




NEXT DAY FORECAST

Sunday 	Monday 	Tuesday 
Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 34. Wind chill values between 7 and 17.
 Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 17 and 22.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.
 Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. East wind around 5 mph becoming north.

Tuesday: A slight chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of snow or rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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New Year's Bash

The Dec. 30th silent auction and dance sponsored by White Deer Land Museum Foundation and White Deer Land Museum Advisory Boards has been postponed, organizers say. The event will be re-scheduled at a later time. All tickets sold to date for the occasion will be honored.



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Obituaries

Alvis Lee Sanders, 77

Alvis Lee Sanders, 77, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 27, 2006, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Mark CME Church with the Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors

of Pampa. A Pampa resident since 1944, Mr. Sanders was born Aug. 8, 1929, at Clarksville, Texas. He was employed with a number of clothing stores and had worked for



Sanders

Culberson-Stowers and IRI as well. Mr. Sanders was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Irene Boyd on April 22, 1959.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Survivors include his wife, Irene Boyd Sanders, of the home; and numerous nieces and nephews. MEMORIALS: To a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Friday, Dec. 29

Kimberlie Dawn Mouser, 23, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO and charged with retaliation, assault causing bodily injury, and interfering with a 911 call.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Adam Lee Wright, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police

Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense, and possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Thomas Chris Long, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication.

Miguel Antonio Valdez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member and interfering with a 911 call.

Nicholas Martinez Salazar, 38, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD

and charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member and interfering with a 911 call.

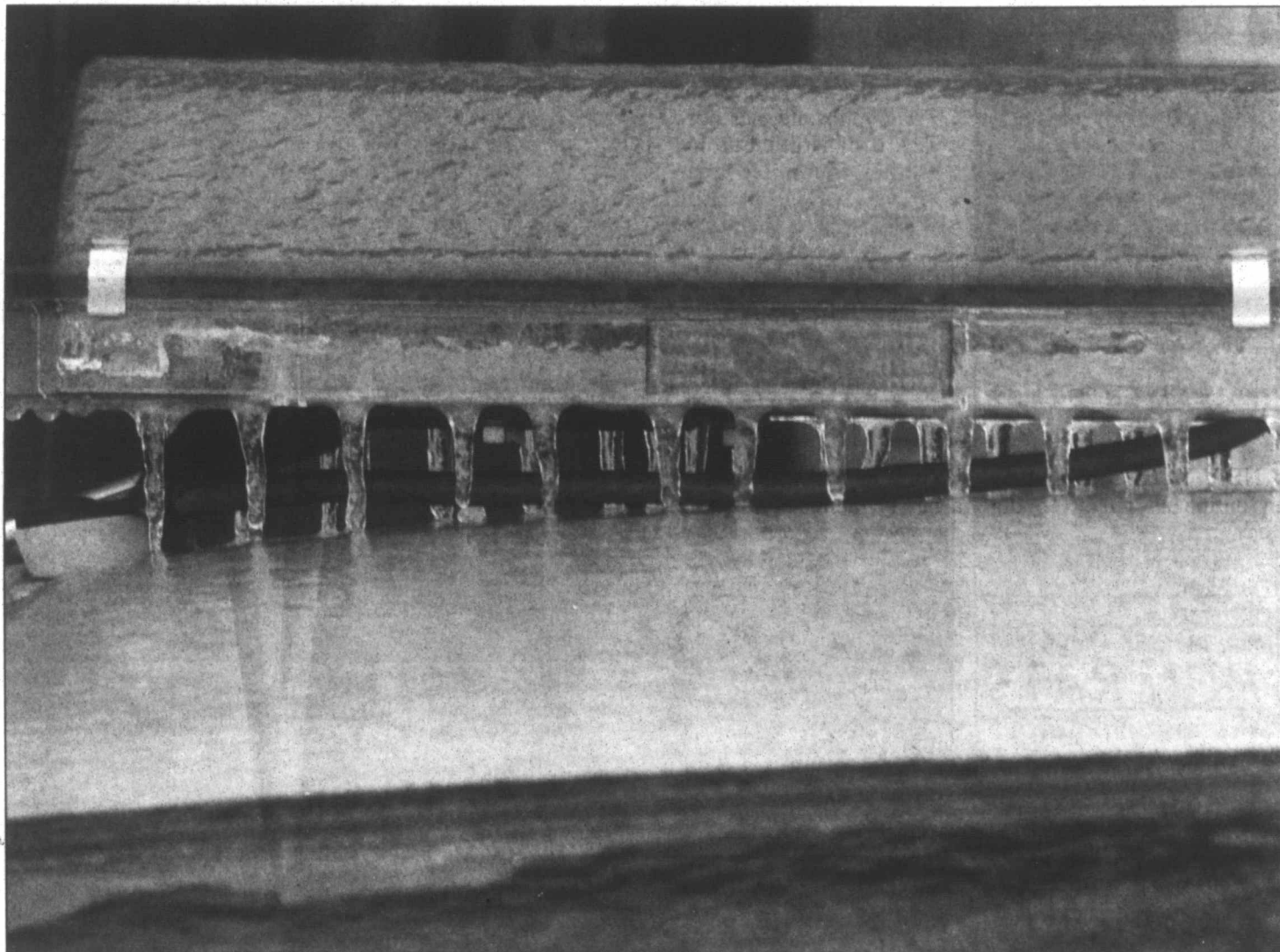
Fire

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

Friday, Dec. 29

7:02 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Magnolia on an arcing power line.

Winter's icy fingers



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Recent icy weather glazed the light bar atop a Gray County Sheriff's Department patrol car and left icicles hanging in a fringe from the bottom of the bar. Sunday's forecast calls for more of the same with partly cloudy skies and a wind chill of between 7 and 17. The weekend forecast for New Year's Day, however, is mostly sunny with a high of around 44.

Execution final word for ex-leader of Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — When U.S. leaders decided it was time to despise Saddam Hussein, he made the perfect villain.

He was cocky and cunning. He looked dangerous and deranged standing at

rallies firing a gun into the air, conduct unbecoming a head of government.

He was Hitler Lite, or as the first President Bush put it, "Hitler revisited," lacking the endless armies, but close enough for U.S. purposes.

He had a history of atrocities. His black mustache heightened the aura of villainy.

America's quarter-century fascination with the Iraqi leader ended Friday at the gallows.

His hanging closed the

books on a man who dealt with and benefited from the United States, then defied it, then ran like a rabbit into a hole in the ground, reduced to an army of one.

Saddam's capture Dec. 13, 2003, was a rare day of triumph for the United States after the Iraq invasion.

In contrast, his execution brought worries that violence would spike beyond its usual chaotic level.

Saddam was vilified by the U.S. government probably more than any dictator since Adolf Hitler.

And this is a country with a long and still-active tradition of personalizing its enemy, making conflicts less about competing interests than about specific madmen and loose cannons — Manuel Noriega, Slobodan Milosevic, Moammar Gadhafi, Fidel Castro, the wanted-dead-or-alive Osama bin Laden.

While others cry "death to America," America assembles a rogues gallery.

Colin Powell, writing in his memoirs about the lead-up to the first Gulf War, objected to the portrayal of Saddam as the "devil incarnate" by the elder President Bush and aides.

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VFW ANNUAL Blackeye Pea Dinner, 11-2pm., Mon. Jan. 1st. Beans, blackeye peas, cornbread & dessert. Free or Accepting Donations.

WATCH FOR details regarding the Top O' Texas Radio Assoc., Valentine's Day Dance, Feb. 10, 2007 at M.K. Brown.

Lonely sentinel



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

A pumpjack stands mute in the cold gray dawn as a commuter comes in from Lefors. The lonely sentinel awaits the expected snowstorm this weekend.

Atmos

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tomers in West Texas donated \$40,000 to energy assistance agencies. Panhandle Community Services was one of those agencies.

"Last season, our customers donated more than \$370,000 through the Sharing the Warmth pro-

gram," said Atmos Energy Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert W. Best. "When combined with our donation of \$500,000, it meant that \$870,000 went toward helping people pay their gas bills." Best said this new round-up program will enable more people to contribute. The goal of Atmos is to double the amount raised last year.

All donations are tax deductible and go directly

to local people in need that meet the criteria established. The new round-up option will appear on future monthly bills.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Susan Weldon at the Pampa office at 665-0081 or Maggie Smith at the Hilltop Center office in Amarillo at 376-5947. Information is also available on the Website www.atmosenergy.com.

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non-members.

If you are hosting a party, you should offer sodas and non-alcoholic drinks as well as alcohol. Providing food is one way to slow down the effects of alcohol on people. You should also provide a place for friends to spend the night if necessary.

Some people assume that beer and wine do not have the same effects on a person as hard liquor, but one 12-

ounce can of beer and one 5-ounce glass of wine have the same amount of alcohol as 1 1/2-ounces of 80 proof liquor, according to multiple Web sites.

Before the festivities begin, people also need to think about their pets. Loud noises and fireworks can scare a lot of animals, so they need to be put indoors if possible. If they have to stay outside, make sure they are safely secured and have identification tags on in case they do get loose.

Area troopers are hoping the New Year's Eve travel-

ers are as safe as the recent Christmas travelers. Christmas holiday traffic was unusually quiet this year and no fatal crashes were reported on Texas Panhandle roads, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety report.

"We are extremely pleased with the way area drivers responded to this potentially dangerous holiday," Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Amarillo DPS office said. "It was unusually quiet, which is exactly what we were hoping for."

Officials on alert for herbicide resistant weed threatening cotton

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — The cotton industry is concerned about a herbicide-resistant weed that spreads easily, can grow an inch a day and could force farmers to return to growing methods that were harsher on the environment.

Palmer amaranth, a type of pig weed, grows 6 to 10 feet tall. If someone were trying to design a particularly nasty weed, Palmer amaranth would be the model, said Alan York, weed scientist at North Carolina State University in

Raleigh.

"It's an extremely competitive weed," he said. "It's extremely prolific. It's an efficient ... bad weed."

Amaranth that resists the most common herbicide used in cotton, glyphosate, has been confirmed in 10 of North Carolina's 100 counties, four of Georgia's 159 counties and is suspected in Tennessee, South Carolina and Arkansas.

"It is potentially the worst threat since the boll weevil," said York. York was referring to the voracious

beetle that devastated Southern cotton crops in the early 1900s and forced farmers to switch to alternatives such as peanuts.

The boll weevil was eradicated in some states in the late 1970s and early 1980s, paving the way for the return of cotton as one of the nation's major crops, worth \$4.7 billion. It is grown in 16 states from coast to coast.

In Georgia, where amaranth has been confirmed in 48 fields, the weed took over some fields and the

cotton had to be cut down, rather than harvested, said University of Georgia weed scientist Stanley Culpepper.

The weed can damage cotton pickers, the huge machines that pluck the world's leading natural fiber from the cotton bolls.

Glyphosate is sold under several brand names, but the leading product is Roundup, made by Monsanto.

The company revolutionized cotton growing in the 1990s when

it introduced BT cotton — a genetically engineered cotton with its own built-in pest defenses.

Monsanto also introduced Roundup Ready cotton — plants that wouldn't perish with the weeds when a field was sprayed with a glyphosate herbicide.

"It had everything everyone would need," he said. "But when you rely too heavily on one technology, resistance will eventually develop."

Merchants may have trouble getting 'safe' mark

NEW YORK (AP) — As an online shopper, Claudia Race knows she must look out for scams.

So as an Internet entrepreneur working out of her home in New Braunfels, Texas, Race wants to use all the tools available to assure customers they can trust the vacation-rentals service she is about to launch.

But because her small business is so new, Race said she might not qualify for the online seals of approval that Overstock.com Inc. and other larger, established companies are getting to instruct Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer browser to display a green address bar for "safe" when people visit her site.

"It would put me at a disadvantage," Race said. "I do not want anyone to have any questions, hesitate or have any fear factor. They have to know that I didn't just go grab a logo from somewhere and stick it on my site. I want them to know I'm a legitimate business."

What she's seeking is an extended-validation certificate, a response to the plethora of "phishing" attacks in which scam artists try to steal sensitive data by mimicking the Web site of a large bank or merchant.

Once Microsoft activates the feature in version 7 of Internet Explorer in late January, a green bar will appear when the browser sees an EV certificate, usually during a transaction or

login. The tool complements a newly launched filter that displays a red warning for known phishing sites and yellow for suspicious ones.

"EV does not authenticate that your plasma TV is going to show up or that it won't have a crack through it," said Tim Callan, director of product marketing for VeriSign Inc., which issued its first EV certificate to Overstock this month.

Rather, Callan said, the EV certificate will tell consumers that the business does exist and operates at the location it says it does.

That's because VeriSign and its competitors will be required to perform extensive checks to verify that the business is legally recognized by a government agency and that the address registered for the certificate is valid, such as by matching it with a government filing or visiting the business in person.

Certificate issuers also must make sure that the company owns the domain name and that the individual

requesting the certificate is authorized.

So a scammer can't register from overseas a domain name at "paypa1.com" — with a numeral "1" instead of letter "l" — and buy an EV certificate saying it is the eBay Inc. online payment service.

The certificate issuer would discover the person requesting it doesn't really work for eBay after obtaining eBay's contact information through independent means and asking directly, said Paulo Kaiser, vice president of operations for certificate vendor Comodo.

In the early days of e-commerce, merchants simply needed a standard security certificate for browsers to display a closed padlock. The makers of the Netscape browser, now owned by Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, developed the Secure Sockets Layer technology in


the mid-90s, and many online shoppers over time knew to look for it.

Companies known as certification authorities used to always perform a series of checks to make sure sites were really what they said they were.

But newer authorities have tried to cut costs and corners by checking only that the site owns the domain name — not the business said to run on that domain, security experts say. Scam artists — needing only a credit card and a domain name — have exploited the loophole to obtain the certificates necessary to appear legitimate.

Enter the Certification Authority/Browser Forum, a group of certificate issuers and browser manufacturers desiring to restore trust in the certificates.

Since its formation nearly two years ago, the forum has



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Viewpoints

Insurers urged to inject common sense into practices

Sometimes you just have to scratch your head and wonder where common sense is when it comes to insurance and its coverage.

People pay high premiums for insurance to help defray the costs of disasters, both major and minor.

As an example, some Hurricane Katrina victims who did not have flood insurance were left out in the cold because insurance companies argued that their homes were destroyed by flood waters and not the hurricane and high winds.

It reminds me of a cartoon I saw years ago. The insurance agent said something like this to a man and woman in his office.

"The night of your accident, there was a full moon in India. An elephant saw his shadow and your policy is not in effect during elephant shadow periods."

Then I came across a press release I saved from several

months ago from the October issue of Texas Medicine magazine, the official publication of the Texas Medical Association.

They reported that medical insurance companies, routinely and systematically, pay less to health care providers for the treatment of women than the treatment for men.

The report pointed to studies that insurers pay more for procedures on men than for similar procedures on women.

This issue has become so much of a problem that the Texas Legislature, in 2001, passed the Omnibus Women's Equal Health Care Act which is supposed to prohibit insurers from gender discrimination.

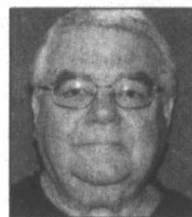
An example cited was that Medicare reimburses \$2,000 for childbirth, which includes up to 15 office visits, labor and postpartum care, but Medicare will reimburse \$1,400 for an appendectomy that

includes one hour of surgery and two checkups after.

The report also mentioned a 1997 Gynecologic Oncology article, "Is Adam Worth More Than Eve?" that cited "significant gender bias" for female-specific medical service reimbursements.

Dennis Spies

Editor



The study also found that in 24 similar medical procedures on men and women, 19 involving men were reimbursed at a higher amount. Overall, the study showed, similar procedures on men paid 44 percent higher than those on women.

These tactics have forced at least

one women's hospital to close. The Renaissance Women's Center in Austin closed in 2001 despite operating at capacity because reimbursements for obstetrics services was low.

Dr. Robert Watson, medical director of the Paul and Judy Andrews Women's Hospital going up at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, said, "I think that is a disservice to the women of our country."

I agree. Where does fairness and common sense come in?

Another year down the drain.

My wife and I normally celebrate the New Year by staying at home with some champagne and treat ourselves to a snack of caviar.

Years ago we had a golden retriever named Calvin and on New Year's Eve we would give him a cracker with some caviar on it. He loved it.

He is gone now, and we have a new addition, a fox terrier-schnauzer mix Linda rescued from the animal shelter that we named Lucky. He's a handful sometimes, but fairly intelligent.

The first New Year with him, Linda gave him a cracker with a little caviar on it. He promptly spit it out. He was a street dog, and not as refined as Calvin, who came from a good home.

With the New Year come the resolutions. Stop smoking. Lose weight. Stop drinking. Exercise more.

My New Year's resolution is to not have any resolutions.

I hope all of you who read this column, all three of you, have a Happy New Year filled with prosperity and happiness.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2006.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 31, 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

On this date:

In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gen's. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed an act paving the way for West Virginia statehood.

In 1877, President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (actually, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

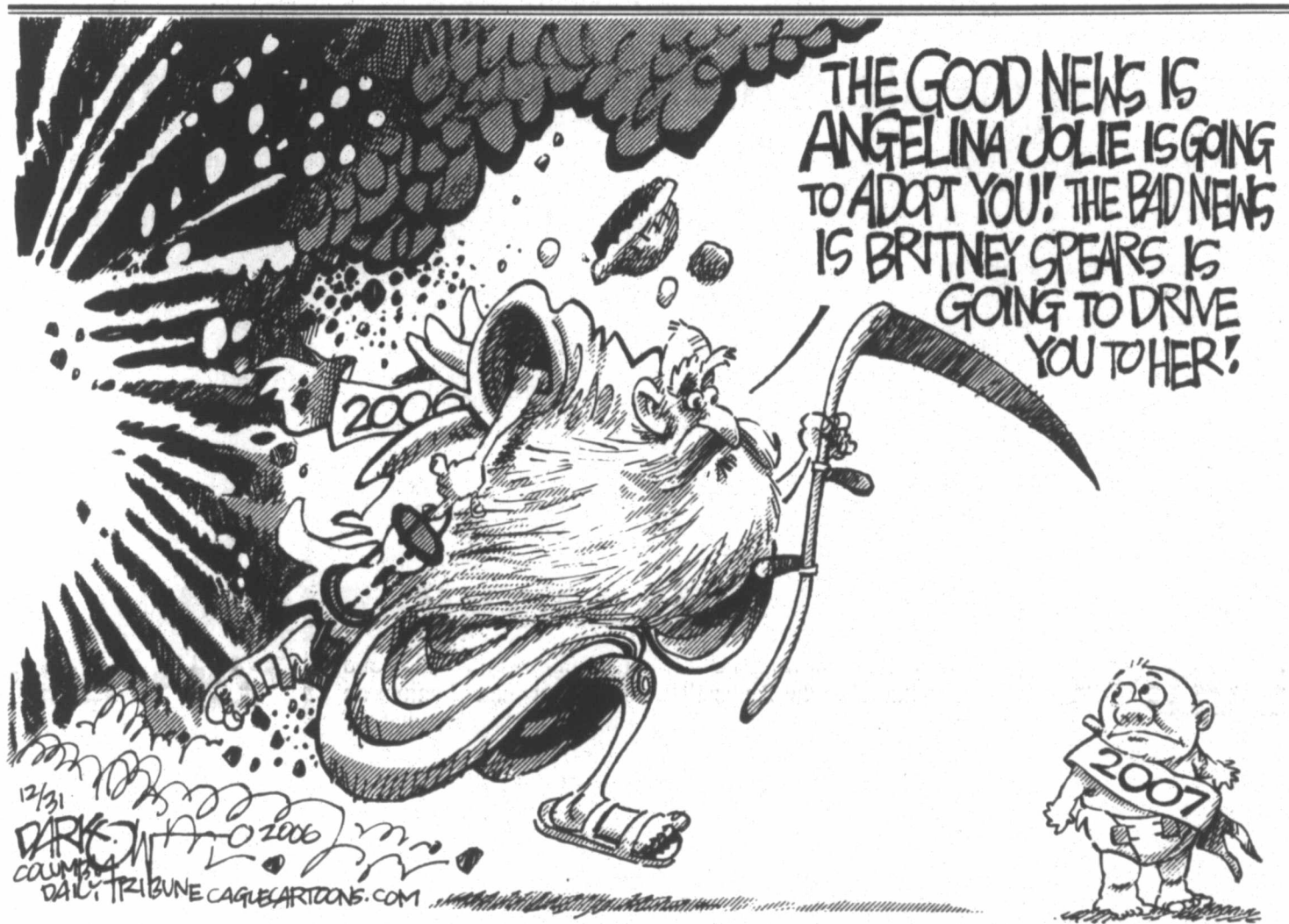
In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1980, Canadian communications theorist Marshall McLuhan died at age 69.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

In 1991, representatives of the government of El Salvador and rebels reached agreement at the United Nations on a peace accord to end 12 years of civil war.



Idle American: The 'blahs' come next ...

Our readers write

Christmas spirit alive and well in the Texas Panhandle ...

My family and I were traveling from Pampa to Wheeler on Highway 152 on Christmas Eve and had a blowout just a few miles past Laketon.

There were several people who stopped on their way to Wheeler to see if we needed help or needed to use a cell phone to call someone.

I don't know your names, except for one man in his

work truck from Universal Compressor named Todd.

Thank you all for showing the Christmas spirit and the Panhandle way of helping your neighbor in need. God Bless each of you this holiday season!

Jeff, Brenda, Shannon and Allison Leigh Pampa

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At the initial thought of "blahs" that inevitably follow holidays, I feel the heated breath of the little drummer boy bearing down on me. On top of that, a bunch of big drummer thugs are with him, all determined to drum me out of the corps. Still, I must do my duty, even if it means being strongly linked to "scrooginess" and "grinchiness." Armed with statistical data supported by three out of four New York doctors, it is mine to warn you: The days AFTER Christmas require just as much caution as dodging parking lot looters a few days earlier. ...

In general, we relax too soon once the big day is over, failing to remember a primary physics law: Whatever goes up must come down. If you don't believe it,

check out all those inflated Christmas lawn decorations, many of which flop around the ground airless many times before December 25th. (Show me an inflated snowman and I'll show you a neighbor with fresh handprints on his air pump.) Much else goes up, too — rooftop lights, Christmas trees, blood pressure, credit card bills, and bathroom scales. ...

For brevity's sake, let's consider one seemingly simple category: The "taking down" of decorations. Health care professionals, fire department personnel and others are ready for us. They know the stats — the

same people who exercised such care putting stuff up — may exhale too soon, missing a step on the way down. There are trainloads of stats to back up these claims.

A 6-year-old youngster taking piano lessons three doors down refused to continue if the teacher didn't install seat belts on the piano bench. "Don't you realize that nearly half of all accidents occur within a half-mile of home?" he asked. ...

Before smugness sets in with a "that'll never happen to me" mindset, think again. Turn the calendar back one year. A Fort Worth couple — Shannon and Brian — put up their Christmas tree

without incident. To them, like the rest of us, tree maintenance is something left to the forestry people during, uh, formative years. ...

The tree was up and that was that. Shannon did most of the decorating; no thought was given to watering it. Three weeks later, it was Brian's job to get the drooping tree to the curb.

But he had a better idea. It would be wonderful, he thought, to have the aroma of pine permeating the entire house. He envisioned inserting a pencil into a sharpener, figuring he could apply the same logic to inserting a Christmas tree into the fire place. ...

As the tip burned, he incorrectly thought, he could See **IDLE**, Page 5

Don Newbury
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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Dec. 23
The Dallas Morning News on the bravery of the climbers on Mt. Hood in Oregon:

It's difficult for those of us who have never scaled a rock-hard ice mountain to fully comprehend the passion that compels climbers to risk life itself in pursuit of personal conquest.

This type adventure requires a bigger-than-life spirit that, for better or worse, doesn't shrink from challenges. One might question the judgment of climbers, but not their courage or drive.

Such was the character of Kelly James, who died in a snow cave on

frigid Mount Hood last week, and his climbing buddies, Brian Hall and Jerry Cooke, who remain missing. Despite a desperate days-long search as time slipped away and weather on the mountain worsened rescuers this week accepted the harsh realization that whipping winds probably swept Mr. Hall and Mr. Cooke over a treacherous cliff to their deaths.

"We've done everything we can at this point," said Sheriff Joe Wampler, choking back tears after returning Wednesday from a final, fruitless fly-over of the 11,239-foot peak.

Sheriff Wampler's words remind us of another indomitable part of the human spirit the spirit that lives inside those rescue workers, whose tenacity allowed them to give up only when the

victims' families asked that they stop putting their own lives in danger.

Just as the climbers demonstrated a will to conquer, so too did those who valiantly risked their well-being to mount a search for men left defenseless by freezing temperatures and 100 mph wind gusts.

The rescue teams didn't ask why the climbers took risks. Instead, they promptly answered the call for aid, even as many of them probably silently feared the worst. They searched from air and on the ground, looking futilely for tracks, for signs of snow caves, for debris.

Sheriff Wampler announced that the search was suspended only after per-

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Idle

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slowly push the base forward.

But there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the fire department. Just as the wind bloweth where it chooses, so doth a tree burn as it chooses, typically fast.

It was not the anticipated gradual burn, but a ball of

flame instead. Luckily, the fire department responded quickly, limiting damage to singed carpet, a blackened fireplace and red faces. ...

Brian feels like Wile E. Coyote who was always out-smarted by Road Runner in those old Looney Tune cartoons.

His ideas likewise turned to mush.

He's been the object of ridicule by neighbors up and

down the street all year long.

Let's admit it. We've all made similar mistakes. Careful much of the way, we close poorly, guilty of crowding too much into already packed-out schedules.

Such is the lot of a 30-something woman who supervised the moving of her family to a new town and gave birth to her second

child a couple of weeks later. Through it all, she's also ridden herd on a 4-year-old daughter with the "energy of an electric Chihuahua."

A few days ago, the child tired out at day's end, leaving color markers strewn about, caps asunder. Mom,

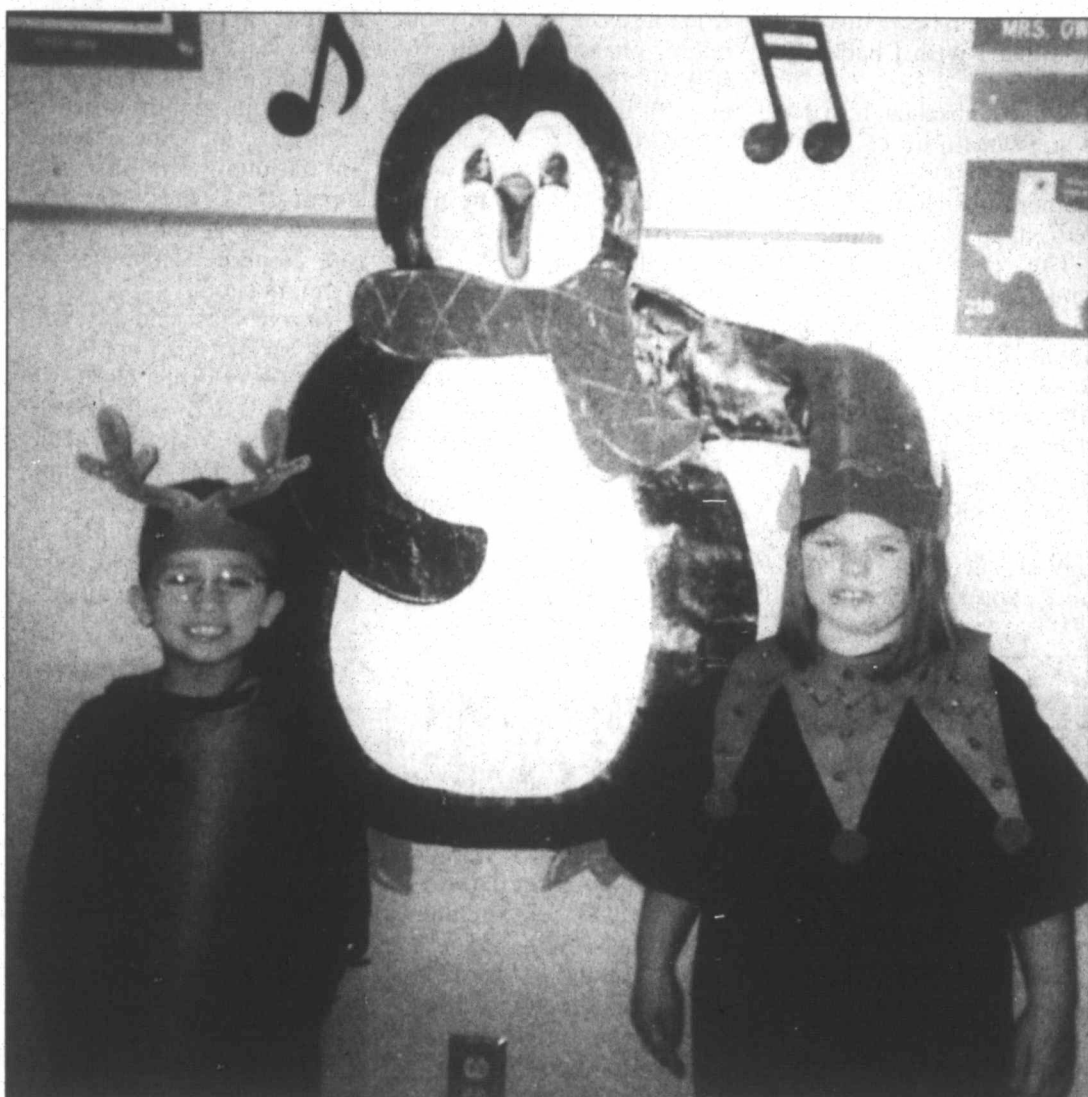
equally frazzled, admonished, "You'd better put the caps back on those markers or their batteries will go down!"

May your batteries stay up during this holiday season. Handle "take-downs" safely, remembering where most

accidents occur. And in the happy new year, if a child or grandchild drags out a coloring book, don't suggest coloring with a flashlight. ...

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.

School program



COURTESY PHOTO
Second graders Irwin Quiroz, left, and Kaylee Arnzen each had parts in Woodrow Wilson Elementary School's recent holiday musical "The Penguin Christmas."

Letters

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Tracing family history not easy

I would like to locate members of the Charles & Rhoda (Smith) Dyer family. It is extremely hard to know who to contact and who not to contact. I understand that several of their children and grandchildren still live in the Pampa, Texas, area.

Family genealogy is not only finding your own family's roots, but also is a study of your family during wars, famines, floods, medical epidemics and such. I have been able to trace many members of my families down lines, but I sure could use some help.

Our family will have an extensive genealogy record and will be most beneficial to all. I have obtained many old pictures and documents that I will be willing to share with others.

Linda (Dyer) Craig
1525 Redding Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73119

Never sell another man's onions ...

My father, J.D. Roth, was born in 1925. He served in the U.S. Navy during World

War II, and following the war he returned to the Panhandle where he did odd jobs for several years before settling into a career. One of his occasional jobs was to haul farm produce to market for sale.

On one such occasion he hauled a load of onions from Texas to Colorado. During the trip he stopped for gas, but was running low on cash. This was before the days of pulse cards, Visa cards, debit cards, or even gas credit cards. But my dad had his checkbook with him, and asked the gas station owner if he could write a check for some gas. The gas station owner declined to take an out of state check.

About this time another

customer came in, and noticed the load of onions on the back of the truck that my dad was driving. He asked if he could buy a few of the onions. My dad replied: "No, these are another man's onions, and I can't sell any of them." The gas station owner overheard the conversation, and said that anybody who would not sell another man's onions is not going to write a bad check, and agreed to take my father's check for some gas.

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Sports Day

Woods decides to skip season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — The PGA Tour's "new era in golf" will begin with an old question.

Where's Tiger?
Tiger Woods decided Friday not to play next week in the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship, the second straight elite tournament he has skipped. The Mercedes is only for PGA Tour winners from the previous year; Woods also sat out the season-ending Tour Championship in November for the top 30 players on the money list.

And it takes some of the sizzle out of the tour's launch of its new FedExCup competition, which it has dubbed a "new era in golf" in print and TV advertising campaigns over the last month.

Woods, who went skiing in Colorado with his family after winning the Target World Challenge on Dec. 17, said he did not have time to get his game ready and wanted to spend more time on vacation.

He ended last year winning six consecutive PGA Tour events, a streak that will remain on hold until Jan. 25 at the Buick Invitational in San Diego, where Woods is the two-time defending champion. He said on his Web site that the extra three weeks off "will give me much-needed extra time with my family."

"I considered playing in next week's Mercedes-Benz Championship, the official launch of the new FedExCup, but I just haven't been able to prepare," Woods said. "I usually spend

at least one week working on my game before a tournament, and have been unable to do that this year."

It was the second straight year Woods will not play the winners-only tournament. He missed last year to spend time with his father, whose health was rapidly deteriorating from cancer. Earl Woods died May 3. The only other time Woods did not go to Kapalua was in 2003, when he was recovering from knee surgery.

"Hopefully, everyone will understand," Woods said. "Obviously, this was a tough decision because Gary Planos and his staff at Kapalua Resort always do such a great job with the event."

Planos, the vice president of operations at Kapalua and tournament host, looked for

bright spots on a day of gathering clouds off the west coast of Maui.

"Obviously, we're disappointed, but we've got a championship to run next week," he said. "Players and weather are risks in this business that I wish I had better control of."

Woods' absence, however, is a setback to PGA Tour officials trying to build momentum for its new FedExCup competition.

The tour revamped its schedule to feature a points race that starts at Mercedes-Benz Championship and concludes with four "play-off" tournaments at the end of the season, with the winner getting \$10 million in deferred compensation.

The season starts Thursday without two of the most popular players in golf

— Woods and Masters champion Phil Mickelson, who has not played at Kapalua since 2001. Ernie Els and Retief Goosen did not win on the PGA Tour last year, meaning the field at Kapalua will have only one major champion from '06 (Geoff Ogilvy) and only eight of the top 20 players in the world.

"We understand that when Tiger chooses not to play, fans and sponsors are disappointed," PGA Tour spokesman Bob Combs said. "It's important to remain focused that the Mercedes-Benz Championship still has a great field and there are lots of great story lines, including Stuart Appleby going for his fourth win in a row."

As for the FedExCup, Kapalua is the first of 35

tournaments to earn points and be among 144 players who qualify for the final four tournaments. Combs said someone will earn 4,500 points next week "and that person will be the first FedExCup points leader."

Woods will not have played on the PGA Tour for nearly four months when he returns at the Buick Invitational. His last tour event was the American Express Championship outside London, where he won by eight shots.

Woods has said his winning streak only applies to PGA Tour events. He lost in the first round of the HSBC World Match Play Championship in England two weeks before the American Express, and he was runner-up in two Asian tournaments in November.

Oregon State comes back from deficit to take Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Oregon State coach Mike Riley was set to take his chances in overtime at the Sun Bowl.

Then Missouri called timeout to have Joe Newton's 14-yard touchdown catch with 22.1 seconds to go reviewed, believing he may have bobbled the ball. During that break, Riley decided to go for the win.

Yvenson Bernard barely pushed into the end zone on the gutsy 2-point conversion run, giving the 24th-ranked Beavers a 39-38 victory over the Tigers on Friday.

"Like in a card game at the end, we were all-in," Riley said. "We put all of our chips on the table. These guys made it happen."

The Beavers (10-4) trailed by 14 points with 12:08 to go before rallying for their eighth victory in nine games. Bernard's 7-yard reception had cut the gap to seven with 6:02 to go, and Riley said the senior running back lobbied the hardest to go for two at the end.

"I was telling him, 'Let's go for it,'" Bernard said. "I definitely wanted to do it."

Tony Temple had 194 yards, four short of the Sun Bowl record, on 20

carries with two touchdowns and Chase Daniel threw two touchdown passes for Missouri (8-5). The Tigers lost four of their last five after a 6-0 start, dropping the finale despite 561 yards of total offense.

Temple missed setting a Sun Bowl record for rushing, 197 yards by Charles Alexander of LSU in 1977, after losing 4 yards on his final carry.

"A lot of positive things," coach Gary Pinkel said. "Obviously, the locker room is a tough place to be right now."

It was no surprise to Daniel that Oregon State decided to go for broke. He was on the phone with quarterbacks coach Dave Yost talking strategy for what Missouri might do if the Beavers scored.

"It's bowl season, what do you have to lose?" said Daniel, who averaged 20 yards per completion, going 16-for-29 for 330 yards. "I just had a feeling they were going to go for two."

Matt Moore threw four touchdown passes and ran for a fifth for Oregon State, which helped produce the second-highest scoring

game in the Sun Bowl's 73-year history. He was 5-for-7 for 55 yards on the winning drive, set up after Sammie Stroughter's 38-yard punt return to the Oregon State 46.

Missouri had seven plays of 29 yards or longer, including Danario Alexander's 74-yard touchdown catch and Temple's 65-yard run. Missouri responded after Newton's first touchdown catch on Oregon State's opening drive of the second half cut the Tigers' lead to 21-17.

Tommie Saunders' 29-yard TD catch from tight end Chase Coffman off a lateral gave the lead back to Missouri and Temple's 65-yard untouched touchdown run seemingly put the Tigers in control at 31-21 with 5:58 in the third.

The victory was the latest in a series of nail-biters for Oregon State, which beat Hawaii and Oregon by a combined five points in the last two regular-season games. The Beavers' biggest triumph after a 2-3 start that had fans calling for Riley to be fired was a 33-31 stunner over then-No. 3 Southern California on Oct. 28.

"It's just a pretty typical Beaver win," Riley said.

Missouri was on the other end of a big bowl comeback last year, rallying behind quarterback Brad Smith from a 21-point deficit to beat South Carolina 38-31 in the Independence Bowl.

Moore was 31-for-54 for 356 yards and set a school record of 182 passes without an interception before getting picked off by Brandon Massey in the third quarter. Oregon State retained possession on the play after Massey was stripped.

"To finish like this, that doesn't happen every day," Moore said. "Ten wins doesn't happen every day."

"It's a great way to end it." Oregon State prevailed despite a porous defense that allowed 98 points the last three games. Among Missouri's other big plays were a 40-yard catch by Coffman that led to Temple's 7-yard scoring run on the opening drive. A 47-yard run by Temple was followed by an 18-yard touchdown pass from Daniel to Coffman on the next play for a 38-24 lead with 12:08 left in the game.

Yankees broadcaster Murcer watches Independence Bowl after brain surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Former New York Yankees player Bobby Murcer watched the Independence Bowl from his Houston hospital bed after surgery to remove a brain tumor.

Murcer, now a Yankees broadcaster, was alert and joking with staff and family members on Friday, a day after surgery at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, according to his wife Kay.

Murcer, who watched Oklahoma State beat Alabama 34-31 Thursday night in the Independence Bowl, had been having headaches and feeling a loss of energy. The tumor was discovered following an MRI on Christmas Eve.

"We have been thrown into a situation that has required as much total focus as we can muster," Kay Murcer said in a statement released Friday by the Yankees. "With the surgery over, we are now needing to expend all our energies on decisions that will benefit Bobby's full recovery."

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner called Murcer a loyal friend.

"I am so pleased that Bobby Murcer came through the surgery so well," Steinbrenner said Friday in a release. "He has been a valued member of the Yankee family for over 40 years. Bobby is a loyal friend of mine."

"I, and the entire Yankee organization, wish him a complete and rapid recovery — and our hearts go out to his wife, Kay, and their family. I look forward to hearing his voice."

Kay Murcer thanked fans for their concern and asked for privacy while her 60-year-old husband recovers at one of the top cancer facilities in the nation.

"Bobby is gaining so much encouragement from all of his friends and loved ones," she said. "It has been an overwhelming outpouring of love and we continue to appreciate your continued prayers and patience."

Game, set, touchdown: USC's success is hardly by the book

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Lawrence Jackson mentions his favorite new book and the Bible in the same sentence. He says the book helped re-energize his wayward 2006 season and expects to refer back to it many times over the rest of his football-playing days.

So what, exactly, could be the page-turner that sparked such an epiphany for Southern California's star, 265-pound defensive lineman?

Try, "The Inner Game of Tennis."

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USC coach Pete Carroll, taking his team into the Rose Bowl against Michigan on Monday, has built this winner in La-La Land not only through great recruiting and Xs and Os, but by keeping things in perspective, making it fun and never treating football like it's rocket science.

He has also done it with the help of a 30-year-old instructional tennis book.

It was Carroll who, antici-

pating his star junior lineman might run into trouble this season, suggested the book to Jackson, just as he'd recommended it to Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart, Carson Palmer and a number of others before that.

"At first, it seemed kind of weird to me and I just let it sit there on top of the bookshelf," Jackson conceded.

The combination of his early season struggles — not a single sack through the first eight games — and some extra time to kill before a night game triggered Jackson to take the book off the shelf and give it a read.

"I started reading it and I couldn't stop," he said. "It just helped me relax and stay calm."

The result: Ten tackles and a career-high three sacks the same night against Oregon.

"It's about reacting and learning to relax," Jackson said. "It's about trusting yourself and not criticizing yourself so much."

It's also about tennis,

though the lessons reach much deeper than that.

The 1974 book by W. Timothy Gallwey is about letting go of anxiety and negativity, or, as the back cover of the book explains, it's about finding "the state of 'relaxed concentration' that helps you play your best."

Isn't that what every good coach wants to teach his players?

"The stuff really resonated," Carroll said of the book, the author of which he met back in the '70s. "It's really important stuff. I never talk about it. It's just kind of a philosophy that's been ingrained."

By almost every standard, it's working.

The Trojans (10-2) have won two national titles, five Pac-10 championships and brought three more Heisman Trophies to Heritage Hall since Carroll took over in 2001 with the task of returning the struggling program to its former greatness.

He's done so well, that

this year feels like something of a disappointment, even with another conference title and a trip to the Rose Bowl in hand.

That's life when you're coming off two straight trips to the BCS title game and sailing toward a third before an unexpected loss to rival UCLA changed the whole perspective.

"The primary goal here has always been, get to the Rose Bowl, and if they pick us for that championship game, that's great, too," defensive coordinator Nick Holt said. "But the Rose Bowl is the top goal."

Part of Jackson's problem was that he wasn't sure exactly what his top goal should be as the season progressed.

Success came so easily and naturally to him during his first two years — when he had a total of 16 sacks — that when the numbers failed to pile up at the start of his third season, he found himself struggling to enjoy USC's success.

A lot of it was, as Holt said, because teams were double- and triple-teaming Jackson, which opened up opportunities for his teammates.

Still, the lineman got frustrated.

"But I realized that if you don't want to be helped, you can't be helped," he said.

One of his favorite parts of the book was the anecdote about a lion hunting for prey. It doesn't stand there, thinking about capturing the prey or what's going to happen if it doesn't. Instead, it waits for the other animal to move and then it pounces.

It reacts and doesn't think about the consequences.

"It's about being honest and realistic with yourself about what's going to happen," Jackson said. "It's about dealing with the pressure you place on yourself and the expectations you have on yourself. It's that you're not necessarily going to get 10 sacks."

Alamo Bowl a short drive for Texas, but a long way from Rose Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Remember the Rose Bowl!

For Texas, that's a heck of a lot more fun than thinking about the Alamo Bowl.

After Vince Young's heroics won two Rose Bowls and a national championship the last two seasons, the No. 18 Longhorns (9-3) stumble into the Alamo City on a two-game losing streak to play sinking Iowa (6-6) Saturday.

San Antonio is only an hour drive from the Longhorns' campus. But while the revelry of the Riverwalk is fun, it feels light years away from the showers of confetti and the sparkling crystal trophy they won last season in California.

"It's not always smooth and easy," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Both teams would have liked to

finish differently. I think that's why you'll see such a great game."

Brown has pumped the positives this week instead of dwelling on not getting a third straight BCS berth.

A victory would give Texas its sixth straight 10-win season. And it would send the seniors who won the program's first national title in more than 30 years out on a high note.

Plus, Brown likes to note that top-ranked Ohio State and No. 3 Michigan both finished near the bottom. Another loss Saturday sends Iowa to its first losing season since 2000.

Texas and Iowa both started the season 5-1 with their only losses to Ohio State. Then things started unraveling. Iowa stumbled first, and it was a doozy.

The Hawkeyes lost five of

their last six games and a team that dreamed of playing for the Big 10 title instead finished near the bottom. Another loss Saturday sends Iowa to its first losing season since 2000.

"It was tough, on me and everyone else," said Hawkeyes senior quarterback Drew Tate. "We got what we deserved, I think, because we didn't play the way we were supposed to

play to win."

Iowa got more bad news Friday when coach Kirk Ferentz announced that senior middle linebacker Mike Klinkenborg, one of the team's inspirational leaders, will likely miss the game because of a foot injury.

"We were hopeful that he'd be back in practice this week," Ferentz said. "He tried a couple of times, but just can't go."

Auburn's Groves' toughest critic: His wife

DALLAS (AP) — You didn't hit that quarterback hard enough. You weren't running fast enough. You played lousy.

Auburn defensive end Quentin Groves hears that stuff all the time from his toughest critic — his wife, Treska. And the All-Southeastern Conference pick says that's one reason why he had such a good year.

"I give all the credit to her and God for the season I've had," said Groves, who married his longtime girlfriend over the summer. "This has probably been the best season I've ever had."

He has certainly been the top pass rusher for the 10th-ranked Tigers (10-2) heading into Monday's Cotton Bowl game against No. 22 Nebraska.

Groves finished second in the SEC with 9.5 sacks, and his two best performances came in perhaps Auburn's biggest games. He had three sacks in an upset win over Florida and forced two fumbles by Alabama quarterback John Parker Wilson in a 22-15 victory, setting up a pair of Auburn touchdowns.

Best he get a big head, Treska offered the following critique after the game: "You didn't hit him hard enough."

Defensive coordinator

Will Muschamp has fewer complaints.

"As a coach, you love game-changers, guys that make plays," Muschamp said. "I call it overcoming coaching. He overcomes coaching a lot. He makes big plays. In the Alabama game, our biggest game of the year every year, he had two sacks, two caused fumbles, that turned into 14 points for our team."

"The Florida game, late in the game, he affected the quarterback on every snap."

But Groves said he isn't letting performances like that — or his 23 career sacks — coax him into entering the NFL draft a year early. He says he'll be back for his senior season.

"Everybody knows Quentin Groves isn't ready for the NFL," he said. "I'm not ready for the league by a long shot. I still have too many fundamental things I need to work on and too many other things."

"The only way I'm going is if they're going to take me in the first round. Right now, all the things I've been hearing is second round or third round."

The 6-foot-4, 254-pounder has caught the attention of Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor, particularly with his versatility.

Groves at times moves into more of a linebacker role, covering tight ends and running backs out of the backfield.

"He's a great pass rusher," said Taylor, the Big 12 offensive player of the year. "He's not one of those 280-, 290-pound defensive ends. But he is quick and he can move, and you have to be aware of him at all times. You have to know where he's at."

But Groves still wants to prove that rushing quarterbacks isn't his only skill. Nebraska provides a solid opportunity to show he can be effective at stopping the run, too.

The Cornhuskers are averaging 175 yards on the ground, while also allowing 28 sacks. It's the former number that has Groves most relishing this matchup, though.

"I've heard this for three years: He can't stop the run. He's a pass rusher. He's too small, he's this, he's that," Groves said. "But every time you look at the stat sheet, I'm Top 5 in tackles. Not tackles for loss, not tackles 60 yards down the field, but tackle. I just let it go in one ear and out the other."

But he didn't always have that ability. Groves considered leaving Auburn his freshman year when the

coaches decided to redshirt him. Then, he finally came to the realization that they were right — he wasn't ready and needed to start working harder.

"Once I got that mentality out of my head," Groves said, "I became a better player."

And an instant sack machine. He had 7.5 sacks as a redshirt freshman despite not making a start. That number declined to six the next season but jumped back up this season, and Groves has become a fulltime starter for the first time.

Now, the mellow Groves, one of the Tigers' most accessible, amiable players, is far from that disgruntled freshman.

Linebacker Karibi Dede said there are two sides to Groves.

"Off the field, he's real chilled, real cool, just a laid-back, humble guy," Dede said. "On the field, he's really a high-energy guy. He plays hard, he plays physical. He just has such passion for the game. You see one character on the field and one character off the field, and it's hard to make it one person. But it is."

"That's what makes him good."

Fledgling Israeli baseball league scouting U.S.

ballplayers, Jews and gentiles alike

MIAMI (AP) — Ivan Gluck is a utility man who can pitch and play first base, third and the outfield. But at 67, the Holocaust survivor would settle for being a waterboy in Israel's fledgling baseball league.

The enthusiastic but unsuccessful Gluck was one of 65 hopefuls at Friday's tryout for the Israel Baseball League, which is welcoming Jews and gentiles alike in hopes of exporting America's pastime to Israel and turning the violence-torn Jewish state — a country with only one full-size diamond — into the next great baseball power.

"Hopefully, the region will be stable so we can play ball in the summertime," said player development director Dan Duquette, a former general manager for the Boston Red Sox and Montreal Expos. "But you know, baseball could very well be a unifying force for the country. And wouldn't that be something if it was?"

The league has attracted castoffs from major league

teams, former college and high school players who never got a shot at the pros, and ordinary fans with a dream.

Rabbi Yaakov Green, 26, did not get the chance to play in his college years, and got cut again during Friday's tryouts, but he was grateful just for the opportunity.

"I never thought I was going to play on this kind of level or get a chance to play on this kind of level," he said.

Duquette has spent the past few months scouting players in Israel and Massachusetts and plans to hold additional tryouts before the league opens its season. The teams will be the Bet Shemesh Blue Sox, Netanya Tigers, Petach Tikva Pioneers, Jerusalem/Gezer Lions, Haifa/Nahariya Stingrays and Tel Aviv Lightning.

"This is what Israelis need. Israelis need family time, time away from the stress," said operations director Martin Berger, a Miami lawyer.

Search suspended for U.S. adventure company owner missing on China mountain; partner dead

SEATTLE (AP) — The threat of avalanches has forced climbers to call off their search for a U.S. adventure company owner who disappeared on a remote, snowy peak in northern China, the company said Friday.

The snow-covered body of Christine Boskoff's climbing partner, photographer Charlie Fowler, was found high on the mountain Wednesday, and friends said Boskoff was also believed to be dead.

David Jones, a director of Mountain Madness, said harsh winter weather had made it unsafe for searchers to stay on

China's 20,354-foot Genyen Peak.

Fowler was believed to have been swept up in an avalanche. The climbers' friends initially thought the two would have been roped together and Boskoff would be found nearby, but that wasn't the case.

Jones said Friday that snow storms had made the avalanche field where the body was found too dangerous for searchers to remain.

Fowler's body was still being removed from the remote area, Jones said. He said Mountain Madness would keep in contact with people in China

and resume the search when conditions permit, likely in the spring.

Boskoff, a top female climber, bought Mountain Madness in 1997 after another its founder died along with seven other people when a storm struck on Mount Everest — a tragedy detailed in Jon Krakauer's best-seller "Into Thin Air." The company conducts guided climbs in Washington state, on Mount Everest and elsewhere.

Boskoff and Fowler, who lived in Norwood, Colo., were reported missing after they failed to return to the United States as planned on Dec. 4.

College Basketball Update: Top-Ranked UCLA Holds on to beat Washington State

Washington State succeeded in slowing down top-ranked UCLA. The Cougars just couldn't stop the Bruins down the stretch.

Darren Collison and Arron Afflalo scored 13 points apiece, Josh Shipp added 11 points and UCLA overcame Washington State's slowdown game for a 55-52 victory Thursday night in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

Collison had all of his points in the second half, including a 3-pointer that put UCLA (12-0) ahead for good.

"I wasn't concerned with how bad I was doing, I just wanted to win," he said. "I wanted to pick up the intensity offensively and defensively."

Washington State (11-2) dropped to 0-25 all-time against top-ranked teams, including 0-17 against the Bruins.

Derrick Low led the Cougars with 14 points and Nikola Koprivica added 12, but missed a tying 3-pointer as time expired that Collison got a fingertip on. Kyle Weaver had 10 rebounds.

"I thought we had them," Low said. "I felt like I let the team down."

No. 2 North Carolina 87, Rutgers 48

Brandan Wright had 19 points and fellow freshman Wayne Ellington scored 17 to lead North Carolina (11-

1) to the victory.

Adrian Hill scored 13 points for the visiting Scarlet Knights (6-6).

No. 7 Arizona 94, California 85
Marcus Williams scored 21 points and Ivan Radenovic added 17 to help Arizona earn its 10th straight victory.

Arizona (10-1, 1-0 Pac-10) is unbeaten since losing its opener at Virginia Nov. 12, the school's longest win streak since 2003.

Ryan Anderson led visiting Cal (8-5, 0-1) with 16 points.

No. 9 Kansas 63, Detroit 43
At Lawrence, Kan., Mario Chalmers scored 22 points and mistake-prone Kansas pulled away late.

The Jayhawks (11-2) put together a 9-0 run to take a 50-37 lead with 6:02 to play.

Brandon Cotton had 20 for Detroit (3-9).

No. 11 Texas A&M 101, Grambling State 27

Josh Carter tied a school record with eight 3-pointers and Texas A&M scored the first 28 points of the game.

Texas A&M (11-2) won its 15th straight home game and posted the most lopsided win by a Big 12 team in conference history.

Kendric Baker and Anthony Williams scored six points apiece for the visiting Tigers (2-5).

Southern California 86, No. 14 Washington 79, 2OT

Nick Young scored five of his 25 points in the second overtime and Taj Gibson finished with 22 to help host Southern California (11-3) beat Washington in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

Spencer Hawes scored a career-high 24 points for Washington (10-2) and made his first 3-pointer of the season at the buzzer to send the game into double overtime, but the Huskies were outscored 13-6 in the second extra period.

No. 17 LSU 92, Mississippi Valley St. 58

Glen Davis had 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead host LSU (9-3) to the win in the second round of the Hispanic College Fund Classic.

Larry Cox had nine points and eight rebounds for MVSU (3-8).

No. 19 Notre Dame 101, Rider 51

Rob Kurz scored 23 points and Kyle McAlarney had 21 points on seven 3-pointers for the Irish.

Notre Dame (11-1) won its 10th straight game in its best run since winning 11 in a row during the 1986-87 season.

Ryan Thompson and Terrance Mouton each scored 10 points for visiting Rider (7-5).

Yao Ming expecting update on last week's knee injury

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming plans to meet with doctors next week for an update on how his injured right knee is healing.

Yao told KRIV-TV in Houston on Friday that he hopes for a better prognosis than the one doctors initially provided — that he would be out of action until early February.

Yao fractured his right tibial plateau under his knee

Dec. 23 when he jumped to block a shot and his knee got caught under Tim Thomas' body. Yao immediately grabbed his knee and screamed in pain.

Yao was averaging 26 points and nine rebounds per game before the injury.

"It's really hard," Yao said. "This is the best year I have ever had for my team and for me personally."

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Little change in border policy expected in 2007

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Before the November elections, border security and immigration reform topped the agendas of politicians at nearly every level of government.

Gov. Rick Perry campaigned for re-election as a champion of border security, pledging to help secure the border and promising \$5 million to a border camera project. Congressional Republicans pushed a bill criminalizing immigrants. And President Bush signed a bill to build 700 miles of fencing along the Mexican border.

But with the cameras down for now, the House bill a bust and some of Bush's closest Texas allies saying it's unlikely a fence will ever be built, it looks like life on the Texas-Mexico border may not be so different in 2007.

So does that mean Texas and immigration reform supporters have kissed and made up?

Not quite. Some state lawmakers have already announced a host of tough-on-illegal-immigration bills for the legislative session starting next month, including one aimed at challenging the automatic citizenship of children born in the U.S. to illegal immigrants.

Other proposals include a plan to tax money sent to Latin America, and elimination of in-state college tuition for illegal immigrants.

State Rep. Leo Berman, who drafted two of the bills, said Texas has to do something about illegal immigration because the federal government hasn't.

"The buck stops here, and Texas has to lead the way," the Tyler Republican said.

Berman said if his bills make it Perry's desk, popular support should be too great for the governor to ignore them. He knows the bill challenging automatic citizenship would be instantly challenged. But he said his effort is

'We need to look at ways to be bringing people together rather than driving wedges between them.'

— Texas Gov. Rick Perry

designed to elicit a court review of the 14th Amendment, which grants U.S. citizenship to anyone born in the United States.

Perry has said he doesn't support Berman's citizenship challenge, saying such legislation is divisive.

"We need to look at ways to be bringing people together rather than driving wedges between them," he said this month.

Perry has pledged to continue border security plans, including Operation Rio Grande, a state-led effort he says has reduced crime by as much as 60 percent along parts of the border.

Immigrant advocate groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas and the League of United Latin American Citizens, have vowed to fight legislation such as Berman's.

Rebecca Bernhardt, an ACLU lawyer who works on immigration and border security issues, said the ACLU will do its part to derail any legislation designed to intimidate and scare people. The ACLU of Texas will support more comprehensive security bills.

"We have some border security proposals that are really focused on improving accountability," Bernhardt said. "We're promoting proposals that would really focus on spending ... money on what is going to make Texas safer."

Two Democratic state senators

have filed bills that would require more oversight of law enforcement agencies receiving border security grants, and prohibit authorities from asking a person's immigration status.

The governor has also said he would support a federal guest worker program, but that would have to come out of Congress.

Perry spokesman Ted Royer said the governor plans to ask the Legislature for \$100 million to keep funding border security plans, including Operation Rio Grande and Operation Linebacker, a security operation run by members of the Texas Border Sheriffs Coalition.

Perry's state-funded cameras, which beam live footage of the border to the Internet for anyone to view, are expected go back online sometime next year.

Other immigration reform advocates believe they have only a limited window of opportunity in 2007 to press for action in Austin or Washington.

Farmers testing cannon on hail

KINGSBURG, Calif. (AP) — A thunderous boom from a 20-foot cannon echoes over John Diepersloot's apricot and peach orchards — a sound the farmer hopes can save his trees from hail storms.

Hail cannons, which switch on when storms are approaching, are the latest high-tech device aimed at protecting crops from the volatile weather that hits California's agricultural heartland, where a single hail storm can damage a crop — and a local economy — overnight.

'The first year I had them, there was a storm where I saw my neighbor's fields had damage and I didn't.'

— John Diepersloot
Apricot grower

Farmers have long clamored for technology that helps them deal with nature's whims. Though scientists say no significant study has proven the devices' effectiveness, a small group of farmers in the San Joaquin Valley and across the country are putting faith — and thousands of dollars — into hail cannons.

"The first year I had them, there was a storm where I saw my neighbor's fields had damage and I didn't," said Diepersloot, who has bought 24 cannons to use throughout his 1,200-acre farm.

With the 2007 storm season approaching, Diepersloot's workers prepare to wage war on the weather. The huge, cone-shaped machines click on automatically when a Doppler radar signal senses a storm is on the horizon. Within seconds, they emit a deafening, electronic blast, repeated every six seconds.

As the sound waves rise from the cannon and ripple into the sky, they disrupt airborne water droplets poised to become hail stones, and instead cause the water to fall as rain or slush, the cannon's manufacturers say.

But scientists dispute their claims.

"It'd have to be something pretty major to upset hail," said Charles Knight, a senior scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research, a Boulder, Colo.-based nonprofit. "If you exploded an atomic bomb in a cloud, that might do something."

At \$50,000 to \$70,000 each, the cannons aren't a cheap fix. But losses from hail storms can be even more costly.

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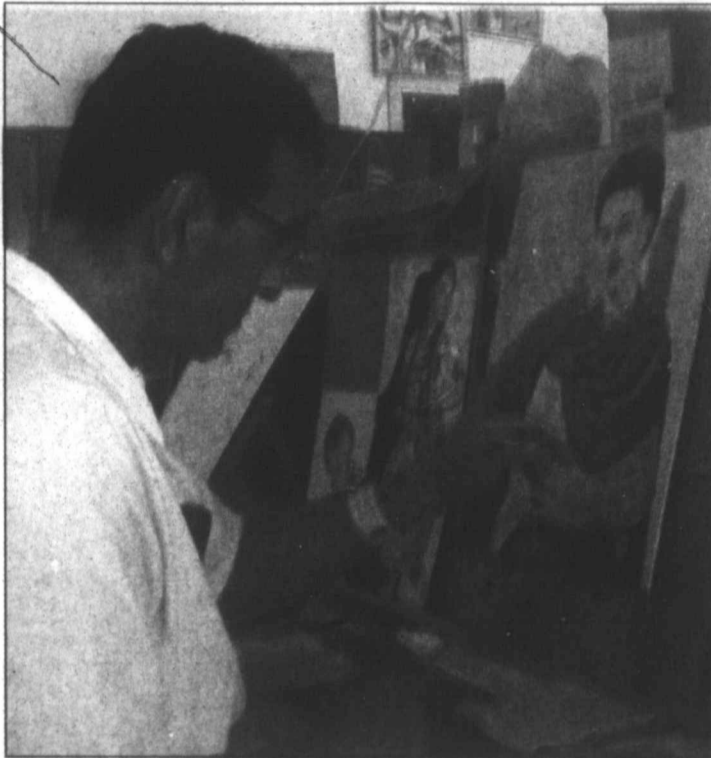
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Lifestyle

Prisoners use spare time for arts, crafts



Top left, James Addington and John Chandler work on metal belt clips. Top center, Rene Gomez, who painted 12 murals for the San Antonio mayor, paints a picture from a photograph. Top right, Royce Remo works on a leather guitar strap.



Above, a wooden name plaque that was presented to Warden Tim Simmons by the inmates. His favorite recreational sport is represented by the golf cart and clubs. Below, a set of wooden dominoes inside a box with an inlaid name.



Above left, are rotating musical carousels crafted by Robert Robertson and Jerry Rottenberry. The horses will be painted to mimic life-sized carousel horses. At left is a wooden wall plaque that is about 12 inches in diameter. It was crafted by William Quinn and Diep Nguyen. At right, Zane Maxey chisels wooden pieces for a large jewelry box.

Story and photos by Kerri Smith

One of the rewards for obeying the rules at the Jordan Unit of the Pampa prison is being able to spend free time in the craftshop. This is an area that is set up as a workshop where each inmate has his own work station.

The prisoners have chosen a craft specialty that they excel in. A few examples of these are woodworking, painting and working with metal or leather.

According to Warden Tim Simmons, being able to work in the craftshop and remain on the "count sheet" for that room is a privilege. This can be taken away anytime the inmate breaks a rule or disobeys a guard.

If someone is taken off of this elite list, it is very difficult to get back on it. There is always a long list of names on a waiting list, just waiting for someone to mess up and lose their spot.

The prison does not pay for anything that is in the workshop. All of the tools and materials are paid for by the inmates themselves. This buying process can only begin by a family member or friend placing an original amount of money in a trust fund.

The inmate has to begin ordering the tools he will need to make the craft that he has chosen. This can be a long process in the beginning until he accumulates enough tools to begin working.

There are catalogs available for the inmates to look through and find what they need. Before the order is placed, the inmate's trust fund is checked to see if there are adequate funds. If enough money is in that account, the order is placed and the inmate pays for everything, including taxes and shipping. Once all of the materials are available, the inmate can begin the actual work.

Those doing woodworking make a variety of items. Desk name plaques can be made with a company emblem. Jewelry boxes can have inlaid names on the lid and felt interiors. Clocks can be made in the shape of football helmets with a favorite team's logo or a picture can be painted on the base of the clock from a photograph that is sent in. A set of wooden dominos along with a wooden carrying case is available. Rocking horses, either toy-sized or toddler-sized, can be made with a variety of stain options.

Leather items are also made by the inmates. Bible covers are a big request, which can

either be plain or have a picture painted on them. Belts and wallets can be very ornate with braids or conchos. Knife and cellular phone holders to fit on a belt, can be made also. A koozie made from leather will last longer than those from foam and a favorite cartoon character or sports team can be painted on as well.

The metal artists make belt buckles, money clips and name badges. Some of the guards from the prison wear name badges that the inmates have made.

The inmate sets a price on the item he has produced. When that item is delivered (by someone other than the inmate themselves), the money is collected and that amount is deposited into the inmate's trust fund. This gives the inmate more funds they can use to repeat this process of supply and demand.

One inmate said he has supported himself for 11 years by making and selling items. That gives him a sense of accomplishment that his family does not have to send him money.

All of the time spent in the craftshop is on the prisoner's free time. The normal job has to be complete first each day before he is allowed to go to the work area. Upon entering the shop, the inmate is patted down. Then, each inmate is strip-searched every time they leave the craftshop. When asked if this was humiliating, they all replied no because it is a small price to pay for doing something they love.

Each inmate has his own work area where his tools and supplies are locked up, since he has spent his own money on them. If he would like to share or loan out items, that is purely his decision.

The prison has never had trouble with tools or other items leaving the craftshop and getting out into the general population.

"The guys that have earned the right to come here don't want anything to jeopardize the time they get to spend in here, so they make sure nothing leaves this room," Simmons said. "If something bad occurred in the craftshop, the prisoners know we would shut it down immediately and they do not want that to happen."

People who can purchase items made from the inmates are prison employees, their family and friends.



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.

20th Century Study Club
Twentieth Century Study Club of Pampa met Dec. 12 at the home of Phyllis White.

White presented the Christmas program "Because of a Baby," and members participated in a gift exchange.

As part of an annual club tradition, donations were taken for the benefit of Tralee Crisis Center.

The next meeting is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the home of Nancy Coffee.



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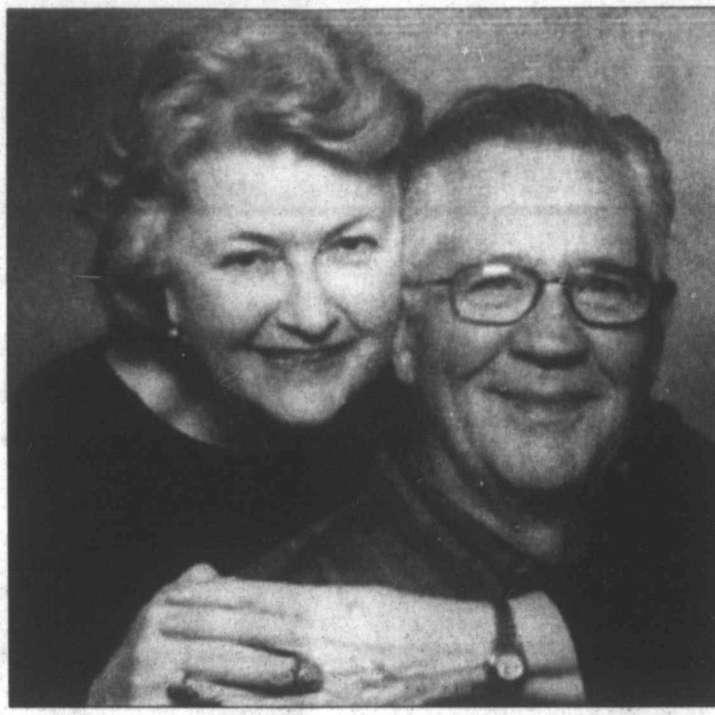
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson

FERGUSON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson of Haslet, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23 with a reception at their home for family and friends. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

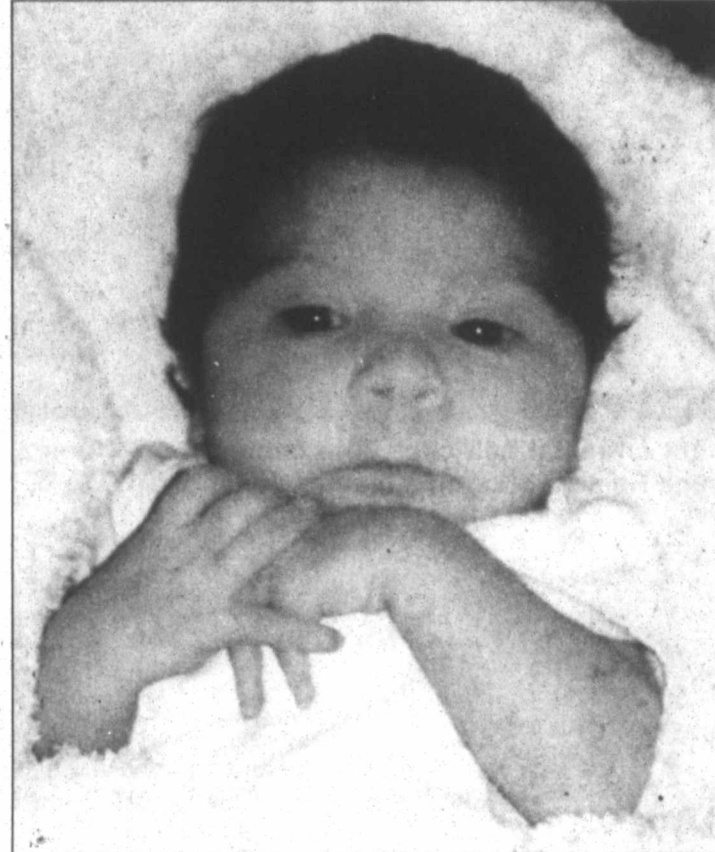
Jim Ferguson and the former Janice Spencer were married Oct. 10, 1956, at Raton, N.M., by the Rev. Truitt Stovall, a family friend.

Mr. Ferguson is retired from Lockheed Martin and has more than 20 years of service with SEDCO. While with SEDCO, the couple traveled all over the world.

Mrs. Ferguson retired from the banking industry, after more than 30 years of service.

They are the parents of Deborah and Randall Marbury of Maryland and Lydia and James Sigler of Arlington. They have two grandchildren.

Cradle call



Ithaca Athena Holmes

Ithaca Athena Holmes was born at 1:40 p.m. Nov. 14 at Southwestern Medical Center in Liberal, Kan., to Tyler and Pam Holmes of Guymon, Okla. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 3-ounces and was 21-inches long. This new arrival is the granddaughter of Maria Elena Baeza of Guymon, and Joe and Terri Holmes of Hugoton, Kan.; is the great-granddaughter of Larry and Darlene Holmes, and Aubrey and Mary McCord, all of Pampa; and is the great-great-granddaughter of Wiley Perkins.

Collector uses artifacts in decorating jobs

By JOHN GOODSPEED
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When Bert Mazac found another arrowhead at the

deer lease, he used to toss it in the cup holder of his pickup, where it bounced around until he chunked it into a plastic bag with the rest and slammed them into a drawer

at his home in China Grove.

Then he met Lori Timberlake, who had a better idea of how to treat the ancient tools — and informed Mazac that a tiny chip out of one of his "perfect" points may have cost him \$9,000.

"And I'm the one who chipped it," he said with a shrug and a smile. "She said it was 10,000 years old and would have been worth \$10,000.

"Before they were just rocks. Now Lori's got me putting them in tissue, wrapping them up all nice and neat, storing them in film cans ..."

That's not all Timberlake is doing.

She is turning artifacts into art by using real pieces to make arrows, spears, tomahawks and knives, and she hooked Mazac and hundreds of others on turning their finds into one-of-a-kind displays that grace walls throughout Texas.

While her mainstay is making weapons from her own artifacts, she also custom builds them from customers' finds, pulling them out of dusty boxes and making them into conversation pieces that not only turn heads but honor the men and women who chipped the stone tools that carved out their existence thousands of years ago.

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Newsmakers

FORT WORTH — Daniel Kirkpatrick was recently awarded a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Kirkpatrick graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and from Hardin-Simmons University in 2004. He is the son of Reed and Chris Kirkpatrick of Pampa and is the husband of Michelle Kirkpatrick.

Two hundred and fifty-seven graduates earned degrees during commencement at Fort Worth's Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Matthew Franklin McComas of Pampa earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration this fall from Kansas State University.

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Continuation of the shut down in drilling wells of the Marland-Pinley pool and in the LeFors area for another 60 days was indicated an hour after the opening of a meeting attended by representatives of major oil companies although no vote had been taken on the matter.

At the opening of the meeting H. M. Stalcup, vice-president of the Skelly Oil company, read telegrams from about 50 operators favoring a 90-day shut-down. The substance of most of the messages was that they could see no reason why operators should not forego drilling of a single well in the county except those that should be drilled in to protect their own property.

Mr. McKean of the McKean Oil and Gas company stated that he wanted the approval of the operators to bring in two wells in the Coombe-Worley area but if this approval was not given he said his company would feel compelled to drill them in anyway. Completion of the two wells would necessitate the bringing in of two wells by Operators Oil company and two by Magnolia Oil and Refining company. These six wells are the only ones of the 27 that were affected in the first shut-down. They are the only offsets that have not been completed in the central area.

Stalcup said that the probable crude demand estimated by the Mid-Continent oil association is 660,000 barrels and that the production is now down to that figure. He stated that proration is working with a vengeance in Oklahoma fields and in California.

Prediction that the oil shut-down in Gray county, leading county from standpoint of production in the Panhandle, would be continued for another month was made today by H. M. Stalcup of Tulsa, chairman of the meeting to decide the matter.

However, proration was not considered likely and was declared impracticable in this granite wash area. And while the decrease in daily production during the last month had not been as large as expected, Mr. Stalcup said this severe well drilled in were necessary, and that the program as outlined a month ago had been carried out.

It was declared that no wells should be drilled in unnecessarily now, since pipelines are flowing to near capacity, storage is full, and the supply meets demand.

Mr. Stalcup emphasized, however, that he considered the oil situation in the United States as the healthiest in recent years. He said shut-down programs in this country are holding back 300,000 barrels daily of the oil flood, and potentially much more of flush production.

Mr. Stalcup is vice-president in charge of production of the Skelly Oil company.

THE WEATHER VANE
WEST TEXAS: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably rain or snow in south portion; somewhat colder tonight.

—AND A SMILE
NEW YORK (AP)—A blonde Norwegian girl, who immigrated recently and got a job as chamber maid, is in the social register for a year at least. The latest issue notes that Miss Adelaide Ingebreten was married to William W. Willock, Sr., at Oyster Bay Nov. 6. Willock, Sr., steel magnate, has forgiven the elopers and presented them a house on his estate. The register omits Mr. and Mrs. James J. Tunney, whose marriage it noted last year. It mentions Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Can. — Franklin earned degree from State students cement.

Girls Forced Down Second Time



The second attempt of Miss Elinor Smith and Miss Bobby Trout to set a new record for refueling flights ended in failure today due to lack of fuel. The upper picture shows a refueling in practice maneuvers. In the circle Miss Smith, left, and Miss Trout are examining the refueling funnel. And below is Miss Trout in the cabin of the "Sunbeam", showing how the girls slept on top of the big gas tank.

FARRIS' FUNERAL BEING HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH—NATIVE COUNTRYMEN ARE PALLBEARERS

Bodenhamer Now in Fort Worth As Guest of Texans

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BYRD FLYING OVER POLE ON LONG EFFORT

Tri-Motored Plane Is Being Used for Flight

RECORD WILL BE SET IF SUCCESS

Stars and Stripes Will Be Set at Bottom of World

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (AP)—The New York Times, with St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the newspapers affiliated with them in publishing reports from Commander Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic expedition today announced that Commander Byrd started from his base Little America in the Antarctic at 3:29 o'clock yesterday afternoon (10:29 p. m. New York time) on a 1,500-mile flight to the south pole and back.

Commander Byrd, who is flying with Bert Balchen as pilot with Harold Gougeon as radio operator and Captain McKinney as photographer in the big tri-motored airplane he took to the Antarctic, expects to be in direct communication throughout the flight with the New York Times radio station in New York, as well as with his base, and will report his progress as he goes. If all is well with him, he should return to his base before twenty-four hours have elapsed.

Planning to carry the stars and stripes to the bottom of the world by air as he already has carried them by sea, Commander Byrd is expected to fly out on Thanksgiving day to Byrd set out on Thanksgiving day to fly across the south pole just as summer approached the vast Antarctic continent.

The flight recalled his own flight in May, 1926, in the tri-motored Fokker airplane, the Miss Josephine Ford, from King's Bay, 30 Spitzbergen, across the pole and return in 15 hours and 30 minutes. The round trip was 1,800 miles. A trip in Arctic spring line about the same distance as the flight on which he is engaged today over icy wastes and mountains.

He is the first to fly to the north pole and the only one to fly across it in a heavier than air machine. Two dirigibles, the Norge and the Italia, cruised later above the pole, which was discovered April 6, 1909, by Admiral Robert E. Peary, American, in a sledge expedition.

Commander Byrd is the first to attempt the flight above the south pole although both he and Captain Sir George Hubert Wilkins previously last year used airplanes in flights over Antarctica. The south pole was reached first by Ronald Amundsen, Norwegian, Dec. 14, 1911, and a few days later by Captain Robert F. Scott, British, both using overland methods of travel.

Weather Is Due to Be Sub-Zero

CHICAGO, Nov. 29 (AP)—Below zero weather was the prophecy ventured for tonight by the weather man as most of the Middle West shivered to work this morning in the biting cold.

Duluth, Minn., had 14 below as there were severe snowstorms in Central Illinois, parts of Iowa and South Dakota.

The sub-zero weather claimed its first life in Racine, Wis., today. The frozen body of Nick Smolinski, 45, was found in a field in a sparsely settled section of the city.

LAREDO, Nov. 29 (AP)—A thirty-five year sentence in the state penitentiary has been assessed against Felipe Zuniga, Mexican customs agent, as his penalty for the death of Benito Ramon, killed last Sept. 24 when Zuniga rode his horse across the Rio Grande and fired several shots in Laredo. He was convicted yesterday.

Prohibition Invades 'Wettest City'



Prohibition is now attempting to gain a foothold in Juarez, Mexico, the "wettest city in the world." Thousands of Juarez school children celebrated the anniversary of the Madero revolution the other day with parades and demonstrations against alcohol, as part of President Kirtland's prohibition campaign throughout the nation. This picture shows Juarez girls with an anti-saloon banner they carried at the head of the procession, down 14th of September street, which has more saloons per block than any other street in the world. The saloons closed during the parade.

TRY FOR NEW REFUELING MARK BY GIRL FLIERS FAILS TODAY WITH SUPPLY OF FUEL GONE

Bonds Forfeited When Defendants Fail to Appear

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29 (AP)—The second attempt of Bobbie Trout of Los Angeles and Elinor Smith of New York to establish a new record for endurance flight here failed today when lack of fuel forced them to land their plane at 3:45 a. m. They had been in the air 42 hours and 20 minutes.

It was their second attempt within a week to better the record of 420 hours, 21 minutes, 58 seconds held by Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien of St. Louis.

The 42 hours and 5 minutes is a record for women, however, as they are the first women fliers to make a refueling endurance flight.

The girl fliers made a perfect landing, and said they were feeling fine after two days and nearly two nights in the air. Both expressed keen disappointment because of their inability to replenish their gasoline supply before dark last night.

Flight officials announced the motor of the endurance plane would be given an overhauling today, and present plans are for the girls to take off tomorrow for a third attempt to set a record.

WINTER COMES BACK—SNOW IS LIKELY TONIGHT

Winter, which sent her cold breath before her to make Thanksgiving a cool day, arrived in person this morning, sending the thermometer to near freezing and scattering bits of snow.

Other parts of the Southwest experienced sleet and snow, and west weather was the portion of the Middle Western states.

DALLAS, Nov. 29 (AP)—After a balmy Thanksgiving day, sections of North and West Texas today felt effects of a cold wave that gripped the Rocky Mountain and Great Lake regions.

A renewal of last week's snow fall around the Berger section was reported and the weather bureau here predicted a similar condition for other sections tonight. The thermometer was still above the freezing mark, but the cold, wet weather of the season was forecast for North Texas tomorrow, which would drop the temperature considerable below 32 degrees.

TWO DEATHS DUE TO COLD ARE REPORTED

Duluth, Minn., Claims Temperature of 26 Below

RECORD COLD FELT IN OHIO

Snow in Kansas and Denver Is Falling Today

CHICAGO, Nov. 29 (AP)—Bleak winter, arrived before his time, waved a cold blue hand over the central states today and signaled a numb world into a huddle about stoves and radiators.

Mercury shrank to zero regions, resting there despite a brilliant November sun, and showed every indication of slipping down to even lower levels tonight.

One man was frozen to death in Wisconsin and another in Toledo, and the death of a baby in Chicago was attributed to heart disease superinduced by the cold.

Duluth, Minn., for the second successive day was the coldest spot on this side of the Canadian border and again White River, Ontario, was the coldest in the government weather map with a minimum of 26 degrees below zero. It was 16 below at Duluth, while Devil's Lake, N. D., reported 12 below; St. Paul six below; Winnipeg 20 below; Moorhead, Minn., 12 below; Milwaukee, four below; Chicago 11 above zero; 6 below at Charles City, Ia., and 2 above at Des Moines.

The body of Nick Smolinski, 45, was found frozen in Racine, Wis. He had wandered from his home without an overcoat.

Six-month-old Caroline Samel died in her mother's arms after an automobile ride. Physicians said the zero weather here induced the fatal heart attack.

Police stations in Chicago sheltered 700 homeless men. The temperature was expected to drop to 6 below zero.

FORCED DOWN HERE

Growing foginess caused a huge tri-motored Western Air Express monoplane to come to earth during the noon hour here today.

After telephoning to the Amarillo airport and learning that there was very low visibility there, the pilots decided to await developments here. Although they offered the five passengers the alternative of going to Amarillo by bus and taking a train to Albuquerque, the air travelers decided to stick by the plane as long as possible in the hope that continuation by air would be possible.

Increasing cold was noted, but little snow was encountered between Wichita, Kans., and Pampa. Delay here was expected to cause failure to make plane connections at Albuquerque, but the pilots and passengers agreed that safety was the best policy. The plane is one of the largest ever landed at the local airport.

here tonight. Thermometer readings of zero to four below were reported from the suburbs.

Thief River Falls, Minn., claimed the unofficial cold record, reporting 28 below zero.

Temperatures were near freezing today in portions of Missouri and Southern Illinois following snowfall of more than six inches yesterday. At Hannibal, Mo., the mercury dropped 4 below zero, and the mercury touched 5 above zero, and in the St. Louis district 9 degrees was recorded the coldest in years for November.

Ohio's coldest November blizzard since 1887 claimed two lives last night and today, one freezing and the other by fire.

Dazed by the cold and storm, Joseph Wesch, 53, of Toledo, fell behind a billboard and froze to death, less than 30 feet from the warmth of his sister's home.

Near Xenia, Mrs. Minerva Smith, 75, a semi-invalid, burned to death when fire destroyed her farm home. The

(See COLD WAVE, page 6.)

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MEETINGS, PSAs

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.
CPF, Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area.
Dialogue, The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month.
High Plains Epilepsy Ass'n. High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.
Hospice Hope Series. Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m., the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
HOSPICELINK. Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care.
Miracle Ear. Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children.
MSAA. A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.
MS SOCIETY. The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month.
National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our family owns a bar in a resort community. I run it, along with my mom and two of my sisters. Added to that mix is one of my brothers-in-law, "Jeff." Jeff is the problem. Jeff manages the bar some nights, and he is becoming increasingly difficult to work with. He does a good job of managing in most areas. However, he is impossible to talk to. At the ripe old age of 26, he has become a know-it-all. If he thinks he's being criticized, he becomes combative, bossy or defensive. He is also very sensitive, and frankly, very immature. I understand that Jeff loves our business and is dedicated to his job, but the problem is the way he talks over everyone. He also likes to hold his position over employees, and his refusal to listen to what others have to say is making an impossible situation. If he wasn't a part of the family, he would not be working here in his current capacity. I have tried explaining that he must choose his words more carefully, and that he needs to listen and be a part of the team rather than always "the boss," but nothing gets through. I'm reluctant to upset the natural balance of our family or hurt Jeff or my sister, but something must be done. We're losing good employees and customers because of his attitude. What can I do? — **TRYING TO SAVE THE BUSINESS**

DEAR TRYING: You have failed to recognize that "the business" is an entirely separate entity from "the family," and must be treated as such. What you might tolerate from a family member is not always acceptable in business. Because, I assume, your family's livelihood depends upon the business, you have a duty to nurture it and, if necessary, prune away anything that might threaten it. My advice is to call a meeting of your "shareholders" and stage an intervention with your brother-in-law. Make it plain that there must be an attitude adjustment effective immediately, or, much as you care about him, he will have to find other employment. Then act accordingly. Business is business.

DEAR ABBY: What do you do when your partner is verbally abusive? When he gets mad at me, he calls me a racially insulting name, and I'm not even black. I'm Hispanic. I wasn't raised to talk to anyone like that, and it really bothers me that my partner feels that way about them and me. What am I supposed to do? — **LISA IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR LISA: Your partner is not only a verbal abuser, it appears he is also a bigot. What you are "supposed to do" is dump him, because the person you have described cannot control his mouth and never learned how to express his emotions on an adult level. He will make your life miserable if you continue to allow it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a cleaning lady. My customers are like family to me. If I ever found drugs, cigarettes or alcohol in a minor's bedroom, I would inform the parents. Recently, however, I found used condoms and a homemade "used" sex toy. I do not know what to do. The boys are approximately 8 and 12. The older one was involved with pornography both on the cable TV and on the Internet. His parents handled it with therapy and locks on the TV and computer. Do I turn a blind eye and mind my own business? Even with drugs and alcohol, should I look the other way? Any advice would be helpful. — **CLEANING LADY IN N.Y.**

DEAR CLEANING LADY: For a 12-year-old boy to have sexual urges is not unusual. However, because this one was sexualized early and has a younger brother, it would be a good idea to mention what you found to their father and let him handle it from there. As to drugs and alcohol, possession of both by a minor is illegal and the parents should definitely be informed if the child is abusing either.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY MUSLIM READERS: A happy Eid Al Adha to you all.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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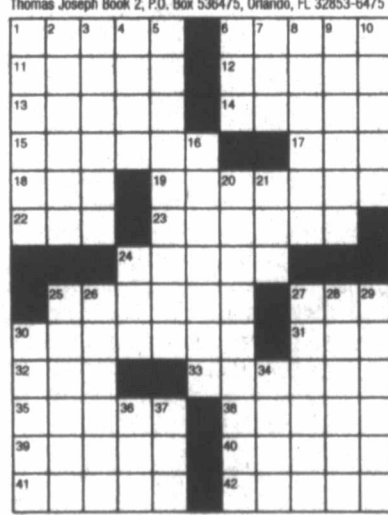
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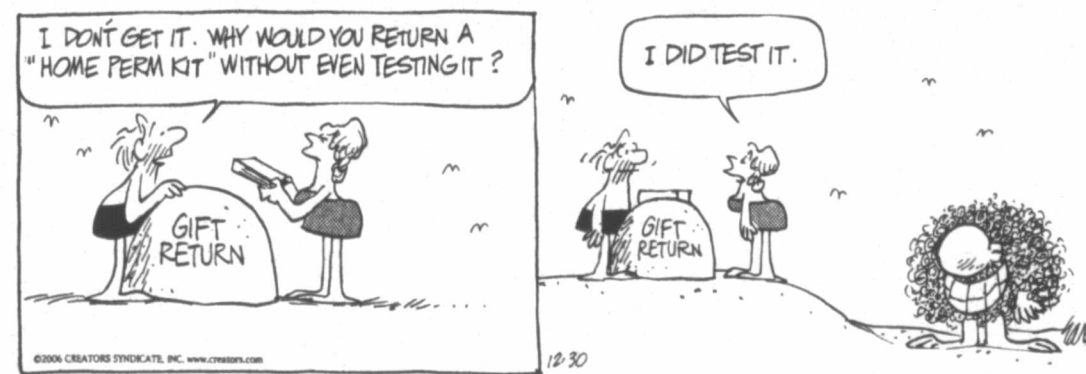


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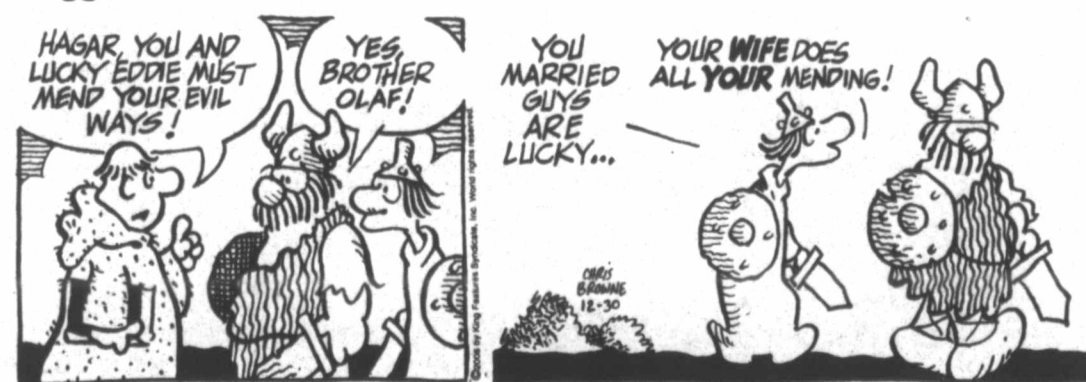
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Hip-hop car stunt claims at least 2 lives

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — “Ghost riding the whip” — a stunt in which a driver gets out of his car and dances around and on top of the slowly moving vehicle to a thumping hip-hop beat — has gotten at least two people killed, led to numerous injuries and alarmed police on the West Coast and beyond.

A fad among devotees of a West Coast strain of hip-hop music called “hyphy,” the stunt has been celebrated in song and performed in numerous homemade videos posted on YouTube.

“It did not take Einstein to look at this thing and say this was a recipe for disaster,” said Pete Smith, a police spokesman in Stockton. “We could see the potential for great injury or death.”

Earlier this month, Davender Gulley, a ghost-riding 18-year-old, died after his head slammed into a parked car while he was hanging out the window of

an SUV in Stockton, police said. In October, a 36-year-old man dancing on top of a moving car fell off, hit his head and died in what authorities said was Canada’s first ghost riding fatality.

The stunt has also led to numerous minor injuries.

Hyphy was born in the San Francisco Bay cities of Oakland, Richmond and Vallejo in the late 1990s, and devotees often hold late-night car rallies called “sideshowes” where crowds perform risky stunts, including ghost riding.

“Ghost riding” refers to the absence of a driver. “The whip” is urban slang for your car. Typically, the driver drops the car into neutral and dances around and on top of the vehicle while it inches forward.

Sometimes it is a solo act; sometimes a half-dozen or more passengers get out and dance, too. The stunt is usually performed late at night.

Ready for pick up



Pampa News Photo by MARILYN POWERS

The City of Pampa will begin cleaning up the tree limbs placed by the curb on residential streets after the first of the year. Residents are reminded to not put limbs in alleyways. Parks were first on the list to be cleared due to safety issues.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006:

Actions will count more than words this birthday year. Others will be amazed at your ability to translate concepts into reality. You might make some important money decisions, yet, at the same time, be overwhelmed. Be careful that money doesn't slip through your hands (yes, you). What seems like a good idea often might be the inverse. If you are single, you could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. You could be surprised at what the universe presents. If you are attached, emphasize the nurturing quality of your bond. GEMINI pushes you to your limit.

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) ★★★★★ Wish the many people in your life a happy New Year's. You also might collect an interesting story or two to share. Options surround you. If overwhelmed, stop. Don't try to cram everything in. Tonight: A meaningful talk. This Week: The Full Moon tosses reality on you. Ouch!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be willing to expend energy, effort and money to make this new year special. Look back with a mellow perspective on what life has presented. Someone at a distance expresses his or her caring. Let this person know if it is mutual. Tonight: Treat someone to bubbles. This Week: Your words are powerful. Don't be surprised if you get strong reactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You peak as the year ends. Help others walk through a transition. Someone expresses deep caring in a way that means the world to you. You might be more instrumental to others' well-being than you are aware of. Tonight: All smiles. This Week: Monday and Thursday are

your strong suit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Take your time. If you want to play the next few days, do just that. Often, you are more responsive than you need to be. A partner will want to vanish with you. The person, not the plans, is important. Tonight: Quietly wave in the year.

This Week: The Full Moon in your sign could signal new beginnings in relationships in general.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ As anticipated, you are the center of the party. Understand the role you play, and give 100 percent. Your nurturing helps many open up and share. Help someone work through sadness by encouraging this person to view the situation differently. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Your life becomes like a roller coaster. Strap yourself in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ When others might run and leave many in the lurch, you won't. Though you might not be thrilled by the weight you are carrying on your shoulders, you do it well. Ask yourself if you don't feel better when helping. Tonight: A major force in greeting 2007.

This Week: Except for Thursday, you are on top of your game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your imagination fires up others' creativity. Though you might be on an imaginative ride, let thoughts flow. Someone, be it a child or friend, cannot get enough of you. How do you feel about this intensity? Tonight: Watch and enjoy.

This Week: Read through the words. That is the first step to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your connection to a key person in your life makes a huge difference in what goes down. Your sincerity comes through. Right now, you might not be as conscious of the practical side of life as you think you are. Tonight: Kiss the new year in.

This Week: Plans change rapidly. Flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others clearly want to dominate and control events. Why not let them? Know that you are walking into a new life and luck cycle. Let your feelings float, and share more of yourself. Extremes evolve, in all senses of the word. Tonight: Say “yes.”

This Week: Financial questions emerge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your actions and decisions define not only your day but quite possibly the next few months. Be willing to change plans and adapt for someone else. You might be overwhelmed with all the celebrating. Tonight: Easy works.

This Week: Others could be quite challenging. You could also relax and watch what happens.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Share more of what you consider to be your far-out thoughts. You might be surprised by friends and loved ones. You might feel like you have an either/or choice. Actually, your job might be how to find a way for both options to exist. Tonight: Celebrate in grand style.

This Week: You feel tossed into strong feelings and demands. Don't try to control events.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Make it OK to say “enough.” Perhaps you have been celebrating way too much. Some Fish might prefer a homey few days with loved ones. A parent or older relative means well but could be pushy. Say “no” if need be. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

This Week: You still seem to be carrying the holiday season in your heart.

BORN TODAY
Artist Henri Matisse (1869), singer Donna Summer (1948), actor Val Kilmer (1959)

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Small schools fading away along with rural populations

BASSETT, Neb. (AP) — Twenty-five miles off the main highway, deep in a cradle of sand dunes bound together by prairie grass, a one-lane ribbon of asphalt southeast of town ends abruptly at a barbed-wire fence. Cattle roam on one side, and on the other sits a school that's in danger of becoming a relic in this wide-open, north-central Nebraska region that is among the most sparsely populated in the country.

In teacher Nickie Ebert's classroom, she tells a second-grade boy, “Treat people the way you'd want to be treated.” She doesn't fight for his attention; only two other pupils are in her class — a kindergartner and a third grader. Teacher Staci Shafer, working in the school's only other classroom, also has perfect attendance on this fall day: two girls — an eighth grader and a fourth grader.

Those five children comprise the total student body at the 120-year-old Pony Lake School.

Class photos in an album chronicle the school's past and may give a clue to the future.

In 1988, there were 23 faces; 16 three years later; 14 in 1995.

“There's always concern we're going to close,” Shafer said.

Shafer and many rural Nebraskans for years have watched people leave, businesses dry up and the number of farms and ranches dwindle. In some places, small schools are among the few remaining symbols of vitality and community identity, providing hope for the future while acting as reminders of the past. An anomaly in some states, they remain a pillar of education systems in some, like Nebraska and Montana, that have remote regions where cattle have long outnumbered people.

But populations in rural areas of those and other states are dipping to levels where there are few, and sometimes no students to teach. A school in the same county as Pony Lake shut down this year when its attendance dropped to a lone student.

In Montana, small country schools are drying up like the state's drought-plagued pastures. About a hundred have closed over the last decade and “the rate of decrease has accelerated,” said Claudette Morton, director of the Montana Small Schools Alliance.

When Kim Olind attended Alzada school in southeastern Montana in the late 1970s, there were about 20 kids. This year, for the first time, the school didn't open.

“It's sad,” said Olind, president of the school board.

Montana has more one-room schools — commonly defined as those with just one teacher and the smallest subset of country schools — than any other state in the country, according to Neenah Ellis, an author and radio producer who spent a year researching one-room schools. Nebraska is second.

“Everywhere I went,” Ellis said of her cross-country trip visiting small schools, “(closing) was either of great concern or was definitely on people's radar.”

About 24,000 one-room schools existed in 1959; 840 in 1984. Ellis

estimates about 300 remain.

Some small schools are fighting more than dwindling population.

After years of debate about their plight, the Nebraska Legislature last year voted to dissolve Pony Lake and other elementary-only districts and merge them with adjoining K-12 districts. The law didn't close the schools, but instead gave the boards of the larger districts that absorbed the elementary-only districts the choice of whether they should close.

Supporters of the schools reacted emotionally to passage of the law, and voters repealed it Nov. 7. But whether the districts will come back is in limbo.

That's because the districts were dissolved months before the November vote. Small-schools supporters recently complained in court that doing away with the districts before the vote violated their due process and voting rights. A judge disagreed, citing the fact that supporters failed to get enough signatures to suspend the law. That decision was appealed and the state Legislature is expected to revisit the controversial issue of whether to recreate the districts.

Supporters of the merger argued the schools were too expensive, inefficient and K-12 boards should decide their fates. In some places, where such schools exist closer to towns, some alleged white families used them to segregate their children from Hispanics.

Ron Raikes, the state senator who introduced the controversial law, cited statistics showing some K-12 districts in towns with large Hispanic populations had hundreds of students who spoke English as a second language while outlying elementary-only schools had few or none.

And U.S. Rep. Tom Osborne said during his unsuccessful bid for governor that he had seen “cases where the cause of segregation has been advanced” by the small schools.

Supporters tout the attention children get in the tiny schools. But the attention can be expensive.

The average, per-pupil cost of educating students in Nebraska is roughly \$8,500, according to the state education department. By comparison, the per-pupil cost at Pony Lake was nearly \$13,300 last year.

Another school that recently closed in the same county had per-pupil costs of more than \$18,000.

Raikes said there is no data to show that students in the small schools fare any better academically than their urban counterparts.

Trudy Nolles, whose fourth-grade daughter Katie attends Pony Lake, is among a group of parents who are convinced their children excel because of the intimate learning environments where teacher-to-student ratios are often several times lower than national averages, students are exposed to lessons for higher grade levels and sometimes help younger children learn.

“I don't mean to brag, but (Katie) is a fourth-grader reading on a ninth-grade level,” Nolles said.

Horoscopes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 1, 2007:

This year you are like a cat with nine lives. No matter what happens, you keep coming back. Just don't go to the extreme and test your feline powers! You have the ability to accomplish a lot this year. Approach your daily life with an even better sense of organization. Don't allow your frustration to invade your relationships. Exercise or meditate, but find a stress outlet. If you are single, you might not meet “the one” this year, but you will have a good time anyway. You have a lot going on. If you are attached, amplify the nurturing, and love will grow. A GEMINI could be hard to work with, as they are so different from you.

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) ★★★★★ Communication and “doing” mark your style. What a great day to touch base with the many people you care about! Someone who crosses your path might be difficult. Maybe this person had a bad New Year's Eve! Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be a touch too aware of recent costs. Though it might be important to keep your budget in mind, don't let it ruin the good times surrounding today. People want to relate. Talk resolutions. Talk sports. Catch up on news. Tonight: No wild risks!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Someone could be challenging. Accept that others don't always see life through your eyes. Enjoy yourself

and bring many of the special people in your life together. A discussion could get more serious than you intended. Tonight: Be the star, and radiate caring.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Take your time making decisions. If your inclination is to stay close to home, do so. If you are exhausted, you won't be much of an asset and won't enjoy yourself. Tonight: Think early bedtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Accept invitations that involve being around crowds, friends and people. The Lion always flourishes in this type of atmosphere, even more so right now. Lighten up. Consider giving up your very serious tone of late!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Others seek you out. Your opinions and leadership might be requested. You have what it takes to meet demands or help others. An older relative could feel like a burden. Imagine what it feels like to be him or her! Tonight: A force wherever you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Much that goes on could be only in your mind. What people say could spin off into a wild mental scenario. Hop in the car and visit a pal at a distance. A friend might be more demanding than he or she realizes. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Accepting that you are not the only force might be difficult but absolutely necessary to your enjoyment. Sometimes you push people a lot harder than you realize. Schedule quality time with a special person. Tonight: As soon as you can be a duo, go for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Curb aggressiveness or frustration. You might not be able to work out your feelings today. Try to detach and see life with a complete perspective. Sort through invitations. Love the people you are with. Tonight: Could be another late one!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ If you fizzle and have no more energy, make that OK. Though someone might be disappointed that you aren't a bundle of energy, you cannot help it. Snooze, relax and watch TV. Field calls, as you might not even want to talk. Tonight: Early bedtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your frisky nature earmarks your actions and thoughts. Others might feel as if they are dealing with a 2-year-old. You might not care, but someone you care about might choose to distance himself. Stay centered, if possible. Tonight: Let the halls ring with laughter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Many invitations head in your direction. Your phone might be ringing incessantly. Choose to play it low-key and close to home. If you want to, invite a friend or two over, but cut the great extravaganzas. Tonight: Try for an early bedtime.

BORN TODAY
Flag maker Betsy Ross (1752), boxer Rocky Graziano (1922), author J.D. Salinger (1919)

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F-68 Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2006

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Poll: Most of us love our TV, but not same shows as spouses

NEW YORK (AP) — As you sink into your couch to watch a favorite TV show this holiday weekend, take comfort in the knowledge that you're not alone. Nationally speaking, at least. Unity within your own home is another matter entirely.

A majority of Americans got hooked on a TV show this year, an AP-AOL News poll shows. But some say they watch their favorite shows alone: Their spouse or partner is into much different fare.

Is it nature, or nurture? All Betty Cave knows is that while she's into those attractive young doctors on "Grey's Anatomy," with their interweaving social and professional lives, her husband likes "'Star Trek,' 'Battlestar Galactica' and some other things that I've never heard tell of." She often watch-

es her shows, which she TiVos, at 5 a.m.

The same goes for films. Cave, 43, a real estate agent in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and her husband go out to a movie four or five times a year. While he likes science fiction, she prefers romances like "Walk the Line," the Johnny Cash biopic.

"He's off in his own little world," Cave says with a laugh, tracing the divide to the time she took him to see the 1995 tearjerker "The Bridges of Madison County" with Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. "That," she says, "was the breaking point!"

The poll found that 71 percent of American adults saw at least one movie in a theater this year, and the average was about five movies. Young adults went more often than older adults, and those in the West saw more movies

on average — seven — than in other regions.

As for TV, most Americans felt there was nothing special about the shows out this year — yet 58 percent said they got hooked on one. For women, the top show was "Grey's Anatomy," which often tops the weekly Nielsen ratings. For men, it was "House," with the curmudgeonly Hugh Laurie, on Fox. High on the overall list were "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI: Miami."

That doesn't surprise Joe Vescera of San Francisco, a huge CSI fan — "I've seen 'em all," he says. His wife, Monica, prefers comedies. He likes horror; she doesn't. "I tried getting her to watch 'Saw,'" he says. "She wouldn't." Instead, she watches ABC's "Ugly Betty," a hit of the new season. Vescera clearly doesn't love the show. "It's OK," he says,

"but to me, it seems senseless, in a way." Luckily, he has a different work schedule from his wife, so their tastes can coexist easily.

That's not an issue for Deborah Martin, 23, of Lovingson, Va. and her partner, Joshua. "We like the same stuff," she says. After work, the two will often turn on "Heroes," NBC's new hit, or "Day Break," the Taye Diggs drama ABC has now pulled from its schedule. "We enjoy sitting down, eating together and watching," she says.

Tim Peterson, a chiropractor in Amarillo, Texas, is partial to serial suspense dramas — especially Fox's "24" — but, he says, "I have to pay attention to make sure it doesn't rule my life." Peterson, 37, also watches "Prison Break" and "Survivor," and tapes "The Office" and "My Name is Earl."

Lions Club



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The Lions Club raised \$2,089 this year for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign by ringing bells and singing at Wal Mart. The Lions decided to match the funds raised, so they donated an additional \$2,089. Presenting the check to Capt. Mark Martin of the Salvation Army, right, is Lions Club President Greg Brown.

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Decorate

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"Lori's craft glorifies the ancients, takes them to a higher level than an arrowhead sitting on a shelf or in a shadow box," said Tony Raggio of Canyon Lake, one of the top artifact authenticators in the state. He writes a certificate of authenticity for each of Timberlake's pieces that includes details right down to the craftsmanship of its maker.

"She's the only one in the country who has her authen-

tic artifacts certified and papered," said Raggio, who believes Comanche blood runs in his lineage. "The people who made those stones would love to see them glorified the way she does it."

Timberlake, a Spring Branch resident who also breeds birds, attaches the stones to stained oak dowels and decorates her pieces with a variety of feathers, leathers and hides, from Rio Grande turkey and pheasant to buffalo, mink and rattlesnake.

Most are mounted on weathered wood for display.

"I would say mine are more along the lines of the

ceremonial pieces but not at all fashioned after that. This is my own style I came up with, and no two pieces are alike," said Timberlake, who is part Choctaw but not a tribal member.

She began collecting arrowheads — or artifacts, as collectors call them, because only the tiny pieces are arrowheads, and the most common ones are spear points — about 17 years ago but never thought of using them as art until she decided to change her home decor to a Western motif.

An interior decorator who took time off to raise her two children, she visited a number of stores before deciding to build her own furniture, including boxes and small tables, a large dining room table and a weathered-wood television armoire complete with a tin roof that would look more at home on the range.

As for the American Indian stuff for sale, "they had these really fake looking points, tempura paints, store-bought feathers," she said. "Most of the things I was seeing looked cheesy, like these little kids' play toys."

"Then I started thinking about all these artifacts I have. And all these feathers. And I just started making them myself."

Visitors to her home marveled at them. She sold two to a friend in June 2003. Then more wanted them.


By the fall of 2004, she was cranking them out and hitting the craft shows and American Indian powwows.

Now a single mother, she's been making a living with her art ever since and has expanded her markets to prestigious Western events including Red Steagall's Cowboy Gathering, outdoor shows such as the Hunters Extravaganza and the annual, glitzy fundraisers of the Texas Deer Association and the Texas Wildlife Association.

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