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Scores: Room for improvement

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

Pampa Independent School District's grade on the state's first report card after implementing a new learning assessment test indicates there's plenty of room for improvement, school board members learned Monday.

This year, all Texas students, grades 3-11, were given a new test "Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills" or TAKS. TAKS, a standards-based test, measures how well students are mastering the knowledge and skills

needed to complete Texas public schools. TAKS replaces the "Texas Assessment of Academic Skills" or TAAS tests.

The state's goal is that 100 percent of students pass the TAKS at each grade level. Beginning with the Class of 2005, students must pass the Exit TAKS in order to graduate from high school. Students in the Class of 2004 will have to pass the previous test, the Exit TAAS, in order to graduate.

Last night, in a public hearing at Carver Center, results were presented on the Texas Education Agency's Academic Excellence Indicator

System for Pampa ISD.

The report contains 71 pages of statistics and percentages pertaining to the TAKS test results and various data that affects the school district such as attendance, drop out, and graduation rates, amount spent per student, amounts received in state funding, total expenditures, etc.

"We all learned a lot after these tests," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said, adding, "We probably did not do as well in comparison to the state."

"The sub-groups (African American and Hispanic students) particularly did not do as well," he said.

"We have to ask ourselves, 'Why?' What are we doing to correct this," he said.

Haenisch said school officials identified and are working on three areas to improve the scores:

- Paying special attention to curriculum alignment - making sure that what is being taught coincides with what is being asked on the tests;
 - Looking at quality of teaching; and
 - Looking at quality of assessment.
- "These three things particularly give us the opportunity to do better," Haenisch told the board.

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LOCAL
Library sets holiday craft days for kids

Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, is planning a cookie decorating day for children 18 months and older at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 and a Christmas craft day for children five and older at 10 a.m. Dec. 13 at the library.

Both programs are free, but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to pre-register, call 669-5780.

All materials will be provided.

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Travis Elementary educator Susan Furgason watches as her daughter Kolbi reads a sentence while wearing special goggles that track eye movement. The system, "Visigraph," can identify learning disabilities and dyslexia problems in children and provides training exercises to help.

U.S., Europe reach Iran nuclear compromise

Resolution warns U.N. would use 'all options at its disposal' if obligations violated

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A proposed resolution condemning Iran's past nuclear program warns that the U.N. atomic agency would use "all options at its disposal" if the country violates its nuclear obligations again, but makes no specific mention of Security Council sanctions.

The decision not to mention the Security Council in the draft, agreed to by U.S. and European negotiators, was a key concession by the United States. Iranian officials had said they would have rejected any direct mention of Security Council action.

"I'm very happy with the resolution," Secretary of State

Colin Powell said Tuesday in Washington.

The draft broke days of deadlock at the International Atomic Energy Agency. It was formally submitted to the agency's board of governors, who are to resume a meeting on Wednesday, said diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We've reached agreement," said one of the diplomats. "We're all set for Wednesday."

The diplomats told The Associated Press that the draft included a "trigger mechanism" demanded by the United States in the form of a clause indirectly threatening

U.N. Security Council action should Iran be found guilty of "further significant failures" — new evidence of clandestine activities or failure to honor its new commitments to the IAEA.

"Should any further serious Iranian failures come to light, the board of governors would meet immediately to consider in light of the circumstances and the advice of the (IAEA) director general, all options at its disposal, in accordance with the IAEA statute and Iran's safeguard agreement," the clause stated, as read to AP by a diplomat.

Last week, Washington had insisted it would hold out for

at least a threat of Security Council action over 18 years of clandestine activities by Iran including uranium enrichment and plutonium processing. U.S. officials say those activities point to a nuclear weapons agenda.

U.S. officials had hoped that Iran's past nuclear cover-ups would be enough for the U.N. Security Council to get involved. The council has the power to impose international sanctions.

France, Germany and Britain instead put forward a softer worded draft resolution meant to focus on encouraging Iran to open its nuclear programs to stringent IAEA

scrutiny. That was rejected by Washington, leading to a days-long impasse.

As the text of the draft was still developing earlier Monday, Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's chief IAEA envoy, suggested his country was happy with a resolution that avoided direct mention of Security Council involvement but refused to characterize developments as a "victory" over Washington.

"It's always natural that there are differences of views on matters of international importance," he told AP. "What is important here is that a chance has been given for the power of logic to prevail."

Board decides to hire architect for MPAC design

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

After much discussion, Pampa school board members Monday voted to hire an architect to develop plans and specifications to complete the MPAC building at Pampa High School.

A preliminary drawing submitted by the PISD facilities committee will form the basis of the plan and will include an attached concession stand on the west side of the building that can be used for baseball games and for activities inside the MPAC building.

No further action on completing the building will be taken until the money has been raised.

"I talked with our attorney and he said don't begin the bid process until you have the cash in hand," Superintendent Barry Haenisch told the board at the meeting Monday night in Carver Center.

In other action, the board approved the sale of delinquent tax property at 1014 E. Denver for \$151,50 to George Kilerase and the hiring of Joshua Freeman as a tennis coach and social

studies teacher at Pampa High School.

Much of the meeting was dedicated to discussion and reports including a first look at the district's aging bus fleet. John Kendall, PISD facilities management coordinator, told the board that district needs to upgrade it's buses including the three Eagle extracurricular buses, two route buses, one special education backup bus, a van, and one Suburban, all of which are in poor condition.

School board members plan to continue to look at options to upgrade the district's transportation needs at the December meeting, including the possibility of hiring a private bus contractor.

Board Member Charles Smith asked school officials to provide exact transportation costs, including insurances and personnel costs, for them to use in their considerations.

Haenisch presented TASB Policy Update 71 for first reading. He explained one of the new policies relate to HB1440 which allows school districts to have less than annual teacher appraisals. He recommended

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CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
 beginning November 22 at the Recreation Park every evening after dark
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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Assault and interference with emergency communication was reported in the 500 block of West Montague. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Nov. 24

An information report in reference to a possible forgery was given in the 1100 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Deadly conduct was reported at Bartlett's Lumber, 500 W. Brown. Unknown person(s) fired shots at the business, penetrating the outside wall, entering the building and causing damage to several cans of paint, boxes of joint compound and a window. Estimated damage was \$130.

Kerrance R. Brown, 34, 1033 Huff Road, was arrested on a Potter County charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member, enhanced.

Mark Ethan Dunn, 44, 431 Hazel, was arrested in the 700 block of East Browning for driving while intoxicated.

Sarah Watkins, 19, 717 Doucette, was arrested in the 700 block of Doucette for assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Minor injuries were reported.

Cassandra Ramirez, 19, 1041 Prairie, was arrested in the 1000 block of Prairie for criminal trespass of a habitation, theft under \$50, and a motion to revoke probation on a charge of burglary of a habitation in Terry County. Later added were charges of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility and possession of drug paraphernalia.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Monday, Nov. 24

Jesus Velasquez, 34, Amarillo, was arrested for injury to a child.

Troy W. Locke, 33, Lubbock, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 40, 1041 Prairie Drive, was arrested on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

FIRE

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

Monday, Nov. 24

10:49 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 500 block of Naida. Carbon monoxide could not be detected, but firefighters discovered a vent cover was off of the hot water heater.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa		
Wheat	3.38	
Milo	4.01	
Corn	4.41	
Soybeans	6.61	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		
BP	42.57	+0.19
BP	42.57	-0.38
Celanese	32.85	+1.05
Cabot Corp.	28.22	+0.37
Cabot Oil Gas	26.27	+0.01
Coca Cola	46.32	-0.10
VLO	42.91	+0.01
HAL	23.49	+0.26
Triad	32.55	-0.09
NOI	19.15	+0.27
KMI	54.90	+0.46
XCEL	16.59	+0.07
Kerr McGee	40.90	+0.05
Limited	18.00	+0.20
Williams	9.18	+0.07
MC D	25.51	-0.13
XOM	35.65	+0.09
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CVX	74.45	+0.43
Wal-Mart	56.06	-0.02
ORKE	19.85	-0.03
NS Grp	7.31	+0.18
New York Gold	391.45	
Silver	5.24	
West Texas Crude	29.89	

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, Nov. 23

9:55 a.m. — A 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Ashley Danielle Stone, 19, 1809 Williston, collided with a legally parked 2001 Dodge Ram pickup, owned by Northern Natural Gas, Hunt Valley, Md., in the 2200 block of Williston. Stone reported non-inca-

pacitating injuries. No citations were issued.

Monday, Nov. 24

10:55 a.m. — A 1997 Buick LeSabre, driven by Terry Williams Lemons, 47, 1829 N. Banks, collided with a 1997 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Shelby Danielle Patton, 17, 1939 Fir, at the intersection of Williston Street and Worrell Avenue. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

City Briefs

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BLACK GOLD Restaurant will be Open Thanksgiving Day 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Turkey, dressing, baked ham, trimmings, pumpkin pie, \$7.95. Call for reservations 669-6237

FIRESIDE COMFORT will be closed Wed. 26th, and will open Mon. Dec. 1st. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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HELP WANTED, apply at Hoagies Deli, Coronado Shopping Center.

STOREWIDE SALE, VJ's Fashions & Gifts, 118 N. Cuyler, downtown Pampa.

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EARLY CIRCULATION Deadlines for *The Pampa News* beginning with Sun. Nov. 23rd thru Sun. Nov. 30th. Watch for display ad in Thurs. Nov. 20 thru Tues. Nov. 25th editions. (Starts, stops, etc.).

LIFESTYLES EARLY deadline for Sun. Nov. 30th, is Tues., Nov. 25th at 12 noon. (Wedding, anniversary, baby, newsmakers, etc.)

THE ZONE coming Fri. Nov. 28th. Family Game Room. Fun for all ages. Pool, juke box. 1600 N. Hobart, across from O'Reilly's. Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Open late Fri., Sat., Sun. noon-8 p.m.

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WATCH FOR the classifieds and comics in the "B" section of Tomorrows paper!!!

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 24

9:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Craven and transport-

ed a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

5:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Varnon and transported a patient to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

E.H. PATTON

1925-2003

E.H. Patton, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Patton was born Jan. 12, 1925, at Mobeetie. He married Jean Patton on Sept. 2, 1949, at Groom. She preceded him in death in 1999. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. He was the owner and operator of Circulation Incorporated, Rocky Mountain Tank Company, and co-owner of Patton & Patton.

He was a member of the Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Connie Hutcherson and husband Boyd of Pampa; two granddaughters, Jamie Groomer and husband Stephen and Lori Giles and husband Chadd, all of Pampa; five great grandchildren, Taylor Giles, Kaylea Giles, Jarren Giles, Jarrod Groomer and Nolan Groomer; four sisters, Claudia Phillips, Betty McKay, Lovella Hollingsworth and Iweta Johnson, all of Amarillo; four brothers, Leroy Patton of Yukon, Okla., Clyde Patton of Belton, George Patton of Salem, Va., and Bob Patton of Carthage.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

MINNIE EVANS

1910-2003

Minnie Evans, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 23, in Pampa. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Buddy Reed, elder with Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Evans was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Gageby. She married Nathan Evans on Jan. 30, 1930, in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1966. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. She was a homemaker and a Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include three daughters, Alene George of Pampa, Nathetta Olsen of Boulder,

Colo., and Mary Sandlin of Priddy; three sisters, Eunice Seay of Canyon, Ida Mae Sinclair of Amarillo and Susie Rhoades of Sulpher Springs; 16 grandchildren 20 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Cornell; two great grandchildren; four sisters, Lorene Lawrence, Melba McCormick, Irene Walker and Augusta Reynolds; and two brothers, Willard Strawbridge and Charlie Strawbridge.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

EVANS, Minnie — 2:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

PATTON, E.H. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Severe strain of flu not included in this year's vaccine

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An early flu season could be the least of Texas' problems as this year's flu vaccine appears to be slightly off target in fighting more severe influenza varieties.

This year's flu shot contains protection for three specific

strains of flu. Another strain now circulating in Texas, known as A-Fujian, is not one of them. Doctors are saying that could mean the state is in for a particularly bad and longer-lasting flu season than usual.

The A-Fujian strain first surfaced in Australia and New Zealand earlier this year. By the time it was identified as a potentially dominant strain, it was late in the vaccine manufacturing process. Dr. W. Paul Glezen of the Baylor College of Medicine Influenza Research Center told the San Antonio Express-News for a story in Tuesday's editions.

"It will offer some coverage, but the question is how much coverage," said Roger

Sanchez, an epidemiologist at the Metropolitan Health District in San Antonio.

He said that would depend on people's individual immune systems, but children may be at higher risk.

"They haven't been on Earth long enough to get (exposed to) all the different influenza strains that circulate," Sanchez said.

Influenza kills 36,000 people in the United States each year and hospitalizes 114,000 more. During a severe season, it can kill as many as 70,000 people.

Every year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration oversees a massive effort to determine which strains to include in the annual flu vaccine.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 50s and west winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the north in the afternoon. Tonight should fall upon partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 30s and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the north 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thanksgiving Day, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 50s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press

Cool, dry weather is forecast over most of the state through the weekend.

South Texas may see some rain late Wednesday and early Thanksgiving Day as a front moves through. Highs will be in the 60s and 70s through Saturday over most of the state, with some cooler daily highs in the Panhandle.

Monday's high was 63 degrees, recorded at Junction. Lufkin and Longview recorded 28 degrees overnight. No precipitation was reported in Texas cities Monday.

The West Texas forecast

calls for clear to partly cloudy skies and no precipitation through Saturday. Daytime highs will be mostly in the 50s and 60s in the north, 60s and 70s in the south. The Panhandle will see some 40 degree highs in the north on Thanksgiving Day, before warming to the 60s on Saturday. It will be windy in the far west today.

South Texas will see warm winter temperatures through the weekend: highs mostly in the 70s with some 60 degree days in south Central Texas. Southeast Texas may see a few showers and storms today. A cold front will move through

Wednesday evening and early Thanksgiving Day across South Texas, with chances of showers and storms then, especially in the east. South Central Texas may see a freeze early Thursday morning.

The front will likely bring windy conditions on the coast late Wednesday and early Thursday. Weather should improve during the day Thursday and good weather is forecast through Saturday, with more warm temperatures and no rain in the forecast. Skies should be partly cloudy today, mostly cloudy late Wednesday, then clearing during Thanksgiving Day.

In North Texas, highs will be in the 60s this week with few deviations. The east may see a little rain Wednesday, slight chances however. Skies will be clear to partly cloudy, except for cloudy skies Wednesday in the east.

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BOARD

that PISD continue to have annual formal teacher appraisals until a plan to implement HB1440 has been formalized. He said school officials are working on the plan to be ready for the board's consideration by next spring.

Other policies in the update include pay options for district employees called up for military service, naming a homeless student liaison, and school employee administering or recommendation of certain drugs and all dietary substances.

Board members discussed a citizen's request to buy a vacant lot next to Bright Beginning Day Care Center. Questions arose about whether the district would have to submit the property to public bid and zoning requirements.

Haenisch updated the board on a lawsuit and counter suit regarding the state's public school financing.

He encouraged board members to attend a meeting of area school board members, school administrators, and the media at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building, 200 N. Ballard.

Scott McCown, executive director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, is special guest speaker. Other speakers include State Rep.

Warren Chisum, and State Rep. Scott Hochberg, a member of the Public Education Committee.

PHS Assistant Choir Director Wanetta Hill received a certificate recognizing her nomination to the Texas Exes Outstanding Teacher Award. Hill was nominated for the award by PHS Principal Evan Smith. Haenisch said the winner will be announced in February.

The board also heard a report by PHS Counselor Lesley Gershmel on the Texas A&M Texas School Survey on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Results of the survey will be printed in *The Pampa News* later this week.

Travis Elementary was featured in the November School Spotlight. Principal Doug Rapstine discussed the new technologies being used by the school to help students learn.

Susan Furgason demonstrated the "Visagraph" a system that tracks readers' eye movements and can help identify and correct learning disabilities and dyslexia with training exercises.

Mary Lou Lane show the board how an internet computer site "Criterion" is helping 132 fourth and fifth graders improve their writing skills. Travis Booster Club pays the \$15 per student cost to use the program, she said.

DPS urges responsible driving as traffic increases, tempers rise

As the roads swell with anxious drivers, Texas Department of Public Safety officials caution motorists to drive responsibly and avoid road rage this Thanksgiving holiday.

"The increase of traffic congestion coupled with poor scheduling often triggers aggressive driving," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "An aggressive driver may commit several traffic violations to make up time. These violations place other travelers at risk and in the most severe cases can escalate into road rage."

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.

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Some actions that may contribute to road rage include not using turn signals, driving in the passing lane, tailgating, flashing lights or using high beams in traffic, honking and not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

- During the week of Thanksgiving, Highway Patrol troopers, along with

other law enforcement agencies across the state, will be out in force targeting speeders, drunk drivers, seat belt violators as well as aggressive drivers.

Texas DPS is participating in the "Click It or Ticket Texas" campaign, running Nov. 18 to Dec. 1, which will focus on increasing and enforcing seat belt and child seat usage in the state. DPS has a zero tolerance policy toward seat belt violations and fines can range from \$25 to \$200.

Texas also participates in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). Operation CARE is a nationwide effort by all state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods.

Churches plan joint Thanksgiving service

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m., two local congregations will celebrate their 10th joint Thanksgiving service.

Since 1994, First Presbyterian and St. Matthew's Episcopal have alternated hosting a Thanksgiving service and Holy Communion on Thanksgiving eve.

This year, the service will be at St. Matthew's Episcopal, located at the corner of Ward and Browning streets.

The joint Thanksgiving Service was initiated by the two ministers, both of whom were newly installed in their respective churches in 1994. Father Jake Clemmens at St. Matthew's had arrived in

November 1993, and Dr. Ed Cooley became a pastor at First Presbyterian in June 1994.

As host minister, Father Clemmens will serve as liturgist, and Dr. Cooley will give the Thanksgiving message. Both will serve communion to all who wish to participate. Everyone in the area is

invited to join these two congregations to celebrate the intention of the Thanksgiving holiday. No offering will be taken, but donations to the Heifer Project will be accepted informally. For more information on the Heifer Project, please contact the First Presbyterian Church at 665-1031.

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SCORES

"The thing to look for is, 'Are you below the state level,'" added Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele. "Anywhere you're below the state, you need to look at what you're doing."

While the district's TAKS scores were often below the state average, ranging from 1 to 2 percentage points to as much as 30 points, in other areas the district was above state average.

"We identified twice the number of GT (Gifted and Talented) students (than the state average) but our special ed was about the same," Haenisch pointed out.

The number of Pampa High School students graduating in the recommended high school program is six percent higher than the state's average.

Pampa's SAT/ACT scores are all above the state average, also.

Turnover rate for teachers is almost five percent below the state average and Pampa ISD employs approximately

14 percent teachers with 10 or more years of experience.

Spending per pupil is approximately \$400 below the state average and percent of budgeted expenditures at PISD is more than 7 percent below the state average, according to the report.

The state also requires that school officials report on the serious disciplinary incidents for the 2002-2003 school year, Haenisch said. Most incidents at Pampa High School involved possession or use of tobacco (42), a controlled substance (12), or alcohol (8). At Pampa Middle School, less than five incidents each were reported for possession of a controlled substance or alcohol and less than five incidents were reported of terroristic threat.

In coming weeks, copies of the AEIS report are to be delivered to each school campus, Lovett Memorial Library, and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, for the public to see, school officials said today.

Wednesday Only!



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Give thanks for our soldiers

As you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinners Thursday, remember our soldiers - especially those who are in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I know of four young men from Pampa serving in the 101st Airborne in northern Iraq - Jerry Ryan Bruce, Eric Ritchey, Robbie Payne and my son, Dave Bridges.

They were among the first to go into Iraq. They are the only ones that are still there. They're so tired. Unless we have experienced this same type situation, we have no idea what it is like to live in a constant state of high alert. We don't know what it's like to be asleep and have a rocket propelled grenade shot into your sleeping area. We don't know what it's like to be surrounded by a crowd of people with no idea if they're friend or foe - smiling one second and exploding the next.

War is obscene. News reports of the two men from the 101st being shot in a Mosul street on Sunday, then taken from their vehicle and mutilated by the crowd sent a horror through me that I'll never be able to express. They could have been any of our four Pampa soldiers. Watching the news footage and seeing the number one of the Humvees there, I think my son may have been one of those guarding the scene after it happened. If so, he will have to live with that in his mind the rest of his life.

Despite the recent increase in attacks, the horrors that the media dwells upon,



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

much progress has been made in Iraq. Even while reporting on the shooting in Mosul, one television reporter remarked that Baghdad seems to be bustling like it was in pre-war days.

Little has been said in the media, but our sons are telling us that they are working hard to improve the lives of the Iraqis - if the insurgents would quit blowing up their efforts as fast as they complete them.

Bruce's group has "adopted" a village where they are building a small one-room school for the children of the 150 residents.

Dave's group adopted an orphanage in a small town near Mosul. He said they take supplies to the orphans and make repairs on the building.

One day, the soldiers escorted the orphans to a museum. Just as they were going in the door, a little four-year-old girl took Dave's hand, looked up at him and smiled. She held his hand tightly all through the tour.

Afterwards, Dave called his girlfriend Amy and told her he had fallen in love with another girl - a little Iraqi child whose name he didn't know.

I've supported the ousting of Saddam from the beginning. I still believe it is our best course of action to control terrorism. I don't believe terrorists can be wiped out, but we cannot make it easy for them to invade our country like they did on Sept. 11, 2001.

When the bombing began in Baghdad, I prayed silently that we were doing the right thing and if we were not, would God please let me know. Instantly, I received a mental image of a woman dressed in a burka, but no veil covered her smile and behind her was a busy, prosperous city.

That's why our soldiers are in the Mid-East, to protect us from terrorists before they come to the United States and to help the people there find their own freedom and prosperity.

In a news article last week, reporters interviewed some of the soldiers who had come home on leave. One soldier, who was on his way back, said coming home reminded him of why he had gone to Iraq in the first place.

"It sure makes you appreciate your freedom," he said.

As you give thanks for all your blessings, remember where the soldiers are and what they're doing to preserve those blessings. They are giving up their own chance to be with their families this holiday so that another people - totally foreign to these young men raised in the Texas Panhandle - may have the opportunity to enjoy these same advantages.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let the truth be known

To the editor:
 In response to an article printed on Thursday, Nov. 20, in reference to a sexual assault charged dismissed against Rufus Nanez.

Since we all know that he is innocent, why not just clearly state it? Why not make these victims' lives (the Nanez family) a little easier from now on. They've been put through enough humiliation, turmoil and financial loss.

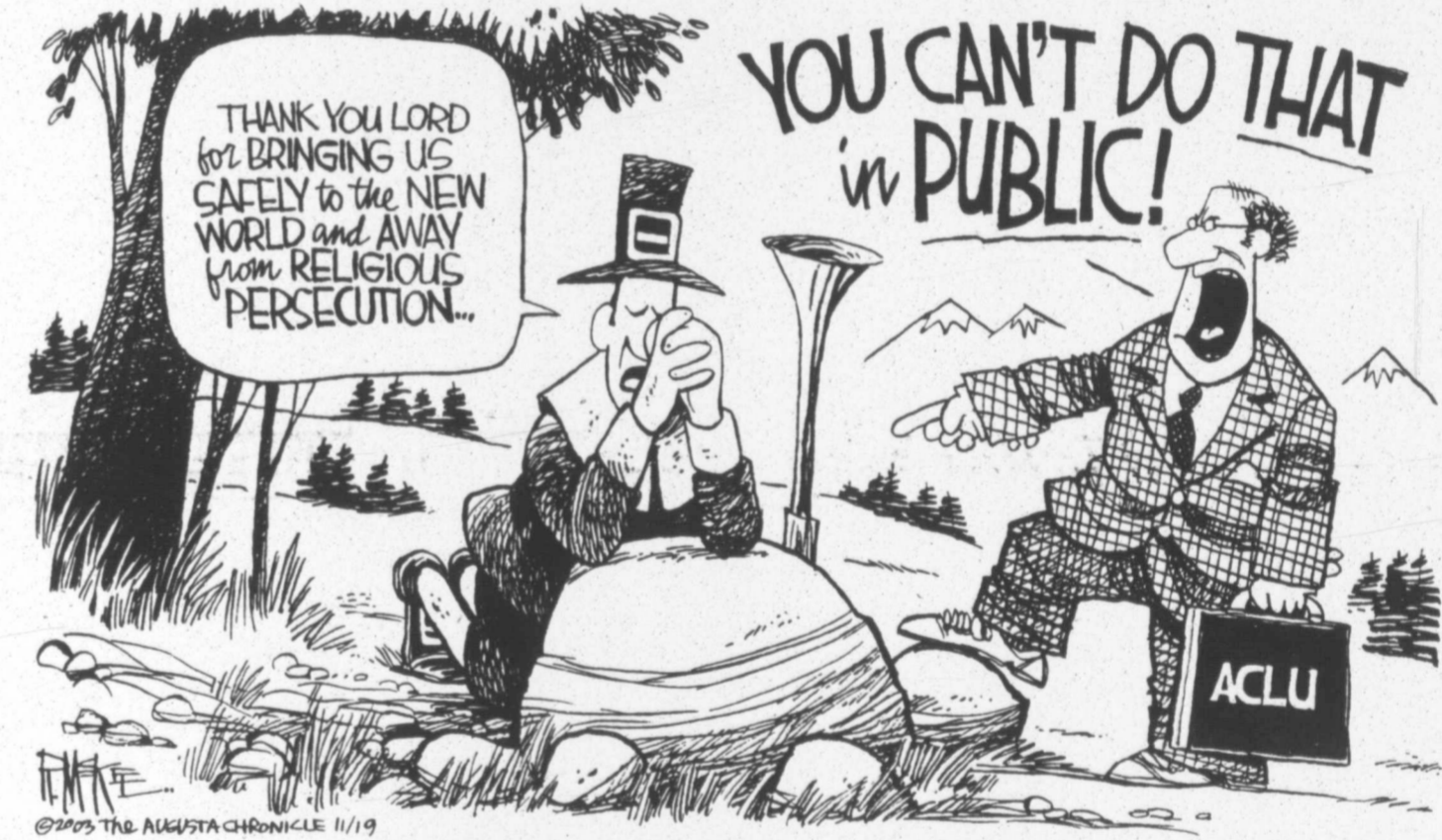
If the district attorney feels saddened by this and still believes this 14-year-old "little" girl, then why allow the police department to close the case? I'm positive that there is evidence showing that someone did do this to her, so why not find out who? We already know Nanez didn't, different samples of DNA proved that.

Leave the innocent alone and find the guilt, is what I say! Wouldn't the girl want that, too? Shouldn't the public want this person found? Let the truth be known, if in fact it was sexual assault. Who's to say it couldn't happen again - to you or a loved one?

Shouldn't the DA and PD feel obligated to us, the people, to make it safe for all? Talk to this girl, find out who it really was and what really happened. Hasn't an innocent person paid enough of the consequences for someone else?

As a parent I would feel better knowing that the real criminal is behind bars. Wouldn't you? If we can't count on the district attorney and Pampa PD to do what the tax payers pay for, who can we count on? As public officials, it's their duty to question minors when they're out at all hours of the night. Who's to say by doing this, it wouldn't have just prevented something like this from happening again?

Irene Cortez
 Pampa



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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2003. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 25, 1963, the body of President Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

On this date:

In 1758, in the French and Indian War, the British captured Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh.

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, American industrialist Andrew Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, Scotland.

In 1881, Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Roncalli near Bergamo, Italy.

In 1957, President Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1973, Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

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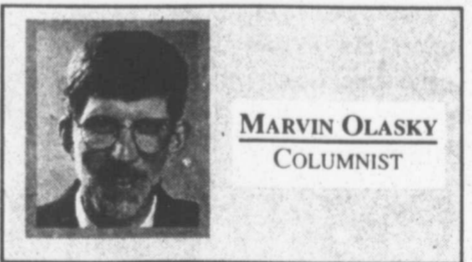
And so it begins. Again.

For months, pro-marriage activists have expected a negative decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Court. The closeness of the vote, 4 to 3, was the only real surprise. But more surprises are coming, for as Boston College political science professor Alan Wolfe told The New York Times, the decision "is exactly the right kind of material for a backlash."

The New York Times should know. After the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision 30 years ago, the Times stated that the decision provided "a sound foundation for final and reasonable resolution" of the abortion debate. The Times even opined that the decision was "a major contribution to the preservation of individual liberties," one that would end the "emotional and divisive public argument" concerning abortion.

Oh really? It soon became apparent that Roe vs. Wade ended nothing but lives. The decision touched off a major culture war fought on many fronts. It's in that context that we should view The New York Times headline: "Marriage by Gays Gains Big Victory in Massachusetts." Really?

Here's speculation, but I've written two books on the history of abortion and so what follows is at least an informed guess: We would have more abortions in the United States now than we do, if the Supreme Court had not legalized it nationwide in 1973. Abortion was on the march in the United States during the 1960s and the early 1970s. With legalization of the practice in New York,



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

California and other states, the number of killed unborns was leaping and resistance to it seemed too little, too late.

The Roe vs. Wade ruling, though, stirred Christians to form a national pro-life movement that stopped the growth of the abortion empire during the 1980s and began to roll it back during the 1990s. The butcher's bill is still high -- 1.2 million babies each year, by one count -- but that's down from the 1.6 million peak and far below the 4 million that some abortionists in the early 1970s anticipated.

The decision in Goodridge vs. Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health will also spur a backlash. Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall's majority opinion says, in essence, GAY MARRIAGE IS GOOD AND YOU'RE NUTS IF YOU DON'T THINK SO. (To be precise, here are her words: "The marriage ban works a deep and scarring hardship on a very real segment of the community for no rational reason." Note, by the way, that the definition of marriage as a pact between a man and a woman has turned into a "marriage ban.")

The 4-to-3 vote itself is one sign of gay rights overreach: Judicial attempts to change fundamental law are more likely to stick if a decision is unanimous. But to

build a strong resistance, leaders of the pro-marriage movement need to come to quick agreement and then push very hard. They'll have some support from President Bush, who said following the Massachusetts decision that he "will work with congressional leaders and others to do what is, legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage."

Given judicial arrogance, a constitutional amendment is necessary, but the president has not committed himself to that. Christians who generally support but are not tied to the Bush administration need to push hard for that commitment. Some Republican politicians will look for a way to satisfy social conservatives without alienating gay rights fiscal conservatives, but on this issue they won't find it.

Many Democratic politicians, meanwhile, will dance a minuet, expressing support not for "gay marriage" but for domestic partner arrangements. A courageous and clever Democratic presidential candidate could separate himself from the pack by supporting a pro-marriage constitutional amendment, but he would also separate himself from most Democratic activists and funding sources.

So where are we? Despite what the Times says, gays may not have gained a big victory in Massachusetts. The overreach will lead to a big defeat, if pro-marriage forces are courageous and determined. (For more on the court decision and its ramifications, please check out the brand new World magazine blog at worldmagblog.com)

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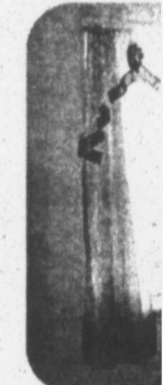
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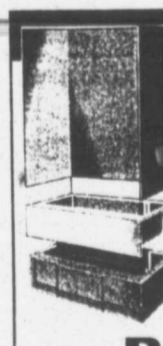
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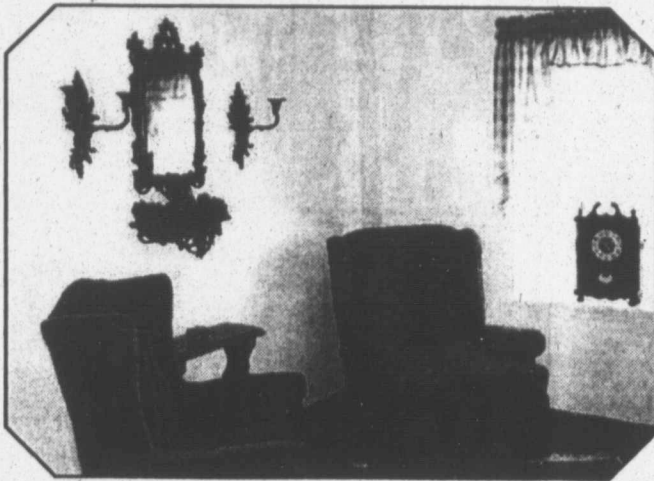
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▲ The apartments at Schneider House are arranged to be cozy yet compact.

lobby. "Friends also meet for breakfast and coffee most mornings."

"We celebrate big at the Holidays," Smith said. "In past holiday seasons, we have invited the firemen from the nearby fire station to share in our Holiday meal."

Not only is Schneider House located near Central Fire Station in a quiet neighborhood with

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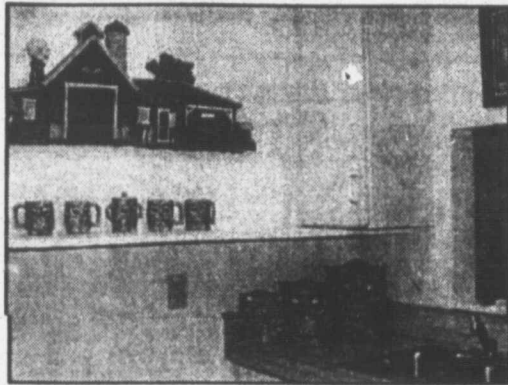
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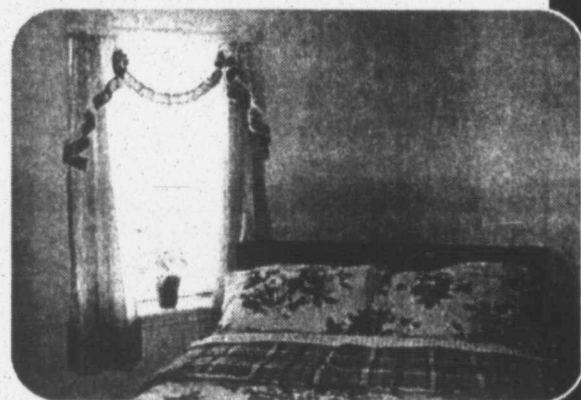


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Tis the season to be jolly at Schneider House.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Blast From Husband's Past Sends Up Red Flare for Wife

DEAR ABBY: I am the third woman in my husband's life. "Don" had two loves before me. Last week, his first love, "Kristin," called him out of the blue and told him she had a horrible dream about him. She said she had awakened sobbing, convinced he had been severely injured or was in some kind of trouble. Kristin went on to say that she had looked him up on the Internet after her dream, and lo and behold, she'd discovered that he works only blocks away from her. She asked him to have lunch with her.

My sixth sense is usually excellent — and it is screaming that this gal is on the prowl. Her third marriage is shaky, and I believe she has my husband in her sights. Don disagrees. He says I should trust him; he hasn't seen her in 40 years and it would be a harmless lunch.

I say he would be starting down a slippery slope. Don and I have been married 20 very happy years. Even though I trust Don that nothing physical will happen, I'm afraid old feelings will be rekindled.

Am I unreasonable in asking Don not to see this woman?
SCARED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR SCARED: There is nothing unreasonable about telling your spouse that the sudden appearance of his first love has made you feel vulnerable. It's honest communication. According to my mail, it is not unusual for old flames to flare up again.

According to professor of psychology Dr. Nancy Kalish — author of "Lost and Found Lovers: Facts and Fantasies of Rekindled Romances" — such romances are wonderful for single, divorced and widowed men and women. The success rate for them is high, 72 percent overall.

However, in her original sample of more than 1,000 men and women, more than one-third of the reunions began while at least one of the people was married to someone else. Her ongoing research since the advent of the Internet and reunion Web sites reflects that that percentage has more than doubled. It should be noted that these peo-

ple were not always "looking for trouble." What began as an innocent contact simply didn't remain that way. Half of those who said they'd had affairs said they'd had happy marriages and would never have cheated with anyone other than the person from the past.

Conclusion: Married men and women should know the risks before contacting an old love.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I lost my wife of 18 years to cancer. I now feel ready to test the waters and begin dating. My problem is I don't know where to begin.

I am in my mid-40s, in good physical shape, and financially comfortable. However, my circle of friends is small, and Internet chat rooms and singles bars have no appeal for me.

Have you any suggestions for someone who wants companionship but doesn't know where to look?
SINGLE IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR SINGLE: The more people that know you are eligible and looking for a serious relationship, the quicker you will meet someone. Start letting people know that you are now ready to begin dating. Make a list of things that interest you — anything from cultural events, politics, charitable causes, bowling, square dancing, etc. — and get involved in some of them. All of them provide opportunities to meet new people.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: Happy Eid al-Fitr.

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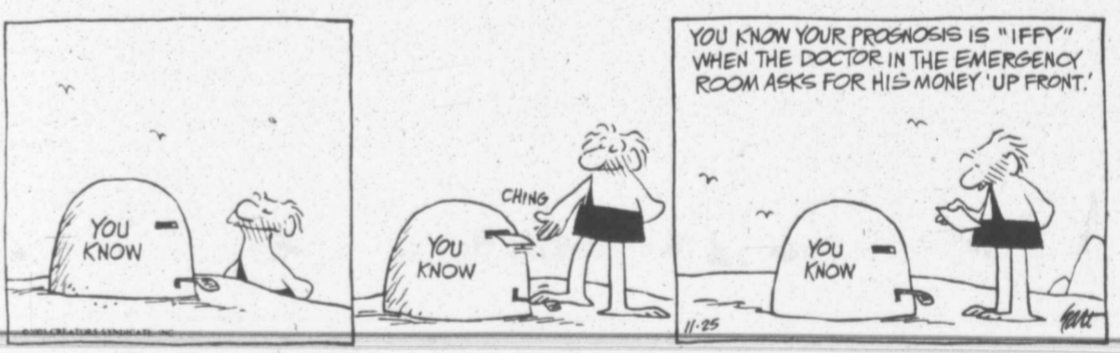
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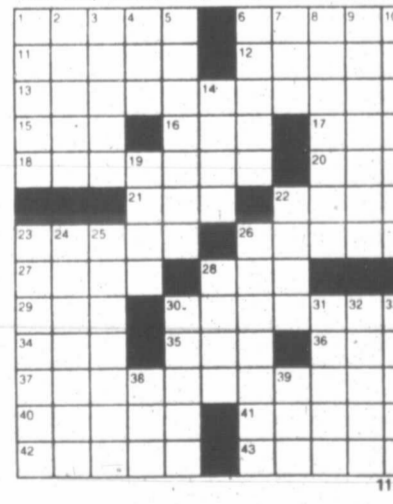
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Aledo's Area win had hollywood ending

PAMPA - The Pampa Harvesters haven't had any movie-like finishes in the playoffs so far. The Harvesters have had convincing wins over San Angelo Lakeview (27-7) and El Paso Chapin (42-21).

Not so with Aledo, Pampa's next opponent in the regional round at 7:30 Friday night in Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Last weekend, Aledo rallied to beat Lewisville Hebron 14-13 in an Area round game right out of a hollywood script.

Quarterback Colby Thomas tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass to Robert Gardner with 24 seconds left as Aledo came back for a 1-point win. Thomas, a first-year starter as a senior, had been sidelined for most of the fourth quarter after taking a hard hit from a Hebron defender.

"It was a hair puller. That touchdown came on a fourth-down play," said Chris Amos, a sports writer for *The Community News* in Aledo. "It really did look like something from a

movie."

Two of the Bearcats, running back Ryan Christian (5-11, 170-pound junior) and defensive end Dean Faulk (6-2, 245-pound senior) could qualify for comeback player of the year awards. Christian suffered a knee injury in the third game and missed all of last season. Faulk bounced back from a near-fatal car accident and has built himself into one of the strongest players on the team.

"Aledo has a balanced offense. Thomas throws to four or five different receivers and they've also used four or five different runners," Amos said.

Christian is the Bearcats' leading rusher with 1,183 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns. He's also made 27 catches for 483 yards and three TDs.

Thomas has completed 48.8 percent of his pass attempts. Tight end Chris Lackey (6-1, 190) has 28 receptions for 321 yards.

Aledo has a 10-2 record, with one of those losses

coming against state powerhouse Brownwood, who fell to defending state champion Denton Ryan in last weekend's Area contest. It was

Brownwood's first loss. It was incorrectly reported to the Associated Press that Aledo had a 9-3 record instead of 10-2.

Aledo is favored by Harris ratings to advance past Pampa to the fourth round of the playoffs. Aledo is favored by a touchdown.



(Photo by Ray Boring)

The PHS team hoists the Area trophy after beating El Paso Chapin. No. 11 is Jesse Tarango and No. 62 is Kevin Parks.

NOTEBOOK

BOWLING

PAMPA — Harvester Lanes is hosting a Midnight Doubles Tournament every Friday night, starting at 9:30 a.m.

There will be automatic strikes every game in frames 3-6-9 with game one being regular 10 pin, game two, no tap and game three, Crazy 8.

Two-member teams with any combo is allowed, but bowlers can only cash with the same partner two weeks in a row.

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The cost is \$20 per team and interested persons can sign up at the front desk.

BASKETBALL

FRENSHIP

Pampa's Lady Harvesters won one of three games in last weekend's Frenship Basketball Tournament.

Stacey Johnson scored 16 points in Pampa's 48-34 win over El Paso Chapin in the second game of the tournament. Callie Cobb and Lindsey Ammons added 8 points each.

Sudan beat Pampa 36-24 in the tournament opener. Britteni Rice led Pampa with 6 points.

Pampa was defeated by Shallowater 48-34 in the final game. Rice and Johnson had 7 and 6 points, respectively.

FOOTBALL

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers hope winning will make questions about Keyshawn Johnson go away.

"We've got a run we know we can make, and it started today," cornerback Ronde Barber said after the Super Bowl champions revived their playoff hopes with a 19-13 victory over the New York Giants on Monday night.

"I hope we can remember this feeling," Barber added. "It has been a long time since we tasted success, and we finally got one."

The Bucs (5-6) snapped a three-game losing streak in their first outing since Johnson was deactivated for the rest of the season because of differences with coach Jon Gruden, who decided the star receiver had become disruptive in the locker room.

Charles Lee, one of the receivers getting more playing time because of Johnson's absence, scored on a 53-yard reception.

He finished with five catches for 91 yards — not bad for a guy who didn't have any this season before Monday night.

Texas QB Mock to consider transferring

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Backup Texas quarterback Chance Mock, who began the season as the starter but lost the job to freshman Vince Young, will consider transferring next season to seek more playing time, his father told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Going to another school could help Mock, a junior, get to the NFL, Mike Mock said.

"He's considering options," Mike Mock said. "He has to. It's logical. There's nothing that's been decided."

One option could be to stay at Texas, Mike Mock said. He added that they had not contacted any schools.

Chance Mock went public with the idea of transferring in Tuesday's Austin-American Statesman. He said he didn't have a specific school in mind and would wait until after the season to explore it completely.

"I don't want to be a distraction," he said. "Right now, I'm a Texas Longhorn."

Team spokesman John

Bianco said Mock would not be available for comment Tuesday.

No. 6 Texas (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) ends its regular season Friday at rival Texas A&M (4-7, 2-5).

Mike Mock said his son wants to graduate from Texas but needs to think about a professional career.

"He has to have reps. He has to be able to get into a game and throw the ball," Mike Mock said. "He has to have more time if he's going to fulfill his dreams."

Mock has passed for 1,288 yards and 15 touchdowns this season but has seen his playing time dwindle steadily as Young has taken greater command of the offense. Mock led the game-winning drive in Texas' 43-40 win over Texas Tech on Nov. 15.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown said he believes Mock will stay at Texas.

"Chance has been a team guy all year long," Brown told the American Statesman. "I have no reason to believe that Chance won't finish his career as a Longhorn."

Hall of Fame pitcher Spahn dead at 82

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP) — Warren Spahn stood up to Casey Stengel when he was 21 and fought against Germany a year later. Then, he returned to the major leagues and won 363 games after his 25th birthday.

The man was tough, pitching professionally for 24 seasons in an era when pitchers routinely completed games on three days rest.

Spahn, the winningest left-hander in baseball history and a

leader of the dominant Milwaukee Braves teams of the late 1950s, died at his Broken Arrow home Monday, family members said. He was 82.

"He was a hard-headed, hard-nosed, loving man," said Niki Spahn, his granddaughter. "He was the strongest man I ever met."

The Hall of Famer baffled batters with his high leg kick and teamed with Johnny Sain in the famous "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain" tandem.

Big 12 teams waiting on bowls

DALLAS (AP) — Their regular seasons are over, but Kansas coach Mark Mangino and Oklahoma State's Les Miles will be watching games Friday with real interest.

The Jayhawks (6-6) became bowl eligible for the first time since 1995 with their 36-7 win Saturday over Iowa State. That made Kansas the eighth bowl-eligible team from the Big 12, which is guaranteed eight bowls.

But there could be a ninth team in the bowl hunt if Colorado (5-6) can beat No. 25 Nebraska (8-3) on Friday.

"Everybody here is very confident we'll get a bowl bid. You just don't know about those until you have them in hand, so there is a bit of anxiety," Mangino said Monday. "But we feel like it is going to happen. We're excited to be practicing after the season."

If two Big 12 teams get into the Bowl Championship Series, there will be room for everybody in the bowls, even if Colorado gets its sixth win.

If No. 6 Texas (9-2) beats Texas A&M on Friday, there's still a chance of two Big 12 teams. Texas could join No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the BCS, making No. 23 Oklahoma State (9-3) the front-runner for the Cotton Bowl.

"Without question, our preference would be to play in Texas," said Miles, whose school has appeared in the Cotton Bowl just once, in 1944.

Miles knows a Texas win is needed for a trip to Texas instead of to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. But he won't admit to pulling for the Longhorns — who beat the Cowboys 55-16 this month.

"I'm not going to root too hard one way or the other," he said. "I don't want to make any enemies."

And Mangino insisted that he won't be cheering extra for Nebraska, even though a Cornhuskers' win over Colorado would guarantee Kansas its first bowl trip since beating UCLA in the 1995 Aloha Bowl.

Mangino said he's confident the Jayhawks will get a bowl chance regardless.

Kansas had lost four straight games before Saturday, which marked the return of senior quarterback Bill Whitemore from a collarbone injury.

In addition to the one guaranteed BCS spot, the Big 12 will have teams in the Cotton, Holiday, Alamo, Independence, Houston, Tangerine and Fort Worth bowls. The bowl-eligible teams are Oklahoma, Texas, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, Kansas state, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.

HOW TO BEAT OKLAHOMA: Now that the Sooners have completed a dominating run through the regular season, some Big 12 coaches were asked, in retrospect, how to beat the nation's No. 1 team.

"Hijack the bus ... those guys are awesome," said Mangino, who was offensive coordinator for the Sooners' 2000 national championship team.

"Are we talking about food poisoning or what?" Missouri's Gary Pinkel said. "The proof is in what their doing. Look at some of the teams that they've just dismantled. That's the evidence right now."

Oklahoma, the South Division champion, will play No. 14 Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 6. Those two teams didn't play in the regular season.

"Unless Oklahoma beats themselves, I don't see anybody having a very good opportunity to beat them," said Iowa State coach Dan McCarney. "I can't imagine a team in history that has played better than them week-in and week-out."

SOLICH RESPONSE: Nebraska coach Frank Solich isn't dwelling on reports that he could be forced in to retirement. He said that hasn't even crossed his mind.

"I don't spend any time dwelling on it," he said. "You can spend time with it and react to it, but I chose not to do that."

The Cornhuskers (8-3) have rebounded from last season's 7-7 record, the first non-winning season in 40 years.

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Modano leads Stars past Coyotes, 5-2

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Modano's game has flourished with Jere Lehtinen back on his line.

Modano scored a goal and added two assists to lead the Dallas Stars to a 5-2 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Monday night.

Since Lehtinen returned to the lineup after missing 16 games with back spasms, Modano has two goals and three assists in four games.

"There's just always been a connection there," the Dallas center said. "Tonight we took advantage of the power plays when we had them."

Modano scored a power-play goal 2:20 into the game, and Lehtinen and Jason Arnott also scored with the man-advantage for Dallas. The Stars matched their season high with three power-play goals.

"We were fortunate to take advantage of the (power play) chances we had and they misfired on a few," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "There are different ways to win games. One of the keys to this game was special teams."

Dallas scored on 3-of-7 power plays, while Phoenix

scored 0-for-6.

Steve Ott added his first goal of the season, and Stu Barnes had an empty-net goal for the Stars, who were 1-6-2 in their previous nine games.

Cale Hulse's goal 31 seconds into the second period snapped the Coyotes' shutout streak of 141 minutes, 46 seconds. Phoenix was coming off consecutive shutouts against San Jose and Atlanta.

Landon Wilson added his first goal of the season for the Coyotes, 0-5-4-1 in their last 10 road games.

Phoenix goaltender Sean Burke put the Stars on the

power play just over a minute into the game, when he was called for delay of game after shooting the puck out of play. He was whistled for the same penalty later in the period, although Dallas was unable to capitalize on the second infraction.

"That's obviously not the way you want to start," Burke said. "I went out to play the puck and both times it jumped off my stick. That's what you don't want to happen against a team like Dallas, which has been struggling offensively. That's just what they want is a power play."

JV mat tourney held in Pampa

PAMPA — Pampa hosted a junior varsity and middle school wrestling tournament over the weekend.

Pampa crowned two champions in the junior varsity division. John Burns (140-pound class) was undefeated with a 3-0 record. He beat B. Flores of Dumas for the title.

Dustin Langley (171-pound class) drew a bye in the first round and went onto post a 2-0 record to claim the championship.

Kasey Urquhart (103-pound class) placed fourth with a 3-2 record and Michael Lopez (215-pound class) was fourth with a 2-2 record.

Dumas won the team title.

Four Pampa wrestlers placed in the middle school division.

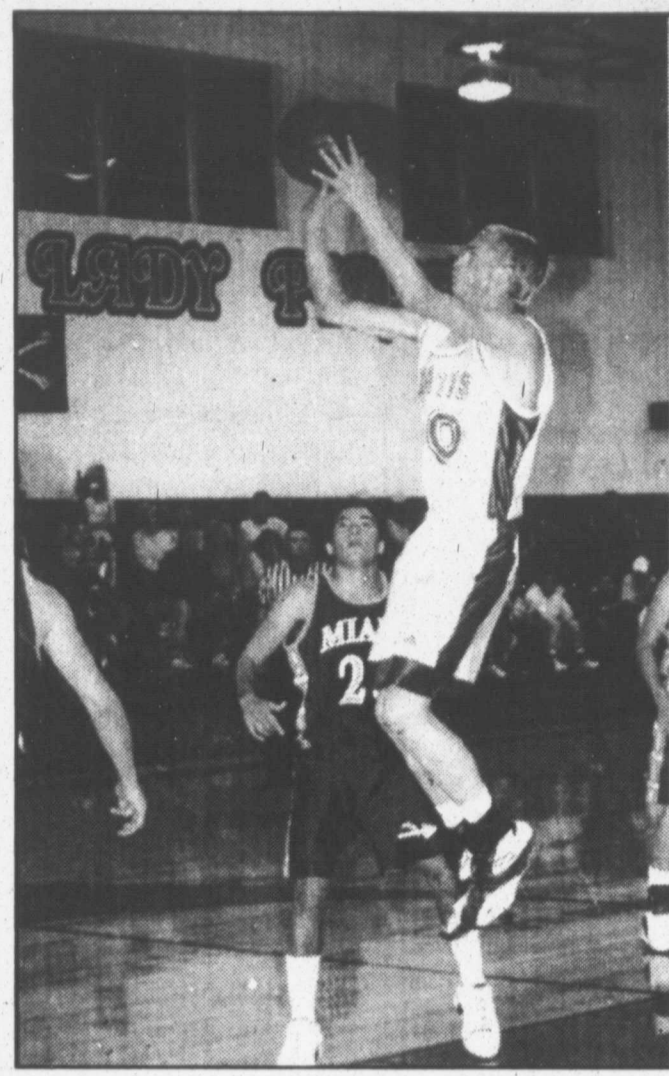
C. West (85-pound class) and S. Brown (102-pound class) finished second and third, respectively, with 2-1 records.

K. Kirkham (134-pound A Class) was fourth with a 2-2 record.

J. Logan (134-pound B class) was fourth with a 2-2 record.

Hereford won the team title.

Pullup jumper



(Courtesy photo)

Lefors' Rickey Vaughn puts up a pullup jumper in a 60-58 overtime win over Miami in the Lefors Tournament. Vaughn poured in 31 points to lead the Pirates in scoring. Brandon Parsley followed with 16 points, Jared Andis 6, Trent Roberson 4 and Andrew Jennings 3.

Rockets top Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Van Gundy brought the defensive blueprint he used in six playoff seasons with the New York Knicks along with him to Houston.

The Rockets forced the Los Angeles Clippers to miss 11 of their first 12 shots and held them to 34.1 percent field-goal efficiency in a 105-90 victory on Monday night.

It was the 11th time in 13 games that the Rockets allowed 90 points or less.

"It's just a testament to our coach," forward Maurice Taylor said. "He came in and supplied a philosophy and we run it. On defense, we're really an extension of our coach, because everyone knows he's a defensive-minded coach."

The Rockets, who tied a franchise record for fewest points allowed in their 74-66 win over Philadelphia a week

earlier, entered this one leading the league in fewest points allowed per game with 81.5 and lowest field-goal percentage allowed at .374. When Van Gundy coached the Knicks in 2000-01, New York finished first in the NBA in both categories.

"Last year, the knock on us was that we were all isolation players and scorers," Taylor said. "Our defense wasn't that bad. But with Jeff, he has a philosophy and he makes us stick to it, no matter how stubborn we want to be and how much we want to get away from it."

More than one-third of the Clippers' offense was supplied by Corey Maggette, whose 33 points were one off his career high. By contrast, the Rockets had a balanced attack led by Steve Francis' 19 points. Yao Ming had 18 — all in the first half — while Taylor and Cuttino Mobley had 17 each.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes
Lone Star Women's League
League Standings
(Week 8)

Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Cafe	19	13
G.B's Contractors	19	13
Pampa Transmission	18	14
UMC	17	15
Whitehead Cattle Co.	15	17
Now & Then 14	18	
B & K Carpentry	12	20

Week's High Scores

High scratch game: Kim Davis 257, High scratch series: Kim Davis 630, High handicap game: Jonnie Ray 265, High handicap series: Sandra Farrington 699.

FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA	
New England	9	2	0	.818	219	175						
Miami	7	4	0	.636	201	170						
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	173	187						
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	210	221						
South												
W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA		
Indianapolis	9	2	0	.818	309	216						
Tennessee	9	2	0	.818	303	208						
Houston	4	7	0	.364	194	277						
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	185	254						
North												
W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA		
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	256	232						
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	244	246						
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	185	190						
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364	203	253						

West	W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA	
Kansas City	10	1	0	.909	333	198						
Denver	6	5	0	.545	257	198						
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	214	256						
San Diego	2	9	0	.182	209	314						

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA	
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	205	168						
Philadelphia	8	3	0	.727	220	196						
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364	195	242						
Washington	4	7	0	.364	216	256						
South												
W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA		
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	218	204						
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	232	258						
Tampa Bay	5	6	0	.455	220	174						
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	208	311						
North												
W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA		
Minnesota	7	4	0	.636	293	247						
Green Bay	6	5	0	.545	284	233						
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	191	244						
Detroit	3	8	0	.273	180	266						

West	W		L		T		Pct		PF		PA	
St. Louis	8	3	0	.727	299	229						
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	289	232						
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	242	186						
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	163	309						

Sunday's Games

Dallas 24, Carolina 20
Baltimore 44, Seattle 41, OT
New England 23, Houston 20, OT
N.Y. Jets 13, Jacksonville 10
Indianapolis 17, Buffalo 14
Green Bay 20, San Francisco 10
Minnesota 24, Detroit 14
Pittsburgh 13, Cleveland 6
Philadelphia 33, New Orleans 20
St. Louis 30, Arizona 27, OT
Chicago 19, Denver 10
Tennessee 38, Atlanta 31
Kansas City 27, Oakland 24
Cincinnati 34, San Diego 27
Miami 24, Washington 23

Monday's Game

Tampa Bay 19, N.Y. Giants 13

Thursday's Games

Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.

Miami at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Arizona at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	—
New Jersey	5	7	.417	1
Boston	5	8	.385	1 1/2
Washington	5	8	.385	1 1/2
New York	5	9	.357	2
Miami	3	11	.214	4
Orlando	1	13	.071	6

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	11	2	.846	—
New Orleans	10	4	.714	1 1/2
Detroit	10	5	.667	2
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	5
Toronto	6	7	.462	5
Atlanta	5	10	.333	7
Chicago	4	10	.286	7 1/2
Cleveland	4	10	.286	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	9	4	.692	—
Houston	9	4	.692	—
Minnesota	8	5	.615	1
San Antonio	8	6	.571	1 1/2
Denver	7	6	.538	2
Utah	7	6	.538	2
Memphis	6	6	.500	2 1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	11	3	.786	—
Sacramento	9	4	.692	1 1/2
Seattle	7	4	.636	2 1/2
Portland	7	6	.538	3 1/2
Phoenix	6	6	.500	4
Golden State	6	7	.462	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	6	.400	5

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 82, Toronto 62
New Orleans 81, Detroit 80
Sacramento 110, Chicago 99
Seattle 88, Washington 85
Golden State 78, Portland 72
L.A. Lakers 121, Memphis 89

Monday's Games

New York 94, Boston 88
Indiana 89, Orlando 78
Detroit 94, Atlanta 89
Houston 105, L.A. Clippers 90

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Huskies stay No. 1 in college cage poll

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

The opening of the regular season brought little change to the Top 25.

After a week that saw 14 ranked teams play their first games of the season, the only changes in The Associated Press' weekly poll Monday were a couple of position swaps.

The first 17 teams held their spots from last week's poll and the only changes were Wake Forest and Cincinnati at 18 and 19 and Oklahoma State and North Carolina State at 24 and 25.

Teams were allowed to play their first regular-season games last Friday. Before that, they were only allowed to play in exempt events such as Coaches vs.

Cancer Classic, Connecticut, which opened the season this week with wins over Yale, Nevada and Sacred Heart, was again the runaway No. 1.

The Huskies received 69 first-place votes and 1,797 points from the national media panel.

Duke, which beat Detroit, was No. 1 on one ballot and had 1,666 points.

Michigan State, a winner over Bucknell in its season opener, also had a first-place vote and was third.

Arizona and Missouri were fourth and fifth, respectively, while Kansas, the only other team with a No. 1 vote, was sixth.

Syracuse, Florida, North Carolina and Kentucky rounded out the Top 10. Texas was 11th followed by

Illinois, Saint Joseph's, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Gonzaga, Louisville, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Stanford.

The last five ranked teams were Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Marquette, Oklahoma State and North Carolina State.

There haven't been any changes in the rankings from the preseason Top 25.

That could change this week with the last six of the ranked teams playing their first games: Arizona, Missouri, Syracuse, Florida, Louisville and Notre Dame. The season's first Top 10 matchups will be this week with No. 3 Michigan State at No. 6 Kansas on Tuesday night and No. 4 Arizona facing No. 8 Florida on Friday night in the Tipoff Classic at Springfield, Mass.

Canadian rips Eastland in regional semis

PLAINVIEW — Canadian came from behind at halftime to beat Eastland 41-16 Saturday in a Class 2A Division I regional semifinal game at Bulldog Stadium.

Canadian ripped off five consecutive touchdowns in

the second half after trailing 10-6 at halftime.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was running back Auston English, who scored three touchdowns on runs of 18, 26 and 13-yard runs.

Canadian also scored through the air on Riley

Morris' 12-yard pass to Kyle Jahnel.

Tony Livingston scored on both sides of the ball. Livingston had a 43-yard TD run and picked off an Eastland pass for an 80-yard interception return to the end zone.

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21 Help Wanted

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OPTICAL

We are searching for an energetic individual to join our staff. Previous eyecare experience a plus but training provided to the right person. Computer experience helpful.

Vision Source
 1324 N. Banks Pampa, Tx.
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60 Household

\$202 QN mattress set, brand new never used with warranty. QN Pillow top double sided mattress set new, still pkgd. warr. list \$550, sell \$236. Full-Pillow top Double sided mattress set new, still pkgd. warr. List \$400, sell \$208. Full size mattress set new, never used \$180, \$230 King mattress set, brand new, still pkgd. warranty. \$268 King Pillow top mattress set, brand new, still pkgd. sleigh bed, new, still boxed. List \$750 sell \$399, new 7 pc QN cherry wood bdrm set w/sleigh bed, still boxed, sell \$999, new 7 pc QN Pinewood bdrm set w/4 poster bed, still boxed. \$999. Call 806-517-1050.

69 Misc.

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News **MUST** be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

FOR Sale 6 Rig Trash Trailers all in good shape. Call 806-323-9478 after 5:00 p.m.

SET of 20" Chrome Wheels Universal \$800 806-570-9994

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95 Furn. Apts.

1 bdr apt. furn or unfurn. Starting at \$275. All utilities pd. Courtyard Apts., 1031 N. Sumner, 669-9712

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EXTRA clean 1 bdr. with appliances. Quiet neighborhood. Mature Renters Only! 665-8525

96 Unfurn. Apts.

2 bdr. Deposit & references required. Tenant pays electric, Dogwood Apts. 669-9817, 669-2981

GWENDOLEN Plaza Apts. 1&2 bdr. Gas / water pd. 3, 6 mo. 1-yr. lease. 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875 1/2 Off Deposit Special.

LAKEVIEW Apts. 1-2-3 bedrooms 599 -first month rent 669-7682

97 Furn. Houses

3 bdr. 1 1/2 bath mobile home. all appliances, carport, storage bldg. concrete drive, water & sewer PAID. \$325, 663-6103

98 Unfurn. Houses

PICK up rental list from Gray Box on front porch of Lakeview Apartments. Update each Fri

NEW Mgmt! N&L Investments. 1, 2 & 3 bdr. apts., duplexes, homes & commmer prop. 665-4274

3 bdr for rent or sale 1113 Huff Rd. And 2, 3 bdr. w/ central heat & air, 704 Somerville & 400 N. Nelson Call 669-2080.

99 Stor. Bldgs.

TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450

102 Bus. Rent. Prop.

OFFICE Space for rent, ask about 3 months free rent. 669-6841

LOWEST Rents in City! Downtown locations-stores, warehouses, rec. facilities. Call 665-4274!!

103 Homes For Sale

Twila Fisher Century 21 Pampa Realty 665-3560, 663-1442 669-0007

2612 Chestnut 4 bd., 3 1/2 ba., 3 car gar., 2 1/2 w/bp., bsmt., dining, brkfst. Apprx. 3700 sq ft. 669-2911 663-7604

500 E. 2nd, White Deer, 3 bdr., 1 ba., c/h/a, util. rm., cellar, on 7 lots, \$24,000. 665-6353, 664-1076

617 Gulf in Lefors. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, attached 2 car garage. Call 665-8928, 665-4420 or 662-9306 leave message.

COLE Addition, 3 br. garage, and carport remodeled bath, and new roof. Realtor 665-4180

OWNER WILL FINANCE

412 Hughes- 2 bd, 2 bath, 1 car garage, low down payment, low monthly payment.

413 Pitts- 2 bd, 2 bath, 1 car garage.

Contact Milton 806-790-0827

TWO Story 1920's Sears style home, lovingly restored. Flooring allowance to reflect your taste. Four bedrooms, large living/dining area & charming kitchen. Treed lot in established neighborhood close to parks, schools & Coronado Center. 1221 Williston 669-3135

105 Acreage

5 acre tracts on paved road, 2 miles from Pampa. \$2500 per acre, financing available. Call 665-4842

115 Trailer Parks

TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450

120 Autos

Quality Sales 1300 N. Hobart 669-0433 Make your next car a Quality Car

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89 Plymouth Horizon solid. runs, as is \$550 OBO, call 669-9424

1993 Ford EconoLine Cargo Van \$2500 or OBO Call 665-7792

121 Trucks

1991 Ford F-150, extended cab, \$3,800 or OBO, 665-6986

1969 Ford 3/4 ton. 360, Automatic, PS/PB, Recondition heads. Good condition \$1750 Call 669-7986

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here

TPMHMR announces Shining Star Tree locations

While most consider the holidays as a joyous occasion; those who are alone and/or destitute find the holidays bring added loneliness and stress. Television ads, specials and movies promoting the holidays portray people lavishing their loved ones with gifts and affection. Happy images selling hopes and dreams of the good life are everywhere. To some, the holidays can become a reminder of broken dreams and forgotten hopes.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation provides services to many individuals who are in need of assistance during the holiday season.

The Volunteer Services Council for TPMHMR is "making lives better" by providing gifts to individuals through the Shining Star Tree. The Shining Star Tree gives infants, children and adult consumers a chance to celebrate the holidays. Without the program, many would not receive a gift at all.

Christmas trees in 16 Amarillo bank lobbies will be adorned with paper ornaments that reflect one Christmas wish from either a young child displaying development delays; an adult with mental retardation; or an individual (child or adult) with severe mental illness. Most of the requests are for basic necessities such as clothing, undergarments and costs. Community members select a wish from the tree, purchase the requested item, wrap it, attach the ornament to the package and return it to a participating bank.

It is that simple! Make the season shine for someone that will cherish the gift and the statement of support it portrays. Sometimes a little bit of help, a simple offering of support can provide a whole lot of help!

Tree locations:

—Wells Fargo Bank: 3429 Bell; 2000 S. Washington; 7200 W. 45th; and 10th & Filmore-Amarillo.

—Bank of America: 701 Taylor; 3440 Bell; 3601 Washington; 1700 Coulter and I-40 & Grand-Amarillo.

—First American Bank: 2531 Paramount; 401 S. Polk; 4302 W. 45th; 5100 S. Coulter-Amarillo.

—FirstBank Southwest: 2401 S. Georgia; 34th & Belt; 45th & Coulter-Amarillo.

—PNB Financial: 4140 S. Coulter-Amarillo.

The gifts received truly brighten the lives of people in need. They serve as a reminder to some that they matter and are not forgotten or forsaken. To parents who are struggling financially, they come as a great relief. Families are provided the opportunity to make wonderful memories with their children on Christmas morning. To those without the means to purchase basic necessities, they bring comfort.

The Shining Star Tree helps make wishes come true.

Facts:

- One in five children have a diagnosable

mental, emotional or behavioral disorder. Up to one in 10 may suffer from a serious emotional disturbance. Seventy percent of children, however, do not receive mental health services.

• One in every five families is affected by a severe mental illness, such as bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia or major depression.

• The strongest weapon in the fight against mental illness is science. Brain research is resulting in significant new discoveries about behavioral and thought disorders. Revolutionary new medications, improved diagnostic techniques and a new understanding of biological causes are helping make tremendous strides in the successful treatment and management of all forms of mental illness.

• Every 18 minutes, someone decides that it is better to be dead than alive and takes his or her life, making suicide the 11th leading cause of death in the United States.

• About 75 percent of adults with mental retardation could become self-supporting with proper training and opportunity.

• The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates, approximately 17 percent of children in the United States have some form of a developmental disability. These disabilities range from mild developmental delays and disorders to more severe developmental disorders such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and autism spectrum disorders.

• According to the U.S. Department of Education, fewer than 2 percent of all children with a developmental delay or disability are identified before the age of three. Since birth to age three is a critical time in a child's development, a delaying diagnosis may compromise a child's chances for success.

• The CDC reports that more than one out of every 100 school children in the United States has some form of mental retardation.

'Radio' unfolds true story of genuine goodness and kindness in small town

BY JANA WESSON-MARTIN
GUEST REVIEWER

We all love a good story, and this one is a true one. The recently released "Radio" is about a mentally challenged young boy who gets his nickname from his intrigue with transistor radios.

Set in 1970s in Anderson, S.C., local football coach Harold Jones (played by Ed Harris), befriends "Radio" (played by Cuba Gooding, Jr.) after the boy is mercilessly bullied by the football boys.

It is through the Coach's exceptional actions that Radio eventually becomes a participant of the team, the school, and the larger community.

Although critics have called the film "sappy" and "sentimental," it is a story worth telling and certainly worth seeing. Ultimately, it is about taking the high road. As the tale unfolds, so do the life lessons about genuine goodness.

As the coach introduces himself to Radio's mother, it becomes clear that she doesn't know what exactly makes her son (whose real name is James Robert Kennedy) different.

She shares, "the doctor just said he's slower than most."

Radio's mother, apprehensive of someone who might actually take time to get to know her son, responds to the coach in a way that speaks volumes to all of us, "There's a lot of good out there," she says, "we just don't do it."

The film reminds us that goodness, the real thing that is, looks so different from the norm.

Coach Jones chooses the high road, though, and proceeds because "I figure it's the right thing to do." And the Coach practically adopts and loves Radio as his own son.

The film reminds us that goodness, the real thing that is, looks so different from the norm. Who would have thought of truly befriending someone like Radio? Oh, sure, most decent people would offer some cordiality or civility, but who would take him into one's own home, into one's own life? Not many.

And a good many of the townspeople in Anderson do not quite care for the Coach at T.L. Hanna High School taking Radio in either.

The viewers are reminded that people do not know how to react to authentic goodness. It startles people, shakes them up a bit. Not only some of the team members, but the townsfolk as well, are aghast at the "distraction" the presence of Radio causes.

Because goodness looks so very different from what most of us actually do, it is accom-

panied by adversity. Goodness is not a popular road. The town banker decides that it is his duty to restore things to the way they were before, as "This is not the way we do things here in Anderson." So intriguing it is to watch the town stir as the villain banker spreads his poison.

Finally, goodness changes people. So many people are moved by the Coach's actions; so many learn something. And some even make life-altering changes.

Yellow Jackets star football player Johnny Clay (played by Riley Smith) learns about true acceptance and love. Even the coach grows to a different level, eventually resigning from the only thing he's ever known so as to spend more time with his wife Linda (played by Debra Winger) and his daughter Mary Helen (played by Sarah Drew)... and to take care of Radio.

The Coach sums it up in the town meeting, "We're not the ones been teaching Radio. Radio's been teaching us."

Radio is truly a story that teaches. Anderson, S.C., like Pampa, Texas, is a place where community is changed by the leading lives of certain heroes who dare take the high road.

Viewers of this film learn a lot about what goodness really looks like. Such acts of goodness, because they are out of the ordinary, threaten people terribly, but...more importantly...touch people eternally.

Texas Yes! meeting scheduled in Tulia

TULIA — The Texas Department of Agriculture will be hosting an informational meeting at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the El Camino Dining Room in Tulia to discuss TDA's new matching fund reimbursement program designed to promote rural tourism.

The matching fund reimbursement program is part of TDA's new Texas Yes! initiative, a broad-based marketing campaign designed to spotlight and promote rural Texas.

The matching fund program is open to rural communities that have joined Texas Yes!. There is no cost to join the program, which offers benefits such as the use of the Texas Yes! mark on marketing materials and promotional items and timely information on seminars, workshops and other educational and promotional opportunities for rural communities.

TDA Rural Economic Development Specialist Sheila Martin will be on hand at the informational meeting to provide an overview of Texas Yes! and the matching fund program, including eligibility requirements, proposal submissions, guidelines, rules and application deadlines. Proposals will be evaluated competitively and limited to \$15,000 in

reimbursable match for the first year in support of promotional activities related to rural tourism.

"This is a great opportunity to be involved in a new program that can have immediate and positive benefits," said Michael Muska, TDA's director for Texas Yes!. "Tourism generates dollars and excitement for rural communities, and we are committed to supporting this effort."

In support of rural Texas, Gov. Rick Perry allocated funding to Texas Yes! in September 2003 to help kick-off a two-year rural tourism promotional campaign. The effort will include a multi-faceted approach, including the matching fund reimbursement program to help rural communities develop locally driven promotional efforts. The goal of Texas Yes! is to grow tourism earnings as well as business development and job growth in rural Texas.

The El Camino Dining Room is located at 225 S. 87 Ave. in Tulia. Participants from Armstrong, Briscoe, Castro, Hale, Swisher and Randall counties are encouraged to attend.

For additional details on the Texas Yes! program, go to www.TexasYes.org or call (866) 4TEX-YES (483-9937).

Certificate of appreciation



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Anna Laury, director of Pampa Sheltered Workshop, recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Billie Sue Evans, president of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa. Altrusa sponsored a reception for Sheltered Workshop volunteers.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING

CLASSIFIED LINE ADS AND CITY BRIEFS

Insertion Date	Deadline
Wed., Nov. 26th.....	Tues., Nov. 25, 10:00am
Fri., Nov. 28th.....	Wed., Nov. 26th, Noon

ROP DISPLAY AND CLASSIFIED DISPLAY

Mon., Nov. 24th.....	Fri., Nov. 21st, 10:00am
Tues., Nov. 25th.....	Fri., Nov. 21st, 10:00am
Wed., Nov. 26th.....	Fri., Nov. 21st, noon

NO THURSDAY PAPER

Fri., Nov. 28th.....	Tues., Nov. 25th, 10:00am
Sun., Nov. 30th.....	Tues., Nov. 25th, noon

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