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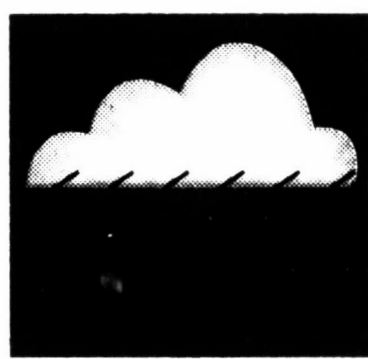
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**Canned good sorters needed**

**PAMPA** — The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to sort canned goods received during its food drive slated to begin Dec. 18. Volunteers involved in this Christmas assistance program sort the canned food items prior to packaging and distribution.

**Millionaire gets life in ex-wife's slaying**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — A millionaire businessman convicted of arranging the murder of his ex-wife while she was home with her toddler quadruplets was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado gave Allen Blackthorne two life prison terms, fined him \$250,000 and ordered him to pay \$17,000 restitution for his role in the death of Sheila Bellush, who was shot and whose throat was slit in her Sarasota, Fla., home in 1997.

After the killing, two of Bellush's 2-year-old quadruplets by her second husband were found crawling in her blood. Blackthorne has maintained his innocence.

Under federal guidelines, Blackthorne had to be sentenced to life in prison for his July convictions on charges of interstate conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and interstate domestic violence.

But his daughter and former sister-in-law, wanting to be sure, made pleas to Prado before the punishment was announced.

- Pearl Porter Dickinson, 92, artist, former art teacher
- Eloise Kitto, 90, former owner, operator of Pampa News Stand
- Clinton Eugene Wright, 32, United Supermarket employee in Oklahoma

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## Nurses, doctor testify in tot death trial

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

**AMARILLO** — More nurses and a doctor from the Hemphill County hospital were expected to take the stand today in the capital murder trial of Leland Milburn, 24, who's accused of killing his girlfriend's baby boy in Canadian in 1999.

Nurses from the hospital emergency room and Dr. Valerie Verbi are expected to testify on the condition of 2-year-old Brendan Tyler Brown when his body was brought to the hospital the morning of May 25, 1999.

Thursday's testimony ended with Linda Berryman, a paramedic at the hospital, telling the court that when Canadian insurance salesman Jimmy Floyd arrived carrying Brendan Brown's body, he gave her the baby's body, and she took it into the emergency room.

Berryman said rigor mortis had already set in. "The child's body was stiff, cold and apparently had been dead for quite some time," Berryman said.

Earlier Thursday afternoon, Floyd testified that he called 911 and went to Milburn's home after his wife said she heard someone crying for help that May morning.

Floyd said he and a woman that he didn't know performed CPR on the baby. When the baby failed to respond, Floyd said he turned to the baby's great-grand-

**Robi Simpson emotionally identified a photo of Brendon Brown's body lying on a gurney at the hospital.**

**"I loved him with all my heart," Simpson said of her nephew.**

mother Bobbie Simpson and told her they should take the baby to the hospital. Floyd said he carried the baby while Simpson drove her pickup.

Testimony started Thursday afternoon with Robi Simpson, Brendan Brown's aunt.

Robi Simpson emotionally identified a photograph of Brendan Brown's body lying on a gurney at the hospital. "I loved him with all my heart," Simpson said of her nephew.

Simpson said she picked up Brendan and his mother Caryn Brown about 5:45 p.m. May 21, took Caryn to work and drove around the next two hours with Brendan and a friend, Danielle Ishmael. At 8 p.m.,

Simpson took Brendan to Leland Milburn's mother, Sandra Milburn. She said that was the last time she saw Brendan alive.

Simpson said she saw her cousin Caryn Brown about midnight at a local convenience store. Simpson said Brown was driving Simpson's car. Simpson was at the convenience store drinking Southern Comfort with friends when she saw Caryn, she said. Simpson admitted that Caryn was a regular user of drugs.

At the time of Brendan's death, Simpson said she was on probation in connection with \$12,000 stolen from her mother. She also said she had just returned from a rehabilitation center because of a drug problem.

Simpson said the night before Brendan died, he had bruises on the side of his head, but she did not remember seeing any bruises on his abdomen or the top of his head.

She said Caryn told her that the bruises were the result of a fall at Leland Milburn's house the day before.

Simpson also said she was aware that Caryn Brown had been investigated by Child Protective Services before she was involved with Leland Milburn. She testified that she thought Milburn had something to do with the abrasions in front of Brendan's right ear that were apparent in the autopsy photos shown the jury.

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### Colonel to come back



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa's Kentucky Fried Chicken employees are busy today as they plan to reopen the business on Sunday. The store was among 23 stores owned by Marlar Enterprises franchise of Tulsa, Okla., which were closed by the FMAC financial institution on Oct. 25.

## KFC to reopen ...

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

That "finger-lickin'" good-ried chicken should be available again soon in Pampa.

Pampa's Kentucky Fried Chicken Manager Terry Lara told *The Pampa News* this morning the local restaurant is under new ownership, and could reopen as soon as Sunday, pending the arrival of chicken and new products.

Lara said all 13 employees who were formerly employed at the Pampa KFC will be coming back to work at the local restaurant.

"We were told Wednesday evening, Oct. 25, we no longer had a job when the restaurant

closed that night," said Lara. "My market coach notified us that the KFC was being foreclosed upon."

Lara said Marlar Enterprises instructed the employees not to put any closed signs on the business. "We weren't able to put anything up to explain to our customers per orders from Marlar Enterprises," said Lara.

"I really appreciate our customers, and apologize for the inconvenience to our customers," she said. "I hope they forgive us and come back to see us."

Lara said she was notified Wednesday the store would be reopening.

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## Jordan Unit chapel backers set meeting

Organizers plan a community meeting to discuss building a non-denominational chapel at for the Jordan Prison Unit for 7 p.m., Nov. 20, in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room.

Reed Kirkpatrick, who is spearheading a grassroots effort to build a chapel on the prison grounds, said the "town hall" meeting will be an opportunity for local citizens to learn more about the project.

He said he hoped to recruit local volunteers from those attending the meeting.

Prior to the public meeting Nov. 20, Kirkpatrick said he and the Rev. David Schlewitz, prison chaplain, are scheduled to discuss plans for the chapel with several civic groups.

The two men plan to meet with the Pampa Rotary Club on Nov. 8 and the local Lions Club on Nov. 9.

On Nov. 14, Kirkpatrick said Pampa city commissioners are to consider a letter of support for the project. The two men first presented the idea to the city commission at their meeting Oct. 10. They also asked for permission to use M.K. Brown Auditorium for a public meeting regarding the chapel. Commissioners instructed City Attorney Don Lane to look into the legalities of a letter of resolution in support of the project, as well as the use of the civic auditorium.

In addition, Kirkpatrick and Schlewitz are scheduled to appear before Gray County Commissioners Court during its regular meeting on Nov. 15, Kirkpatrick said.



(Photo by Darlene Birkes)

Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art presented framed mementos of appreciation to Rusty Neef, left, and Warren Smith for their contributions. The collages contained clippings and pictures of their volunteer efforts. Also recognized was Gerald Sanders. Neef contributed the musical notes for "This Land is Your Land" written by former Pampian and nationally-known folk singer Woody Guthrie. Smith built the lizard with his high school metal arts class, recycling metal discs from Titan Specialties. Sanders designed and was the primary leader in the art-history wall southeast of M.K. Brown Auditorium and sculpted "Grandfather's Vision," the bronze at Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park on Cuyler.

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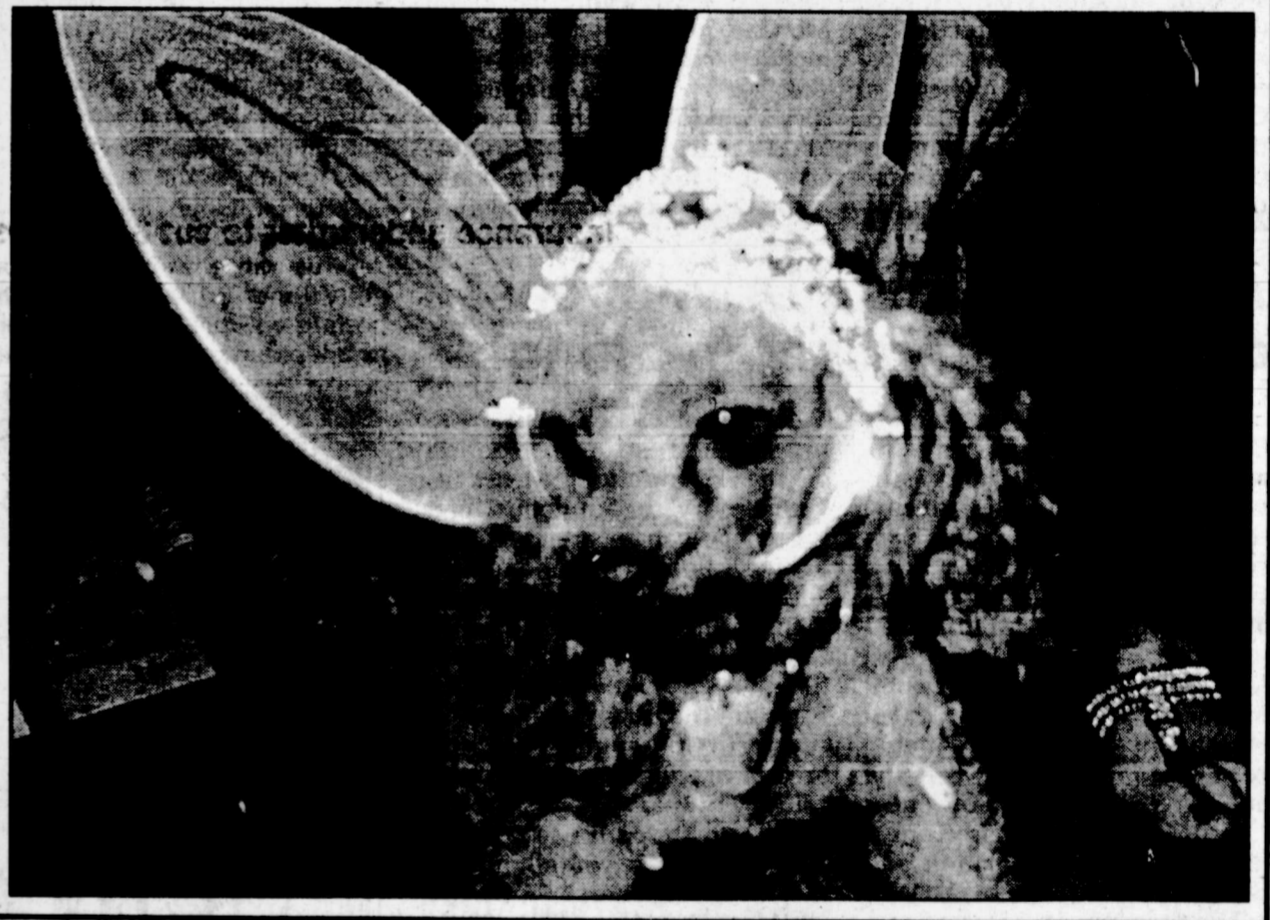
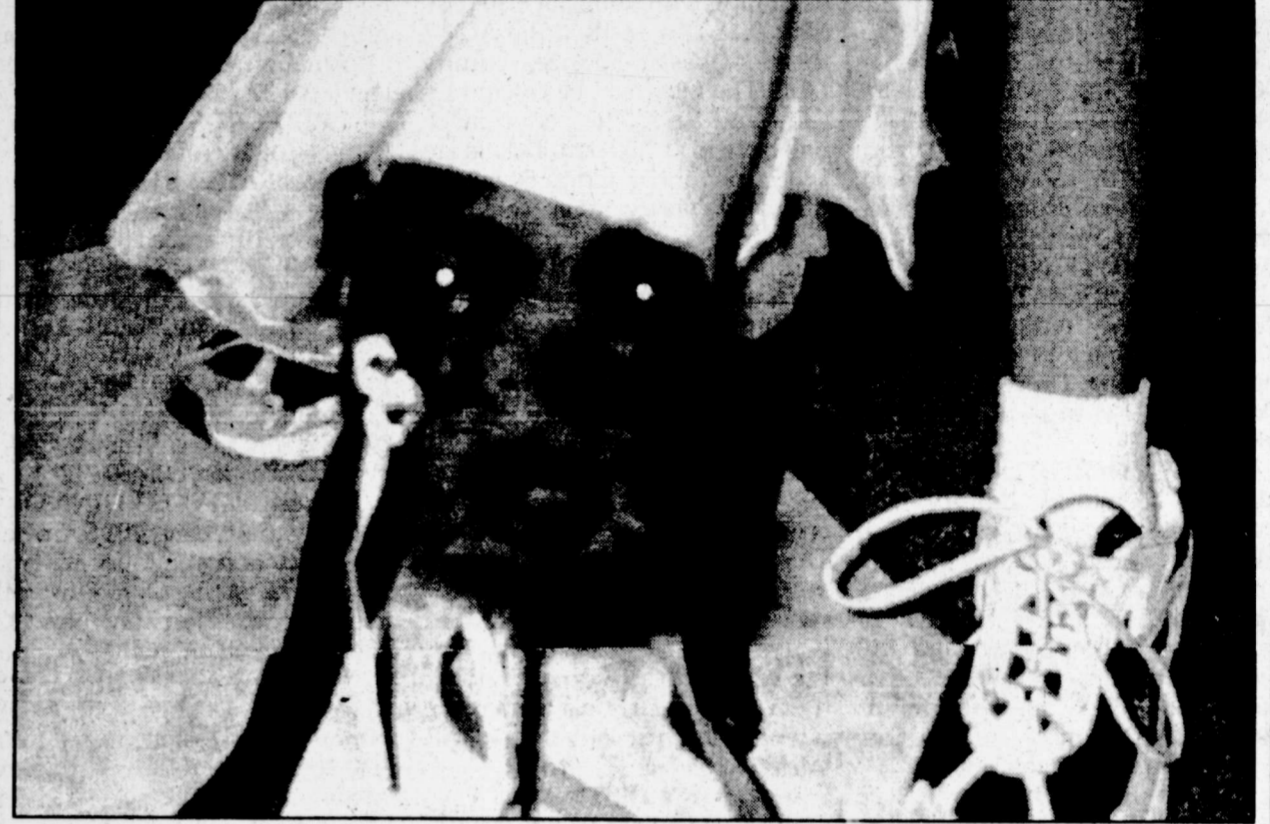




## Pet Costume Kontest



(Community Camera photo)  
 Winners of the annual Pet Patch "Pet Costume Kontest" were Paula Clendennen's pomachi, "Mutt Mutt," (above, first place, \$25 gift certificate); Stephanie Moreno's teacup chihuahua, "Lexy," (above, right, second, \$15 gift certificate); and Heather Collis' Schnauzer, "Sidney," (middle, third place, \$10 gift certificate). Sabrina, bottom, a toy poodle owned by Debra Enloe, earned Honorable Mention and a \$10 gift certificate. The contest was judged by Ann Cannon.



# SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

**Anyone Can Do It ... And It's This Simple**  
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- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
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- When I grow up I want to be: \_\_\_\_\_
- My personal hero: \_\_\_\_\_
- The best advice I ever got was: \_\_\_\_\_
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- The last book I read was: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite possession is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite performer is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish I knew how to: \_\_\_\_\_
- My trademark cliché or expression is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My worst habit is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would never: \_\_\_\_\_
- The last good movie I saw was: \_\_\_\_\_
- I stay home to watch: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nobody knows: \_\_\_\_\_
- I drive a: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- Someday I want to drive a: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite junk food is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite beverage: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite restaurant is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite pet: \_\_\_\_\_
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite meal is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish I could sing like: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm happiest when I'm: \_\_\_\_\_
- I regret: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm tired of: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a phobia about: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My biggest fear is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My most embarrassing moment: \_\_\_\_\_
- The biggest waste of time is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had three wishes they would be: \_\_\_\_\_
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## Judge denies trial request

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge has denied a new trial request by a woman convicted for leaving her baby to die in a hot, closed car, even though a juror says she now doubts the mother's guilt.

Sandra Arteaga is currently serving a 12-year prison term for the death of her 8-month-old son, Senon Arteaga Jr. He died of heat exposure after his mother left him in her car at a gas station along Interstate 45 for about 10 hours in temperatures that reached more than 110 degrees.

Following State District Judge Carol Davies' rejection Thursday of the defense motion, Arteaga's attorneys said they would take their bid to a district court of appeals.

A juror in the original trial has filed an affidavit saying she has reasonable doubts about Arteaga's guilt after learning the woman's husband now says his wife did not know he put the child in the car, defense attorney Mike Lamson told the Houston Chronicle.

But prosecutor Caroline Dozier had argued that Senon Arteaga Sr. was only speculating what his wife believed and that it did not matter who put the child in the car — only that his wife left the boy there on a hot August day.

Sandra Arteaga, 30, was convicted in April of reckless injury by causing her son's death inside the car she abandoned after a night of drinking. The mother got a ride for herself and her daughter from a limousine driver, but left the infant in the car.

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HEBREWS 13:8

# RELIGION

## Minister's musing ...

I would like to submit for approval to a higher authority for a new gender. I assume one goes to the Supreme Court for this type of thing, right? Well, I'll start here with Minister's Musings. Right now we have female, male, homosexual. Let's have a fourth gender. And ... it is one that I am, or suffer from, or well, I can't change what I am! I was born that way.

It's Christian. I was born a Christian. That's what I am saying. Really, I feel we should have a fourth gender-Christian. I am serious. After all, I was born Christian. My parents were both Christians. My sister and brother were Christians. It runs in our family. I was raised in a Christian environment. We all know that environment is very important to the shaping and nurturing of our character, personality, emotional makeup-let alone our gender.

I think we should have Christian public restrooms, Christian rights, (not special rights, we just want our due is all), a place in the military, and we don't want to be discriminated against on the basis of our Christian gender any longer-that is clearly unconstitutional. I want hiring practices to include Christians-keep up Affirmative Action but include Christians. (No quotas just fairness for Christians). Of course, we want legislation to include special laws penalizing those who commit crimes against Christians.

Well, of course all of the above is just joking

By Dave Schlewitz

Jordan Unit Chaplain

around. The truth of the matter is that the Christian tradition does teach citizenship. For example, we are responsible to obey the laws of our government and nation. We are responsible to be "salt" or to have a positive affect such as seasoning in food, only in our world. We are not to work for laws that legislate in the behalf of Christians. Instead, we are to work for change and legislation that works on behalf of all citizens (see Micah 6:8). Laws that bring justice and fairness to all people.

Now, one of the basic ways we can be involved is to simply vote. If you are a Christian and wish to take part in the process- be sure to vote. This is a wonderful privilege for all Americans. I would hope that all readers of *The Pampa News* would get out and vote for the candidates of their choice. What a privilege and wonderful right this is. And it's thrilling to vote and then watch the election returns. What a blast! Knowing you took part

in this great process is exciting and a lot of fun. Try counting up the electoral votes, or figuring how the States win vote, which States are solid Republican, Democrat or third party. You can get involved with a candidate and their party. There are many ways to be involved. Much of it fun, work, but all rewarding. It's a great process and a great contest.

While the Christian can find meaningful involvement as a citizen let's keep our hearts set on the larger picture. The scriptures relate that "... our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ ..." (Php 3:20). I guess we kind of have a dual citizenship. We are Americans AND Christians. I would hope that being a Christian would make me a more responsible and faithful citizen of the good ole USA. I think that is very Biblical and right. My religious life ought to positively impact my life in all ways. Especially when it comes to my citizenship.

Well, luck to you! Get out and vote and have a great time this November 7, 2000. I salute you and hope you will keep your eyes on heaven, eagerly awaiting our Lord Jesus Christ. And at the same time keep your feet on the ground. As one person said, "Don't be so heavenly minded you're no earthly good". So get out and vote and while you are at it don't forget to say a prayer or two for your country and her citizens.



The Melody Boys Quartet

## Central Baptist Church will host Melody Boys

The legendary Melody Boys Quartet will perform at Central Baptist Church at Starkweather and Browning, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. The Quartet from Little Rock, Arkansas, actually evolved from one of the many Stamps-Baxter Quartets that traveled the country in the 1940s.

Rich in history, the Melody Boys Quartet were one of the charter groups to perform at the first National Quartet Convention in 1957 and they still perform there each year. Over the years the Melody Boys have always remained true to their roots of quartet harmony. They continue to sing the songs fans love to hear ... the standards in traditional quartet harmony, but updated and presented in a program that pleases audiences from the very young to the very young at heart.

Who makes up the Melody Boys Quartet today? Fifty year veteran Gerald Williams still sings bass for this timeless quartet, and doing it better than ever. Mike Franklin, first tenor, and Jonathan Sawrie, lead vocalist and pianist, have been with the quartet since 1986. Baritone, Jeremy Raines, joined the group in 1998. This foursome tours nationally and consistently keep songs on the national charts of gospel music year after year.

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## Does God ever want to turn off time machine?

Do you think God ever gets tired of time in His eternality? One day recently when I was wearily listening to an instant repeat of some story I'd heard before in a different incarnation, I thought of what a Pampa News reporter told me in 1991 when I was lifestyles editor of the paper.

"You know, Cheryl, what I think gets the lifestyles editor is the cyclical nature of the job. Every year runs in a cycle through the winter events, spring, summer, Christmas - the same stuff over and over. I think it just wears them down," he said.

I was new then and I didn't really connect with what he said. Actually I was never worn down by the cycle because once I figured out what to do and why, it became a matter of running some parts of the job on automatic pilot and having fun with other parts.

But as time as passed, what I decided is most accurate is that people's stories repeat

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



themselves. Change the names and the details and I feel like I've heard them all. I especially think I've seen a variety of behavior patterns which one expects to be trotted out under a variety of circumstances. There are the wheedlers ("Please, please, please can't you make an exception

for my ...?" No, I can't), the manipulators ("I know that you will want to include ...". No, you don't know what I might want to include in whatever I'm working on.), the bullies ("So if you'll just call me when this runs." Lady, it's your job to watch for your client's press release.), the courteous ("Would it be possible to ...?" I'll do my best.)

If in just a few years of eyeballing the public, I can spot the types, at least in the broad-brush sense, the God's eye view must be so much more thorough. He's heard every story, known every personality type and seen the cycle of sin and repentance over and over and over. Does he get tired of the same old people - types asking Him the same old questions, asking for the same old favors, acting the same way over and over through time? When I get most weary, I wonder if He ever contemplates turning off the time machine because He's heard it all before.

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## Panhandle Singing Men Concert Nov. 9

The Panhandle Singing Men will be in Concert, Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7. The free concert will be at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd Street.

The Panhandle Singing Men is comprised of Music Directors from Baptist Churches all over the Panhandle of Texas. They

perform one concert each month in one of their churches. The concert repertoire includes many styles of music, including sacred, southern gospel, Negro spirituals, and contemporary. Instrumentalists (including piano, organ, drums, brass, guitars) are also group members.

The group is directed by John Glover, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Pampa. Several other Pampa men sing in the group: Zan Walker, Jerry Arrington, Larry Heard, and Gary Jameson, whose church (Calvary Baptist) is hosting the concert.

## 'Holiday Happening' Baptist women's dinner theme

Nancy Rose from Amarillo will be the guest speaker at the "Holiday Happening" on Nov. 14, at the First Baptist Women's Ministry dinner. She will speak on "Home for the Holidays"

Nancy Rose is founder and leader of the non-denominational Thursday Bible Study in Amarillo. She is the wife of Gary Rose, M.D. and the mother of two grown children. She graduated from the University of Texas at

Austin where she distinguished herself as being one of the "Ten Most Beautiful" (the same year as Fara Faucett), Maid of Cotton in 1966 and an Orange Jacket. Nancy taught for eighteen years and was named the 1970 Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year for the Highland Park School district in Dallas. She taught music and art at Saint Andrew's before retiring in 1998. Currently Nancy is taking oil painting lessons and

writing childrens stories based on scripture.

Jenna Edwards of First Baptist Church in Pampa will provide her testimony and special music. Jenna is married to Sterling Edwards the Youth Minister at First Baptist.

All area ladies are invited to hear Nancy Rose and Jenna Edwards speak at the First Baptist Church Women's Ministry "Holiday Happening" on

## Missionary to Hungary will speak Sunday

The son of an early day pastor of Pampa's First Pentecostal Holiness Church, and presently a missionary to Budapest, Hungary, Rev. Glen Howard returns to speak Sunday evening at the church. First Pentecostal

Holiness Church is located at 1700 Alcock. The evening service will begin at 6 p.m.

Well known to many in this area, Rev. Howard has been a missionary to the Philippin before going to Hungary. He is

founding pastor of the International Church of Budapest, heads a Gospel literature distribution ministry in central Europe, and serves as director of Central European Bible College.

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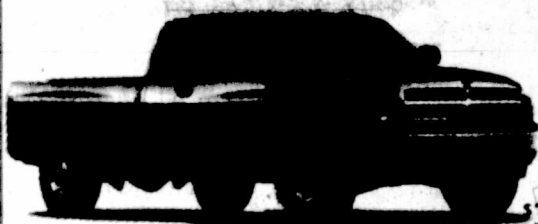
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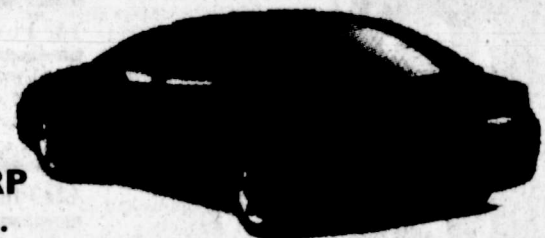
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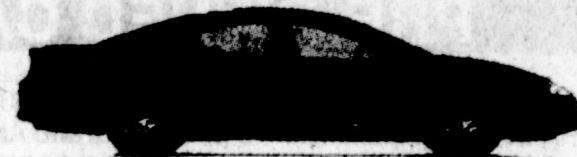


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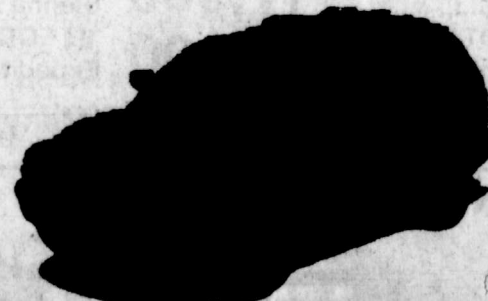
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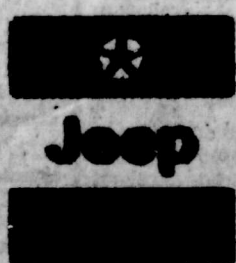
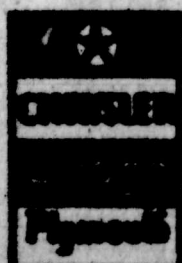


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