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A year of hellos and good-byes

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The year 2004 was a year of hellos and goodbyes, of good times and bad times, like every other year. Some of those events are revisited below and in photographs in this issue of The Pampa News.

HELLOS

A Wal-Mart Supercenter was completed in Pampa and opened Oct. 27, making Wal-Mart one of the largest employers in the Pampa area.

The drilling business continued an upward trend with new rules allowing drilling every 20 acres rather than the previous 40-acre spacing in the Granite Wash zone east of Pampa. This has led to record numbers of oil and gas well activity, and new jobs in the drilling industry.

A large numbers of votes were cast in the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District elections in February. Ground water continued to be a hot topic for Pampa and the surrounding area, with varying opinions as to whether water from the Ogallala Aquifer should be sold downstate. Debate continues, and the rules continue to be fine-tuned concerning this natural resource.

Republicans dominated local ballots in the November general election. Incumbents were mostly successful at keeping their offices. Voters chose one newcomer who vowed to vacate his position if elected, however.

Don Fletcher of Pampa won the race for Precinct 4 Constable, and promised to resign if elected and thus save taxpayers' money. He won over incumbent Frank Sparling of McLean.

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Jeffery J. Goldsmith is escorted from Gray County Jail to 223rd District Court in the county courthouse to enter a plea of guilty to first-degree murder in connection with the death of his wife, Ethel, 31. Goldsmith entered the plea on March 24 and was sentenced to life in prison by District Judge Lee Waters. Goldsmith's escorts are, from left, Sheriff Don Copeland, Deputy Morse Burroughs, Pampa Police Officer Jack Dupy and Deputy Cary Rushing.

GOOD-BYES

Heath Parker, head coach of the Pampa Harvester high school varsity football team, said good-bye to Pampa and accepted a position at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

Parker coached the team for two seasons and led the Harvesters to the playoffs for both of those years. Each time, the Harvesters lost to Aledo in the regional championship round.

Pampa Army Airfield Reunion Association voted to disband due to dwindling membership. The organization's funds were donated to the Freedom Museum.

Pampa's National Guard unit, however, got a call to action in 2004, with some of its members being called to serve in Iraq. Other military personnel with ties to Pampa served in Iraq in 2004.

GOOD TIMES

"Burnin' the Bricks in June," a three-day event organized and hosted by the High Plains Cruisers, was a resounding success. The weekend of activities included a sock hop, craft show, car show, "Burnin' the Bricks" competition, a Cruise Night along Pampa's "drag," and a mud bog.

The number of entrants and spectators exceeded everyone's expectations. Recreation Park was jampacked on Saturday and Sunday for the car show and mud bog, with spectators estimated in the thousands.

The High Plains Cruisers, a group who get together to enjoy their vehicles, said they plan to do it again in 2005.

BAD TIMES

An explosion on the morning of

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Today's weather

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Deaths

Peggy Burns, 91, avid baseball fan.

Big-city crime

Drug seizures up in city of El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — The amount of illegal drugs seized in the El Paso area rose dramatically in 2004 and the homicide rate dropped to one of its lowest in history, officials said.

El Paso recorded 11 homicides in 2004 compared with 21 in 2003, according to FBI figures.

"Anybody who commits a murder in El Paso, the chances of them getting caught are very high," said police spokesman Javier Sambrano. "We think maybe that in a way serves as a deterrent."

The amount of cocaine seized rose to 1,122 pounds in 2004, from 28 pounds in 2003; and marijuana seizures increased to 53,709 pounds this year, from 21,286 pounds last year. Currency seizures rose to $497,103, from $94,217 last year, according to the region's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Stash House Unit.

Also, nearly twice as many people were charged with narcotics offenses by the drug trafficking unit — 202 in 2004, up from 106 in 2003.

Law enforcement officials said efforts to inform the public about how to spot suspicious activity has led to increased contraband seizures.

"We attribute it to the media helping us with some of the larger seizures — putting that information out," said Darrel Petry, spokesman for the El Paso Police Department.

However, other factors may be responsible for the increase in arrests and seizures.

"I think the dramatic increase in recent months is due in my opinion to the scheme of operations of drug traffickers trying El Paso again," said Joseph Graves, professor of political science and criminal justice at the University of Texas at El Paso. "I think it's due to the fact that the traffickers try different points of entry, different corridors from time to time. They've been trying El Paso."

Graves estimated that about a quarter of the contraband trafficked in the United States is detected.

Lost leaders

Area grieves loss of many prominent citizens in '04

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa and Gray County lost a number of its leading citizens in 2004.

R.B. "Jiggs" Cooke, 84, was the first to die in 2004 on Jan. 13. He is remembered as the City of Pampa's Director of Public Works, a position he held for 23 years.

Jim Greene

One month and one day later, on Feb. 14, Harvey Nenstiel, long-time Pampa businessman and certified public accountant, died. He was 97. Nenstiel was the only certified public accountant in Gray County when he moved here in 1938. He managed the Combs-Worley Building for 57 years before he retired.

Ralph Milliron, 91, the man for whom Milliron Road was named, died May 31. He left his mark on this area through his engineering business and through his community service in the Masonic Lodge and Shrine organizations.

Bill Waters

Another civic leader, Bill Waters, died Aug. 4. Waters was instrumental in bringing the two prison units to Pampa. He also served as a county attorney and district attorney and numerous foundations and boards.

Bob Price, who served as a U.S. Congressman in the 1960s and as a Texas senator in the 1970s and early 1980s, died on Aug. 24 at the age of 76. He was known as the only member of Congress who flew Mach-3 in the SR-71 Blackbird, the F111-A, and the F-4E Phantom.

"A true Southern gentleman," and long-time Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene, 67, died on Sept. 2. He was active in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and superintendent of the Top O' Texas Livestock Show for two decades.

Dr. Royse

Ted Gikas, who with his brother John owned and operated Pampa's famous Coney Island Cafe for 50 years, died on Oct. 4 at the Texas Veterans Home in Big Spring. He was 80 years old. Pampans honored him for his contributions to the local fine arts with a special day filled with events on Nov. 26.

A professional rodeo icon and

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

I solemnly swear

31st District Judge Steven Emmert, right, swears in the Gray County constables elected in the Nov. 4 general election, from left, Don Fletcher, Chris Lockridge and James Lewis Saturday morning in the district courtroom of Gray County Courthouse. Other county officials taking the oath "to faithfully execute the duties" of their respective offices on the first day of the new year included Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead and her deputies, District Attorney Rick Roach, County Attorney Josh Seabourn, and Commissioners Joe Wheeley and Gerald Wright.

Crowds ring in New Year with dancing, fireworks

NEW YORK (AP) — Revelers from Times Square to downtown Los Angeles welcomed 2005 amid elaborate celebrations that included dazzling fireworks, laser lights and music.

Many said they hoped the new year would bring peace to all corners of the world, especially Iraq. Others prayed for tsunami victims in South Asia, saying the tragedy would be on their minds as the new year dawned.

"You still have to remember what's going on in the world because it affects everybody and it should affect the celebration," said Chris Lawrence, 21, of Newburgh, N.Y.

In the West, people crowded Las Vegas' strip to mark a New Year's Eve party billed as the nation's largest outside Times Square. A dazzling display of pyrotechnics brightened the sky early Saturday, delighting thousands of people celebrating at hotels, clubs and even a food court-turned-nightclub.

Thousands of revelers in downtown Los Angeles partied in the new year with international DJs and carnival rides. Laser lights danced off high-rise office buildings as people waving glow sticks jammed the wide streets and danced to electronic beats into the wee hours.

"It's a bunch of kids dancing in the streets ... It's awesome," said Annabelle Abayon, 29.

In New York, revelers enjoyed clear skies as they celebrated the 100th annual New Year's countdown in Times Square. And, for the

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Obituaries

Peggy Burns, 91

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Peggy Burns, 91, of Tahlequah, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Southside Baptist Church. Interment will be in Shirley Cemetery at Eldon, Okla., under the direction of Reed-Culver Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

Born Oct. 24, 1913, at Eldon, to Henry and Nannie Shirley Robbins, Mrs. Burns grew up at Eldon, and, after her marriage to Garland W. Burns on April 4, 1934, continued to live there while Mr. Garland farmed and worked pipeline construction with his brother John.

In 1969, the couple sold the farm and relocated to Tahlequah.

Mr. Garland died Dec. 24, 1980.

Mrs. Garland, a member of Southside Baptist Church since 1970, was an avid gardener and loved watching baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves.

Survivors include her children, Tommy Burns of Pampa, Wilma Hitchcock of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Carol Rhoads of Tahlequah; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., Monday at Reed-Culver Funeral Home and requests memorials be to Southside Baptist Church, 300 Parker St., Tahlequah, OK 74464.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high around 57. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. South southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 50. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain before midnight, then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 36. North northwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 22.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 34.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37.

Overnight campers stake out spot for Rose Parade

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Sleepy spectators huddled around curbside barbecues to await the start of the 116th Rose Parade, as organizers prepared floats depicting everything from a towering robot to a 207-foot locomotive.

Spectators lugged sleeping bags, portable heaters, folding chairs and other creature comforts as temperatures dipped into the low 40s early Saturday.

Jennifer Betanzourt, 27, pitched a tent and set up a barbecue grill for a meal of carne asada, hamburgers and Italian sausage — and for heat.

"It's fun seeing all the crazy people going up and down the street," she said.

Police said they arrested at least 23 people during the night for investigation of public drunkenness and other charges. No major injuries were reported.

The lineup for this year's parade featured 50 flower-covered floats that reflect its "Celebrate Family" theme, along with 25 marching bands and 26 equestrian units. Disney icon Mickey Mouse is serving as grand marshal.

The floats — costing as much as $350,000 each — range from fanciful to spectacular.

An entry by Disneyland will lead the procession. The replica of Sleeping Beauty Castle stands 45 feet high and celebrates the upcoming 50th anniversary of the theme park.

A 50-foot robot marks the first Rose Parade entry from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the California Institute of Technology. It depicts a robot astronaut with a jet pack that fires carbon dioxide gas.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following arrests and incidents.

Friday, Dec. 31

Brian Lee Fuller, 38, 1000 S. Christy, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Officers made 17 traffic stops, served two warrants, checked three businesses, performed one welfare check, responded to one business and one residential alarm and provided two funeral escorts.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 800 block of West Foster Avenue and in the 1000 block of Murphy Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of Locust.

Two animal complaints were taken in the 300 block of South Gray and in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Two law enforcement assists were made – one on McCullough and Barrett streets and another in the 100 block of South Frost.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North West and in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Two separate narcotic drug law violations were reported in the 900 block of Murphy Avenue and in the 600 block of Plains Street.

Incidents of disorderly conduct were reported in the 1200 block of East Browning Avenue, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 1800 block of North Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Found property, a lost cell phone and a couple of bicycles, was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole Drive and in the 300 block of Miami, respectively. According to the police blotter, the bicycles were found in an empty lot that is reportedly being used as a dump site.

Two separate assaults were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill and in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Harassment was reported in the 1800 block of Lynn Street.

Three separate vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of East Crawford, in the 2800 block of Charles and in the 1900 block of Hobart.

Offense against family was reported in the 500 block of Municipal Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Christine.

A violation of a city ordinance – fireworks – was reported in the 600 block of Plains Street.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct-noise was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Saturday, Jan. 1

Jason Dwight Williams, 31, 1040 Huff, was arrested for retaliation and for failure to identify a fugitive.

Justin Edie, 18, 1309 Kingsmill, was arrested for evading arrest and for failure to identify.

Tawnie Nichole Crain, 23, 316 Anne, was arrested on a capias pro fine for theft under $50.

Benjamin Mulanax, 19, 908 S. Wells, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Rogelio Villagrana, Jr., 19, 317 Starkweather, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Christopher Robert Driscoll, 18, 1005 Darby, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

John H. King, 53, 1608 N. Sumner, was arrested on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated.

Gary Hayes, 46, 822 N. Nelson, was arrested for criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests on Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 31

Christopher Archibald, 32, 1309 Russell, was arrested for two counts of assault causing bodily injury.

Daniel Weller, 21, 320 N. Christy, was arrested by Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge for public intoxication.

Saturday, Jan. 1

Hugo Pena, 18, 912 Varnon Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Friday, Dec. 31

8:48 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1700 block of Hamilton. The firefighters checked for both gas and CO but found nothing.

Authorities question person in connection with laser beam probe

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A laser beam was aimed at a police helicopter Friday — one of several incidents involving aircraft across the country in the past week — and federal authorities were questioning someone who had been at a house where they said the light had originated.

Officials said no one was hurt when the laser hit the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police helicopter as it flew over an area where a similar incident occurred Wednesday.

Soon after, Port Authority officials and the FBI went to a Parsippany home where they had tracked the laser beam and were questioning a person there in connection with both incidents, said Steve Coleman, an authority spokesman.

No charges had been filed as of late Friday night, Coleman said.

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Internet sites allow consumers to trade or sale gift cards

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The gift card — that little, plastic solution to keep friends and family out of return lines — doesn't always serve as the ideal present.

Responding to consumers who don't want to buy themselves another sweater or fancy steak dinner, Internet businesses have sprung up allowing people to sell or swap unwanted gift cards.

"Isn't it great?" asked Mike Kelly, vice president of SwapAGift.com. "The market will create exactly the mechanism it needs to correct any problem."

'The market will create exactly the mechanism it needs to correct any problem.'

— Mike Kelly
SwapAGift.com VP

He and his wife, Mary Jane, created the Langhorne, Pa.-based Web business SwapAThing, Inc. last fall, after realizing they had about a dozen gift cards they weren't using. They decided to create a place where people could trade in the cards they didn't want, or receive some cash back for them.

They're not the only ones with the idea. The online giant eBay Inc. had more than 7,500 gift cards and certificates listed for sale or auction during a recent check. The eBay site doesn't allow bartering.

The St. Louis-based business CardAvenue.com launched in October. CEO Bob Butler said people need to realize that their unused gift cards amount to wasted money, but they can benefit if they sell or trade them. "Even if it's $5 or $10, they should do something with it," he said.

Kelly said he's heard from customers who were pleased to have an option to shed their cards — like the man who received a $100 card to a women's lingerie store. Another man who used the service suffered a rejected marriage proposal and ended up with store credit on a gift card for a $3,500 engagement ring.

Hugh Burgin of Denver bought a $25 Target gift card off CardAvenue for $17. He said even an $8 savings was worth it. "If you're going to spend the money, you might as well save a few dollars," he said.

While some gift cards decline in value over time, Internet businesses have measures in place to ensure that people get what's being offered. For instance, CardAvenue requires that gift card owners include the toll-free number for their card and that sellers check the balance before offering it to others.

And San Jose, Calif.-based eBay will not allow the sale of gift cards valued at more than $500; the gift card must be in the sellers' hands before it can be listed and only one gift card can be listed per seller per week, said spokesman Hani Durzy.

Year

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July 6 at Titan Specialties took the life of one employee and sent another to the Lubbock burn center, while a third was also burned.

Karen Standefer, 41, died in the explosion, while Merry Jenkins was airlifted to the Lubbock burn center. Ron Hurst suffered burns to his right hand.

The explosion, which occurred in a laboratory in the rear of the company's office building on Highway 152 west of Pampa, was ruled an accident.

Jeffery J. Goldsmith pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in the death of his wife and was sentenced to life in prison on March 24. His wife's body was found May 28, 2003, in a rural area about 10 miles east of Wheeler. She had been "severely beaten," according to law enforcement personnel who investigated the death.

The homicide victim found Oct. 16, 2003, near Mile Marker 132 off Interstate 40 in Gray County was identified as Vickie Helen Anderson of Oklahoma City, Okla. Her family in Oklahoma was notified of her death. No arrests have been made in connection with the case, which remains open, according to Lt. Joe Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Pampans, like the rest of the country, experienced a shortage of influenza vaccine. Clinics which received 1,700 doses of vaccine in 2003 had only 800 to dispense in 2004. Some clinics got no vaccine at all.

City and county commissioners worked together to find an ambulance service for Pampa and Gray County after Rural Metro Ambulance Service announced it would not continue in Pampa when its current year was up in July. Guardian EMS began operating in Pampa on July 14.

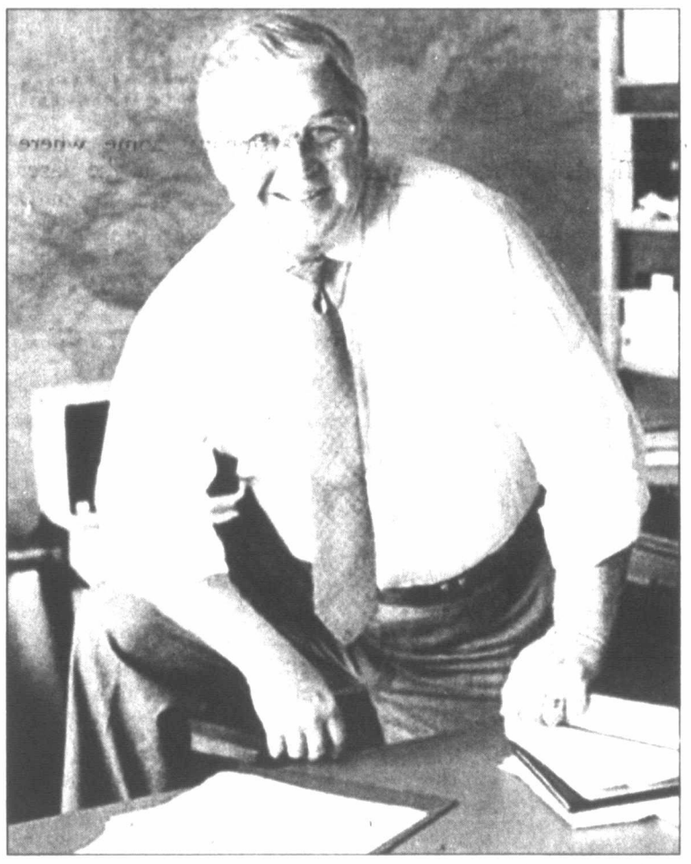
Guardian EMS became Pampa and Gray County's new ambulance service in 2004 and began operations on July 14.

The relationship between city and county soured, however, when time came for the county to set its annual budget.

County commissioners voted to greatly reduce the amount of territory to be covered by Pampa Fire Department, and give that territory to Hoover Volunteer Fire Department instead.

Tempers flared as negotiations continued, with offers and counteroffers flying back and forth.

The final agreement was reached in October, with Hoover gaining significant numbers of square miles in the county and with PFD maintaining responsibility for fire service for 27 square miles along Highway 152, Highway 60 to National Oilwell, parts of Price Road, Walnut Creek Estates, Keller Estates and the Cole Addition.



Congressman Bob Price is shown here in an undated Pampa News archive photo.

Leaders

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native Pampan, June Bull Ivory, died on Nov. 9. She was 73. She worked in the National Finals Rodeo for 20 years and served as executive secretary of the "Rodeo Far West" as it toured several European countries. She was known for her colorfully coordinated western wardrobe.

Another colorful local character and the city's best-known centenarian, George Keeton, died Nov. 22 at the age of 104, slightly more than a month away from his 105th birthday. He was known for his enthusiastic singing and as First National Bank's unofficial greeter. His 103rd birthday, Dec. 27, 2003, was proclaimed "George Keeton Day, and he was presented with the key to the city.

Former Pampa mayor and businessman, H.R. "Ray" Thompson, 79, died on Dec. 11. He owned H.R. Thompson Automotive Parts Co., started by his father in 1928, until he retired in 2001. He served on Pampa City Commission for eight years and was mayor of Pampa for four years. He also served on numerous civic and service organization boards through the years.

Dr. Kenneth Royse, longtime Pampa veterinarian, was also 79 when he died on Dec. 17. Dr. Royse owned and operated Royse Animal Hospital here for 45 years before retiring earlier this year. He influenced numerous aspiring veterinarians through the years. He served as city veterinarian for decades, was active in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, Top O' Texas Livestock Show, and was active in the local FFA and 4-H programs for many years.

Deer causes deadly traffic collisions on Interstate

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three people were killed in a three-vehicle accident after a deer apparently darted in front of a car that was then struck from behind.

A car driven by Eduardo Macias was struck by a tractor-trailer rig after Macias' vehicle stopped or stalled after hitting a deer on Interstate 35 near Lytle late Thursday, Lytle police Sgt. Frank Reyes said.

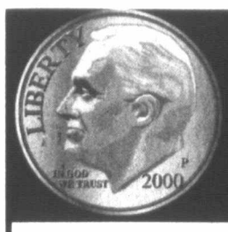
"The 18-wheeler didn't have time to move over," Reyes said.

After hitting Macias' car, the 18-wheeler crossed a median into oncoming traffic and hit a sport utility vehicle, killing its driver, whose name hasn't been released.

Also killed in the crash were Regina Montague, 25, of Bandera and Maria Macias, 9, whose address was unknown. Both were passengers in Macias' car.

Lion's Club Sweetheart

Pampa Lion's Club's November Sweetheart of the Month is Anna Schafer, daughter of Glenn and Leslie Schafer and granddaughter of Dan and Geneva Michael. Anna ranks in the top 10 percent of her senior class at Pampa High. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include junior varsity cheerleader (one year), varsity cheerleader (two years), PHS Women's Choir (one year), PHS Show Choir (two years), PHS Concert Choir (three years), PHS Student Council (three years), D-FY-IT, senior cheerleader captain, concert choir activities chair, National Honor Society parliamentarian and PHS Student Body Chaplain. Anna attends First Baptist Church. Her future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University.



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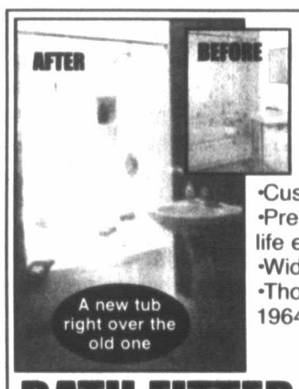

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In Memory of Jerrell Montgomery

Thanks to the friends that called. All the cards, flowers were sent. The food, all the prayers. We also want to thank the Hospice crew in Pampa and Amarillo. We want to thank Gene Gee for the wonderful words. We lost a friend, a dad, a brother, a grandpa and a son.

David Montgomery & Family
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Linda Boyd & Family
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Last of all, Mother
Willie Montgomery

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Pampa Independent School District

Events for Pampa ISD for the week of January 2-8

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

All Campuses
January 3 • Teacher Inservice
January 4 • All Students Return

Pampa High School
January 6 • 7:00 • Financial Aid Meeting • Library
January 6 • Report cards
January 7 • Band & Choir Auditions All State • Midland
January 8 • Band & Choir Auditions All State • Midland

*For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at **www.pampaisd.net.** From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar*

This PISD Events Calendar courtesy of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Agents Ray Boring • Brandon Wheeler • Ricky Martin

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Viewpoints

No one knows what the new year will hold

As I write this Friday morning, we stand on the brink of a new year. We have no idea what this year holds for us. Will it be good? Will it be bad? How many triumphs and tragedies will we see?

It doesn't take a psychic to know that good things and bad things will happen in the coming year. That's a given. Some things will be completely beyond our control.

No one could have predicted the effects of the last week's earthquake and subsequent tsunami that has killed more than 120,000.

Some things go beyond my scope of reckoning.

Last Sunday, I was talking on the telephone when my husband Vic pointed to the television. Images of muddy water and muddy, crying people flashed across the screen. God forgive me, my first thought was, "Oh, another disaster somewhere," and I continued my telephone conversation.

It wasn't until I read through the Associated Press wire on Monday morning that the magnitude of what had happened began to seep through my overloaded brain.

As the death toll continues to rise – more than 120,000 on Friday, I slowly comprehend that the earthquake and resulting tsunamis in Asia constitute the largest natural catastrophe of my lifetime.

"Doesn't it seem kinda like ...?" Her voice trailing off, ReDonn Woods, our advertising director, stood beside my chair looking at more disaster photos displayed on my computer screen.

Dee Dee Laramore
Editor

"Armageddon? The end of the world?"

I finished the sentence she was half afraid to complete.

Others have voiced that thought to me these past few days. As I observe world events, I can't help but wonder myself.

What is happening here?

Five years ago, as we awaited the millennium, many predicted a dire future of war, natural catastrophe and famine. On the surface, it's easy to think that these predictions have become fact.

After watching a program on the predictions of Nostradamus, my son Dave, then a 21-year-old college student, asked me if I thought they were true.

No one knows, I said. According to the Bible, I told him, no one is supposed to know.

"Just live as if it is the last day," I advised.

In Matthew 24 of the New Testament, Jesus tells his disciples about the "end times." First, he cautioned them not to be led astray by people who will come in his name, claiming to be him.

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All this is but the beginning of the sufferings."

Jesus said that no one will know when the end will come – not man, not Jesus, not the angels – only God will know.

"What if it is?" Redonn asked.

"Keep your house in order," I replied.

No one knows what 2005 will bring. I pray for peace and prosperity for our community, our nation and our world.

My personal resolution is to keep my house in order.

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Write to Dee Dee Laramore at editor@thepampanews.com

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2005. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date:

In 1492, the leader of the last Arab stronghold in Spain surrendered to Spanish forces loyal to King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I.

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1921, religious services were broadcast on radio for the first time as KDKA in Pittsburgh aired the regular Sunday service of the city's Calvary Episcopal Church.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1965, the New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported $400,000.

In 1974, President Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph (however, federal speed limits were abolished in 1995).

In 1983, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, closed on Broadway after a run of 2,377 performances.

Ten years ago: Chechen defenders drove Russian troops out of the capital of Grozny. Marion Barry was inaugurated as mayor of Washington, D.C., four years after leaving the office in disgrace to serve a six-month sentence for misdemeanor drug possession.

Five years ago: Retired Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., known early in his career for modernizing the Navy and later for ordering the spraying of Agent Orange in Vietnam, died in Durham, N.C., at age 79.

'There are no whole truths; all truths are half-truths. It is trying to treat them as whole truths that plays the devil.'

— Alfred North Whitehead
English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947)

More blessed to give than to receive

Too bad so few people saw NBA referee Steve Javie give the coat off his back to a G.I. injured in Iraq. TV cameras were stilled and reporters had finished their stories. Most of the capacity crowd at American Airlines Center was heading for the exit.

Javie, who had just worked the Dallas Mavericks' 22-point laugher over the Atlanta Hawks,* returned to the playing floor. There, 137 military personnel – all with varying degrees of injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan – were signing autographs for fans and players. No one wanted to turn loose of a magical evening.

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Maybe it is just as well that his act of kindness went largely unnoticed. After all, Javie, a 19-year NBA veteran, represents a profession of tough guys. (Had this been a photo op, it would have blown his cover.)

Don Newbury
Columnist

Referees don't give; they take away. But not this night. Known for supporting homeless, disabled, abused and neglected children, Javie is down deep a softy. He, too, gulped down big throat lumps when the soldiers were introduced, Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" was played, and 20,000 fans delayed the beginning of the second quarter with a two-minute standing ovation.

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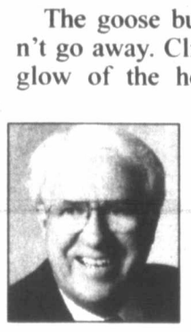
The goose bumps wouldn't go away. Clinging to the glow of the hour like the final moments of an Indian summer sundown, Javie thanked the honorees after the game, but it seemed not enough. He wished them all well, then handed over his NBA jacket.



What a finale for an unscripted tribute to young people whose lives have been ravaged by the raw edges of war. For a few hours, theirs was a Brigadoon world.

It seemed as American as apple pie and a throwback to gentler days when everyone felt more involved in helping out. It had the "feel" of frontier men's barn-raisings and of women around quilting frames stitching together heat for today and hope for tomorrow.

It felt good, this evening that brought out the best in many people. Indeed, the game became secondary.

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The big-league salute was the brainchild of Neal Hawks, a Dallas businessman and avowed basketball junkie. "I played the game for years and six-hour hoop days were common," he

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New border checks take effect none too soon

A new system of border checks began Dec. 20 in El Paso, 11 days ahead of schedule.

Good. The sooner the system gets going, the sooner any problems can be worked out and the process made to function smoothly.

It's called the US-VISIT border-security program, in which inspectors at the international bridges will photograph and fingerprint visa holders entering the United States. That information will be checked against databases of terrorist suspects.

And therein lies the reason for the new process. It's yet another line of defense against terrorists entering the country easily, as some did just before they perpetrated the 9/11 tragedies. The southern U.S. border, infamous for its porousness and relative ease of entry, is a natural suspect when it comes to possible entry points for terrorists.

Texas Thoughts
El Paso Times

Not everyone will be affected by this new program, so don't immediately assume the mother of all traffic jams will occur at the bridges. Three categories that will feel US-VISIT's effects will be nonimmigrant visa holders, visitors from visa-waiver countries and laser visa holders wanting to get an I-94 form that gives permission to travel beyond the border zone.

As with any new program, some glitches are bound to occur. It's to be hoped that those can be worked out expeditiously. And it's not as if the system hasn't been tried before. The system started up Nov. 15 in Laredo, one of the pilot site. It's scheduled to begin today in Fabens and Santa Teresa.

There's no doubt that US-VISIT will add, however infinitesimally, to the hassles of crossing the border. But the events of 9/11 and the ongoing threat of terrorism across the world make such programs mandatory.

Concerns have been voiced that such a program might put a crimp in border trade and dull the local U.S. economies by discouraging people, and their money, from crossing the border and shopping in the United States. If Laredo's admittedly short experience with the system is any indication, that shouldn't be a problem.

Joe Lopez, who's an El Paso businessman and chairman of the Texas Association of Mexican-

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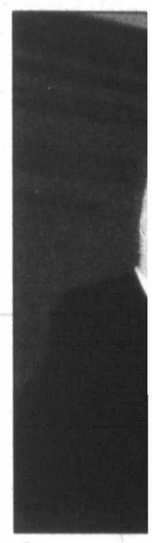

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First official act of 2005

In their first official act of the new year, these officials elected or re-elected on Nov. 4 were sworn in by District Judge Steven Emmert in the district courtroom at Gray County Courthouse at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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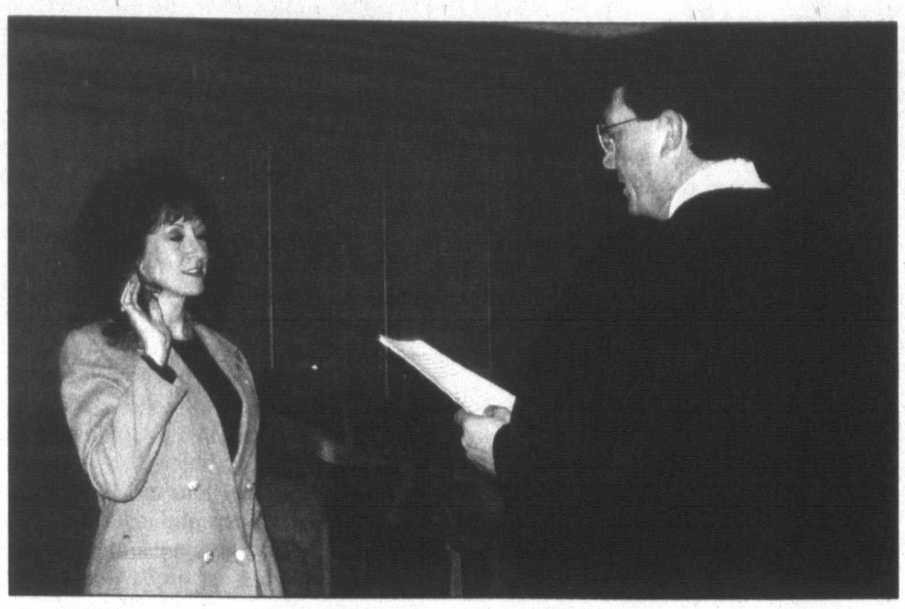
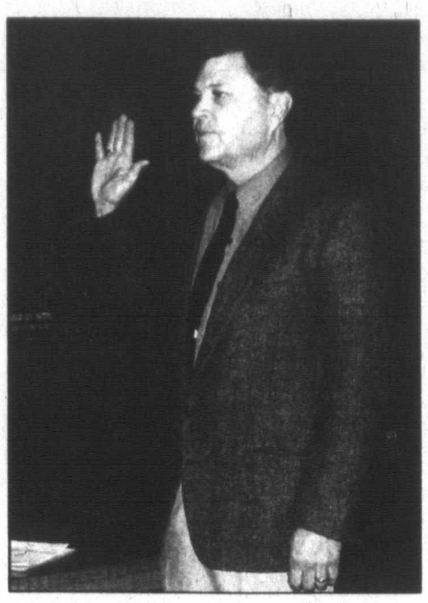


Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead



District Attorney Rick Roach

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County Commissioners Gerald Wright and Joe Wheeley

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first time in 32 years, the party went on without Dick Clark, who was recovering from a stroke.

Daytime talk show host Regis Philbin stood in for Clark on ABC-TV's "New Year's Rockin' Eve," calling it "the greatest temp job in the world."

Nearly a million people filled Times Square, the festive mood broken only by a moment of silence honoring those killed in the earthquake and tsunami in South Asia.

The crowd broke into a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" after the 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball made its descent from atop 1 Times Square.

Outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell, a native New Yorker, pressed a giant button with Mayor Michael Bloomberg to begin the ball's descent.

"In my lifetime I've served in many places around the world, and wherever I happened to be the turn of the year just didn't feel right unless I had in some way seen or heard about the ball coming down on time," Powell said Friday.

As in recent years, police boats, helicopters, bomb squads and thousands of officers were on patrol around the city, and officers armed with radiation detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs were deployed in Times Square.

Few disruptions were reported with the festivities.

A few blocks from Times Square, police arrested a man who was found carrying a loaded rifle Friday night. The incident briefly closed 33rd Street, but most revelers didn't notice.

In Las Vegas, a brief power outage darkened marquees. Police said a balloon hit a power transformer, causing a short-circuit.

Giving

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admits.

Despite several knee surgeries as reminders of his youth, Hawks still has an enduring love of the game. He has front row season tickets for Maverick games and believes such seat placement to be the ultimate for any sports venue.

Late last year, he was touched by a newspaper article about injured soldiers at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. "It's easy to write a check and turn the page, but I wanted to do more," he said.

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And he did much more. With assistance from senior Sen. Chuck Hagel in his home state of Nebraska, arrangements were made for eight soldiers to be Hawks' front row guests at a Mavericks' game.

They made the trip on a private Lear jet. They were introduced and spotlighted at the game, and there were teary eyes all around.

That was in early April, and Hawks made similar arrangements for two more such outings later in the month. Meanwhile, he thought toward greater things.

Several other season ticket holders congratulated Hawks, so he decided to share the joy with all of them. A letter went out in October to the 47 persons holding the 145 front row seats; they were invited to surrender their tickets to soldiers for the Dec. 18th game. Only two fans declined, so he had 137 "seats for soldiers."

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Things happened fast. American Airlines provided an MD-80 charter with a volunteer flight crew. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban sent his plane, had commemorative T-shirts made for the guests and visited with each of them during an extended autograph session.

Abacus, a five-star restaurant, provided a 90-minute dinner where Dallas Cowboy hero Roger Staubach offered an invocation. Most of the soldiers kept cell phones busy with "you won't believe where we are" calls to loved ones throughout the evening.

On the flight back to San Antonio, airline personnel had on "seats for soldiers" T-shirts. They, too, wanted autographs from the men and women who had surrendered hearing, limbs, eyesight and more in defending our country.

Ripples in the stream, ever widening, will be the story of a magical night when people felt better about themselves and the land they love.

The Christmas season took on an added glow. Ripples in the stream, ever widening, will be the story of a magical night when people felt better about themselves and the land they love.

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What about Hawks? He thinks only in "onward, upward and outward" modes. He's figuring out more ways to honor injured soldiers and will put feet to prayers. Stay tuned for an encore to top this quarter-million dollar evening.

And if you see Javie, say nothing about the tear you saw in his eye. He'll hang a technical foul on you quicker'n Dallas.

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*Before you ask: No, Neal and the Atlanta Hawks are NOT related.

Checks

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American Chambers of Commerce, said of the Laredo experience, "It's been very positive. It's due to the fact that they check about 3 percent of the people coming through, only the people going beyond the Laredo market. We're not having the lines, we thought we would. My compliments to Homeland Security."

It's hugely important, especially in a city with an economy as fragile as El Paso's, that every precaution be taken not to hurt the economy further. And, if applied correctly, that's what US-VISIT should accomplish — more controlled border crossing and better homeland security with little or no economic effect.

Calendar items

• **The Women's Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23 and Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. 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.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is $6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays.

Show goers will be able to pick and choose from a full schedule of entertainers and family programs each day of the event. Local health organizations will conduct health checks and a blood drive is planned Saturday. If interested in exhibiting or attending the show or for more information, call (806) 798-7825 or e-mail swclassic@cox.net.

• **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: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 5, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Jan. 10, City Hall, Canadian.

• **The postmark registration deadline** for the Feb. 12 ACT Assessment exam will be Jan. 7. The late registration postmark deadline is Jan. 21 and will include an additional fee.

Students can register on-line at www.actstudent.org, or they can obtain a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail.

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Oil/Gas

Drilling Intentions

■ **Intentions to Drill**

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Jahnel '73', 2150' from North & 1120' from East line, Sec. 73,41,H&TC, PD 8850'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Hoover '85', 1580' from North & 875' from West line, Sec. 85,41,H&TC, PD 8800'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., PD 13500' for the following wells:

#7002P Meek '70', 567' from North & 2173' from East line, Sec. 70,M-1,H&GN.

#4202P Teas '42', 467' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 42,M-1,H&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., PD 14000', for the following wells:

#3 Clifford '30', 2283' from North & 1961' from West line, Sec. 30,M-1,H&GN.

#2224 Puryear, 861' from North & 1949' from West line, Sec. 24,M-1,H&GN.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT above 8600') Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Rachel Harvey 'A-69', 5459' from South & 66' from West line, Sec. 41,46,H&TC, PD 8600'. Rule 37

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Stallion Energy, Inc., #50 Ethel Smith, 1000' from North & 4977' from East line, Lot 2,6, William Heath, PD 3250' (BHL: 1000' from North & 792' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALLPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #8 Courson Ranch '135', 1440' from North & 1960' from East line, Sec. 135,C,G&M, PD 11040'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SHOENAIL Lower Morrow) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., 31 Jane Jacobs A '87', 1491' from North & 1351' from West line, Sec. 3,D,H&GN, PD 9700'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #5048 Hefley, 1955' from North & 515' from West line, Sec. 48,M-1,H&Gn, PD 14000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & P.C.X. Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2026 Miller, 660' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 26,4,CCSL, PD 16000'.

■ **Applications to Re-Enter**

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1 Seeds, 1331' from South & 1326' from West line, Sec. 63,A-7,H&GN, PD 19204'.

WHEELER (ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow) Turner Transportation, #1 Zybach, 1320' from North & West line, Sec. 19,RE,R&E, PD 6375'.

■ **Amended Intentions to Drill**

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., PD 13500'. Amending location & PD for the following wells:

#1403P Carr '14', 950' from North & 2214' from West line, Sec. 14,4,AB&M.

#4209P Teas '42', 1820' from South & 550' from East line, Sec. 42,M-1,H&GN.

#5406P Vandiver, 2148' from North & 2610' from West line, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #10 Morris, 672' from North & 1853' from East line, Sec. 4,1,I&GN, PD 12500'. Amended well location & PD

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #2055 Austin, 925' from North & 845' from East line, Sec. 55,A-4,H&GN, PD 14200'.

■ **Gas Well Completions**

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) B&W Operating, L.L.C., #3 Hefley '4', Sec. 4,4,AB&M, spud 8-3-04, drlg. compl 8-23-04, tested 10-15-04, potential 4893 MCF, TD 11600'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #2 Patrick '22', Sec. 22,A-1,H&GN, spud 10-5-04, drlg. compl 10-23-04, tested 11-20-04, potential 877 MCF, TD 11348' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #2013 Caitlin-Abraham, Sec. 13,1,I&GN, spud 8-11-04, drlg. compl 9-2-04, tested 10-30-04, TD 11750', PBTD 11510' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #9068 Stiles Ranch, Sec. 68,A-7,H&GN, spud 10-22-04, drlg. compl 10-22-04, tested 11-2-04, potential 77940 MCF, TD 18000', PBTD 16200' — Plug-Back

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1026 Davis, Sec. 26,0-52, L. Landauer, spud 5-13-04, drlg. compl 6-12-04, tested 10-20-04, potential 875 MCF, TD 13747', PBTD 13604' — Form 1 in Bravo Natural Resources

■ **Plugged Wells**

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #76 S.B. Burnett, Sec. 106,5,I&GN, spud 11-27-58, plugged 8-6-04, TD 3123' (oil) —

State agency's commissioners set gas production allowables for this month

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set January 2005 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 18,149,442 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the January 2005 allowable represents a decrease of 11,398,952 Mcf when compared to actual production of 29,548,394 Mcf in January 2004.

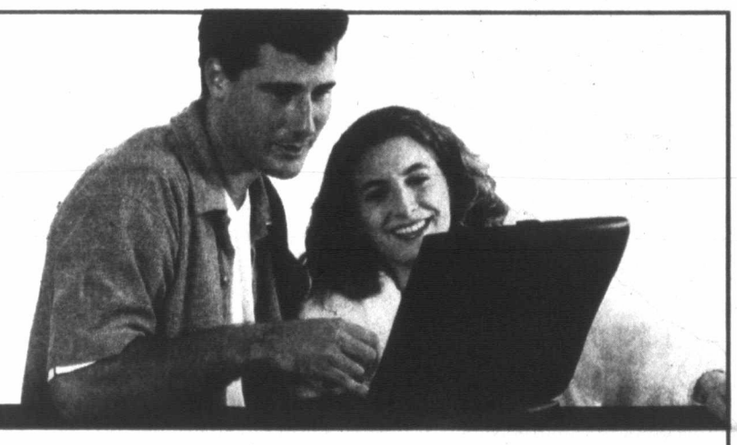
In setting the January 2005 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from January 2004 and producer forecasts for the January 2005 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for November 2004 is 347,957,063 Mcf compared to 318,757,900 Mcf in November 2003. The December 2004 gas storage estimate is 340,895,025 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for eight percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for October 2004 is 28,540,311 barrels of crude oil and 375,712,232 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0292 for crude oil and 1.1001 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)



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TSCRA school set for another year

FORT WORTH — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's School for Successful Ranching continuing to grow. The 11th annual school is scheduled March 18-19 in conjunction with TSCRA's 128th annual convention in Fort Worth.

This year's expanded curriculum will offer a day-long workshop on low-stress cattle handling plus a half-day with 12 classes comprising four tracks: Ranch Resource Analysis, Ranch Resource Management, Feeder Cattle Management and Focus on the Consumer.

Participants may specialize by attending three different classes in each track or they may chose three courses from any of the tracks. CEUs will be offered for the Texas Beef Quality Producers program and the Society for Range Management.

The $75 registration fee covers presentations on both days, and a hot lunch on Friday. As a bonus, school participants will be admitted free to TSCRA's 250-exhibit trade show following the conclusion of the school on Saturday.

Deadline for registration is March 10. To register online, go to www.texascattleraisers.org. For more information, contact Mark Perrier at 1 (800) 242-7820, ext. 118.

Sponsors for the school are Dow AgroSciences, Pfizer Animal Health, Western Horseman magazine, Stay-Tite Fence Manufacturing, Fort Dearborn Life/BlueCross Blue Shield and Priefert Ranch Equipment.

The cattle-handling workshop will be held on Friday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cowtown Coliseum in Fort Worth's historic stockyards.

The full day of demonstrations and discussions on low-stress cattle handling will be presented by three successful ranchers and career cowboys. Demonstrations using live cattle will be conducted on horseback, with stock dogs and on foot.

Curt Pate of Miles City, Mont., will lead a session on low-stress handling of cattle on horseback. Whether it be doctoring, gathering or sorting, Curt demonstrates that when cowboys handle cattle in a manner that minimizes stress, it not only saves time and horsepower, but also allows for the maximum use of the cattle.

Charlie Trayer of Cottonwood Falls, Kan., will teach the proper use of stock dogs in a low-stress manner. Charlie depends on his dogs every day to make a living and is pulled from the ranch only occasionally. His mission is to dispel the myth that working cattle with dogs generates stress; the opposite becomes obvious when Charlie and his Hangin' Tree Cowdogs conduct a clinic.

Joel Hamm, a TSCRA member and fourth-generation rancher from Big Lake, Texas, employs the philosophy of master stockman Bud Williams in demonstrating effective stockmanship on foot in the pens and around the chute.

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> — Bob McCan
> *TSCRA president*

Curt Pate will return in the afternoon to conduct a session on special cattle handling situations, including ranch roping techniques.

The day will end with a panel discussion as the speakers confer with each other – and the audience – on low-stress stock-handling skills, principles and mindset necessary for achieving optimum results.

On Saturday, March 19, the school will move to the Fort Worth Convention Center for classroom presentations from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Three different classes will be presented in each of the four subject tracks.

"This exceptional school program exemplifies TSCRA's dedication to quality producer education," says TSCRA President Bob McCan. "It provides a perfect preamble to our annual convention and an ideal opportunity for producers not familiar with TSCRA to come and see what we have to offer."

Harvest time upon Great Lakes vineyards

NORTH EAST, Pa. (AP) — Bitter nighttime air, shifting snow drifts and the sight of skiers can mean only one thing in the icebound Great Lakes vineyards — it's harvest time.

An intense cold snap has sent Great Lakes vineyard workers scurrying early to pick by hand the frozen pearls that will be pressed into ice wine, known alternately as "honey in a bottle" or "nectar of the gods."

Ice wine lovers regularly plunk down $40 for a half bottle of the deliciously sweet beverage that is as much a dessert as it is dessert wine.

The process is so labor intensive and risky, only a limited number wineries even attempt it. The grapes are left on the vine until the first frost, and the frantic harvest begins in the wee hours — after the temperature has dropped into the teens, when the berries freeze hard as marbles.

Growers are expecting an above average to exceptional vintage this year. But the cold winds that brought an early harvest also did some damage at Mazza Vineyards, which lost 85 percent of its crop to winds that rushed over the sandy escarpments of Lake Erie and through Pennsylvania.

"Ice wines are always risky to produce and there's no guarantee you'll be able to make them if the weather conditions aren't right," said owner Bob Mazza. "We've got a pretty good indication that the quality this year is comparable to last year, which was very, very good."

Skiers have begun stopping at the vineyard, just east of Erie, to pick the blue half-bottles of Mazza's ice wine on their way to the Peek'n Peak resort, a short drive over the New York border.

The bottles are thin and tall, like those that usually hold grappa or fine brandies, and sealed with wax. Mazza charges $40 for 375 milliliters, which is slightly larger than a can of soda.

Origins for ice wine can be traced back to the late 1700s in Franconia, Germany, where "eiswein" was discovered after an early freeze.

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National council publishes booklet on OTC medicines

(NAPSA) — The National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) has published Be MedWise: Use Over-the-Counter Medicines Wisely, a new brochure in English and Spanish that stresses this important fact: taking OTC medicines safely is too important for guesswork.

For a copy of Be MedWise: Use Over-the-Counter Medicines Wisely, visit the Be MedWise Web site at www.bemedwise.org. You can print out a copy in either English or Spanish and take it with you to your pharmacy the next time you shop for OTC medicines.

To "B" smart about health, just about everyone needs to take a vitamin with folic acid every day. Folic acid helps the body build healthy cells. Because it's a "water-soluble" B vitamin, it must be taken daily. Women need folic acid is to help prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spine, such as spina bifida. Since such birth defects happen early in pregnancy-before a woman even knows she's pregnant-it's important to take folic acid every day. You can learn more from the Spina Bifida Association of Am-erica at (800) 621-3141 and www. sbaa.org.

A Web site, AFAdvisor.org, developed by AstraZeneca and a team of medical experts and a patient advocate from six leading institutions, was recently launched to help educate patients about atrial fibrillation, also known as AF. AFAdvisor.org provides information on AF symptoms, causes and risks, to help patients better understand their condition.

The site also includes treatment options that may help decrease their risk of stroke. AF patients and their caregivers can call 888-541-7008, where they can request free educational brochures about AF in either English or Spanish.

There are steps parents can take to help youngsters lead long and healthy lives, say experts at eDiets.com. First, parents can make healthy eating a family affair. Buy, cook and enjoy nutritious food together.

Serve entrées in the kitchen instead of serving family style. Portion size counts as much as food selection. Buy healthy snacks, such as baby carrots with a fat-free ranch dressing, pretzels, grapes and baked tortilla chips with bean dip or salsa. Get everyone off the couch and take a fun family walk after dinner.

Health issues

Diet: Obesity up among pre-schoolers

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The obesity epidemic is reaching down to the sandbox: More than 10 percent of U.S. children ages 2 to 5 are overweight, the American Heart Association reported Thursday.

That is up from 7 percent in 1994, according to the heart association's annual statistical report on heart disease and stroke.

The 10 percent number comes from 2002, the most recent year for which figures are available, and the situation is probably even worse now, said Dr. Robert H. Eckel, president-elect of the heart association and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado.

"These statistics are not anything but alarming," Eckel said.

The prevalence of obesity among adults is well-known, with an increase of 75 percent since 1991. So is the problem with school-age children, reaffirmed by new statistics showing that nearly 4 million children ages 6 to 11 and 5.3 million young people ages 12 to 19 were overweight or obese in 2002.

But the findings among preschoolers are a strong indication that kids' weight problems are beginning even earlier.

"I think that what we're seeing is that obesity is increasing across the board in adults, adolescents and children," Dr. Christopher O'Donnell, chairman of the heart association's statistics committee and associate director of the Framingham Heart Study, which has been following the health of generations of Massachusetts residents.

Obesity epidemic reaching down to the sandbox

- BABY FAT: More than 10 percent of U.S. children ages 2 to 5 are overweight — a figure up from 7 percent in 1994, the American Heart Association reports.
- WEIGHING FAMILY VALUES: Experts blame the prevalence of junk food marketed to children, too much TV, and the decline in the number of families who sit down together to eat for the rise in obese children.
- PLEASANTLY PLUMP OR DANGEROUS? Weight management clinics and pediatricians are seeing children with diabetes, high blood pressure — and even liver disease. Current trends, doctors say, point to skyrocketing heart disease, stroke and diabetes in 10 to 30 years.

Experts blame the prevalence of junk food marketed to children, too much TV, and the decline in the number of families who sit down together to eat.

Dr. Sarah Blumenschein, an assistant professor of pediatric cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said doctors and parents need to watch the weight of even very young children.

"We have a lot of people that think that their kids look cute plump: 'Look at her — she has all those bracelets of fat,'" she said.

Dr. William Cochran, a pediatric gastroenterologist and nutritionist for the Geisinger Clinic in Danville, Pa., said he sees many youngsters in his weight management clinic who weigh 300 to 400 pounds. He is also seeing more and more children with diabetes, high blood pressure, even liver disease.

"Some kids are drinking a liter or two liters of soda a day," said Cochran, a member of the task force on obesity for the American Academy of Pediatrics. "In 10 to 30 years, the incidence of heart disease and stroke and diabetes are just going to be astronomical."

Other highlights of the report:

— About 1 million youths ages 12 to 19 in the United States — or 4.2 percent of the age group — have metabolic syndrome, defined as three or more of the following five factors: high triglycerides; low "good" cholesterol; high blood sugar; high blood pressure; and a big waistline. These factors raise the risk of heart disease.

— In 2002, heart disease killed 927,448 Americans, keeping its place as the nation's No. 1 killer.

— The Framingham study found that being overweight or obese can take years off your life. For example, a 40-year-old woman who does not smoke could lose 3.3 years of life because she is overweight and 7.1 years for being obese.

On the Net:
American Heart Association: www.americanheart.org

Parents can protect premature babies from respiratory disease.

Ways parents protect preemies

(NAPSA) — There are ways parents can help keep their premature baby safe and healthy. That's good news, considering that a premature baby is born once every 60 seconds in America and that one out of every eight babies born in the country is premature.

Premature babies are particularly susceptible to lower respiratory diseases because of their underdeveloped lungs. In fact, one of the most common diseases affecting preemies is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The condition is highly contagious and potentially serious if not treated correctly.

According to PreemieCare, an organization that educates the public about premature babies, initial RSV symptoms are sim-

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by
Dr Mark W. Ford, Jr.

CHIROPRACTIC GOES BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL

Doctors of Chiropractic follow a standard examination procedure for diagnosing a patient's condition in order to develop a plan of treatment. This involves similar methodology to those used by conventional physicians, in addition to modalities particular to chiropractic:

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- Review of patient's previous healthcare issues and treatment
- Complete physical examination of the individual
- Analysis of lab work and x-rays/ultrasounds

Chiropractors also conduct a thorough evaluation of the structure function and treatment of the spine and nervous system. They identify weak links in the kinetic chain, sometimes quite distant from the area of complaint. The Doctor of Chiropractic will treat the given area through articular manipulation, strengthening weak and under-active muscles and stabilizing the pelvis. Specialized chiropractic treatment approaches along with recommendations for physical exercises and well-rounded nutritional programs usually result in more beneficial, long-term results.

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New road to cough relief may be on the tip of the tongue, literally …

(NAPSA) — The next time you're stuck with an annoying cough, you may want to stick out your tongue. That's because a company has figured out how to deliver medicine in an oral strip.

Many people can now have a great new way to conquer coughs right on the tips of their tongues.

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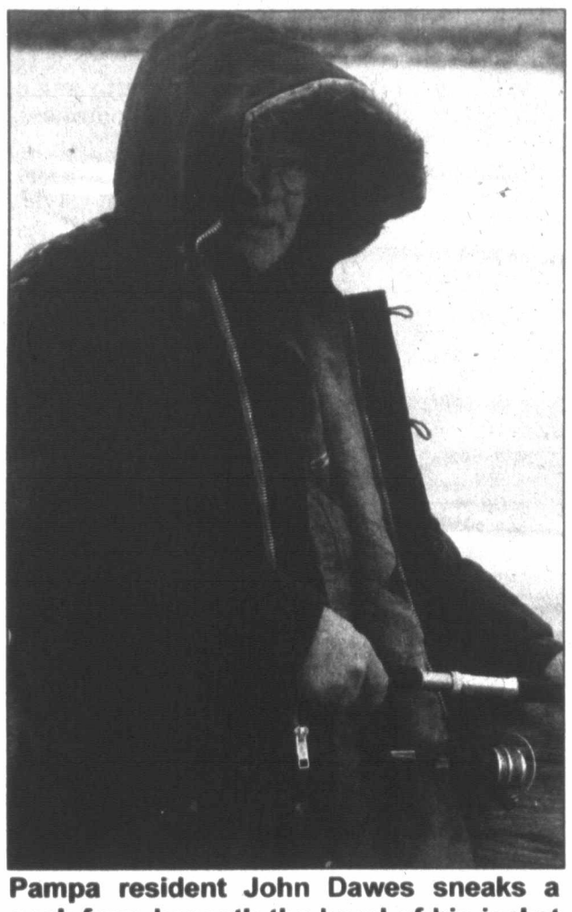

Pampa resident John Dawes sneaks a peek from beneath the hood of his jacket while fishing at City Lake in Recreation Park last Monday afternoon.

Bucket, bait and bravery

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

There's an old saying that goes, "My worst day fishing is still better than my best day working." For some, the temperature and weather conditions on those days really doesn't matter. And so it was this past Monday for local angler, John Dawes.

The retired construction worker was spotted at City Lake in Recreation Park that afternoon, bundled-up with his bucket, bait and pole. As the cold wind blew, a duck or two would float by as if to see how he was doing. Had they asked, Dawes would have told them, "A couple Carp and a Channel Cat."

One of the benefits of retirement is time, which Dawes appears to have plenty of. He uses some of it to get to the lake three or four times a month. "I usually try to get there just after its been stocked," he said. And what if you or I wanted to join him - What should we bring? "Oh, if they're biting, almost anything," say Dawes. "I like to use corn, biscuit dough and salmon eggs. You can catch'em on worms once in a while." Channel Cat like chicken livers and stink bait according to Dawes.

'I like to use corn, biscuit dough and salmon eggs. You can catch'em on worms once in a while.'

— John Dawes
Pampa Resident

Dawes, a Pampa resident for more than fifty years, has been married to wife Nina Pearl about as long.

And what about those days when the fish can wait? Those days when - should such a thing actually happen - he decides there is something else worthy of his time, effort and attention? What does Dawes do on such days? "Watch television," he said. "I like watching television. Right now, I'm watching all the football games."

So the next time work is getting the best of you, think of John Dawes and remember, the lake is only a few minutes away.

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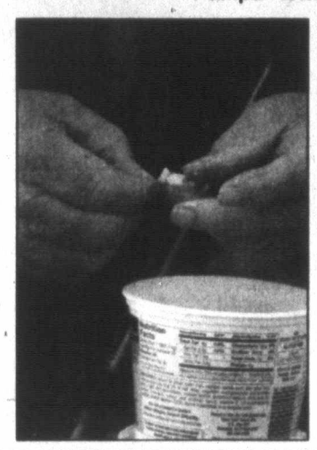

A couple of ducks swim by as John Dawes fishes off the pier (above) at City Lake last Monday afternoon. (below) With experienced hands, Dawes baits a hook in preparation for another cast.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Booster Club meets Monday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Booster club will hold a meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. at the PHS Athletic Office. Panning and preparation of the banquet will be to topic of discussion. Parents of seniors are asked to bring pictures. Please contact a booster club member of the athletic office for additional information.

Optimist basketball registration, tryouts begin Monday

Registration and tryouts for Optimist Boys' Basketball for players in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades will take place at the Optimist Gym on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m., Commissioner Hugh Green announced.

There will also be a coaches' meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m.

"We will have a third and fourth grade division and a fifth and sixth grade division," Green said. "The third and fourth graders will play on a nine-foot goal. The older boys will play on a regulation size goal."

Green continued, "Fourth and sixth graders who played on an Optimist team last year need to register but not tryout. They will remain on the same team they played for last year. All new players will need to register and tryout."

The playing fee is $35. Scholarships are available.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from the Dec. 29 four-man Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills:

1st (61)
Travis Taylor
Jim Bridges
John McGuire
Marvin Allison

2nd (64)
Bill Hammer
Carrol Pettit
Carl Johnson
Dick Abbott

3rd (64)
Oscar Sargent
Joe Mabry
Jess Mathis
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4th (64)
Ron Parnell
Larry Heard
Billie McMillican
Ray Covalt

Closest to the pin (#6):
Larry Schneider

College football's new status symbol: a coach with one foot out the door

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Short of winning a national championship, nothing says you've arrived in college football these days quite like going to a bowl game with a coach who already has one foot out the door. It's becoming the game's newest status symbol.

Fifty-six teams qualified for bowls, and among that supposedly successful number are seven that will begin next season without the same coach that began this one. Three schools fired their coaches despite the bowl invites, apparently for not being successful enough. Four coaches turned the tables on their employers, parlaying the success into a new job. If nothing else, all that upheaval has made for an interesting postseason.

Utah, for example, plays Pitt on New Year's Day in what should be called the Carpetbagger's Bowl instead of the Fiesta. That's because the Utes' coach, Urban Meyer, has already signed on at Florida next season and his counterpart, Panthers coach Walt Harris, has already signed on at Stanford. Imagine the sincerity dripping from that pregame handshake.

"I'm here because of the players," Harris said. "I've always talked to them about finishing — whatever it is."

"With that as one of my philosophies," he added, without a hint of irony, "it was no question what I was going to do."

If you're looking for one measure of how money has changed big-time college sports, look no further.

In 1989, then-Michigan athletic director Bo Schembechler learned on the eve of the NCAA basketball tournament that his coach, Bill Frieder, had cut a deal to move to Arizona State. Furious, Schembechler gave Frieder his walking papers on the spot, memorably explaining his decision this way: "Only a Michigan man is going to coach Michigan."

Sad to say, but precious few athletic directors would have the guts to do the same today. Maybe because it seems so, well, last century.

And so, like Meyer and Harris, ex-Miami of Ohio and new Indiana coach Terry Hoeppner and ex-LSU and new Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban were allowed to stick around for the bowl games and say their proper farewells.

So was ex-Syracuse and currently unemployed coach Paul Pasqualoni — but just barely.

Pasqualoni got his walking papers Wednesday, eight days after a 37-point loss in the Champs Sports Bowl, and less than a month after the school publicly gave him a vote of confidence.

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Quarterbacks likely to remain in spotlight

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The quarterbacks will likely be the buzz again when Tennessee starts spring practice.

While the No. 15 Volunteers (9-3) are preparing for the Cotton Bowl on Saturday against No. 22 Texas A&M (7-4), the coaches have tried to keep focus on the game, but there's great interest in how choosing next year's starter will go and who will be here to compete.

The Vols will have Rick Clausen, returning as a senior with four starts at Tennessee, plus the freshman duo of Brent Schaeffer and Erik Ainge and at least one rookie.

"I think we'll open the thing back up and see how they play," Tennessee offensive coordinator Randy Sanders said. "We don't have a No. 1."

Sanders was a little vague with his response when asked if his opinion of Clausen would be different after Clausen played well in place of the freshmen.

"The best thing Rick has done is understand what his limitations are, accept those limitations and play within those limitations. A guy may pop open down the field late, that's not his strength. His strength is throw it on time if it isn't there lay it off," Sanders said.

Schaeffer, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., has been the subject of rumors that he is the most likely candidate to transfer. Sanders said Schaeffer's future has been mentioned.

'I think he feels like he has a little bit of a reputation as a guy that will leave because he went to three high schools. I think he wants to overcome that.'

— Randy Sanders
Offensive Coordinator, Tennessee

"We've talked about it enough to agree that we're going to talk about it once the season is over. We'll worry about it at that point," he said.

"I anticipate he'll be back. I think he wants to be here. I think he feels like he has a little bit of a reputation as a guy that will leave because he went to three high schools. I think he wants to overcome that."

Schaeffer will be available to play Saturday for the first time since he broke his collarbone at South Carolina on Oct. 30. Ainge remains out while recovering from a separated shoulder.

FINAL PUNTS: Punter Dustin Colquitt will end his career ahead of his father and cousin in most categories in the school record book.

Bothered by hamstring and groin problems this season, the Knoxville native had trouble kicking as well as a year ago when he was named an All-American. But he still set several school records.

He leads his father, Craig, in punts in his career at 236 and in career punt yardage at 10,080.

Colquitt is second behind his cousin, Jimmy, in punting average (42.71).

Playing and starting in the Cotton Bowl will set a new record for most games played (52) and most games started (51).

"We've put a big emphasis on special teams this week, making sure it's all good. Special teams can win ball games and often times they do," Colquitt said.

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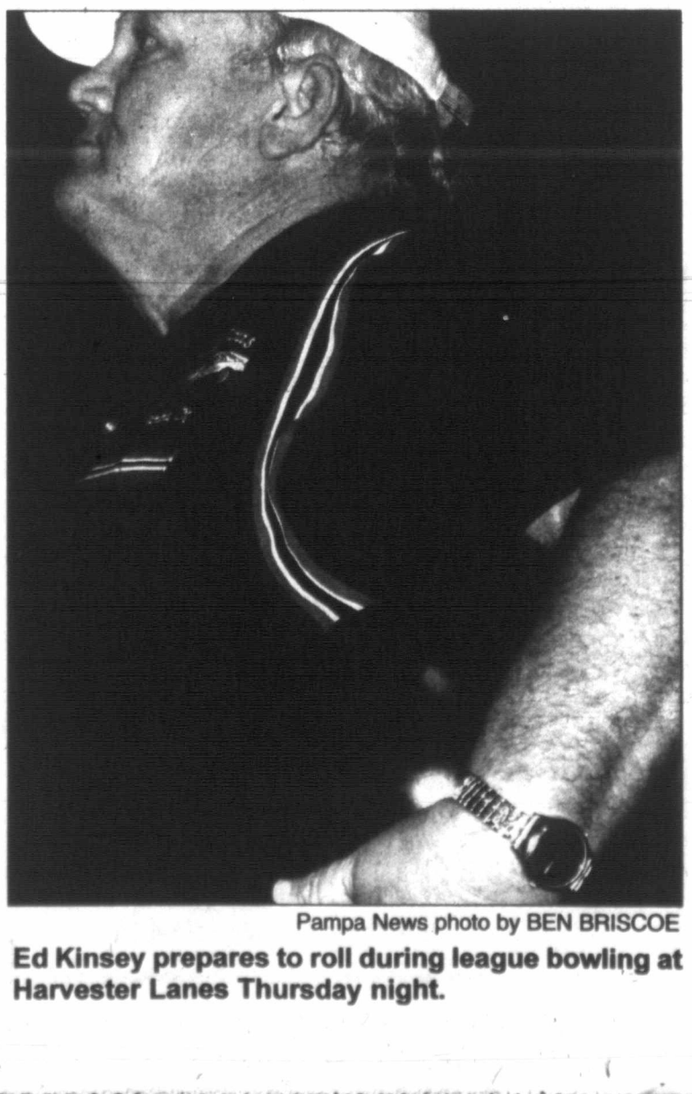

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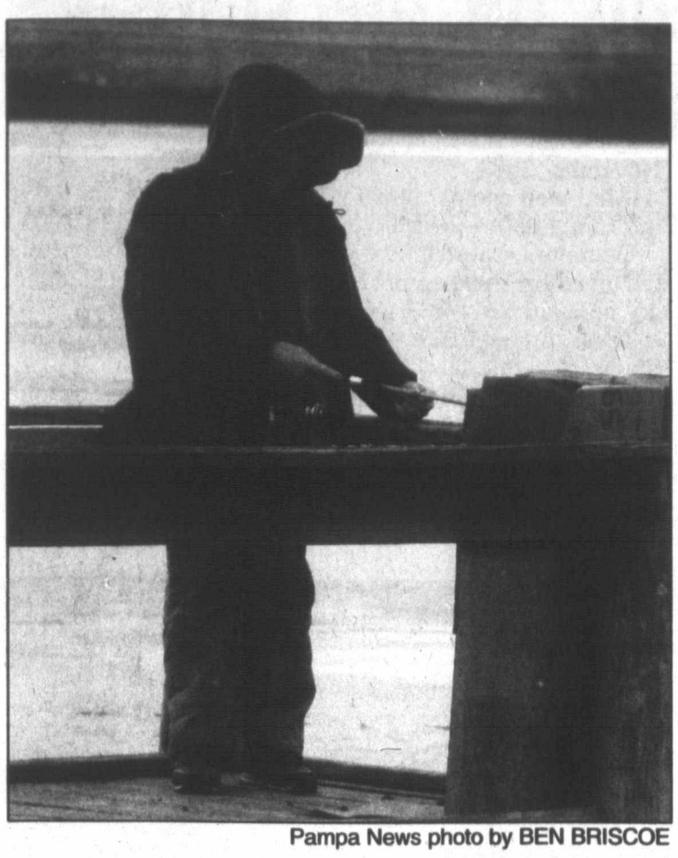
Ed Kinsey prepares to roll during league bowling at Harvester Lanes Thursday night.



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Retired Pampa resident John Dawes braves the elements at City Lake last Monday afternoon.

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Still, he fared better than ex-Florida and new Illinois coach Ron Zook and ex-Notre Dame and new Washington coach Ty Willingham.

Their bosses wouldn't offer even that small consolation as a parting gift.

The only thing the admittedly scant evidence proves so far is that there's no easy way to handle the emotional tug-of-war that breaks out when players know their coach is going or gone.

Hoeppner coached Miami in the Independence Bowl and got beat by Iowa State.

Willingham's assistant, Kent Baer, coached the Fighting Irish in the Insight Bowl, and got beat up even worse by Oregon State.

"I'd be lying if I told you it didn't affect some people," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said.

Defensive end Kyle Budinscak was amazed at the job that Willingham's assistants did after taking over. "But they did," he said, "and we're grateful for them."

Some administrators at Florida better hope their players are half as understanding.

Although the Gators are still wrapping up preparations for Friday's Peach Bowl against Miami, some Florida assistants who will follow Zook to Illinois next season have already changed up their wardrobes.

"Hey, I don't blame them," Gators running back Ciatrick Fason said. "That's their job now.

They're just helping us out, trying to get us through this Peach Bowl, but that's their job.

They're at Illinois and they're trying to do what's best for their program.

"I told them if it had happened to me," Fason added, "I'd do the same thing."

College football is hardly the last place where loyalty — as the saying goes — ain't what it used to be.

And maybe big-time college sports held onto that notion longer than most businesses by pretending that it wasn't a business at all.

But there's no claiming otherwise now.

Plenty of coaches became millionaires running programs for athletic departments whose budgets are creeping up on $50 million annually.

And if they want to play free-agent musical chairs in the middle of the bowl season — as opposed to after — they're well within their rights.

Some of us just liked it better when everybody waited until the music stopped.

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WHAT ARE THEY BITING ON

Panhandle and West Texas Fishing Report

Here is the latest fishing report for the Texas panhandle and West Texas region. Most waters are still running low and stained. Fish are slow for the most part but can be had. Catfish are slow to fair on minnows and liver.

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 50 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 46 degrees; 24.25' low. Black bass are slow on dark jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on jerkbaits and poppers along the dam.

Smallmouth bass are fair. Walleye are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows and worms.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; 67.65 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair on slabs tipped with minnows suspended near bottom. Catfish are slow.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 45 degrees; 23.55' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow on chrome and black jerkbaits. Walleye are slow on slabs tipped with minnows and bottom bouncers. Channel catfish are slow.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 44 degrees; 44' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Walleye are fair. Catfish are slow on prepared baits and minnows.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; .05 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water turbid in upper end; 53 degrees; 4.4 low. Black bass are slow on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near rocky areas and flooded vegetation.

Crappie are good on minnows and jigs suspended 12-14 feet near the derricks. White bass are fair on shallow flats 3-8 feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and along the vegetation line.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 55 degrees; .5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 52 degrees; .4' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 10.7' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on live bait. Catfish are slow on chicken liver and minnows.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are slow.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 24.5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows.

Catfish are fair on live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 22' low. Black bass are slow on black/chartreuse jigs and shad-colored crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are slow on prepared and live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; .7 low. Black bass are fair at 5-10 feet. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair.

Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish fished vertically. Channel and blue catfish are good in river just above the reservoir on trotlines baited with shad.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 49' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 4.4 low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on slabs tipped with minnows. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 30.8 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are slow on live baits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 18' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on live baits.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 52 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow.

White bass and Hybrid striper are fair on large minnows and Roadrunner jigs along the dam.

Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with whole shad or drift fishing using shrimp or punch bait.

Cotton Bowl

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He will play in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Dustin's younger brother, Britton, will take over next year after redshirting this season.

Britton will begin his college career with more experience punting than his older brother. Britton started punting as a freshman in high school while Dustin began playing football as a senior.

VOLS ON THE GO: The Texas A&M and Tennessee players and coaches were treated to two Dallas sporting events during their stay.

They attended the Cowboys' game against the Washington Redskins on Sunday afternoon. Dallas tight end Jason Witten visited the Vols on Monday while they were practicing in the Cowboys' Texas Stadium.

"It was very exciting. It was great to see the pro atmosphere," junior defensive end Parys Haralson said.

The game itself didn't have much action until the end.

The Cowboys rallied to win 13-10, but the only scoring through three quarters was three field goals.

"For 55 minutes it was the most boring game I've ever seen in my whole life," junior tailback Gerald Riggs said. "It picked up. It was an interesting game for the last five minutes."

The teams also went to the Dallas Mavericks' game against the Boston Celtics. Most of the players and staff sat in the upper deck and didn't stay through the end of the Mavericks' 113-94 victory. Ainge was seen wearing a throw-back No. 22 Brigham Young jersey — apparently in honor of his uncle Danny Ainge, who is head of basketball operations for the Celtics.

YEE-HAW!: The coaches for both teams attended a western-themed party on Wednesday night at Gilley's, a honky-tonk night club complete with a mechanical bull. Some staff on both teams were brave enough to ride it, but they probably won't become professional bull-riders any time soon.

Running backs coach Trooper Taylor, who is from Cuero, Texas, rode it twice. Defensive ends coach Steve Caldwell, receivers coach Pat Washington, offensive line coach Jimmy Ray Stephens, strength coach Johnny Long and some of the trainers also tried it.

Fulmer's wife, Vicki, and daughters Courtney and Brittany were among those who didn't fall off.

Neither head coach was observed riding the bull.

GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES: In the same weekend Tennessee defensive legend Reggie White died, another legend set an NFL record. White died Sunday morning, and Peyton Manning threw two touchdowns that afternoon to pass Dan Marino's record of touchdowns thrown in a season.

"We've had a really interesting week in the Tennessee family," Fulmer said. "Sadness certainly coming from the death of Reggie. As great a football as he was, in my mind for that one year he was the most dominant player I've ever seen at any position for that one year."

"On the other side of the coin, we're just as elated with Peyton's success this week. It's a really high and a really low this week."

Fulmer said he talked to the team about both events and about "being a part of this family at Tennessee and how important it is that we represent it in the proper fashion. Those two guys are the greatest two examples that we could talk about."

SMOKEY SEZ: "What I've learned is to not let the bowl dictate your time and your practice schedule. Joe Paterno taught me that in the second or third year. I'm trying to please everybody and ... be everywhere and do everything. I learned a big lesson because he didn't do anything. 'What am I doing here if he's not here?' We're managing that better. We cooperate. But we have a schedule that we'll get our work done," coach Phillip Fulmer said about time management during the week of a bowl game.

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Texas Railroad Commission posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,177 original drilling permits in November 2004 compared to 894 in November 2003.

The November total included 983 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 40 to re-enter existing well bores, and 154 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2004 included 221 oil, 384 gas, 537 oil and gas, 30 injection, zero service and 5 other permits.

Texas preliminary October 2004 crude oil production averaged 918,048 barrels daily, down from the 946,055 barrels daily average of October 2003.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2004 is 28,540,311 barrels, a decrease from 29,422,041 barrels reported during October 2003.

In November 2004, operators reported 291 oil, 677 gas, 31 injection and zero other completions compared to 139 oil, 490 gas, 13 injection and one other permit during November 2003.

Total well completions for 2004 year to date are 9,796, up from 9,080 recorded during the same period in 2003.

Operators reported 498 holes plugged and 95 dry holes in November 2004 compared to 435 holes plugged and 62 dry holes in November 2003.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 457,830,662 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2004, up from the October 2003 preliminary gas production total of 427,416,227 Mcf.

Texas production in October 2004 came from 138,043 oil and 64,361 gas wells.

Table 1 – November Texas oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	36	14	13
(2) REFUGIO AREA	87	20	43
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	119	23	37
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	118	4	116
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	57	6	50
(6) EAST TEXAS	129	9	97
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	63	8	20
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	116	12	143
(8) MIDLAND	106	97	12
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	96	76	1
(9) NORTH TEXAS	153	17	83
(10) PANHANDLE	97	5	62

Table 2 – October Texas top 10 oil and gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,467,383	1. ZAPATA	22,619,506
2. YOAKUM	2,044,130	2. FREESTONE	20,526,900
3. ANDREWS	1,956,227	3. PANOLA	19,810,701
4. HOCKLEY	1,679,927	4. HIDALGO	17,942,235
5. ECTOR	1,641,769	5. WEBB	17,665,923
6. SCURRY	1,347,140	6. PECOS	14,808,344
7. MIDLAND	895,042	7. WISE	14,493,193
8. PECOS	834,949	8. DENTON	10,925,226
9. CRANE	831,319	9. STARR	10,748,966
10. UPTON	657,361	10.YOAKUM	10,118,247

AgBusiness

Texas Agricultural Coop Trust paves new business venture

LUBBOCK — Texas Agriculture Cooperative Trust officials recently announced in a press release a shift in business focus to allow greater commitment to its current and future clients. Effective Jan. 1, TACT becomes an independent health benefits provider, separating from its two-year contract with Triangle Cooperative Service Co.

TACT, a local provider of group life and health benefits to members in the agricultural industry, has been able to cut new business rates by nearly 7.5 percent. First-year renewals have averaged 5 percent increases and second-year renewals have averaged 0 percent increases, while health care industry averages hover at an annual increase of more than 12 percent for most business, the release said.

TACT's new business venture will allow full-time focus on continuing to improved health care industry trends and assure its members privacy and confidentiality. Former Triangle employees Stoney Jackson and Martha Heinrich will manage the TACT business as executive director and assistant director, respectively.

"We've been aggressive about taking care of our people," Jackson said. "Our goal when we started was for our members to pay what they paid five years ago for health insurance. In 10 years, we hope to make it less.

Employers and members of TACT already have seen the benefits of being healthy in a blue collar industry where health care claims can be high, the release said. Over the past two years, Jackson has focused his attention on specific steps his members can take to ward off the high costs of health care. And, not only has he preached the benefits of good health, he's implemented them, the release noted.

Those small steps included emptying all Coke machines and replacing them with bottled water. Additionally, TACT began providing aggressive on-site-wellness screenings and even now provides testing meters and other materials free of charge for diabetes-stricken employees and members.

"In the beginning, we thought we'd have a little backlash with the replacement in the Coke machines with water," Jackson said. "But it's actually been just the opposite. These guys have actually welcomed the change. They have been able to lose some weight, lower their blood pressure and stay better hydrated, making them a more productive employee. We hear over and over that we need more government to be involved in health care, but we're proof that it's just not true."

TACT was designed and is managed by employers in the agricultural industry. Because TACT's health plan is partially self-funded, it allows employers more control over the program and it creates a program that is more adaptable than standard premium insurance plans.

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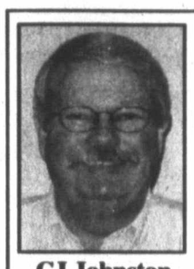
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Babies

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ilar to those caused by cold-but an infected baby can get very sick, very quickly.

Infected babies develop symptoms such as difficulty breathing, difficulty eating, wheezing, rapid breathing, and a blue color around the lips.

Doctors say parents of at-risk children need to act fast by calling their pediatrician or health care provider immediately if signs of RSV complications appear.

Steve Berman, M.D., FAAP, former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, says learning about RSV can help parents protect their children from it.

He recommends using the acronym CARES as a guideline for keeping kids safe:

- Clean hands before touching the baby.
- Ask friends and relatives not to visit if they have a cold, fever or sore throat.
- Respiratory diseases, including RSV, have symptoms. Learn them.
- Educate yourself, your family and friends about what to expect when raising a premature baby.
- Secondhand smoke is bad for all children. Keep it away from your baby.

Parents can also ask primary care givers about a medication that can help protect premature children and those with congenital heart disease from severe RSV disease.

The drug, called Synagis(r) (palivizumab), can be administered in a health care provider's office once a month during the RSV season.

It's been used safely in thousands of babies worldwide.

For more information about RSV, visit the PreemieCare Web site at www.MOSTonline.org or visit www.rsvprotection.com. For information about Synagis, visit www.medimmune.com.

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SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Timothy M. Brunson recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Brunson

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Brunson is the son and stepson of Robin and Derrick Young of Pampa, respectively.

LUBBOCK — Ashleigh Beth McWilliams recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a master's degree in English literature.

McWilliams, a presenter at the 2004 Southern Conference for Modern Language Association in New Orleans this past fall, is co-chair for Texas Tech Graduate English Association Conference to be held on campus in February.

McWilliams

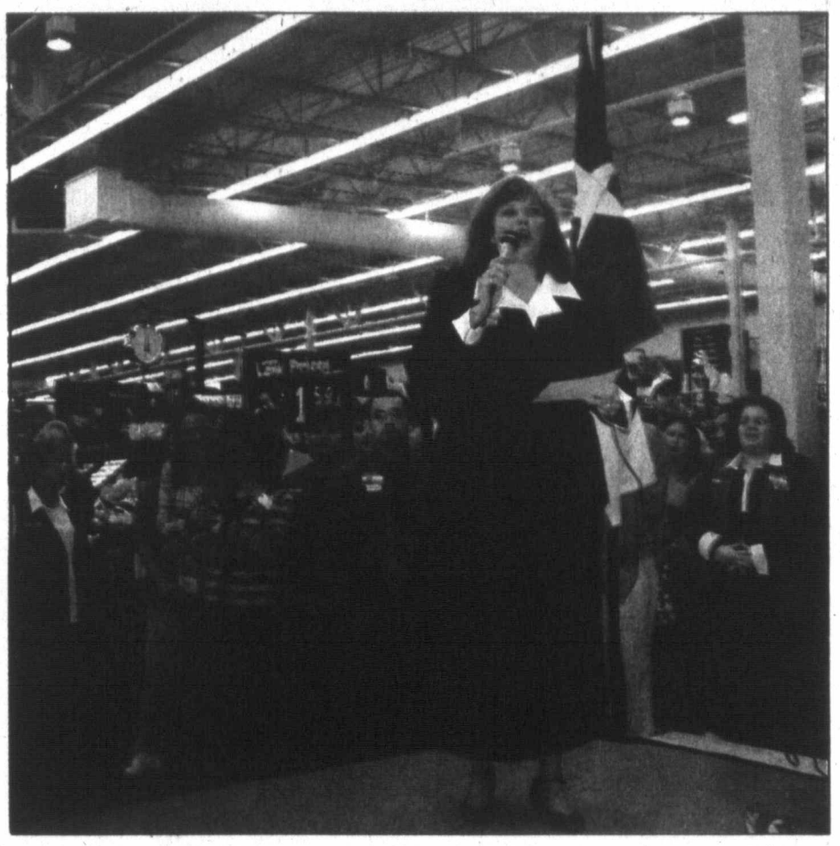
She is the daughter of Betty and Dwayne Meadows of Pampa and Jim and Martha McWilliams of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Georgia Lee of Tulia and Cecil and Jean Meadows of Wheeler.

CORPUS CHRISTI — Marissa Hodges of Pampa recently graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi College of Business with a bachelor of business administration degree. Hodges was one of 535 students participating in fall commencement at the university.

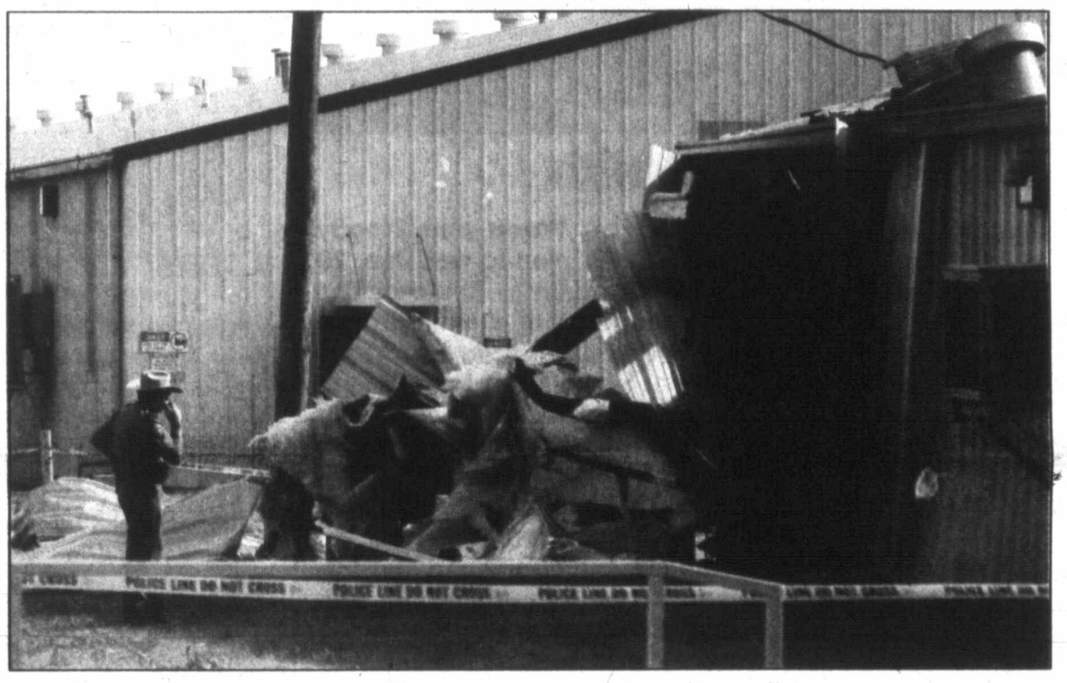
DALLAS — Lindsey Deanne Mitchell recently graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a bachelor of science degree. Mitchell was among 412 students participating in fall commencement at DBU.

Daughter of Sonya Everson of Pampa, Mitchell is currently a resident of Washington, D.C. Her honors and activities include membership in DBU College Republicans, Alpha Chi, Habitat for Humanity, Baptist Student Ministry and Student Activities Board.

Heath Parker, head coach of the Pampa Harvesters varsity high school football team, was introduced to Amarillo media Dec. 10 as the next head coach of the Tascosa High School football team. Parker led the Harvesters to the 2004 playoffs, where they fell to Aledo at the regional championship game Nov. 27. It was the second year in a row that Pampa lost the regional title to Aledo, and the second and final season with Parker at the helm of the Harvesters.

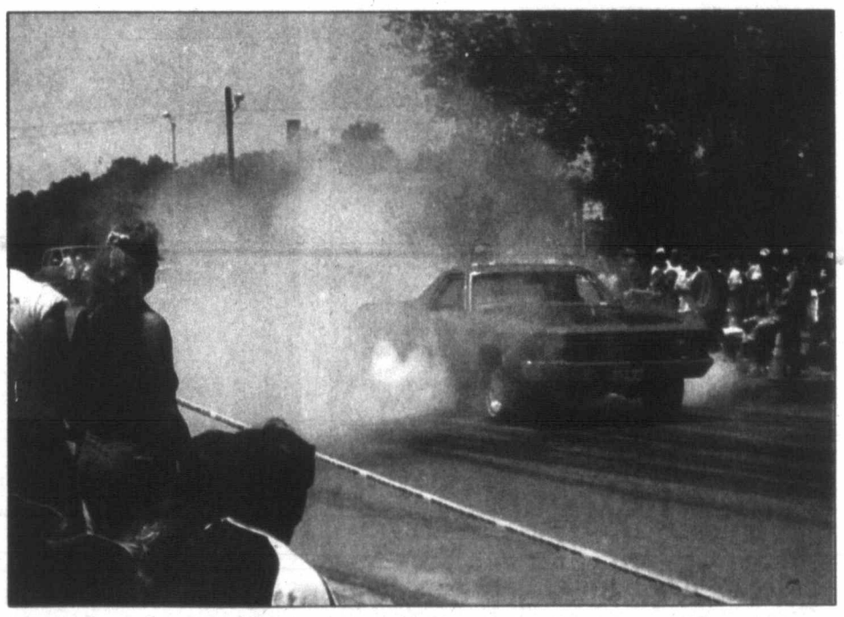


Carol Carter, center, manager of Pampa's new Wal Mart Supercenter at 2801 Charles, announced the opening of the store at 7 a.m. Oct. 27 amid both cheers, left, and tears, right, of joy by Wal Mart associates.



Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper David O'Brien talks on his cell phone at the site of a July 6 explosion at Titan Specialties, west of Pampa on Highway 152. The blast, which was determined to be an accident, killed one employee, Karen Standefer, 41, and sent another, Merry Jenkins, to the Lubbock burn center.

The body of a woman found Oct. 16, 2003 near Mile Marker 132 off Interstate 40 in Gray County was identified as that of Vickie Helen Anderson, 44, of Oklahoma City, Okla. The identification was announced Sept. 23 by Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland. No suspects have been identified in the case, which remains open.



A "Burnin' the Bricks" weekend June 11-13 succeeded beyond the expectations of planners, participants and city officials when hundreds entered events and thousands came to town to watch. Events included a "burnin' the bricks," top, and a mud bog, bottom.

Business is booming in the Texas Panhandle drilling industry. James Reed of S&K Drilling climbs down from the upper levels of Leonard Hudson #10, a drilling rig near the Washita River just off Highway 83 south of Canadian on Nov. 10.

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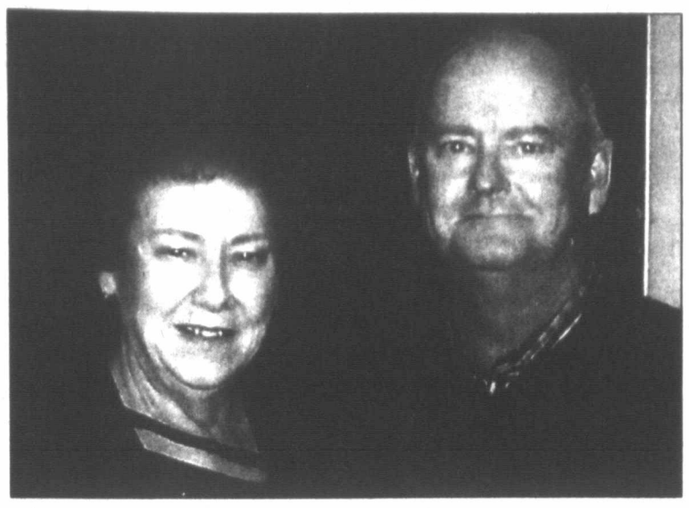

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Epperson

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Epperson of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a come and go reception from 3-5 p.m. Jan. 8 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with Mark and Mary Epperson and Zindi and Mickey Richardson, all of Amarillo, serving as hosts.

Friends and family are invited to stop by and share memories with Buddy and Joyce. They respectfully request no gifts please.

Buddy Epperson and Joyce Furgason were married Jan. 8, 1955, at Clovis, N.M. They have lived in Pampa for 60 years and are members of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Epperson worked at Celanese for 30 years, retiring in 2001, and currently sits on the Board of Directors for Hidden Hills Golf Course for five years and Pampa Independent School District Board of Directors for seven years. He had been a member of Modern Woodman of America for 13 years.

Mrs. Epperson, an Avon representative for 25 years prior to retirement in 2001, belongs to Pamcel and to Hidden Hills Ladies golf associations.

Children of the couple are Mark Epperson and Zindi Richardson, both of Amarillo. They have four grandchildren, Shaylee Burling and Matt Epperson, both of Abilene, Jody Richardson of Canyon and Monte Epperson of Amarillo; and a great-grandchild, Alex Burling.

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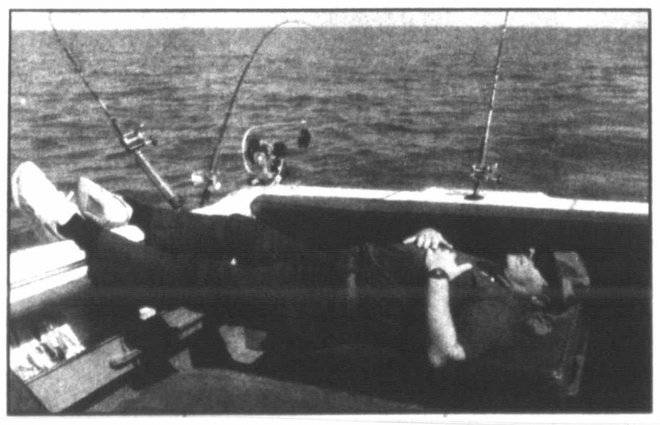

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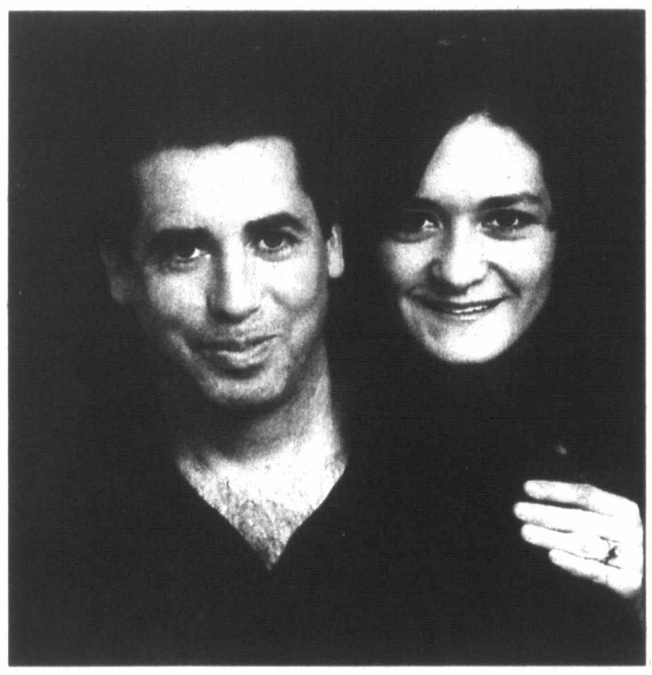


Rodriguez/Smith

Andrea Rodriguez of Fort Worth and Woody Smith of Menlo Park, Calif., plan to wed Jan. 29 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Domingo and Peggy Rodriguez of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Correne Nichols of Pampa and Josefina Rodriguez of Levelland. She holds a degree in finance from the University of North Texas and is currently employed at American Airlines Credit Union. The prospective groom is the son of Frank Smith and Pearl Jean Fine. He attended San Jose State University and currently owns Peninsula Thai Kickboxing in San Carlos, Calif. The couple plans to make California home.

Couple tie knot, groom on active duty in Army

Rebecca Furgason and Douglas Fulton

Rebecca Furgason of Skellytown and Douglas Fulton of Pampa exchanged wedding vows Nov. 27, 2004, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa with Dean Whaley, of the Church of Christ in Dalhart, officiating.

Amy Faltinek of Levelland was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Susan Furgason, sister-in-law of the bride of Pampa, and Makayla Fulton, daughter of the groom of Vega. The flower girl was Abbie Marchman, niece of the groom of Perryton.

Standing up as best man was Kenny Fulton, brother of the groom of Wasso, Okla. The groomsmen were brother of the bride Johnny Furgason and nephew of the bride Nathan Furgason, both of Pampa. The ring bearer was Tyler Marchman, nephew of the groom of Perryton.

Brother of the groom Kevin Fulton and brother of the bride Jacky Furgason, both of Pampa, were ushers. The candlelighters were nieces of the groom and bride, Courtney Marchman of Perryton and Kolbi Furgason of Pampa, respectively.

Mikala Furgason, niece of the bride of Pampa, registered the guests.

A reception was held at the church following the service with Jamie Marchman, sister of the groom of Perryton, along with Kelli Fulton, sister-in-law of the groom, and Britney Fulton, niece of the groom, both of Wasso, serving the guests.

The daughter of JL and Helen Furgason of Seminole, the bride is currently employed as records clerk at Pampa Police Department.

The groom is the son of James and Donna Fulton of Pampa and is employed with Titan Specialties. He is currently on active duty with the U.S. Army.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, N.M., and intend to make Pampa their home.

Club news

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

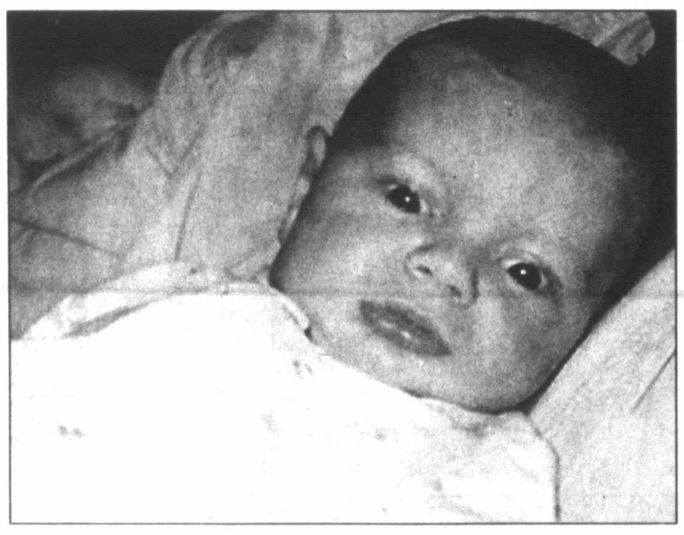
Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the home of Dona Cornutt for Christmas brunch and gift exchange.

The gifts were hand-made by each artist and were shown to the group at-large.

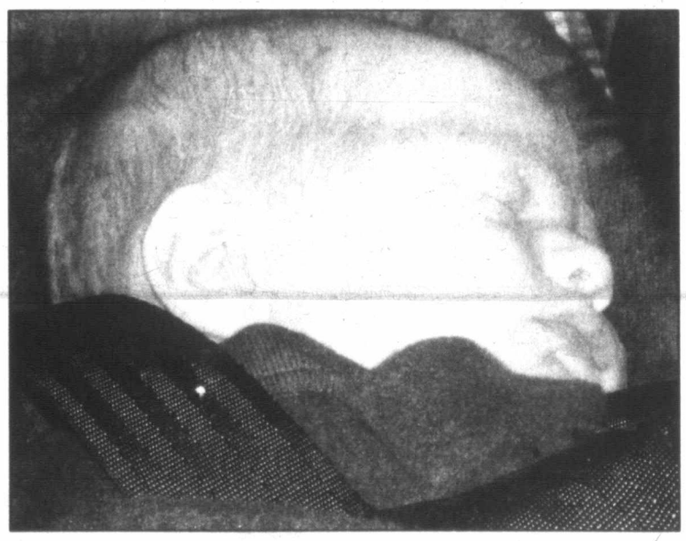
The next meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 4. The place has not yet been announced.

Cradle call



Harley Knight Organ

Harley Knight Organ was born at 8:06 a.m. Sept. 29, 2004, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Janene Lucas and Steve Organ of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 9.6-ounces and was 19 3/4-inches long. Relatives include sisters, Kaleigh Lucas and Ashlynn Organ; grandparents, Bill and Linda Frost and Anne Briggs, all of Pampa, and Bob Briggs of Talaquah, Okla.; and great-grandparents, Georgianna Organ and Bill Tuke, both of Pampa, and the late Immogene Silcott.



Cuyler Dale Mize

Cuyler Dale Mize was born at 11:46 a.m. Dec. 16, 2004, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Casey Dunham and Jake Mize of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 8.2-ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long. Relatives include a brother, Nicholas Ryan Mize of Pampa; and grandparents, Pam Dunham of Pampa and Kim and Jack Mize of White Deer.

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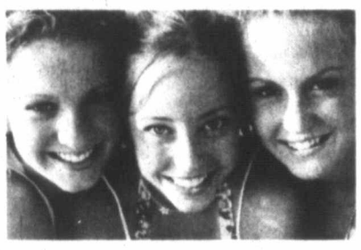

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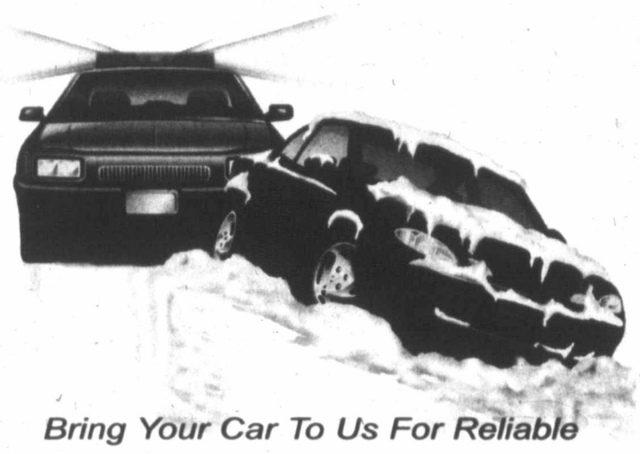

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I may have started a war with my neighbors. About two months ago, their son, "Ricky," smashed a brick on my van while it was parked in my driveway. The damage was estimated at more than $500. I asked Ricky's parents to pay for it because I had paid them $100 a few months before, after I accidentally ran over Ricky's bike in the driveway. They didn't have to ask for the money -- I volunteered it.

When I told my neighbors about the damage, they refused to pay, saying my daughter had gotten their boy upset over a ball game they were playing. They said I should take them to court -- so that's exactly what I'm doing.

After they were served with the court papers, they called my boss and complained that I had cut them off while driving my company vehicle, a school bus. It was an outright lie. Things are starting to get out of hand. Am I wrong for wanting my van fixed? -- FRUSTRATED IN CANADA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Of course not. If you haven't already done so, speak to your boss immediately and explain exactly what is going on. Then inform the police about the boy's act of vandalism to your van. You didn't start a war. Your neighbors did when they refused to make good on the damage their son caused.

P.S. Now that you know the kid is trouble, keep your daughter away from him.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl who recently found out that I am the daughter of a sperm donor. I had always thought my father had died and no one would tell me why. Now I feel unloved by whoever is my father.

It scares me to think I may have brothers or sisters out there, and that he may not care that I exist. I don't understand why it's legal to just donate when a child may be born. Is there any way I can find out anything about my "real" father -- or any advice you can give me? -- DOESN't UNDERSTAND IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DOESN'T UNDERSTAND: The person who donated his sperm so that you could be conceived thought he was doing a noble deed -- helping a couple who desperately wanted a child but were unable to do so. As far as I know, there is no way to trace his identity.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who was recently widowed. Although my new status is painful, I feel that because I am no longer married, I may take back my maiden name. My dilemma stems from the fact that I receive a pension from my husband's company, and others have told me that if I don't consider myself married, that I shouldn't accept his pension.

Are they right? Is this disrespectful to my deceased husband? Am I being selfish? I don't want to upset my in-laws. Hurting and disrespecting anyone is the last thing I want to do. -- CONFUSED IN OHIO

DEAR CONFUSED: As a widow, you are entitled to call yourself either by your married name or your maiden name. The choice is yours.

As a widow, you have a right to receive your husband's pension benefits until they run out. I don't know who gave you the bad advice you repeated to me, but that person is mistaken. To accept the money and go on with your life is neither selfish nor disrespectful. So take what you're entitled to, call yourself what you wish, live your life, and do not allow anyone to make you feel guilty for doing so.

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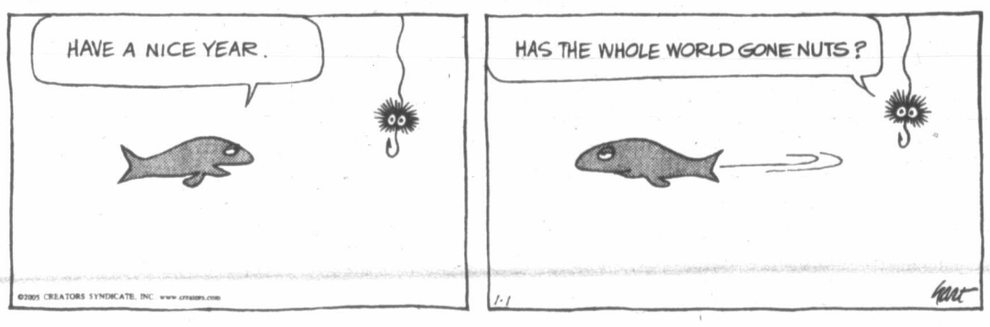

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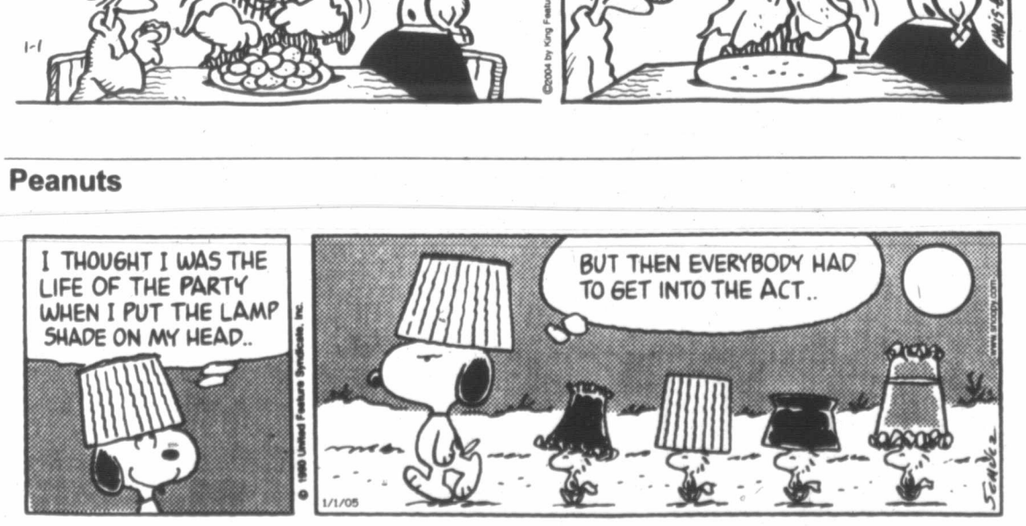

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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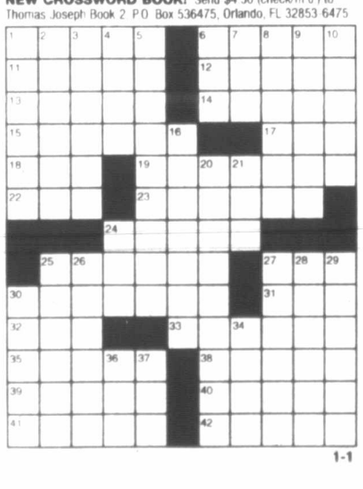

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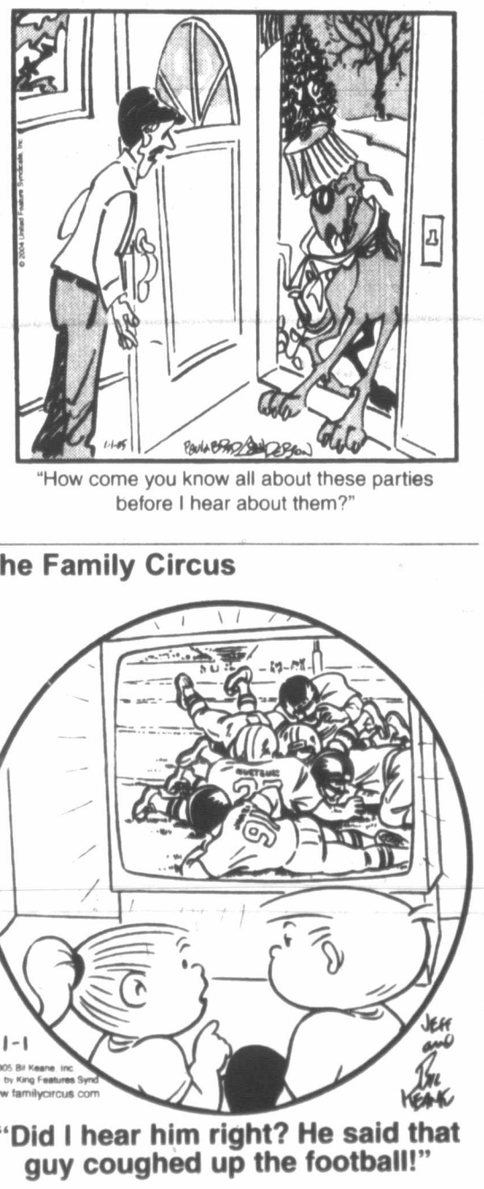

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The Family Circus

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Don't be afraid to ham it up all year

(NAPSA) — Whether it's in an omelet for breakfast, stacked high on a sandwich for lunch or the centerpiece of a dinnertime meal, ham's versatility makes it a hero in many households. Ham is a great fit for busy, health-conscious lifestyles and gives at-home cooks a variety of options, for everyday meals.

"Most Americans think of ham as a treat for special occasions and holidays, but many don't realize ham's versatility," says Pamela Johnson, Director of Consumer Communications for the Pork Information Bureau of the National Pork Board. "As a snack for a child's birthday party or a picnic among friends, ham is appealing to a variety of lifestyles and works in creative meals, whether as the starring role or as a flavor-boosting ingredient."

In addition to that sweet, smoky flavor, ham is lean and simple to serve. With only about 123 calories and five grams of fat per three-ounce serving, lean ham is a healthful choice and packs a powerful nutrient punch.

Chef Shares Secrets for Hammin' It Up

America's home cooks are always looking for great-tasting and convenient meal ideas for everyday dining. To offer inspiration to cooks of all ability levels, a well-known chef shares his recipe for adding ham to everyday meals. Just like busy home cooks, professional chefs need to have quick and easy, family-pleasing meal ideas in their back pockets.

David Woolley is the head chef at The Fort, a renowned restaurant in Morrison, Colo.

Woolley also praises the versatility of ham, "With my busy schedule, making a meal at home often calls for last-minute solutions. I often turn to ham because it provides variety to any meal made in minutes-whether it's breakfast, lunch, dinner or even a quick snack." For a quick fix, Woolley suggests serving Honey-Cured Ham and Asparagus Pizza.

"Have fun and be creative when planning meals. Ham mixes well with simple ingredients to create intense flavor combinations, perfect for adding flavor to any day of the week," suggests Woolley.

Try this easy and mouth-watering recipe:

Honey-Cured Ham and Asparagus Pizza

By David Woolley

1 1/2 cups cubed honey-cured ham (8 ounces)

8 ounces asparagus

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 large onion, cut into thin wedges

1 to 2 tablespoons dry sherry

1 cup bottled roasted garlic Alfredo sauce or Alfredo sauce

1 teaspoon cornmeal

1 13.8-oz. package refrigerated pizza dough

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 ounces)

Snap off and discard woody portions of asparagus. Cut into 1-inch pieces.

Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add onion and asparagus. Cook and stir for 5 to 7 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender. Stir in sherry. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Set aside.

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 12- or 13-inch pizza pan. Sprinkle with cornmeal. Pat pizza dough into pan, rounding corners of dough rectangle to fit pan and building up edges. If desired, snip edges with kitchen shears. Bake about 7 minutes or until lightly browned.

Spread crust with Alfredo sauce. Top with vegetable mixture and ham. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes more or until golden. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting and serving.

Serves 4.

Nutrition Information Per Serving: Calories: 616; Cholesterol: 94 mg; Protein: 32 g; Fat: 26 g; Sodium: 1,836 mg; Fiber: 2 g; Saturated Fat: 12 g; Carbohydrates: 61 g

Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year

To help families enjoy the sweet and smoky flavor of ham every day, the National Pork Board created "Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year."

The brochure will arm cooks of all ability levels with what they need to know about ham, including ham varieties, carving tips, specialty hams and leftover ideas.

In addition, the brochure offers home cooks a number of easy-to-prepare ham recipes for everyday dining along with a variety of ham recipe ideas for the entire year.

To order the free brochure, and for hundreds of other meal ideas, visit TheOtherWhiteMeat.com and click on "Offers" on the menu bar.

The recipe booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to: Ham 365: Enjoy Ham All Year, National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306.

Answers to common car care questions

(NAPSA)-Admit it. You know it's important to take care of your vehicle, but you're not sure if you're doing everything you can to maintain it properly. Here are answers to some common vehicle maintenance questions.

Q. Should I regularly clean my windshield wipers or does rain clean them well enough?

A. Even in the best conditions, most wipers probably won't last more than a couple of years. You can prolong the life of your wipers by cleaning them monthly with a lint-free cloth and windshield wiper fluid, alcohol or an alcohol-based cleaning solution. Simply rub along the rubber squeegee part of the blade to remove debris and contaminants.

Q. Is it okay to touch up a scratch on my car with nail polish?

A. So you want to own the first SUV on the block with a French manicure? Actually, this remedy is not as unusual as it might sound. Nail polish is actually a refined version of car paint, so it won't hurt your car.

However, for the price of some department store nail lacquer, you can buy a small bottle of spray or liquid paint that more exactly or closely matches your car's color. An auto supply store salesperson can provide it when furnished with the model and year of your car.

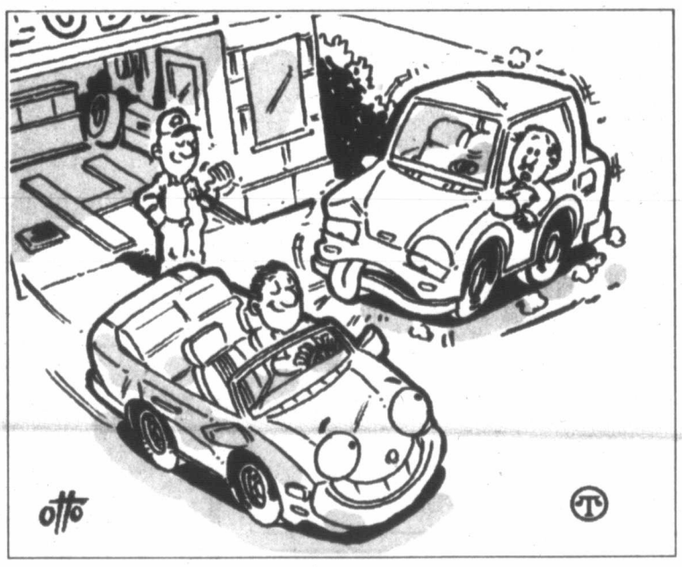
Q. I tend to hit the curb when I parallel park. Are tires made to handle this or am I doing damage to them?

A. Unless you drive a carnival bumper car, your tires won't appreciate your manner of parking. Yes, you could be doing some damage.

Repeatedly hitting curbs with your tires can actually alter the wheel alignment. Operating a car with misaligned wheels at high speeds can generate severe vibrations and even cause an accident.

Q. Which is more stressful on my car-short or long trips?

A. It sounds counterintuitive, but you're really not doing your car any favors by driving it sparingly. Your engine has to work significantly harder when it starts and stops frequently or sits in idle for long stretches of time, such as in stop-and-go traffic. It puts less stress on the engine when you can reach and maintain a fairly constant speed for a longer period of time. That's why you can get much better gas mileage from highway driving than city driving.



A periodic oil change will add life and vitality to your car. Every three months or 3,000 miles is usually recommended.

You cannot completely avoid stop-and-go driving, so the next best thing for your car is to make sure the moving parts are properly lubricated so they don't grind against each other. A simple oil change at a Jiffy Lube service center every three months or 3,000 miles or according to your manufacturer's recommendations is an easy way to make sure your car can withstand suburban or city driving conditions.

For more car care information, visit www.jiffylube.com.

A celebration of science milestones with Bill Nye

(NAPSA) — Unlock the secrets of science with Bill Nye as he returns to television, guiding viewers through the passion, beauty and joy of our ever-changing universe.

Scientists of all ages will enjoy watching Nye on The Science Channel's new weekly prime-time series, "The Science Channel's 100 Greatest Discoveries," covering everything from how the center of the Milky Way emits radio waves to how insulin balances sugar.

Many of the scientific ideas that we take for granted today were once controversial and hotly debated. Each episode showcases scientists, from those of the earliest days of science who questioned the underlying nature of the universe to the scientists of today who continue to examine what makes the human race and planet Earth tick.

Nye's insightful interviews from the field with the day's leading scientific experts feature some of the Nobel Prize-winning scientists who have made great discoveries.

The eight-part weekly series, premiering Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m. Eastern and Pacific, features lively and dramatic accounts of how the great discoveries of science were made, how they impacted the development of scientific knowledge and how they touch our lives today. The ninth and final episode will feature the top 10 discoveries as determined by an online viewer poll.

Nye focuses on the greatest discoveries in different fields of study: earth sciences, evolution, biology, medicine, genetics, chemistry, physics and astronomy. The list was developed in consultation with the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and editors of its journal, Science.

All nine episodes will be repeated in a nine-hour marathon on February 13, 2005.

Emmy winner Bill Nye was the writer, producer and talent for the "Bill Nye The Science Guy" series from 1992 to 1998.

For more information or to test your science IQ, go to www.discovery.com and click on The Science Channel.

Panel: Insanity standard works

HOUSTON (AP) — Recent crimes involving horrible facts and fatal results — including the drowning of five children, fatal beating of two with rocks and a 6-year-old whose body was found in an oven — have Texas legislators thinking about the state's definition of insanity.

Those accused, convicted or acquitted in some of the headline grabbing crimes have used or plan to use the insanity defense, prompting a Senate committee to spend recent months reviewing the state's insanity standard and making recommendations on how to improve it.

When the Legislature convenes in January, it's expected to consider the committee's recommendations, which include improving data collection and new standards for expert testimony.

"The popularly held conception of the insanity defense has been that of constant overuse and abuse," the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence wrote in its interim report issued this month. "The public pays little attention until a mentally ill person is charged with committing a heinous crime."

In Texas, defendants are presumed sane. To prove insanity, they must convince a jury they suffered from a severe mental disease or defect and did not know their action was wrong.

According to the committee's report, the insanity defense is used in only 1 percent of felony cases and is seldom successful. The committee said 26 percent of those who claim insanity are deemed insane and acquitted.

Insanity statutes were stiffened by many states and the federal government following John Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity for shooting and wounding President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

The committee said the nation "grew impatient" with the insanity defense and more than 30 states, including Texas, tightened and amended their statutes. Five states — Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada and Utah — abolished the defense, according to the report.

"The idea that many people are saying they are insane and getting away with their crimes is silly," said David Haynes, an attorney representing Dena Schlosser, charged with capital murder last month for allegedly cutting off the arms of her 10-month-old daughter in Plano.

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> — Senate Committee *Official report*

"That just doesn't happen," said Haynes, who may consider an insanity defense in Schlosser's case but says there are a "lot of ifs."

The Senate committee said debate about the insanity standard resurfaced based on the cases of Andrea Yates and Deanna Laney.

In 2002, a Harris County jury rejected Yates' insanity defense and convicted her of two capital murder charges for the drowning deaths of three of her five children. She was sentenced to life in prison.

In April, an East Texas jury acquitted Laney in the killings of her two young sons and injury to a third by beating them in the head with rocks. The jury determined Laney was insane at the time of the killings and injury to the third child. She remains at a state hospital.

All five psychiatrists in Laney's case concluded a severe mental illness caused her to have psychotic delusions that rendered her incapable of knowing right from wrong. In Yates' case, defense and prosecution experts agreed she suffered a severe mental disease, but disagreed over whether it kept her from knowing drowning the children was wrong.

"The disparity in verdicts rendered for the similar crimes of Yates and Laney prompted some public confusion concerning the insanity defense," the committee, headed by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, wrote.

The committee says the "not guilty by reason of insanity" verdict and the legal definition of insanity should remain intact, but the release standards for those who are acquitted should be changed. Some have suggested changing the verdict to "guilty except for mental illness," but the committee said the verdict would limit juries.

Additionally, the committee wrote, those found "guilty except for mental illness" often don't get the caliber of mental health care a person found "not guilty by reason of insanity" would receive.

Under current law, a person found insane in Texas must be kept in custody up to 30 days. Then, the courts determine whether to release or commit the person to a state hospital. If committed, hearings are held annually to review progress and potential for release.

Jefferson County prosecutor Ed Shettle said a recommendation to tighten release standards pleases him.

Shettle is handling the case of Kenneth Pierott, charged with murder in April for the death of a 6-year-old Beaumont boy whose body was found in the oven at his mother's home.

Pierott's attorneys plan an insanity defense for the 28-year-old, previously found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1996 fatal beating of his sister.

"The system worked as it was designed to work in Kenneth Pierott's case," Shettle said. "Nobody dropped any balls. He just slipped through the system as it was designed, and a closer scrutiny of this guy may have prevented that subsequent offense."

Kevin Keating, an assistant Harris County district attorney, said the law needs to be amended to make sure those found insane stay on medication following release.

"Now as it is, when somebody gets stabilized on their medication, it is hard to hold on to them," he said.

Laney's attorney, F.R. "Buck" Files, said a defendant who claims insanity admits the conduct as part of the defense. So when monitoring someone found insane, he isn't sure "what is too intrusive and not intrusive enough."

While Haynes applauds the legislative efforts, he says lawmakers are taking on an issue with no easy answers.

"There isn't any way to wave a magic wand and say: 'Now, this problem is fixed,'" he said, adding he doesn't know a way "to prevent a person who is insane from doing an insane act."

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You get better and better as the day progresses. Some of your energy returns. Others seek you out once more because you add that extra pizzazz to their lives. Let go of what you think you have to do. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
This Week: Allow others to do their thing. Be a good back-seat driver and kill the commentary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will be happiest close to home, with only those you consider family. Recharge your batteries by hanging out with loved ones or a special pal. Tonight: Think "work." Lay out your clothes for Monday.
This Week: Whatever you touch works. Your expansive personality facilitates work and relating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Though you might want to lounge around enjoying a lazy Sunday, events occur that encourage you out the door. The desire to socialize, catch up on others' news and just be in the center of the action emerges. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?
This Week: On Monday, settling into your routine proves to be impossible. By Tuesday, you have little choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Make calls and run around as early as you can. The oerfect plan for the Moon Child will be retreating into his or her domestic life. You'll flourish if you stay close to home. You don't have to get into a home project either! Tonight: Try to get some extra sleep.
This Week: Moving out into daily life might be challenging. Your creativity flourishes. Use it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Plan on getting a late start to your day, and you will be ready to greet your many admirers or that special person with a big smile. You never cease to come up with jovial plans and/or add extra spice to whatever is happening. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.
This Week: Communications flourish on Monday. You decide to keep your opinions to yourself from Tuesday on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You calm down to a degree and reflect on the past few weeks. Clean up from holiday events, pay bills and answer e-mail. Don't forget a thank-you note. Clear the slate and start 2005 right. Tonight: Don't do anything complicated.
This Week: Shore up your finances Monday. You will not have time from Tuesday on. Calls, meetings and brainstorming fill your days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A slow start to the day suits you perfectly. In fact, you might have a personal matter to clear out this morning. Do it. You bathe in good feelings, and chat and visit with others. Meet a pal for an early dinner. Tonight: Ask, with the full expectation of getting what you want (within reason).
This Week: Charge into work. Remember the reason you have a job. You will smile more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Everyone needs and desires some downtime. Return calls and touch base with others early on. Then you might want to retreat into your personal world. Some might go out for a drive. Others might just curl up with a good book. Tonight: Do what you want to do.
This Week: Get yourself together Monday. Charge into work Tuesday knowing that you have the facts and are in your power days of the month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Complete an obligation or something you feel you have to do first thing. Clear out responsibilities, allowing yourself to kick back and freely make plans. Don't hesitate to make a call and ask someone to join you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?
This Week: Success comes easily Monday. Check out information and do research from Tuesday on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You will have very little time to yourself. Face facts: You are the sign of responsibility. Someone needs your help, be it a parent or older relative. Whatever must be done, you answer the call. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.
This Week: Intuitively, you accept the helm of the ship. Success greets you from Tuesday on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Private time with a loved one or family member enhances your morning. Hop on plans to split your immediate day-to-day environment. Choose what appeals to you the most -- don't go for a consensus of opinions. Tonight: Relax your mind and body.
This Week: Avoid gossip and confirm facts. Dive into work from Tuesday on; a boss might be observing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Tackle personal obligations and make private time for someone who is always there for you. Express your appreciation in an appropriate manner. Treat this person in a way that makes him or her feel very cared about. Tonight: Alone or with one person.
This Week: Get to the bottom of a problem Monday. Look to new solutions from Tuesday on. Experts help direct you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 3, 2005:
This year you might experience some tension with key people. Follow your instincts and don't take suggestions or what happens personally. Lady Luck kisses your outside life. A pay raise or promotion could be a major headline this year. Some of you might get engaged. You'll become a star in your world. Your finances will peak if you call upon your innate talents and speaking ability. If you are single, you will meet quite a few people through your work or while out. From November 2005 on, you hit a very fortunate period where what you wish for happens. If you are attached, share more of your work and community commitments with your significant other. Go out on the town together more. Express your pride and affection for your sweetie. Build security into your bond. LIBRA pushes you into the limelight.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Others will find you even if you decide to vanish. Don't even consider the possibility! Your ability to charge meetings emerges. Willingly look at a totally different point of view that an associate or partner presents. Your acceptance draws good will. Tonight: Play follow-the-leader in your evening choices.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to focus emphasizes your performance. You might need to decipher an associate's or boss's idea or instructions. Ask questions. Confirm what you hear. Someone makes an offer that delights and pleases you. Pinch yourself. It is real. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination might be hard to rein in, but do your best. Discussions with others help them feel positively about you. A friendship could be developing into a lot more. Be honest with yourself. You want that caring. Tonight: Add spice to your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ A partner or key associate might not have his or her facts straight. Be very careful when dealing with funds and/or real estate. Avoid tumbling into what is at best a bad idea. Use your resources and get the facts and only the facts. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your conversations hit the mark on issues. Still, getting a partner or key friend or loved one to face facts could be difficult. Try a different way of presenting your perceptions. Add that extra touch to a love relationship. Tonight: Enjoy catching up on news with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might not be as right as you think or hope you are. Confirm information, especially regarding your finances and security. Revise your thinking about a special family member or roommate. Add that extra luxury to your home. Tonight: Play Ralph Nader. Do some price comparing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your style works, whether dealing with people on the phone, children or friends. Others might surprise you with how willing they are to go along with your ideas and plans. Ask for what you want on this close-to-perfect day. Tonight: Once more, what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have strong instincts about an expenditure and/or structuring your finances. Be willing to revise your previous ways. You will be quite pleased. If your instincts suggest you buy a lottery ticket, do just that. Tonight: Some downtime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Update your style. Others might not even recognize you. How you present yourself verbally could be up for a change as well. Friends help you make excellent choices. Follow an inspiration. Tonight: Out playing racquetball or at the gym.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ If you take a look at how you react to a key associate, you might want to revise your attitude. Making money can become a creative enterprise. Brainstorm with others. Someone you care about praises your efficiency. Tonight: Work late if need be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You inspire others with your thinking and being able to leap past established barriers. Your ingenuity might be helped even more by making a few calls to the dynamic thinkers in your life. Confirm information. Tonight: Relax your mind, which has been working overtime.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ A partner finally understands and gives you more of what you want. You'll gain financially and emotionally through interactions on a person-to-person level. Express yourself with an important authority figure. Tonight: Opt for a close encounter.

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GRAPE - Two story brick home with fireplace, three bedrooms, 2 3/4 baths, covered patio, storage building, central heat and air, 2 living areas, utility room and double garage. MLS 6103.
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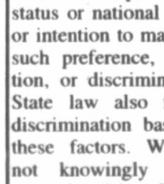

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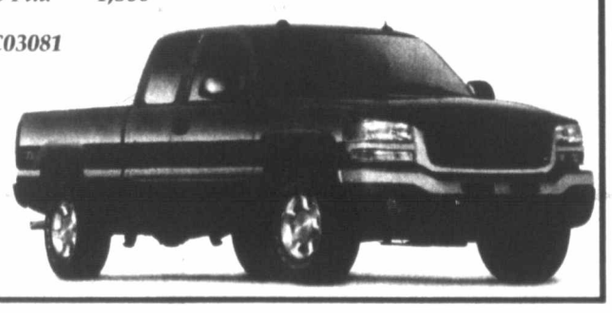

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