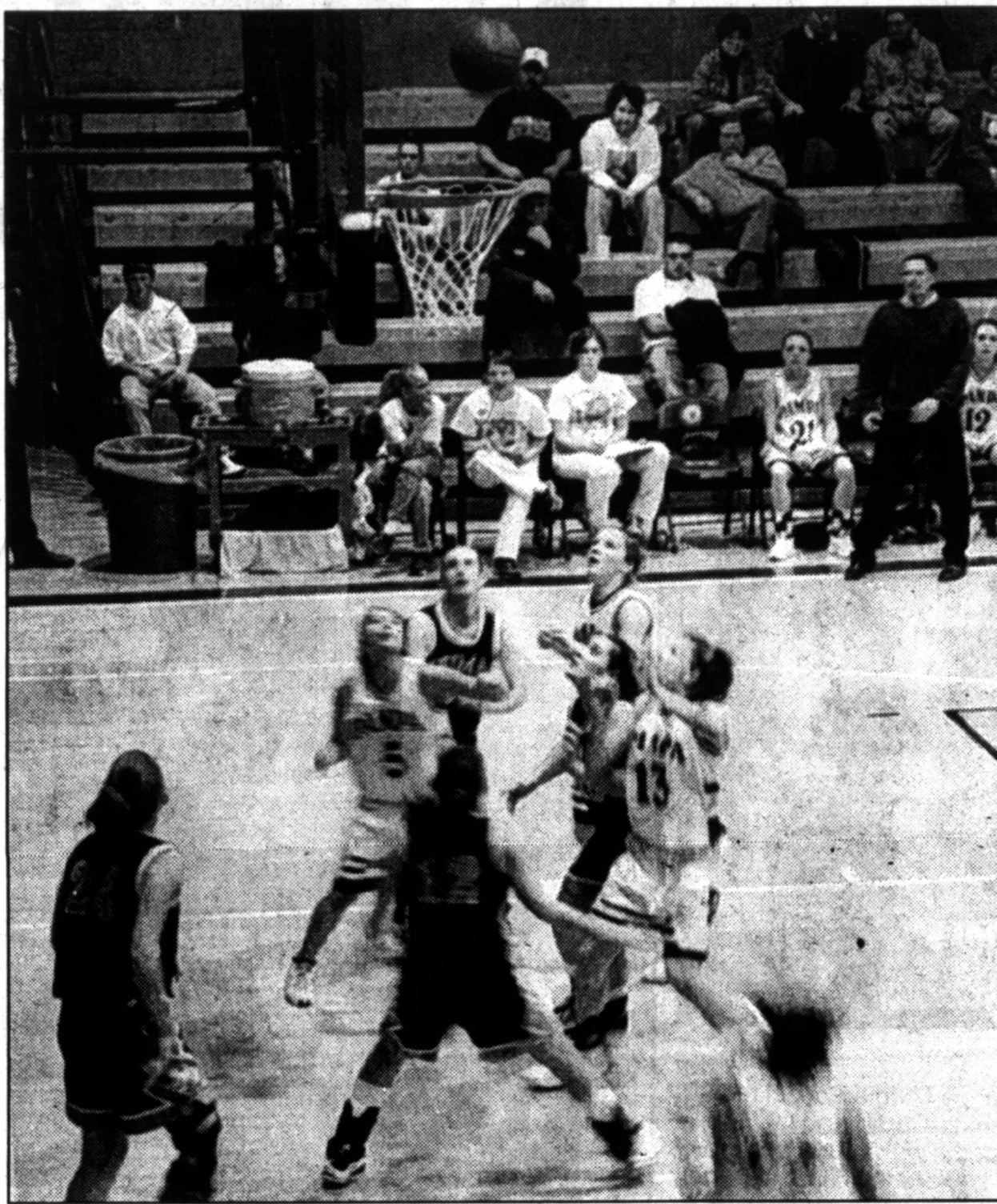
A crowd of about 300 heard the strains of a U.S. Army band and watched a ceremonial color guard welcome the symbol of 2002 Winter Games.

"This is closure for me and the families," said Staff Sgt. Chris Braman, 33, a U.S. Army cook. Braman was injured at the Pentagon and tried to save three people, one of whom survived. Braman received a Purple Heart.

"I saw what our fallen looked like," he said, adding he would be thinking of that fateful day as he carried the torch away from the Pentagon's main entrance.

After the Pentagon, the torch headed through streets of Alexandria, Va., where George Washington once walked, and then headed to Washington to end its 18th day of travel across the country.

"I'm dedicating my run to the 343 New York firefighters who lost their lives Sept. 11," said Philip Buffa, Jr., a District of Columbia firefighter for 22 years.



Pampa's Morgan White (13) and Valerie Velez (5) wait for a possible rebound in the girls' game Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

(Photo by Grover Black)

## Pampa girls come away with district victory over Dumas

**PAMPA** — Pampa's Lady Harvesters picked up their first District 3-4A win of the season Friday night, defeating Dumas 60-51 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters came on strong in the second half after trailing by as many as 11 points in the second quarter.

Pampa trailed by seven (32-25) at halftime and cut Dumas' lead to four (41-37) going into the fourth quarter. The Lady Harvesters made their winning move with less than three minutes remaining when Lindsey Narron's putback put her team ahead 52-50 for the first time in the second half. Dumas was limited to a foul shot down the stretch while Pampa hit 8 of 8 free throw attempts to put the game away.

Pampa is 1-2 in district play and 3-10 for the season. Dumas is 1-2 in district and 9-6 overall.

Narron led all scorers with 16 points while teammate Jennifer Lindsey followed with 11.

Lindsay French had 11 points and Shandi Davis 10 to lead the Demonettes.

Others who scored for Pampa were Valerie Velez with 9 points, Cali Covalt 8, Morgan White 6, Stacey Johnson 6, and Ashley Derington 4.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Ardmore, Okla. Tournament Dec. 27-29. Their first-round opponent is Hugo, Okla. at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 27.

The boys' district opener turned out to be an overtime

thriller with Dumas coming out ahead 72-71.

It was a game of breakaway spurts with the other team always bouncing back. Pampa led by as much as 7 points, Dumas by as much as 8, but it was Josh Payne's foul shot with just two seconds left in overtime that made the difference. Payne was fouled going for the rebound with the score tied at 71-all. Payne missed the first attempt, but connected on the second with a shot off the glass. The Harvesters were unable to get a final shot off before the buzzer sounded.

Jake Robinson tossed in 29 points and Zach Wilson 21 to lead the Dumas attack.

Leading the way for the Harvesters was Adam Rodgers with 17 points and Max Simon with 14. James Silva had 13 and Dustin Johnson 11.

It was Simon's putback with four seconds to go in the fourth quarter that tied the score at 64-all, sending the game into overtime.

Others who scored for Pampa were Kyle Francis with 4, Chadd Platt 4, Jon East 3, Ryan Zemanek 3, and Erik Brown 1. Pampa is 0-1 in the district and 7-8 for the season. Dumas is 1-0 in district and 11-4 overall.

The Harvesters are entered in the Caprock Tournament Dec. 27-29 in Lubbock.

Pampa opens against El Paso Montwood at 3 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Lubbock Estacado gym.

## Versatile Schapp didn't limit himself to sports

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dick Schaap interviewed presidents and pitchers, governors, and golfers. He was quite possibly the only person who cast votes for the Heisman Trophy and the Tony Awards.

Schaap, who died at age 67 on Friday from complications after hip surgery, couldn't limit himself to sports. He was much more versatile than that.

He won three Sports Emmy Awards for his work on ESPN and three Emmy Awards for features on "20/20" and "World News Tonight" at ABC, where he worked for 20 years.

Schaap's subjects covered the spectrum — from comedian Sid Caesar, who fought back from drug and alcohol addiction, to Bobby McLaughlin, a young man convicted of a murder he did not commit.

But Schaap always returned to sports, fascinated by athletes and

their accomplishments, intent on trying to find out what made them tick.

"Dick and I have been friends since before the 1960 Olympics," boxing great Muhammad Ali said in a statement. "He was the person who put me on the plane to Rome and he was waiting for me in the airport when I returned. But that was Dick, he was always there — something many of us have always taken for granted."

Schaap's Sunday morning ESPN show "The Sports Reporters" was a lively debate with other journalists. The panelists rarely agreed, instilling the show with an energy Schaap relished.

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Journalism from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in 2001. He won the Northeastern Award for Excellence in Broadcast Sports Journalism in

1986, and the Women's Sports Foundation award for excellence in covering women's sports in 1984.

Schaap, who played lacrosse at Cornell, was inducted into the university's athletic Hall of Fame, and he won one of the Columbia Journalism School's 50th Anniversary Awards as well as an Alumni Award for Career Achievement.

"Dick's unparalleled journalistic achievements were exceeded only by his compassion and respect for his fellow human beings," ESPN president George Bodenheimer said. "He lived each day to the fullest, and during the course of an amazing life, encountered almost every major figure that impacted our culture over the last 40 years."

Schaap was a man on the move, from Newsweek to the New York Herald Tribune, where he was city editor and then a

columnist. Then he moved to TV as a correspondent for NBC, then ABC.

He also served as editor of Sport Magazine and showed another side of his personality. He decided everyone was taking the Super Bowl too seriously and sent players Fred Dryer and Lance Rentzel to a pregame press conference in New Orleans. They dressed as reporters and popped cliché questions at the coaches, a bit of levity the event needed. The NFL, however, was not amused.

Schaap wrote more than 30 books, including "Instant Replay" — the first of four collaborations with former Green Bay Packers lineman Jerry Kramer — which became a best seller when it was published in 1968.

"Dick Schaap was synonymous with Lombardi, Kramer and Packers football," NFL com-

missioner Paul Tagliabue said.

"Instant Replay" created a genre that is part of Dick's tremendous literary legacy. He was always a gentleman and will be missed by all those in the sports community."

An autobiography, "Flashing Before My Eyes," was published this year.

"It's about athletes and actresses, cops and comedians, politicians and just people — the eclectic mix that made almost every day of my life seem like a fantasy," Schaap said, shortly after the book was published.

It was that kind of drive that kept Schaap's work interesting. And it seemed to rub off on his son, Jeremy, who followed him to ESPN.

Schaap is also survived by his wife and five other children.

ESPN will present a two-hour documentary on Schaap's career at 10 p.m. Monday.

## Park is close to making deal with Rangers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Chan Ho Park neared a deal with the Texas Rangers, Johnny Damon finalized his contract with the Boston Red Sox and Pokey Reese's odd week took another strange twist. Park and the Rangers approached a \$65 million, five-

year deal Friday. Texas had a 5.71 ERA last season that was the worst in the majors, and Park is the top pitcher in the free-agent market.

Agent Scott Boras and the Rangers have an understanding on the format of the Park deal, according to a lawyer familiar with the negotiations who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

The sides were close to an agreement, but had not yet agreed on all the details, the lawyer said.

Boras, who last year negotiated a record \$252 million, 10-year deal between the Rangers and shortstop Alex Rodriguez, intended to travel to the Dallas area Friday night or Saturday morning.

"We're continuing to talk and we've had some breakthroughs as to what we're doing," Boras said. "Usually when you have deals like this, you're able to finish them off, but we haven't been able to do that."

Damon agreed to a \$31 million, four-year contract with

Boston. He gives the traditional lead-footed Red Sox a speedy leadoff hitter who has scored more than 100 runs each of the last four seasons.

Damon also provides an attribute Carl Everett lacked — a calm personality that contributes to a harmonious team.

"They're bringing me over here to fit in and they know I'm going to," Damon said.

Boston, suddenly worried about payroll, cut Reese. The two-time Gold Glove second baseman was traded Tuesday from Cincinnati to Colorado, then dealt the next day to the Red Sox.

General manager Dan Duquette said the Red Sox still want to sign Reese, but conceded the infielder probably will talk to other clubs now, that he's a free agent.

"Financially, we didn't have the capability to fit him in with

our structure when we signed Johnny," Duquette said.

In all, 34 players became free agents when teams failed to offer them contracts by Thursday's deadline.

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**Basketball**

**Pampa Middle School Boys**

**8th grade Division**

Hereford A 37, Pampa A 20  
Pampa scoring: Barker 5, Hickman 1, Kotara 5, Teichmann 3, Ellis 2.  
Hereford B 8 11 18 28  
Pampa B 6 9 22 25  
Pampa scoring: Scott 6, Moler, Hightower 4, Franks 4, Anguiano Holloman 2, Goldsmith 2.

**7th Grade Division**

Hereford A 11 18 25 34  
Pampa A 7 9 21 28  
Pampa scoring: Schultz 7, Ferrell 6, H. 5, Towles 3, Crowell 3, Johnson Robinson 2.  
Hereford B 12 23 38 53  
Pampa B 8 11 15 25  
Pampa scoring: Clark 9, Goldsmith Pepper 4, Miles 2, Eakin 2, Mackie 2.

# M.F. Flyers win big at first meet of season

**MULESHOE** — What will be the M.G. Flyers Tumbling & Trampoline Team of Pampa do for an encore? It would have to be something fantastic after dominating their first meet of the season at Muleshoe earlier this month.

"The team did great for their first meet, accumulating 11 first places, five second places and two third places," said head coach Madeline Graves.

Jacie Ketcherside completed in the 7-year-old division and won tumbling in Level 1 and trampolining in Level 2.

Jazmine, also entered in the 7-year-old division, was second in Level 2 tumbling and first in Level 3 trampolining.

Amanda Bennett in the 9-year-old division was second in Level 2 tumbling and first in Level 3 trampolining.

Competing in Level 4 in the 8-year-old division in tumbling, Caylee Steward and Jenna Munsell were first and second, respectively. Caylee completed in Level 3 in trampolining and placed second.

Abbey Rios completed in the 6-year-old division, winning first in Level 4 trampolining and third in Level 5 tumbling.

Allison Cooper completed in the 10-year-old division. She placed second in Level 7 tumbling and first in Level 8 trampolining.

Megan Edwards competed in the 10-year-old division. She won the Level 7 in tumbling and the Level 7 on trampolining.

Shauna Munsell, Jenna Zuniga and Chris Steward are assistant coaches.



The M.G. Flyers brought home 11 first-place medals from Muleshoe. Team members are (front) Abbey Rios; (second row, from left) Amanda Bennett, Jacie Ketcherside and Jenna Munsell; (third row, from left) Jazmine Rose, Danielle Zuniga, Allison Cooper, Megan Edwards and Caylee Steward.

## Pampa Bowling Roundup

**Harvester Lanes**  
**League Individual Results**  
**Senior League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 Men  
 High scratch game: Melvin Walsler 227; High scratch series: Mike Robbins 541; High handicap game: Jim White 241; High handicap series: Jerry Laughlin 615.  
 Women  
 High scratch game: Joy Davis 193; High scratch series: O'Nita Robinson 492; High handicap game: Joy Davis 232; High handicap series: Joy Davis 602.  
**Harvester Women's League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 High scratch game: Joy Hilbert 232; High scratch series: Jo Hicks 574; High handicap game: Joy Hilbert 271; High handicap series: Jo Hicks 709.  
**Harvester Combo**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 Men  
 High scratch game: Jimmie Adams 255; High scratch series: Kent Kerbo 632; High handicap game: Jimmie Adams 289; High handicap series: Kent Kerbo 746.  
 Women  
 High scratch game: Kim Davis 213; High scratch series: Kim Davis 599; High handicap game: Kim Davis 239; High handicap series: Kim Davis 677.  
**Wednesday Night Mixed League**  
**Week's High Scores**  
 Men  
 High scratch series: Andy Anderson 636; High scratch game: Warren Dahn 238; High handicap series: Clay Lee 685; High handicap game: Jay Williams 244.  
 Women  
 High scratch series: Kristi Lee 537; High scratch game: Jackie Broadus 177; High handicap series: Becky Hall 628; High handicap game: Toni Connally, Carrie Williams and Judy Anderson 217.  
**Casino League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 Men  
 High scratch series: Gary Winton 709; High scratch game: Steve Nolte 238; High handicap series: Jimmy Healy 673; High handicap game: Morris Long 255.  
 Women  
 High scratch series: Belinda Nolte 573; High scratch game: Bonnie Clemens 202; High handicap series: Sarah Deaver 637.  
**Chamber Merchants League**  
**Week's Top Scores**  
 Men  
 High scratch game: Joe Smith 227; High scratch series: Rodnie Winborne 651; High handicap game: Rodnie Winborne 260; High handicap series: Rodnie Winborne 762.  
 Women  
 High scratch series: Linda Austin 184; High scratch game: Linda Austin; High handicap series: Becky Hall 647; High handicap game: Debbie Elliott 232.

## Scoreboard

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**At A Glance**  
 By The Associated Press  
 All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East						Central							
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
Miami	9	4	0	.692	276	249	11	2	0	.846	254	165	
New England	8	5	0	.643	313	253	8	5	0	.615	258	240	
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	246	231	6	7	0	.461	230	223	
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	339	405	6	7	0	.461	264	314	
Buffalo	2	11	0	.154	214	344	5	8	0	.385	222	220	
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	197	249	4	9	0	.308	277	249	
West						National Conference							
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
San Diego	10	3	0	.769	350	267	9	4	0	.692	299	161	
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	307	293	6	7	0	.461	230	223	
Denver	7	7	0	.500	307	293	5	8	0	.385	231	306	
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	293	276	4	9	0	.308	199	285	
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	252	290	1	12	0	.077	208	304	
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304	x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	350	267
St. Louis	11	2	0	.846	392	211	Green Bay	9	4	0	.692	302	221
San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	337	252	Tampa Bay	7	6	0	.539	241	232
New Orleans	7	6	0	.539	302	283	Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	271	314
Atlanta	6	7	0	.461	231	257	Detroit	1	12	0	.077	241	343
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	208	304	x-clinched playoff spot	y-clinched division					

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**At A Glance**  
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EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Atlantic Division						Central Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	W	L	T	Pct	GB		
Boston	16	8	.667	—	Milwaukee	14	8	.636	—		
New Jersey	16	8	.667	—	Detroit	14	10	.583	1		
Washington	13	12	.520	3 1/2	Toronto	14	12	.539	2		
Orlando	13	15	.464	5	Indiana	15	13	.536	2		
New York	12	14	.461	4	Charlotte	12	14	.461	4		
Philadelphia	11	15	.423	6	Cleveland	11	15	.423	5		
Miami	5	19	.208	11	Atlanta	9	17	.346	7		
Atlanta	1	20	.167	11	Chicago	4	20	.167	11		

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Midwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	20	4	.833	—
Minnesota	17	8	.680	3 1/2
Dallas	17	9	.654	4
Utah	12	15	.444	9 1/2
Denver	9	16	.360	11 1/2
Memphis	7	19	.269	14
Houston	7	20	.259	14 1/2

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	19	4	.826	—
Sacramento	19	8	.704	2
L.A. Clippers	14	11	.560	6
Phoenix	14	12	.539	6 1/2
Portland	13	12	.520	7
Seattle	13	15	.464	8 1/2
Golden State	10	17	.370	11

**Thursday's Games**  
 Toronto 96, Chicago 91  
 Sacramento 90, New York 88  
 Dallas 113, Milwaukee 101  
 L.A. Lakers 107, Houston 101

**Friday's Games**  
 Indiana 100, New Jersey 94  
 Philadelphia 94, Atlanta 83  
 Boston 98, Utah 92  
 Cleveland 86, Miami 81, OT  
 Washington 93, Orlando 75  
 Memphis 114, L.A. Lakers 108  
 Minnesota 94, Charlotte 89  
 San Antonio 109, Denver 74  
 Portland 83, Detroit 81  
 Seattle 111, Golden State 108, OT  
 Sacramento 105, New York 90

**Saturday's Games**  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Utah at New Jersey, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
 Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Utah at New Jersey, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
 Miami at Toronto, 3 p.m.  
 Memphis at Boston, 6 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**Friday's Sports Transactions**  
 By The Associated Press

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP John Wadsworth.  
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP Alan Benes. OF Luis Satia and RHP Clint Weil.  
**National League**  
 MIAMI HEAT—Placed G Anthony Carter on the injured list. Activated F Malik Allen from the injured list.  
 UTAH JAZZ—Activated F Bryon Russell from the injured list. Placed F Quincy Lewis on the injured list.

2002 contracts to RHP Paul Byrd and INF Donnie Sadler.  
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Alberto Castillo on a one-year contract and OF F.P. Santangelo on a minor league contract.  
**National League**  
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Declined to offer 2002 contracts to INF-OF Mike Cummins, RHP Robert Ellis and LHP Eric Knott.  
 CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Craig Dingman, LHP Pedro Feliciano, RHP Mike Judd, RHP Brandon Kob, RHP Willie Martinez, LHP Trevor Miller, LHP Justin Atchley, RHP Jared Fernandez, RHP Arnie Gooch, LHP Benny Lowe, RHP Scott MacFarlane, RHP Javier Martinez, RHP Chris Pierroli, C Cesar King, C Jesse Lewis, INF Mike Caruso, INF Chris Sexton, 1B-OF Kevin Witt, 1B-OF Alex Hernandez, OF Anthony Sanders, OF David Miller and OF Raul Gonzalez on minor league contracts. Named Ed Hodge pitching coach of Billings of the Pioneer League.  
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP T.J. Mathews and LHP C.J. Nitkowski on minor-league contracts. Declined to offer a 2002 contract to OF Glen Barber.  
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Acquired OF Dave Roberts from Cleveland for RHP Christian Brantley and LHP Nial Hughes.  
 MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with RHP Masato Yoshino on a one-year contract and OF Mark Smith on a minor league contract. Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP Mike Thurman.  
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Declined to offer a 2002 contract to RHP John Wadsworth.  
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# Commerce holds off rally to win Class 3A crown

WACO, Texas (AP) — Commerce withstood a late La Grange rally, preserving a 14-11 win and the Class 3A Division II state championship on Friday night.

"It's an old saying that defense wins championships, and that's certainly true tonight," said Commerce head coach Terry Cron.

"We could have used a little more offense, but we accomplished exactly what we needed."

La Grange began the final drive from its own 6 yard line with just over 6 minutes left, moving to the Commerce 29.

"It was almost like last year, and I thought we would do it again," said La Grange head coach Tony Valastro, referring to his team's 98-yard winning drive over Forney in the 2000 title game. "There were two great teams out here tonight. One team needed to make a big play to get the win, and it wasn't us."

Linebacker Justin Rogers turned in two big plays with the Leopards threatening, tackling quarterback Chase Anderle for a 6-yard loss on second down and pressuring the quarterback on a fourth-down pass that ended the threat with a minute to play.

Anderle's pass to Maurice Bouldwin on fourth-and-14 was complete, but 2 yards short of the first down.

"I was expecting a pass since it was fourth down," Rogers said. "I just blitzed on instinct, hoping for a sack. I didn't get to him, but I hurried him just enough."

In the defensive struggle, Commerce tallied only four first downs and 134 yards in total offense but managed to put points on the scoreboard with big plays. La Grange countered with 320 yards, but turnovers and timely defense shut down the Leopards offense.

Burning almost 6 minutes of clock, the Leopards opened the second half and marched from their own 33 to the Commerce 30 in 10 plays. Facing fourth-and-1, the possession ended when Rogers tackled Anderle for a 1-yard loss.

Two plays later, Tommy Wright bolted around left end for a 64-yard touchdown, giving the Tigers a 14-3 lead.

On Commerce's next possession, La Grange responded with a crucial fourth-down stop, holding Shawn Drodzy for no gain at his own 47.

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the ground, the Leopards needed six plays to score with Kevin Ulrich barreling into the end zone from 12 yards away. Anderle's two-point conversion pass to Lance Schramm narrowed the gap to 14-11.

Despite being held to only two first downs in the first half, Commerce led 7-3, taking advantage of a turnover on La Grange's first possession.

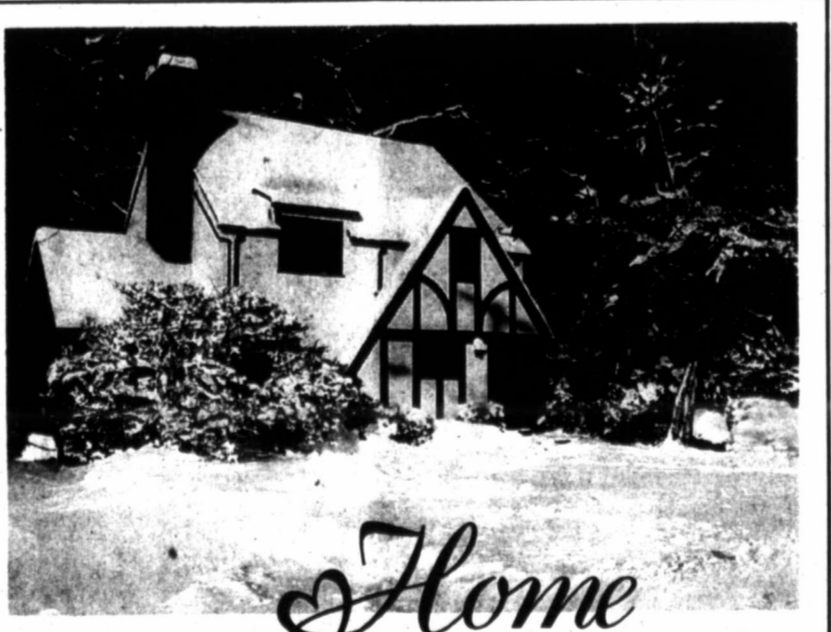
Broderick Hearn forced quarterback Anderle to fumble, and Rogers recovered at the Leopards 39. The Tigers took only four plays to score with Ryan Coffey bursting up the middle for 25 yards and putting Commerce in front 7-0.

La Grange answered with two long, time-consuming drives, but on the first, Commerce held on downs at its own 16.

The Leopards then forced a quick three-and-out and following a 53-yard Commerce punt, moved from their own 28 to the Commerce 7-yard line.

The drive stalled, however, and Kevin Seifert kicked a 25-yard field goal, narrowing the margin to 7-3.

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## Letters to the editor

### Texas Panhandle being 'covered up' with pigs

(The following is an open letter-to-the-editor from Edna L. Haydon to John A. Carter, general manager of National Pig Development.)

Dear Mr. Carter:

After some time on the telephone, this is what I turned up from just a few panhandle counties. It is offered in response to your open letter of Dec. 16th to Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene, and in the interests of all concerned with the future of this area:

Mr. Greene apparently expressed his concern to you that there are approximately 800,000 pigs in the panhandle, and you questioned that figure as exaggerated.

As a matter of fact, that figure is probably a substantial understatement. There are 317,000 pigs at Texas Farms (Perryton); Premium Standard Farms (Dalhart) has 350,000-plus, and Val Corporation at Stratford has approximately 123,000 pigs. In addition, there are many contract growers scattered about, who are raising the total much higher. In other words, we are literally being covered up with pigs.

Meanwhile, new permits have been issued for two facilities of 50,000-60,000 each at Perryton; Seaboard has a permit for 88,000 sows at Hutchinson County, plus there are plans for a finish operation of 2 million pigs per year at Hansford and Sherman Counties. Also, rumor has it that a pig slaughterhouse/packing plant is planned at Dumas or Cactus, Texas.

Let us not forget that your company (National Pig Development) is also making application for a 50,000 pig facility in Gray County, just outside of Pampa.

I am not versed in the subject of waste systems, but I learned that Premium Standard Farms at Dalhart is using a waste system similar to those used by municipalities. On the other hand, I have never read or heard anything that is good about the open-pit waste lagoons, and your company proposes to use 45 acres of these very lagoons and sprayfields at the planned facility east of our town. Your evasion of this problem makes me wonder if you have any concern for anything but your bottom line.

Edna L. Haydon  
Pampa

### Wish for Pampa: Everyone would disagree agreeably

To the editor,

The headline in today's paper (Dec. 14, 2001) "Grand jury: No Wrongdoing in Election" was no surprise. I wonder if it was a surprise to anyone. On or about the date the pressure to vote one way was alleged, I remember the momentum building in the favor of the PEDC.

This seemed to me at the time simply a political trick to regain the edge. I expect that if the hog research farm goes ahead then there will be another similar complaint made or someone will claim illegalities on the part of some government official. I have not made a position for sure yet on the hog farm, but I hope we can move beyond these kind of tactics. I am acquainted with folks who do not like the outcome of the election, i.e., dissolving the PEDC. But we accept it, and live with it. I wish we could all choose this option and disagree agreeably.

Dave Schlewitz  
Pampa

### Why not seal the borders?

To the editor,

A recent issue of the Wall Street Journal (Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001) included an interesting article entitled "Don't Seal the Borders" by Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity ... whatever that is ... in which she concludes that this is not the time to seal our borders. I sure disagree! We should have done so after the first attack upon the World Trade Center!

Hey! Is anyone out there listening? Why not ask the families of the second World Trade Center attack? I strongly urge those folks to file legal action charging this government of ours with misfeasance, malfeasance and mass stupidity! Damages run into the billions of dollars! Thousands of innocent citizens were murdered! We now live in constant fear of anthrax, smallpox, not to mention the very real danger of nuclear attack! How can anyone be so dumb as to want to continue with such a system of immigration which got us into this mess?

Recently on the Fox channel TV station, Mr. Pat Buchanan summed it all up as follows: "America is our home ... we should not make it into a flop-house!" Why not have a complete moratorium on all immigration for the full extent of this war period? Also, our federal government should be required to pay each and every party for legal actions brought for damages as they are equally responsible for what happened on Sept. 11, 2001. For all too long now our federal government has been guilty of mass stupidity when it comes to our immigration policy!

Wake up before we all get nuked!

John D. Seaman  
Perryton



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## Keep holiday gatherings safe, don't invite foodborne illnesses, Department of Health warns holiday cooks

■ Each year, up to 76 million people suffer from foodborne illnesses that occur when they eat food that contains a bacteria or a toxin produced by bacteria growing in the food. ...

AUSTIN — Light the candles, set the music, pour the beverages, lay out the tableware and by all means use extreme care when preparing holiday edibles.

"Entertaining during the holiday season is stressful enough without having to worry about someone getting sick," says Lone Wenzel of the Retail Foods Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "For most healthy people, foodborne illnesses are just uncomfortable, but for the very young, the elderly or those with weakened immune systems, the consequences can be severe."

Each year, up to 76 million people suffer from foodborne illnesses that occur when they eat food that contains a bacteria or a toxin produced by bacteria growing in the food. Holiday buffets and party trays left at room temperature for long periods of time often fall prey to bacteria. Given sufficient time, bacteria in food can grow and multiply depending on the type of food, the temperature at which it was held, its moisture content and its acidity level.

"You cannot tell from the way food looks, smells or tastes if it is safe," Wenzel said. "But you can take a few simple steps to keep your food from being contaminated."

TDH offers these suggestions to help prevent foodborne illness:

—Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.

—Always wash hands before any contact with foods.

—Never defrost or marinate food on the kitchen counter. Use the refrigerator, cold running water or the microwave.

—Use a clean food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry, casseroles and other foods are cooked all the way through. Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145 degrees F. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180 degrees F. Ground beef should be cooked to at least 160 degrees F.

—If possible, use one cutting board for raw meat products and another for raw fruits and vegetables. If you have only one, wash it between uses.

—Never put cooked food on an unwashed plate that previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood.

TDH food safety experts also advise consumers to refrigerate cooked foods quickly. "Get those leftovers to the refrigerator fast," Wenzel says.

Some more tips from TDH for keeping food safe and good to eat:

—Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours.

—Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

—With poultry and other stuffed meats, remove the stuffing and refrigerate it in a separate container.

—Don't pack the refrigerator with too much food. Cool air must circulate to keep food safe at 41 degrees F.

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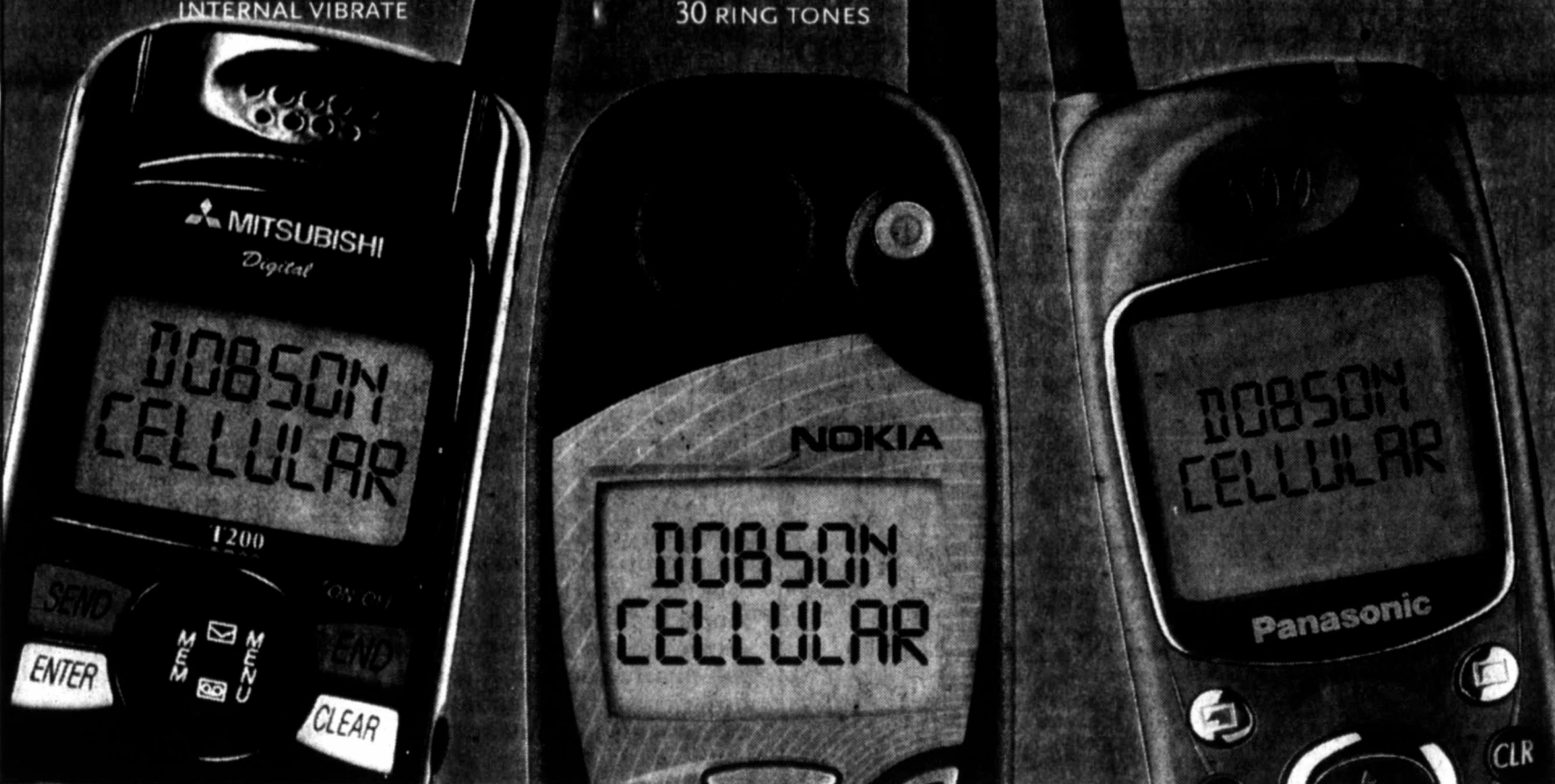
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# LIFESTYLE

## Menus

December 24-28

**Pampa Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.**  
**Lefors Schools MONDAY-FRIDAY Holiday.**  
**Senior Citizens MONDAY-TUESDAY Holiday.**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Roast beef brisket, brown gravy, or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, German chocolate cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**THURSDAY**  
 Chicken strips or pepper steak/rice, later tots, cream corn, spinach, beans, orange pound cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  
**FRIDAY**  
 Catfish and hush-puppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.  
**Meals On Wheels MONDAY Holiday.**  
**TUESDAY Holiday.**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Roast, potatoes, mixed greens, cherries.  
**THURSDAY**  
 Chicken spaghetti, green beans, pickled beets, applesauce.  
**FRIDAY**  
 Hamburgers, tater tots, graham crackers.



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childers

### Childers anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childers of Pampa will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at Furr's Cafeteria at an informal reception. Friends of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

In 1941, Bob Childers and Aileen Lancaster eloped and were married Dec. 20, at Sayre, Okla. They have been Pampa residents their entire married lives.

For the past 60 years, Mr. Childers was a self-employed builder, building many custom homes for local residents. He is currently semi-retired, working part-time. He is a musician (violin, keyboard and piano) and is an elder and teacher at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He is also a Bible scholar and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and restoring Stanley wood planes.

Mrs. Childers earned her LVN degree in 1969 (the same year one daughter graduated from college and the other graduated from high school), and worked as a nurse in the local hospital, as well as for Dr. Marvin Overton Sr. and Dr. Foster Elder, covering a period of nearly 17 years. She is pianist at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and enjoys quilting, knitting, needlepoint and painting, and fishing and camping.

The couple has two daughters, Sandra Adcox of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Bobby Thomson of St. Maries, Idaho. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ray Isaacs

### Isaacs anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ray Isaacs will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23, 2001, at a diner with 35 of their closest friends and relatives.

Eddie Ray Isaacs and Betty Joann Kiff were married Dec. 23, 1951. They met in Pampa when they were both in high school and Eddie was Betty's newspaper boy. They were each members of Pampa Baptist Church and grew up in the community.

The currently reside in Carrollton. Mr. Isaacs is a retired colonel from the National Guard. He spent most of his life employed by Lone Star Industries as vice president of Purchasing and worked for Bright Bank of Dallas.

Mrs. Isaacs worked most of her life for Endo Laboratories in New York as an accountant and retired from Edisto Resources in Dallas.

He is an avid golfer and both enjoy bowling and traveling. Children of the couple are Debra and Robert Klimenko, James and Susan Steckler, Roger and Angela Beeler, Carol Isaacs and Rex Ford and Keith and Gaylynn Dwyer, all of Carrollton. They have 10 grandchildren.

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Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Dec. 11 at the home of Phyllis White for its traditional Christmas meeting. Each member brought paper goods for donation to Tralee Crisis Center.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Pat Terry called the meeting to order.

—Secretary Rue Parks took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting.

—Nancy Coffee presented a program in the absence of Myrna Orr.

—The poem, "The Night before Xmas in Texas" was read and Christmas songs sung by the entire group. Members also participated in a gift exchange.

### PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Dec. 4 for its annual Christmas party.

Tables were decorated with red and green cloths and Christmas centerpieces.

A potluck supper was served followed by a gift exchange and games.

Vallie Futch and Mary Bandy won the Christmas quilt blocks. A friendship circle block exchange will get under way in January.

The next meeting will be at 6:30

p.m., Jan. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 200 W. Francis. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 665-4268.

### Progressive TEEA Club

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met Dec. 13 at the home of hostess Mary Ann Bailey with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Helene Baumgardner read minutes from the previous meeting.

—Rowan gave the monthly Council Report and Bailey the club's financial report.

(See, CLUB, Page 19)

## FREE Birth Announcements

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Julian Chen and Jennifer Kuo

## Chen-Kuo

Julian Chen and Jennifer Kuo, both of Austin, were married Nov. 17, 2001, at Riverbend Church in Austin with the Rev. Gaylord Tsuei, of Austin Chinese Church — which the couple attends — officiating.

The maid of honor was Julie Kuo, sister of the bride of Austin. The bridesmaid was Jocelyn Tanaka, sister of the groom.

The groomsmen were Paul Tanaka, brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Betty Kuo of Indianapolis, Ind. She is a 1994 graduate of William H. Taft High School in San Antonio and graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently a women's health nurse at St. David's Hospital.

The groom is the son of Enrico and Clara Chen of Pampa. He is a 1994 salutatorian of Pampa High School. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas where he met the bride in 1995. He is currently a product engineer for Dell Computer Corporation.

The couple enjoyed a Thanksgiving honeymoon in Southern California and intend to make their home in Austin.



Amy Leanne Morris and William Douglas Townsley Jr.

## Morris-Townsley

Amy Leanne Morris and William Douglas Townsley Jr., both of Dallas, plan to wed Feb. 2, 2002, in a private ceremony in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Rhoades and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Morris, all of Pampa. She is a 1997 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1999 graduate of American Airlines Travel Academy. She is currently employed at Auto One Acceptance Corporation.

The prospective groom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. William Townsley of Arlington, and is the grandson of the late Arthur Townsley, Anna Townsley of Mesquite, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Oliver of Plano and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowlkes of Palestine. He is a 1996 graduate of DeKalb High School and a 1999 graduate of The Art Institute of Dallas. He is currently employed as a web master and DVD designer at Funimation Productions in Fort Worth.



Aubrea Ward and Chad Ziegelgruber

## Ward-Ziegelgruber

Aubrea Ward of Dallas and Chad Ziegelgruber of Plano plan to wed May 18, 2002, at New Memories Wedding Chapel in Lewisville.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Terry and Vicky Ward of Pampa. A 1999 Pampa High School graduate, she is currently attending the University of North Texas, pursuing a master of business administration degree in accounting. She is employed as a personal banker with Washington Mutual in Carrollton.

The prospective groom is the son of Lee and Carol Ziegelgruber of Pampa. He holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from West Texas A&M University (2000) and is currently employed as an engineer for MCI/Worldcom in Richardson.



Rachel Denise Beck and Aaron Edward Black

## Beck-Black

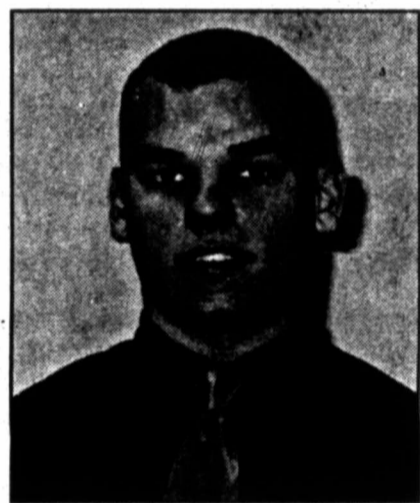
Rachel Denise Beck and Aaron Edward Black plan to wed Dec. 27, 2001, at Granbury.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Brenda and Mike Beck of Elk Grove, Calif. She is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in studio art from the University of Dallas.

The prospective groom is the son of Susan Collinsworth of Pampa and Dr. Keith Black of Miami. He is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from West Texas A&M University.

The couple plan to make their home in Irving.

## Newsmakers



Brian Andrew Frels

Brian Andrew Frels of Pampa, son of Mark and Rhonda Frels, recently accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Brian be recognized by Golden Key," said Kali Boatright, Golden Key assistant executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand.

Membership, open to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study, is by invitation only.

Frels is currently a junior at Texas Tech University. Other activities, honors and accomplishments at TTU include: Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, member of Knights of Architecture, member of American Institute of Architectural Students, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Texas Architecture Foundation Grant recipient, The Lubbock Chapter of American Institute of Architecture Endowment recipient, the Lubbock Chapter of AIA Memorial Scholarship recipient, National Dean's List of College Students, and TTU Dean's List (spring 2000/fall 2001) and President's List (spring 2001).

Army National Guard Pfc. Bradley H. Bailey from the water treatment specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va.

Bailey was trained to assist in water reconnaissance, site preparation and setup of a water treatment activity; operating and maintaining water treatment equipment; how to receive, issue and store potable water; and how to conduct water quality analysis testing and verification.

Bailey, a 1998 graduate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hagbery of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the grandson of M.A. Eastham of Pampa and the brother of Brian Bailey and Bridget G. Velasquez, both of Amarillo, and Beth L. Bolyard of Springfield, Mo. (See, NEWSMAKERS, Page 20)

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## CLUB

—The local chapter will serve homemade cookies this month to a local business as an "appreciation treat."

—Beulah Terrell presented the program "Origin of Christmas Ornaments" and read the story "Mama's Laugh." She handed out Christmas tree stockings as well.

—Everyone present participated

in a gift exchange, relating their favorite childhood decoration.

—The hostess gift was won by Leny Howard.

An annual Christmas party was held recently at the home Joan Gray, Extension agent, for all TEEA members. Children's books were brought for Tralee Crisis Center and supplies for Annex kitchen.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Jan. 17 at the home of Leny Howard, 2506 Fir.

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- All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
- Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
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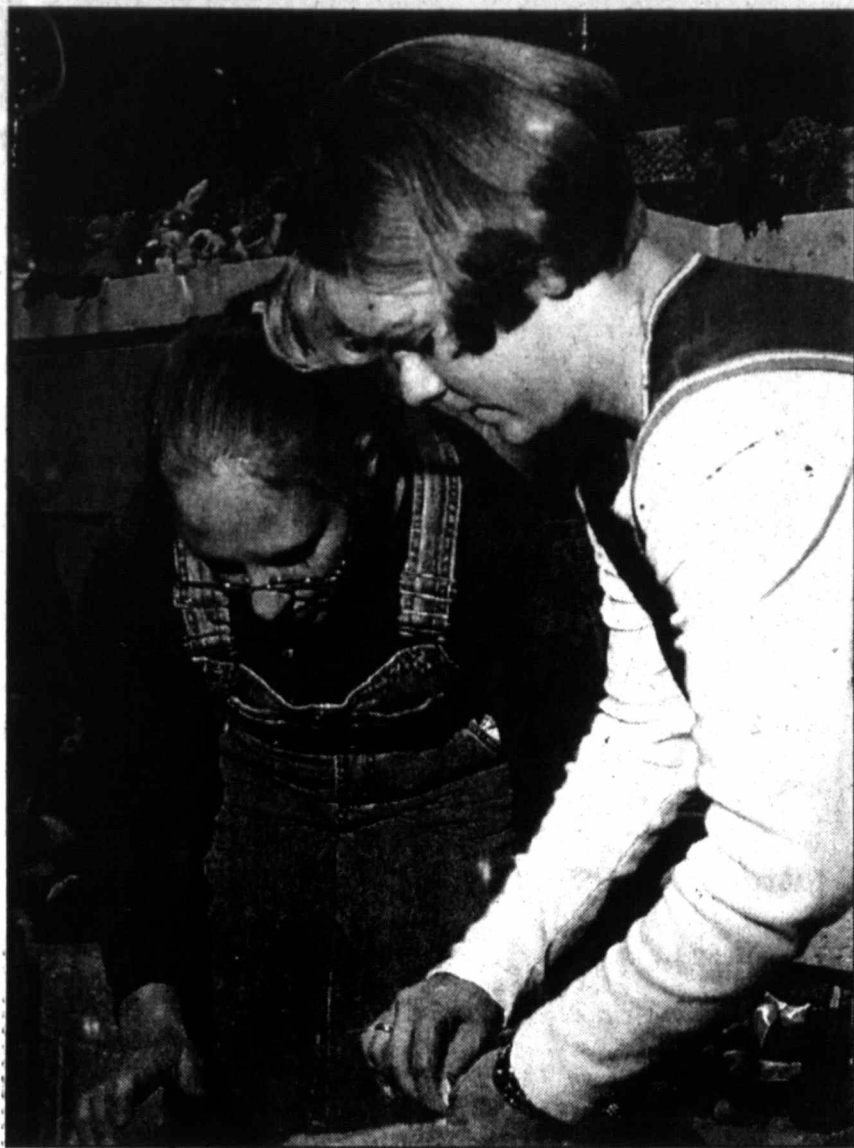
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West Texas A&M University Gamma Bet Phi (GBP) members Vickie Fossett, left, a senior history major from Pampa, and Julie Barrett of Canyon help pack up toys for the GBP-sponsored "Kuddles for Kids" program recently. GBP members collected more than 200 stuffed animals for the Randall County Sheriff's Department. The toys were presented to members of the sheriff's department and will be placed in department vehicles to help comfort children in crisis situations.



This note is to the man who stopped and helped our son who was trapped under his car. Words cannot express our gratitude for all you did for our son.  
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Tommy & Patricia Parks

## Food drive



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Middle Schoolers in Ms. Loter's mixed-grade homeroom class recently collected 100 cans for a food drive. Above: (back row) Dean Brown, Ray Lerma, Brennon Thomas, Eric Knott, and Jeremy Loner; (front row) Ms. Loter, Justin Strickland, Stevie Contreras, Aaron Hudson and Todd Carter.

## Scholarships available for Interlochen Arts Camp

INTERLOCHEN, Mich. — Top high school musicians around the country are encouraged to apply for an Emerson Scholars Award to the world-famous Interlochen Arts Camp in northern Michigan. One student from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will receive a full scholarship for the 2002 Interlochen Arts Camp.

The scholarships are funded through a grant from St. Louis-based Emerson.

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Applicants must be in grades nine through 12 and be proficient on strings, winds, percussion instruments or harp. They must submit a taped solo performance with piano accompaniment with their application.

Applications must be post-marked by Feb. 15, 2002, and winners will be announced by April 15, 2002. Winners will be

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Established in 1987, the Emerson Scholars Program recognizes exceptional high school musicians and gives them an opportunity to hone their talents in an environment that is recognized around the world as the premier training ground for young artists.

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For more information, or to obtain an application, write the Emerson Scholars Program, Interlochen Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643; call (231) 276-7472; or visit Interlochen on-line at [www.interlochen.org](http://www.interlochen.org).

## WT Speech Team takes tournament win

CANYON — It appears that the West Texas A&M University speech team just can't be stopped.

The team, which clinched the state title just last month, and continued its winning streak with yet another tournament win at the Forensics Fiesta at Arizona State University. The WTAMU squad took the overall swing tournament title, beating out second place Northern Arizona University and third place Alaska University. And if that wasn't enough, team members Zenobia Harris, a junior mass communications/broadcasting major from San Angelo, and Kevin Floyd, a

sophomore undeclared major from Sugar Land, took first and third place respectively as overall Top Speakers of the swing tournament.

"These students are traveling all over the nation, making a name for themselves and WTAMU," Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, assistant professor of speech communication and director of forensics, said. "It is exciting to see students from the Texas Panhandle beat students from the most prestigious universities in the country. I am proud of them and the tradition they are establishing for our university."

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## NEWSMAKERS

CANYON — Jennifer Bree Meadows Brown, a senior nursing major from Pampa, was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing at West Texas A&M University. She and 13 others were inducted during a campus ceremony in WTAMU's

Mary Moody Northern Hall. Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.

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## Scientists still disagree on why brain needs rest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Somewhere in the time between dream and wake, the human mind — struggling with burdensome problems — takes memories, facts and emotions and snaps them together like puzzle pieces.

Or perhaps the brain just takes the dreamer on a roller coaster ride of fear and hope brought on by repressed emotions.

The vastly different visions of what occurs in sleep are the basis for competing research papers by top scientists trying to understand why people dream and sleep.

Experts say the different conclusions of the research papers, featured in the recent issue of Science magazine, show just how little is known about what happens when people lie down for a night's rest.

Robert Stickgold, a professor at the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, published research that he believes provides compelling evidence that the mind works hard during sleep.

"The brain is taking information and helping us put it into a form that we can understand," Stickgold said. "Understanding the complexity of the world is one of our brain's most difficult tasks. It needs more than our hours of awake time to get the job done."

Across the divide is Jerome Siegel, a researcher at the Center for Sleep Research of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Siegel's analysis, which looks into dozens of studies done on dreams and learning, found no evidence that the sleeping mind does anything important.

"Since the beginning there have been all sorts of theories about what happens when we sleep and dream," Siegel said. "Hundreds of years ago, people said we dreamt to get in contact with our ancestors. The latest theory gaining some acceptance is that our brain is solving problems and helping us learn. There is no evidence of that."

Both scientists pronounce their evidence solid.

In Stickgold's experiment, people were given complex problems to solve and tested on their solutions over the next several days. Some of the people were

allowed to reach REM sleep (the deepest form of sleep), while others were kept awake.

Stickgold says the people allowed a full night's REM sleep improved more than the sleepless subjects. He believes the research suggests that part of the brain uses weak traces of memory to produce dreams while another part assimilates new information, putting it in order and helping the brain understand it.

In its simplest form, Stickgold's research suggests that the common anecdote of people going to sleep with a problem on their mind and waking up with a solution has scientific backing.

Siegel's sees other ways to explain why the people allowed to sleep in Stickgold's experiment appeared to solve their problems better.

"There is a great deal of stress involved in depriving someone of REM sleep," he said. "That stress can make someone perform worse."

Siegel said that when animals were put through similar tests they performed as Stickgold might expect. But when a less stressful way was found to deprive them of REM sleep, they were not outdone by the animals allowed REM sleep, Siegel said.

Outside observers seem to fall on both sides.

"It seems clear that the brain does help us learn and process information while we sleep," said Russ Carter, a psychiatrist at the Leonard Institute in Austin, Texas. "Any college student who takes enough tests know they have better access to the information in their head after a good night of rest."

Linda Sveena, a sleep researcher at the University of Ohio, takes the other side.

"We know people perform better after a night of sleep, but we don't know that their brain is working to process information while they sleep," Sveena said. "The evidence of this is scant."

While disagreeing on most of the particulars, all the researchers agree that it is unhealthy to go for a long period without a full night's sleep.

On The Net: Science: <http://www.sciencemag.org/>

## TMA: TDI changes in personal finance information regulations

AUSTIN — Insurance customers, including health insurance customers, must notify their insurers, in writing, if they want to protect personal financial information from being shared with other entities, according to rules issued earlier this month by Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), the Texas Medical Association (TMA) reported.

"It's too bad that people have to request their privacy rather than the insurance company being required to request permission to share this information," said Lewis Foxhall, MD, a Houston physician and chair of the TMA Privacy Task Force.

The new rules cover disclosure of personally identifiable financial information collected by an insurer. This includes information gathered from insurance applications, collected in the claim, payment or adjustment process, or obtained from consumer reporting agencies.

"But the biggest problem is that there still are no rules protecting the privacy of personal health information held by HMOs, insurance companies, utilization review agents and other regulated entities that hold such information," Dr. Foxhall said. "TDI is now promising these protective rules in 2002 and we can only hope that they will be as much of a priority for the Commissioner as they are for our patients."

"We're pleased that TDI is moving in the right direction; such rules, if adopted, would more adequately address TMA's concerns over the confidentiality of patient information, and reflect the intent of state and federal privacy laws already on the books."

The proposed rules regarding financial disclosures do not protect individuals applying for

insurance coverage. The rules also do not protect individuals participating in employer-sponsored plans or individuals participating in labor union health plans because these plans are shielded from state regulation by the federal Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974.

Insurance companies must notify customers of their privilege to "opt out" of disclosure of personal financial information. Once a customer takes that step, in writing, it remains in effect until the customer, again in writing, notifies the insurer that it is okay to release personal financial information.

## Diabetes rises among Native Americans

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA  
Associated Press Writer

BAPCHULE, Ariz. (AP) — "Move those feet! Make some dust!" Sister Martha Mary Carpenter straddles the pitching mound on the field next to St. Peter's Indian Mission School, more coach than nun at the moment. Clipboard in hand, she marks off laps as dozens of children round the dirt track before the morning bell.

A rotund kindergartner scampers by, passing up a group of older kids barely strolling along.

"Hey, you lazy boys," Carpenter demands, "get going!" The 220 students who attend St. Peter's — all American Indians — are required to run or walk at least a mile before school starts. A few hours later, each class heads out on another mile-long hike.

On top of that are three weekly physical education classes and a host of diet restrictions: No desserts except fruit. No candy, cookies or cake at class parties. No vegetables left uneaten at lunch.

"Our children have limited freedom," Carpenter says. They also, for now, have no diabetes. And in the Gila River Indian Community, that's no small feat.

The reservation of 12,000 Pima Indians south of Phoenix has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the world. Half of the adult population has the disease, while 5 percent of children 15-18 years old are diabetic.

The Pimas represent the extreme of an epidemic sweeping the country's Indian communities.

About 9 percent of American Indians and Alaska natives 20 and older, some 65,000 people, have diabetes. That's nearly three times the rate for whites.

Worse yet, the rates are rising while the age at which Indians are contracting the disease continues to fall. On the Gila River reservation, it's no longer shocking to find a 3-year-old diabetic.

Due to persistent disparities in income, treatment and access to care, Indians suffer higher rates of numerous illnesses, ranging from tuberculosis to alcoholism, pneumonia and heart disease.

The diabetes problem has been researched for decades. Yet only in recent years has the focus begun to shift from treating the sick and burying the dead to trying to prevent diabetes from the outset.

A recent study showed exercise and weight loss can dramatically reduce the chance of getting diabetes, and Indian communities are beginning to take action.

For some, that's meant a return to traditional foods grown in community gardens. Others have launched talking circles that combine prayer with presentations on diet and exercise. Some communities have started workout programs or organized walking groups.

"It's just a matter of empowering people with the knowledge that they can live longer if they're healthier and eat right," said Sarah Rosenbloom, a diabetes nurse educator on the Gila River reservation.

Diabetes was rare among American Indians until after World War II. By 1954, however, 254 cases had been documented on the Gila River reservation, a rate "appreciably higher" than that of the U.S. population, said Dr. Peter Bennett of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

Bennett was part of the research team that began intensive studies of diabetes among the Pimas back in 1965. At that time, 560 people were diagnosed.

NIDDK, a branch of the National Institutes of Health, launched a long-term study of the Pimas.

Previously, researchers believed diabetes stemmed solely from the inability to produce insulin, a hormone that moves sugar from blood into cells. When sugar builds up in the blood, cells become starved for energy. High blood sugar levels can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

The Pima research showed that many diabetics produce insulin, but that their bodies don't use it properly. That resulted in the designation of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. A person with Type 1 diabetes, once known as juvenile diabetes, does not produce any insulin, while those with Type 2 diabetes, sometimes called adult-onset diabetes, don't make enough insulin or don't use it properly.

Type 2 accounts for up to 95 percent of diabetes. The research also helped answer the question of why the Pimas and other Indians develop diabetes at higher rates. The primary theory is that Indians developed a genetic predisposition to diabetes during times of famine, in which their bodies were conditioned to store fat.

When food then becomes abundant, "people whose bodies adapted to that store fat as if they're expecting a famine and become obese, and that's what we've seen in American Indian communities," said Dr. Kelly Acton, director of the Indian Health Service's National Diabetes Program.

Another factor is the shift in diet that occurred after World War II, with the onset of government commodity programs. Traditional foods, such as homegrown squash and corn, were replaced with fried and processed foods high in sugar and fat.

In the mid-1990s, a major study began on the prevention of Type 2 diabetes. The results, released in August, showed that moderate exercise and losing about 15 pounds helped those at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes cut the odds by 58 percent.

"For the very first time, there is unequivocal evidence that changing lifestyle is an effective means of prevention," Bennett said.

Congress appropriated \$100 million a year from 2001 to 2003 to the Indian Health Service to establish a grant program for diabetes treatment and prevention in Indian nations.

Grants also have been made available through other federal agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Agriculture.

In Wisconsin, the Chippewa tribe is encouraging a return to its gardening heritage by using grant money to buy 300 apple, pear, cherry and crab apple trees to plant in members' yards. A small community garden also was planted, with plans for a five-acre plot next spring.

In Arizona, a \$1 million wellness center opened its doors in the heart of the Gila River reservation earlier this year, featuring shiny new exercise equipment, yoga classes and nutrition counseling.

Harold Osife, who weighs 384 pounds, hits the workout room twice a week. Osife, 37, was diagnosed with diabetes 10 years ago. He used to down six supersize Pepsis a day, while his diet consisted of steaks, hamburgers and doughnuts — "mostly all takeout."

These days, he's cut out chips and sweets and incorporated fruits and vegetables into his diet. The exercise also has helped. Blood sugar levels that once soared into the 400s range from 160 to 180.

As for the soda, Osife added: "I'm drinking diet now."  
(See, INDIANS, Page 25)

## Circle of Friends awards annual grant to Harrington Cancer Center

AMARILLO — Circle of Friends is celebrating 18 years as a non-profit, volunteer organization affiliated with The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, founded to assist cancer patients and their families in times of need.

Funds raised through membership drives held in Amarillo-area communities help with every day patient expenses, prostheses, prescriptions and other medical costs in addition to providing support and educational programs directed toward improving quality of life.

Between 10 and 13 membership "parties" are held each year, resulting in approximately \$80,000 raised.

Board members for 2001 include Peggy David and Jennifer Hampton in Pampa, Jane Arrington in Canadian and Beverly Odom in McLean. Other parhandle communities represented by members of the board are: Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Claude, Dumas, Gruver, Hereford, Panhandle, Perryton and Stratford. The Harrington Cancer Center staff support includes Cinda Courtney, Tracy Dougherty, Debbie Powell and Michelle Sandifer.

The greatest contribution of funds is made through annual

special grant requests from the Center's staff, amounting to a distribution of \$24,310 to the Harrington Cancer Center in 2001.

Ten departments benefited from the monies which went towards:

- continuation of the first floor renovation;
- three extra-wide wheelchairs;
- a new television set;
- 10 mammogram view boxes;
- a specialized exam chair;
- funding for HLA typing and blood marrow donor drives;
- magazine subscriptions;
- nutritional snacks, baseball caps and electric lap blankets for patients;
- two club chairs for the patient library;
- exercise mats;
- CDs and CD players;
- support group refreshments and funds for MGA scans for clinical trials.

Circle of Friends also maintains two apartments near the cancer center for patients who receive daily treatments and who live at least 60 miles outside of Amarillo. The apartments are leased on a sliding scale according to the patient's ability to pay.

Camp Alphonie, a camp for children with cancer, benefits from Circle of Friends camper scholarships, and Alphonie, the camp mas-

cot, enjoys a birthday party with the children each summer hosted by the Circle. During camp, campers' parents are treated to lunch and programs funded by the organization.

Circle of Friends membership money is further utilized for outings for pediatric oncology patients and their families — visits to Wonderland Park, Rattler hockey games, Dilla baseball games, bowling parties and more.

In the fall, Circle of Friends and

the Harrington Cancer Center co-sponsor the Komen Amarillo Race for the Cure and the In the Pink Luncheon. Funds raised from these events benefit breast cancer programs at the cancer center.

Other events sponsored by Circle of Friends include a Christmas art contest. A reception is held each year at the cancer center to honor the winners and their schools. The art work is displayed throughout the month of December.

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## Billboard music charts

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### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "How You Remind Me,"

2. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
3. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
4. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista.
5. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
6. "Whenever, Wherever," Shakira. Epic.
7. "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
8. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
9. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
10. "Livin' It Up," Ja Rule (feat. Case). Murder Inc. Copyright 2001, BPI

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### The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "Now 8," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony/Zomba/Virgin. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
3. "Britney," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
4. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
5. "Christmas Extraordinaire," Mannheim Steamroller. American Gramophone.
6. "Now That's What I Call Christmas," Various Artists. EMI. (Platinum)
7. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner. (Platinum)
8. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (Platinum)
9. "Rock Steady," No Doubt. Interscope.
10. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum) Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
2. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.
3. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
4. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
5. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
6. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
7. "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
8. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
9. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville.
10. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker. Top Dog.

### Top Gospel Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
2. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
3. "Christmas... Just Remember," Fred Hammond. Verity.
4. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Platinum)
5. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
6. "Light Of The World," The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Epic.
7. "WOW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)
8. "Hymns," Shirley Caesar. Word.
9. "Emmanuel," Norman Hutchins & JDI Christmas. JDI. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
4. "The Road Less Traveled," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Gold)
6. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
7. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits Volume III — I'm A Survivor," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
9. "What A Wonderful Christmas," Anne Murray. StraightWay.
10. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum) Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
3. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
4. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
5. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
6. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
7. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
8. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
9. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
10. "Feel So Numb," Rob Zombie. Geffen.

### Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
2. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
3. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
5. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
6. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
7. "Chop Suey," System Of A Down. American.
8. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
9. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
10. "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.

### Hot Country Singles, Tracks

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### Hot Rap Singles

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Dansin Wit Wolvez (Where My Tribe At?)," Strik 9ine. Fade.
2. "Ground Zero (In Our Hearts You Will Remain)," Cash & Computa. Select.
3. "Get Mo," Sherm (feat. Bigga Figgas). Dean's List.
4. "Can I Get That," Bear Witnez! Eargasms.
5. "Ain't Nobody (We Got It Locked)," The Rawlwo Boys (feat. T.O.R.O. And Lil' Smoke). House Of Fire.
6. "Rock Em," Boobakaw And The Wild Younginz (feat. Vita). Whitestone.
7. "Got Ur Self A...," NAS III Will.
8. "I'm Your Girl," Dena Cali. ES3.
9. "Bouncin' Back (Bumpin' Me Against The Wall)," Mystikal. Jive.
10. "Part II," Method Man & Redman. Def Jam. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
2. "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti. Murder Inc.
3. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J.
4. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Background.
5. "Butterflies," Michael Jackson. Epic.
6. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
7. "Lights, Camera, Action," Faith Evans. Universal.
8. "Runnin'," Mark Picchiotti Presents Bassstoy (feat. Dana). Groovilicious.
9. "Be Free," Live Element. Strictly Rhythm.
10. "In Stereo (The Superchumbo Mixes)," Flip Flop (feat. Faith Trent). Nervous.
11. "Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger," Daft Punk. Virgin.
12. "I'm A Slave 4 U," Britney Spears. Jive.
13. "Bring It To Me," Soluna. DreamWorks.
14. "Turn Off The Light," Nelly Furtado. DreamWorks.
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## Graduate Is Proud to Announce She's Earned a Degree at Last

**DEAR ABBY:** After many years of part-time college classes squeezed in between working and parenting our children, finally at age 42, I have earned my bachelor's degree. I skipped the traditional graduation activities, such as the commencement exercise, but I did order announcements to send to close friends and relatives.

My husband said I shouldn't send announcements. He views them as bids for gifts, which he thinks are for 20-somethings just starting out in adult life.

Abby, I mailed the announcements anyway. Some people did respond with gifts, none of which were inappropriate or overly expensive. Others brought bottles of wine to our party to celebrate my accomplishment. However, I would still like to know if announcements for mature graduates are in poor taste.

**PROUD "OLDER" GRADUATE**

**DEAR GRADUATE:** Announcements of accomplishments such as obtaining one's degree are not in poor taste. It's never too late to celebrate becoming the person you want to be. Just because it took you longer to get your degree than those who were fortunate enough to study full-time, no one should minimize your hard work.

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Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

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At my last pageant, the judge told me I was gaining some "chub" and needed to lose weight. After that, I became bulimic for a year. Fortunately, I realized what I was doing to myself and stopped bingeing and purging.

During the four years I have not competed in pageants, I've become happier and more self-confident. My mother recently told me that now that I'm through the "ugly" stage, it is time to begin modeling again.

Abby, I don't think I can do it. I never told my mother about my bulimia, and she refuses to listen to my reasons for not wanting to model. I don't want her to know about this disorder, especially since I am over it. What should I do?

**NO NEED TO SHOW OFF**

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**DEAR ABBY:** My brother-in-law's father recently passed away. We had met him several times, but were unable to travel to the funeral services.

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IF YOU FEEL LIKE THAT... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

IT'S "HOME," LIZ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**Zits**

...SO AFTER THAT, WE ALL DECIDED TO DRIVE UP TO THE LAKE, AND IT WAS SOOOOO MUCH FUN! YOU HAVE TO COME WITH US THE NEXT TIME, OKAY? PROMISE? GOTTA GO! BYE!

HELLO? HI! WHAT'S UP?

I'M IN LOVE.

YOU KNOW, FROM THE RIGHT ANGLE, I'LL BET IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS ACTUALLY TALKING TO US!

**Garfield**

HI, CAT.

HI, FLEA.

JUST WANTED TO STOP BY AND SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS BEFORE I TAKE OFF.

WHERE TO?

OH, I'M CATCHING A GREYHOUND TO KANSAS CITY?

**Beetle Bailey**

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PSYCHIATRIST.

HE CAN'T SEE YOU NOW.

HE'S SEEING HIMSELF.

**Marvin**

IN THE SUMMER, MOM COMPLETELY COVERED ME IN GOOEY LOTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE SUN.

NOW THAT IT'S WINTER, SHE MAKES ME WEAR LOTS OF SNOW BLOCK.

Dear Miss Know-it-all,

I am the mother of 6 kids, and my ex-husband is a deadbeat dad. Yet, in this special season of love and merriment, I feel obliged to send him something. What do you think?

—Flustered

DEAR FLUSTERED: I AGREE. WHY DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR "IQ" NOTARIZED AND JUST SEND HIM THAT!

**Wildwood**

THE PAGEANT WAS GREAT, LENNY.

THANKS, BOBO.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO CAST ME AS THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

THE WAY YOU LIVE IN THE MOMENT.

OH.

I HOPE YOU DON'T FIND THAT INSULTING.

FIND WHAT INSULTING?

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 By THOMAS JOSEPH

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**DOWN**

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"Hold it, Daddy! You can't read that until Monday night."

**Hagar The Horrible**

THIS YEAR I'M GOING TO LET YOU OPEN ONE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS EARLY.

OH, BOY! WHAT IS IT, HELGA?

IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN USE RIGHT AWAY.

**Peanuts**

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE REAL SANTA CLAUS...

IF YOU'RE THE REAL SANTA, WHERE ARE YOUR HELPERS?

HELP! HELP! HELP!

THAT'S THE DUMBEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

WHO CARES? MERRY CHRISTMAS, SWEETIE! WOOF, WOOF, WOOF!

**Blondie**

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

WHO PUSHED THE EMERGENCY BUTTON??

WE ALL DID!

**Mallard Filmore**

I STILL GET A CHRISTMAS CARD EVERY YEAR FROM MY THIRD-GRADE TEACHER, MRS. LORSON...

SHE TAUGHT GOOD, SOUND, STANDARD ENGLISH, AND FUNDAMENTAL MATH AND SCIENCE...

IT TOOK FOUR YEARS OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO GET ALL THAT STUFF OUT OF MY SYSTEM...

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# Teaching children about existence of Santa Claus

By STEPHANIE ALLMON  
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — In 1897, 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon started to wonder the same thing many kids her age do — is Santa Claus real?

As the story goes, when Virginia asked her father if the jolly fellow she'd believed in all her life really existed, her dad was a little evasive.

He urged her to write to her newspaper, the New York Sun. The answer she got is one of the most famous newspaper editorials ever written, headlined, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus."

More than 100 years later, kids are more skeptical than ever about Santa's existence, experts say.

And some parents are just as reluctant as Virginia's father to have to answer the question.

That's one reason some grown-ups are choosing to avoid the Santa question altogether by not teaching their kids about ol' St. Nick in the first place.

"Kids are much more insightful and want to see rational reasons why (things are true)," said Keith Hankins, a Waco psychologist. "They are much more inquisitive, much more fact-finding."

Whether for reasons of religion, ethics or plain convenience, some par-

ents choose not to perpetuate the myth that Santa is a real man who sneaks down their chimney on Christmas Eve to bring children toys if they've been good all year.

Susan Price said she and her husband, Brian, haven't sat down with their three children, ages 1, 3 and 6, and to tell them Santa isn't real. She said she realizes that in today's Christmas culture, it's impossible to shield her children altogether from Santa.

The Woodway family doesn't turn the other way when they see the jolly bearded character in the mall, but they don't stop and get pictures taken either, she said.

Price said she would rather her children believe in St. Nick as a historic figure and a pretend part of Christmas than a real person who delivers gifts. It is important for her 6-year-old daughter, who is starting to ask questions about Santa, not to be confused about what to believe, she said.

Price, who wants to rear her children to be faithful Christians, said she wants Jesus to be a real figure in their lives, even though they can't see him. She doesn't want them to lose their faith in Jesus once they would lose their faith in Santa.

"We don't want to tell our daughter that Jesus is real, then tell her Santa

Claus is real," she said. "Then she will inevitably discover Santa's a lie, then think if my parents lied about this, can I believe them about Jesus?"

Price said she also takes issue with the idea that Santa only brings gifts to good boys and girls. That goes against the Christian belief, she said, that God gave the gift of a savior to the world freely. People don't have to earn God's love, she said.

Although Virginia and Christopher Kearney of Woodway both believed in Santa as youngsters, they decided before their three children were born that they would not emphasize Santa Claus. The Kearneys, who also don't teach their kids about the Easter Bunny or the tooth fairy, said they want their children to believe Santa represents generous giving and the spirit of Christmas.

Like the Prices, they worry that they would be lying to their children if they let them believe Santa was real. Virginia said they will include jolly old St. Nick in decorations, but they choose instead to make Jesus' birth the sole focus of their family's Christmas celebration.

"We just say that Santa Claus is a game some people play that we decided not to play in our family," Kearney said. "We decided this was better partly because we wanted to get away from

the materialism of Christmas. We don't encourage our children to think about asking for things at Christmas time.

"We have stockings, and they certainly get plenty of gifts, but they understand Santa is Mommy and Daddy," Kearney said.

It's one thing to keep beliefs about Santa at home, but it's another issue when children butt heads with each other about their beliefs in Santa, said Debbie Miller, director of Waco Childcare.

Belief or nonbelief in Santa is one of the biggest areas of peer influence, said Miller, whose two facilities care for children from 2 weeks to 12 years old.

Every once in a while, she has one or two children whose parents ask that they be shielded from images of Santa. If that's the case, she said, other activities for those children will be scheduled when St. Nick, the man with fummy like a "bowl full of jelly," is slated to arrive at the annual Christmas party.

But even kids who once believed in the magical idea of Kris Kringle start to taunt each other as they get older, she said. Especially those with older siblings who have already stopped believing in Santa. At some point in childhood, believing the myth of St. Nick becomes uncool, she said.

And that point is coming earlier now

than it ever has before. "It gets younger and younger every year, even as young as age 3 or 4, the majority of kids want to fit in with the group," Miller said.

Neither the Kearneys nor the Prices say they encourage or discourage their children from expressing their beliefs about Santa. Price said she worries a little that her daughter will be seen as the "nasty kid" if she starts telling her friends not to believe in Santa.

Price said, so far, her daughter has not asked many questions about St. Nick, but she's prepared to state her beliefs when the 6 year old does.

"If I'm really pressed, I would say some people believe Santa is real, and I think Santa is this person from long ago," she said. "For right now, he is a fun pretend that helps us ... celebrate Jesus' birthday."

Kearney said she thinks many kids at school have tried to convince her 6-year-old daughter that Santa is real, but she does not get taunted about it.

Kearney said she feels she can shelter her kids a little from the outside world of Christmas myth and materialism by allowing them to only watch Christian videos and by avoiding TV.

"We try to give our kids a sense of wonder of childhood with other things," she said.

# Clergy: Do Americans have spiritual strength of WWII generation?

By RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP Religion Writer

At Christmas in 1941, new Roman Catholic convert Avery Dulles was in his first days as a civilian U.S. Navy worker, having just quit Harvard Law School. He would receive an officer's commission that eventually led to battles in the Mediterranean and a bout with polio.

Philip Hannan was a young priest, celebrating Christmas Mass in Baltimore before volunteering as an Army chaplain. While serving with paratroopers in Europe, he narrowly escaped from German bombings twice.

G. Thompson Brown, a Davidson College student, took a holiday break with other children of missionaries. But it was an anxious Christmas, because Japanese troops had just put his parents under house arrest in China. After the Army swore him in on graduation day, 1942, he went to work deciphering enemy codes.

Lyle Schaller was on break from the University of Wisconsin. In his hometown of Lime Ridge, Wis., the preachers and populace aggressively professed patriotism, partly because most were of German descent. Schaller soon left school to enlist, and taught aerial gunnery at a base in western Texas.

All four were to become Christian patriarchs. Dulles, now 83, was named this year as the first U.S. theologian in the College of Cardinals. Hannan, 88, was the longtime Catholic archbishop of New Orleans. Brown, 80, was a noted missionary to South Korea and head of a Presbyterian foreign mission board. And Schaller, 78, became a valued consultant to thousands of troubled Protestant congregations.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, these clergymen from the so-called "greatest generation" that won World War II are wondering if America still has the same kind of spiritual strength it drew upon during the somber Christmas season that followed Pearl Harbor.

Schaller, a Methodist living in Naperville, Ill., acerbically compares the pop culture priorities of

Americans then and now:

"Two words. In 1941, sacrifice. In 2001, shop." Christmas 2001 features pleadings to buy and boost the economy, he explains, even though times are vastly better than in 1941. Back then, everyone preached working for the common good. Schaller recalls joining with schoolmates to scavenge the countryside for scrap metal before they went off to war.

And death was different then, Schaller says. "We expected huge numbers of casualties in World War II," while today's American culture ignores or postpones death, just as it minimizes it on the battlefield.

Hannan wonders whether today's America is spiritually equipped for a long, hard journey.

"I don't think right now people are set for a long-term, enervating, difficult war," he says. "They don't have enough religious strength to see them through. This is what I fear."

He points to a lesson learned while liberating the prison camp at Woebelin, Germany. Hannan had the grisly duty of emptying the men's unit, where only corpses remained. Yet in an adjoining compound, 800 women were still alive. When he asked why, the survivors said it was because a Polish woman had fashioned makeshift rosary beads out of bread and led devotionals every night.

"We prayed for each other and for the end of the war, and we lived on hope," Hannan was told.

The Rev. Duke McCall, 87, who was the longtime president of Kentucky's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is convinced that the spiritual stirrings ran far deeper in December 1941, despite the prominent worship services this fall at the National Cathedral and elsewhere.

"We are singing 'God Bless America' more often, but we're singing it more as a pep song than a prayer," he says.

Dulles, somewhat more optimistic, would like to think that America has shifted away from the "carefree hedonism" of the 1990s toward "a deeper sense of responsibility."

Wartime brings a "sense of dependence upon something higher," though he cautions "it's really

uncertain at this point how long this will last."

During World War II, the churches were busier than they had been during the Great Depression. And when peace was finally won, the religious upsurge continued — finally peaking in the 1950s — as many returning veterans became clergy.

Brown, the career missionary, was among them. At Davidson, he had planned on a secular career in the foreign service. But he had ample time to rethink things while in India awaiting Army reassignment.

"Out of the war experience I came to feel I had a call," he says. "It was no great emotional experience, just a feeling, a tug. This is something that needed to be done. And the need was overwhelming. China was just a wreck."

The plan for missionary work in China was later barred by the Communist takeover, however, so he landed in Korea.

Brown hopes Americans will replicate the spiritual expansion of World War II and its aftermath, and that Christians will make a massive push to help poor people overseas, as they have before. But he worries that, unlike 1941, U.S. churches today are weakened, shoved to the sidelines of society and divided internally over basic beliefs.

Schaller agrees that, in 1941, U.S. Christians were overwhelmingly united in belief about Jesus and

the reliability of the New Testament, even though then they were more divided along denominational lines.

The Rev. Gardner C. Taylor, 83, a Baptist from Brooklyn who is often called America's premiere black preacher, thinks that sermonizing in 1941 was far less complicated than it has been during the war on terrorism.

"I preached an easier patriotism then," he says. "It was a simpler time. The lines between right and wrong were much clearer." Today there are "questions about just about every public action," and he shares some of them.

The country's mood right now "is downbeat in terms of the general good feeling of Christmas, but upbeat in terms of the heightened preciousness of family relationships" that are so central to the holiday, Taylor says.

The theme of his own 2001 Christmas sermon? "Jesus Christ is our hope and our answer. Christian people must insist on the position that we are safe. Safe protected, and safe unprotected."

Cardinal Dulles, who will be celebrating Christmas Mass in South Orange, N.J., says he also plans to preach the old-time religion:

"People can't achieve salvation on their own so 'it's Christ the savior who is born. ... I don't think we are free to ignore the gift of God.'"



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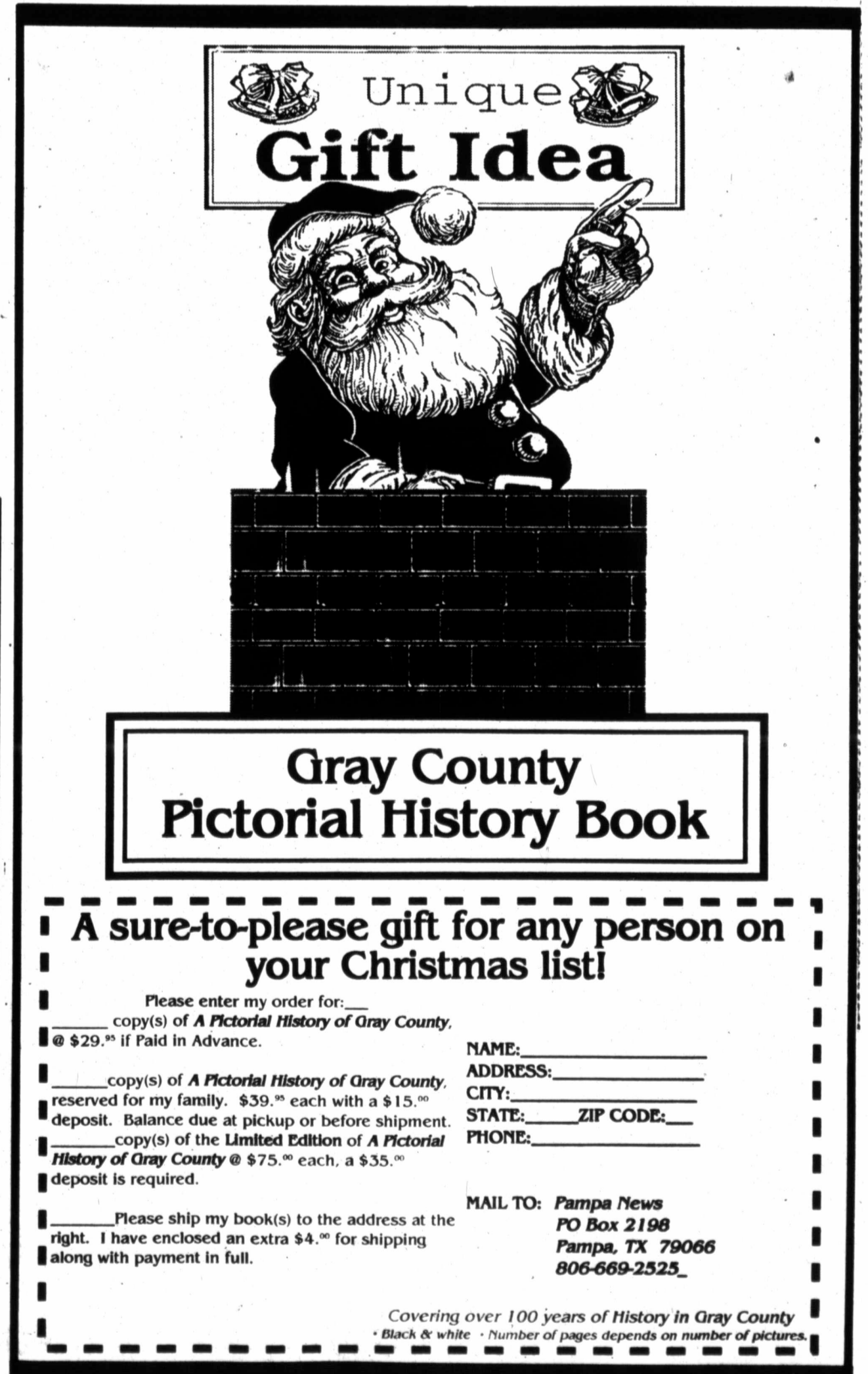
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# Ornaments lend gift-wrapping a personal, artistic touch

DALLAS — If perfect corners and flawless seams on gift-wrapped packages are akin to lining up striped wallpaper, turn to an idea that's tops with style-makers.

Present "toppers" those keepsakes and mini ornaments used to embellish a bow or gift package were in the past mostly used on professionally wrapped packages. But the proliferation of gift-wrap novelties on retail shelves this season has inspired even novice wrappers to tie one on.

Especially popular this year are beaded tie-ons, jingle bells, stuffed animals, and small ornaments ranging from mirrored disco balls to glittery pine cones. And with such a showy gift, who cares if the

wrapping itself is less than perfect?

Mario Moreno, a sales representative of the Howard Gardiner Showroom in Dallas Trade Mart, has noticed a surge in patriotic packaging and creative touches. Even more expensive, collectible ornaments are finding their way on top of gifts.

"There's been a lot of changes since Sept. 11, and people are spending lots of time getting back to basics and searching for something special, something with meaning. They are more conscious of what they are giving and how they are gift-wrapping it this year, and that translates to homemade cards, ornaments, and creative packaging."

He's noticed sales increases in plush animals, quality stationery used for card making, and anything with an Americana spirit.

Also look around for creative alternatives to store-bought toppers: homemade kiddie crafts and even key chains work well, too.

For the cook, use a metal measuring spoon set. For the grandparent, consider a small frame with a grandbaby's photograph. For the gardener, tie on a new pair of gloves, a shiny new hand tool, or even a sturdy flower.

"Gift tags often seem like an afterthought, but tie-ons mean so much more," says Martha Moline, assistant buyer of gift packaging for the Container

Store and a winner in the recent House & Garden gift-wrap contest.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: DECLARATORY JUDGMENT  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
Witness, GAYE HONDERICH, Clerk of the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas.  
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CLERK,  
223rd District Court  
Gray County, Texas  
P.O. Box 1139  
Pampa, TX 79066-1139  
By JO MAYES, Deputy Sheriff of Gray County YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER BY 10:00 A.M. FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU.  
ATTORNEY  
DAVID T. SCOTT  
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K-44 Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2001  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Commissioners Court of Gray County will accept bids for two new full size, 4 door sedan, Police type vehicles at 10:00 a.m., on January 15, 2002. Bids should be presented on or before said time to the County Judge's office, 315 Ballard, Pampa, Texas 79065. A detailed bid specification may be obtained from the County Judge's office (806-669-8007) or from Sheriff Don Copeland (806-669-8022).  
The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
Richard Peet  
County Judge  
K-52 Dec. 23, 30, 2001  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Pampa Independent School District is requesting names, addresses, and phone/fax numbers of vendors to be placed on a vendor list for the purpose of obtaining Competitive Quotations for a used Dump Truck.  
Please contact Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065 or call (806)669-4700 by 4:00 p.m., January 15, 2002.  
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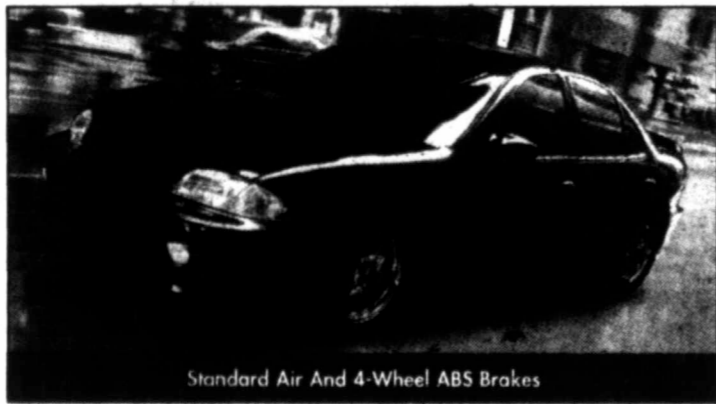
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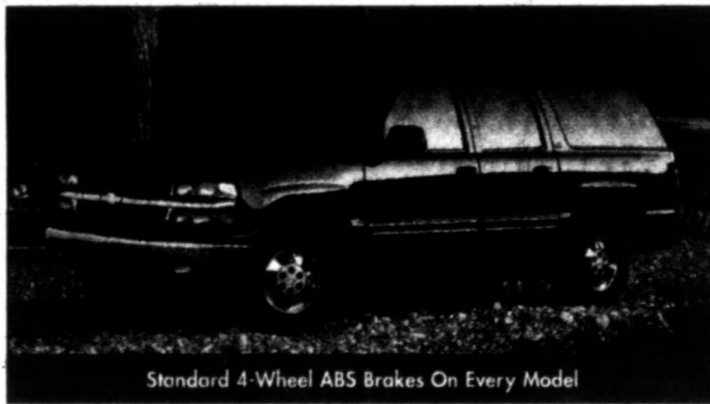
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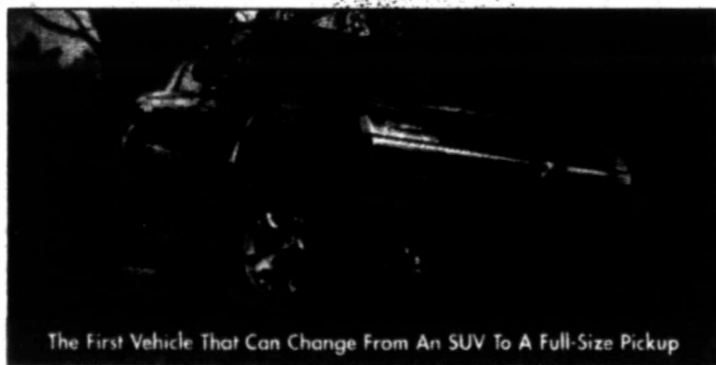
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