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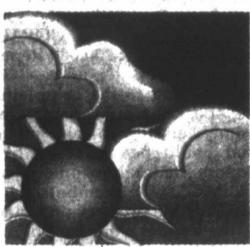
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High today near 70, low tonight in upper 30s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, will be having its annual free Holiday Feast for those wanting a place to have Christmas dinner with others.

The ham and turkey dinner, with all the trimmings including desserts, will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall, south of Pampa High School, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fellowship of the Christmas meal.

Those who are unable to get out and would like to have a Christmas meal delivered to them may call 665-0031 by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, to make arrangements.

Volunteers from the church, with assistance from others in the community, will be preparing and serving the meal.

Alton Curry, church spokesman for the Holiday Feast, said the annual Christmas meal, which has been held for about 10 years, is a way for the church to say, "We love you, Pampa."

PAMPA — Representatives of Clarendon College Pampa Center and the Pampa Center Foundation were among the speakers making presentations at the regular meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation last week.

Dr. Scott Elliott, Clarendon College president, addressed the progress of the foundation's efforts to raise funds for a new facility in Pampa.

Pampa Center Director Joe Kyle Reeve expressed his concerns on the dire needs of a new facility and the fact that \$700,000 have been raised towards the new facility.

Pampa School Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr made a presentation on the current enrollment and projected enrollments at all levels in Pampa schools.

The Parker & Parker loan guarantee extension was unanimously approved by the board at its meeting Thursday.

Further discussion of the five proposals of the development of PEDCO Park and an update on the progress of marketing efforts in the Pathfinders report concluded the meeting.

PAMPA — Pampa Area Singles will be having a pot luck supper and dance on Saturday, Dec. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Cost is \$5 per person, with supper at 7 p.m. and the dance at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 669-7370 or 665-2829.

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Gingrich admits violating House rules on ethics

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stunning confession Saturday, Speaker Newt Gingrich admitted violating House ethics rules. The Republican hierarchy swiftly closed ranks to ensure his reelection next month as the chamber's leader.

Two years of denials ended with the striking statement that "I, Newt Gingrich, admit" to wrongdoing. The speaker acknowledged his failure to seek legal advice that would have prevented his use of tax-exempt organizations for political purposes.

The ideological leader of the GOP's House takeover also conceded, "In my name and over my signature, inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements were given to the (House ethics) committee, but I did not intend to mislead."

He was answering a 22-page "statement of alleged violation," the House version of an indictment, that was approved unanimously by an ethics investigative subcommittee of two

Republicans and two Democrats.

The full committee, five Republicans and five Democrats, will hold a hearing on punishment and may ask the entire House to discipline the speaker. Possibilities include a reprimand, censure, fine or expulsion.

Gingrich's plans are to survive politically, however, and the House leadership rushed to endorse his Jan. 7 re-election as speaker.

"Today, with the work of the subcommittee complete, we reiterate our unequivocal support," said a statement signed by Majority Leader Dick Armey and the rest of the GOP leaders.

By admitting to every point in the "statement of alleged violation," Gingrich agreed that he failed to "seek and follow" legal advice that would have demonstrated his tax-exempt organizations were used improperly as arms of his political action committee: GOPAC.

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Friend rescues Miami man from house fire

MIAMI — A 76-year-old Miami man is alive today due to the quick thinking of a friend driving by.

Charles E. Brown, 76, was in stable condition late Saturday at Columbia Medical Center in Pampa with injuries suffered in a Saturday morning house fire in Miami. Brown was pulled from his burning home by Herman Boone, 63, of Miami, law enforcement officers said.

Authorities said the fire was reported about 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Officers said Boone first noticed smoke coming from the home and didn't think anyone was home.

"I was going by and saw the smoke," Boone said, "and I drove down to the house to see if it was on fire or if something else was burning. It was hard to tell from the road."

Boone, who had been on the way to take care of his morning chores at his place north of Miami, drove to a nearby feed store to call authorities, then returned to the burning house.

"I didn't think anybody was home," Boone said, "because I

didn't see any vehicles in front of the house."

"Ordinarily, Charlie's pickup would have been outside, but it wasn't," Roberts County Sheriff Bill Britten said.

Boone, however, noticed the front door was open and entered the blazing structure, where he found Brown unconscious in a chair, apparently overcome by the thick smoke, and pulled him to safety.

Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, authorities said it appeared that a fire in the fireplace had ignited a blaze in the attic of the home.

Britten said four firefighting units from Miami battled the blaze along with two fire units from Canadian and two water trucks, including one from Williams Oil Field Services in Canadian.

Brown's house is down on Red Deer Creek near North Main in Canadian and there were not any fire hydrants nearby, Britten explained.

Authorities said the home was a total loss.

Holiday blood drive



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Doug and Dorothy Ware, with their children Jack and Kayla, show the special free "Holiday Hero" T-shirts to be given to donors at Monday's blood drive at the Pampa Mall. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the blood drive, with Coffee Memorial Blood Center staff on hand, will be held from 1-7 p.m. For questions on blood donation eligibility, call the Coffee Blood Center at (806) 358-4563.



Officials of the City of Pampa honored six long-time employees Friday in a retirement reception at the Lovett Memorial Library. Retiring after many years of service each are, from left, Charlie Smith, Tom Adams, Jim Fleming, Dan Rose, LaVerne Bradsher and Jane Skinner.

City honors six retiring employees

The City of Pampa held a special holiday retirement reception Friday for six employees who are retiring at the end of the year, including Harriette "LaVerne" Bradsher, Dan Rose, Jane Skinner, Tom Adams, Charlie Smith and Jim Fleming.

Refreshments were served to city employees and guests from 2-4 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library. Special recognition was given to each individual by Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge, who presented them with a time-piece retirement gift.

Bradsher began work for the city in March, 1981 as a clerk in the local library. On her retirement, serving as circulation manager, her co-workers will miss her dependability and dedication, and her library patrons will miss her friendly smile and willingness to assist them, Eskridge said.

Bradsher says she enjoys reading, so after 15 years and nine months of service to the City of Pampa and Lovett Memorial Library, she will have all the reading time she can handle.

Rose is retiring from his position of battalion chief of the City of Pampa Fire Department. He first joined the firefighters in June 1979, and has since served

in many aspects of the department. In 1986 he was promoted to driver; in 1987 he was promoted to captain; and in 1990 he served as interim chief until he was promoted to his present position.

He has served the fire department for 17 years and six months. Rose serves as chaplain in the Department of Criminal Justice Neil Unit in Amarillo on a part-time basis, but expects to make that a full time position soon. Recently he became an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church.

Skinner is retiring from her position in Code Enforcement, which she was assigned to in 1985. She first started working with in the city water office in May 1976 as a clerk, then was promoted to assistant office manager from 1980 until 1984, when she was made office manager.

Although she has held a variety of responsible positions, she looks forward to spending time with her eight grandchildren.

Adams has served with the city 27 years and eight months. He started with the City of Pampa in April 1969. In March 1986, he was promoted to fire marshal, a position he has held ever since.

He says he will spend his

retirement time with his wife, Beneva, "doing whatever Beneva wants me to do" and become a "Cowboys fan" or a couch potato.

Smith began his employment in February 1964, in the Engineering Department. He expects to have plenty of time for golf and to also keep up his "honey do" list for his wife, Mona.

After working 23 years and 10 months, he says his "water dogs" have lots of stories to tell. Smith's motto has always been to "leave it better than you found it."

Fleming has served the city for a total of 39 years and eight months, having started with the Street Department in April 1957, then with the Fire Department and Sanitation Department.

He and his wife, Barbara, will plan how to fulfill his retirement; however, he plans to spend as much time fishing as he is allowed. According to his co-workers, he is well known for his "whopping fish stories," and they expect he will be doing a lot of fishing.

Eskridge thanked each for their dependability, caring about their jobs and their loyalty to the city, saying their expertise will be missed. Their official retirement date is Dec. 31.

Authorities continue search for missing boys

FRITCH — A Department of Public Safety diving team is scheduled to search the murky depths of Lake Meredith today for the missing bodies of two Amarillo boys, ages 8 and 9.

Patrick and Benjamin Britten of Amarillo are presumed drowned after the 14-foot boat in which they were riding capsized Saturday, Dec. 14, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The bodies of their father, Dr. Robert Britten, a 41-year-old Amarillo dentist, and their older brother Philip, 11, were recovered last weekend.

Dr. Britten and his three sons were duck hunting at the lake when their boat capsized in heavy winds.

Frigid weather during the past week confined the search for the two boys to scouring the shoreline and aerial searches by aircraft of Hutchinson County

Emergency Operations, according to the National Park Service.

With warming temperatures Saturday, divers and boat crews took to Lake Meredith waters to continue the search for the boys. Officials with the National Park Service said Amarillo Police Department divers were in the water shortly before noon Saturday in an effort to find the bodies.

The Department of Public Safety dive team, equipped for cold water and zero visibility diving, was scheduled to fly into Amarillo Saturday night and continue the underwater search today.

John C. Benjamin, with the National Park Service, said Friday that three boats, each with a search dog, would be put on the lake as soon as the air temperature reached 40 degrees Saturday morning.

The boats with the dogs would be launched before any other boats, he said, to give the dogs a chance to detect a scent. The Amarillo Police Dive Team, Benjamin said, would check any reactions by the dogs in the boats.

Moore County sheriff's deputies and officers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife used shallow draft boats to search the area along the shoreline. An aerial search is also planned.

A similar strategy is planned for today, Benjamin said.

The Harbor Bay launch ramp and parking lot is being used as a staging area for the search and will be closed to the public, Lake Meredith officials said.

The search area is up-lake from a line between Evans Canyon on the lake's north shore and Sandy Point and Short Creek on the south shore.

O.J. Simpson regains custody of his children

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson's two young children arrived at his estate on Saturday, back in his custody permanently.

"They're home. Everything is fine," Simpson told The Associated Press in a brief telephone conversation. "They are going to be spending time with the Browns, too, next week."

Simpson earlier said he planned to have Sydney, 11, and Justin, 8, visit their grandparents, Lou and Juditha Brown, on Christmas Eve, which has become a tradi-

tion for the children.

The children have lived with the Browns since Simpson was arrested in June 1994 and charged with murdering their mother, his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Simpson's Rockingham Drive estate was bedecked with Christmas lights and decorations, its hedges festooned with reindeer and candy canes. Inside the house, a Christmas tree glistening with gold and red orna-

ments awaited them, piles of presents heaped underneath.

Simpson won permanent custody of the children on Friday after a long court battle with the Browns. He was acquitted in October 1995 but the children continued to visit him only on weekends.

Simpson is currently embroiled in a lawsuit with the families of Ms. Simpson and Goldman. The wrongful death suit claims the ex-football star was responsible for the killings. The civil trial is in recess until Jan. 6.

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Services

Services today
WATKINS, Dorothy L. - Graveside services, 1 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

BILLY FRANKLIN BERGE
BORGER - Billy Franklin Benge, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with the Rev. David Jones, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Mr. Benge was born at Independence, Kan., and had been a Borger resident since 1930. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and worked as a salesman for Beacon Supply. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a pharmacist's mate second class during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Rita Alexander of Liberty; two grandsons; and a great-grandson.

LYSSA DUNNAM BREWER
 Lyssa Dunnam Brewer, 28, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996. Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church at Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis officiating. Burial was in Memorial Heights Cemetery at Lefors under the direction Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Ms. Brewer was born March 15, 1968, at Pampa, to Scott and Janell Dunnam. She was a lifelong Pampa resident.

Survivors include her parents, Scott and Janell Dunnam of Wheeler; a sister and brother-in-law, Cami and Charles Ellison of Lefors; two brothers, Chad Dunnam and Aaron Dunnam, both of Wheeler; grandparents, Irene Dunnam of Wheeler and Thelma Gunsolus of Elk City, Okla.; and a nephew, Cooper Scott Ellison of Lefors.

The family requests memorials be to the Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, Pampa, TX 79065; Oneighty Youth Center, Wheeler Christian Center, P.O. Box 523, Wheeler, TX 79096; or to a favorite charity.

DOROTHY L. WATKINS
 TYLER - Dorothy L. Watkins, 79, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996. Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday in Christ Episcopal Church with the Rev. Dr. T. Lee Stephens and the Rev. Fred Tinsley Jr. officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler.

Mrs. Watkins was born July 31, 1917, at Des Moines, Iowa. She had been a Tyler resident since 1982, moving from Pampa. She worked as a salesclerk for Foley's. She was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Young of Tyler and Judy Tinsley of Houma, La.; a sister, Ruth Warren of Tustin, Calif.; and three granddaughters.

Ambulance

Rural/ Metro Corporation reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, **FRIDAY, Dec. 20**

8:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Brown and Huff Road for a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transferred one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

11:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a location west on U.S. 60 and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

1:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Sumner for a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of East Foster for a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
 2:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell for a medical assist. No one was transported.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday, **FRIDAY, Dec. 20**

8:46 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the intersection of Brown and Huff Road for a car accident.

1:54 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 857 S. Sumner for a medical assist.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday, **FRIDAY, Dec. 20**

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Russell.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. Damage to the left rear quarter panel of the vehicle is estimated at \$500.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Theft of \$25 worth Christmas decorations was reported in the 2800 block of North Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Chestnut. Damage to Christmas ornaments and lights is valued at \$60.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart. Damage to various goods is valued at \$125.

A resident in the 700 block of Magnolia reported finding a decorated cow's skull.

Arrests
 Peter Scott Lyman, 25, was arrested in the 500 block of East Foster on three DPS warrants and three instantan warrants. He was released on bonds.

David Dewayne Irvin, 25, was arrested in the 500 block of East Foster on two warrants. He was released on bond.

John Hardy King, 45, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart on aggravated theft charge. He remains in custody in Gray County Sheriff's office.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
 Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

VFW FOOD DRIVE
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 is now collecting canned food items for its yearly Christmas baskets for the needy. The food items can be dropped off at the VFW Post building, 105 S. Cuyler, or at the Veterans Service Office, 123 W. Foster. If anyone knows of a needy veteran family, please let the post have that information as well.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES
 Pampa Area Singles invites all singles to a pot luck supper and dance, featuring Gary Orr, on Saturday, Dec. 28, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa. Supper starts at 7 p.m., dance at 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Those attending are asked to bring a food dish or dessert if they can. No smoking or alcohol use permitted. For more information, call 669-7370 or 665-2829.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday, **SATURDAY, Dec. 21**

Arrests
 Kenneth Patrick Cashman, 30, Worcester, Mass., was arrested on violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance. He remains in custody.

Ronald Clark Woodums, 49, Lefors, was arrested on a public intoxication charge. He was released on bond.

Gingrich

The subcommittee said a college course taught by Gingrich from 1993 to 1995 and three television programs - all financed through tax-exempt organizations - were political in nature and should not have qualified for tax-deductible donations.

The committee said tax experts - including one representing Gingrich - agreed that if they had been consulted about the speaker's fund-raising tactic, "they would have advised that it not be conducted under the auspices" of tax-exempt organizations.

The false statements by Gingrich were submitted on March 27, 1995, and Dec. 8, 1994. The speaker described his college course as "completely nonpartisan" and "wholly independent of GOPAC."

The subcommittee disagreed, saying "the main message" of Gingrich's "Renewing American Civilization" course at two Georgia colleges was "also the main message of GOPAC."

In his admission, Gingrich said, "I did not seek personal gain, but my actions did not reflect creditably on the House of Representatives."

He added, "I did not seek legal counsel when I should

have in order to ensure clear compliance with all applicable laws, and that was wrong.

"Because I did not, I brought down on the people's house a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in their government."

Technically, the committee found that Gingrich's conduct violated the House rule that obliges all lawmakers to conduct themselves "at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House of Representatives."

House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt said the admission "revealed very disturbing and serious questions about the actions of the speaker. ...

"I am saddened that as a result of the speaker's actions, the integrity of the House of Representatives and the office of the speaker has been called into question."

Gingrich's chief antagonist, Democratic Whip David Bonior, was more forceful.

"The speaker should step down as speaker of the House of Representatives and allow his colleagues in the majority party to elect a new speaker on the 7th of January," he commented.

Republicans tried to stem any possible GOP revolt.

"Newt's willingness to acknowledge an unintentional

"mistake is refreshing," Rep. John Boehner, chairman of the House Republican Conference, wrote GOP lawmakers. "While the mistake is regrettable, it's not significant enough to deny his continuing service as speaker of the House."

Another pledge of support came from Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who said earlier he would abstain if the subcommittee failed to issue a report before the speaker's election.

Ethics complaints filed against Gingrich, beginning in the fall of 1994, accused the speaker of repeating the same tactic to enhance GOPAC's desire to recruit 200,000 Republican activists.

According to the complaints, the speaker would use the tax-exempt entities to raise money that could be deducted from donors' federal income taxes. GOPAC staff members were used for the projects, and many of the donors were the political committee's regular supporters.

Gingrich contended the purpose of these tax-exempt organizations was educational, as required by federal law.

The complaints, and now the subcommittee statement, said they were political, which left taxpayers to subsidize GOPAC's partisan Republican operations.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy and warmer today, with a high near 70. Southwesterly winds 20-30 mph and gusty. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s. Monday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the upper 50s. Tuesday, cooler with a high in the upper 40s. Christmas Day, high in the mid 50s. Saturday morning's low was 31; the high was 62.

BORDER STATES
 West Texas - Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy and windy with highs from low 60s to near 70. Tonight, partly cloudy and breezy with lows in upper 20s north to upper 30s south. Monday, partly cloudy and cooler, with highs from around 50 to around 60. South Plains: Today, variable high clouds and windy. Highs 65-75. Tonight, partly

cloudy. Lows 30-45. Monday, partly cloudy and a little cooler. Highs 55-65.

North Texas - Today, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east. Windy west and central. Highs 67 to 74. Tonight, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east. A slight chance of showers east. Lows 48 northwest to 62 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, early morning clouds, fog and light drizzle becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s south central, 40s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Today, mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the 70s inland to near 70 coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows near 60 inland to the 60s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande

Plains: Today, mostly cloudy morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Windy with highs in the 70s coast to near 80 inland. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 60s coast to near 60 inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Today, moderately windy especially north central and much of the east. Mostly cloudy north with a few rain and snow showers and partly cloudy south. Highs 40s to low 50s mountains and northwest to 70s southeast plains. Tonight, moderately windy into the evening. Mostly cloudy north with widely scattered snow showers and partly cloudy south. Lows teens and 20s mountains with 30s to low 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Today, partly cloudy and windy. Highs in mid 50s to mid 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 30s north-west to upper 40s southeast.

City briefs

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KNIGHTS OF Columbus Deep Fried and Smoked Turkeys for the Christmas Holidays. To order call Jay Zimmer, 665-0750, or Neal Hoelting, 669-9514. Adv.

EARLY ADVERTISING Deadline for the Pampa News, for December 24 and 26th. Questions-669-2525.

FOR SALE - Practically new Full Set of Drums. Bought \$1500, will take \$1,000. 669-1244, after 6 p.m. 669-1216. Adv.

DON JONAS Calligraphy, Scripture-mated and framed. Booth 820 Cottage Collection. Adv.

NEED AUTO Glass replacement or repair? Call Suntrol 3M Auto Tint. Insurance claims welcome. Visa/MasterCard. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

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GUNS FOR Sale - Ruger GP100 357 and Glock M20 45. Call 665-6231. Adv.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS and stocking stuffers. Lots of ceramics, jewelry, tools, toys and much, much more for \$1 each at the Dollar Store, Coronado Center. Adv.

GET YOUR orders in before Monday at noon for fruit and gourmet food and candy baskets. We deliver. Call Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

PICTURE FRAMES, wind-chimes, angels, bears and lots of other collectibles are at Celebrations Gift Shop, next to Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-3100. Adv.

TEXAS TECH, A&M, UT and Dallas Cowboy checker sets still available at Celebrations, 665-3100. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE Creature Comforts, 115 N. West, Sunday 1-4. Specials, door prizes and many gift ideas. Adv.

HOME DELIVER. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

NEED LAST minute gifts and stocking stuffers? Great selection of old fashioned candies, cocoa, flavored coffees, chocolates (including sugarless), salt-sas and popcorn still available at Watson's Christmas Shop, Hwy. 60 East, 665-4189. Adv.

CHRISTMAS SALE - all items 10% off, Bottle Shop, 714 E. Frederic, 669-6410. Adv.

COLD WEATHER is here, let us be your furrier! Custom orders welcome. We have fur trimmed ultra suede casual fun jackets in stock. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

GUY'S, GIVE your wives a set of AmWay waterless cookware for Christmas \$620. 883-2461. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, 10:45-12:45, Monday 23rd. Adv.

ZACH THOMAS Dolphin Jerseys have arrived!! Only \$39.95. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

HACKY SACKS, darts, wool socks and other great stocking stuffers at Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

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CREATURE COMFORTS, gifts for your best friend, 2 legs or 4. 115 N. West. Adv.

WE NOW have Bunn Coffee Makers and Gerber Multi-pliers at Frank's True Value, 638 S. Cuyler. Adv.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL now thru December 24 - 1 hour massage for the price of 1/2 hour \$25. Therassage, 665-5445. Adv.

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TODDLER COWBOY jerseys just arrived. T-Shirts & More. Adv.

LARA AND Curtis Cotten, Amarillo announce the arrivals of Ryan Thomas, Mason Carter 1 lb. 13 oz., born December 10, 1996. Grandparents Jim and Sandy McBride, Amarillo, Kay and Gayle Cotten, Hereford. Great Grandparents Leroy and Mary McBride, Pampa, Betty Crouch and Blanche Cotten. Adv.

AMARILLO RATTLERS just arrived, shirts and caps. T-Shirts & More. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET Best in Town! Grand Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. Every Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

GOLDKRAFT JEWELERS has selected items 40%-60% off! We invite you to come in and take advantage of our Christmas Sale. 1334 N. Hobart, open til 7 p.m. Open Christmas Eve til 7 p.m. Adv.

RHEAMS DIAMOND Shop - Open Sunday 1-5 p.m. Monday till 8 p.m. Wooden jewelry boxes now available!! Adv.

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AIDS researcher named Time's Man of Year

NEW YORK (AP) - Time magazine's 1996 Man of the Year is AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho, who pioneered a treatment for HIV infection that has shown promise in beating back the deadly disease.

Ho, scientific director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, has fundamentally changed the approach

to combating the AIDS virus, Time said in its Dec. 30, year-ending issue.

Ho, a 44-year-old father of three, used a "cocktail" of antiviral drugs to combat the AIDS-causing virus, HIV, in early stages of infection. His work included using protease inhibitors to help clarify how HIV overwhelms the body's immune system, insights

that helped treatment research focus on early stages of infection instead of later terms of the illness.

Ho "did not make the most headlines, but he helped make history," the magazine said.

The cost of Ho's "cocktail" treatment - up to \$20,000 a year - puts it beyond the reach of all but the best-insured patients.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Winners announced in residential, commercial Christmas decorating contests

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

The city of Pampa offers open arms of welcome to its own and to visitors with its overwhelming beauty of lighted exhibits and holiday fantasy lands seen throughout its residential and business sections and into rural areas.

The entire community is generating an electric holiday spirit — literally.

"The 'Celebration of Lights — 1996' not only brings great joy and delight through the holidays, but has also fostered an ongoing sense of community pride and spirit in our citizens," said Carla Carter, community lighting contest coordinator.

To acknowledge those who are making the community so beautiful, committee members and volunteer workers for the Celebration of Lights project held an awards reception for the lighting contest winners at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Grand Coronado Inn.

Carter addressed the crowd with appreciation for participating in Pampa's all-out community decorating project, recognizing all the volunteers who helped in setting up the displays in Recreation Park, and other park areas. She gave special thanks to individuals and families participating in the contests.

Carter expressed the excitement that comes when driving through the streets, seeing the beautiful yard decorations and the creative lighted scenes at so many of the businesses.

The winning contestants were recognized by representatives of the sponsors in each category, including residential, rural and commercial.

Dean Lynch represented the Pampa News, sponsor of the residential and rural homes contest, and awarded \$25 cash awards to



The Pampa News sponsored the residential division of Celebration of Lights lighting contest recognizing first place winners with a \$25 cash award. The winners were provided a Texas yard marker to place in their yards during the remainder of the season. From left, first place winners are Tracy and Tommy Washington, Billie and David Steele, Juanita and Keith Wagner, Geneva and Herdis Jackson, Phyllis Wilson and husband Elmer (not pictured) and Gertie Mills. Not pictured are winners Frank and Norma Slagle.

first place winners. Second place winners received a large American flag and a gift certificate for one large Mr. Gatti's pizza, and third place winners received a large American flag, compliments of the newspaper publishing company, Freedom Communications.

The city residential winners include the following:

Area I — First place, Tommy and Tracy Watson; second place, Glenda Crossman; third place, none.

Area II — First place, Phyllis and Elmer Wilson; second place, Brenda Baxter; third place — tie, Jim Bridwell and R.A. and Pat Johnson.

Area III — First place, David and Billie Steele; second place, Randy Milligan; third place, Darren and Charlene Gee.

Area IV — First place, Frank and

Norma Slagle; second place, Monty Givens; third place, Keith Armen.

Area V — First place, Herdis Jackson; second place, Eula Bradshaw; third place, Denia Sissom.

Area VI — First place, Keith and Juanita Wagner; second place, Billye Gordon; third place, Ricardo and Maria Lopez.

Rural Residence — Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mills.

Celebration of Lights Children's Choice winners were recognized by Mary Lou Lane and Kathleen Chaney.

Children's Choice winners were: Area I — Travis and Diane Jennings; Area II — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watson; Area III — No entries submitted; Area IV — Louise Reagan; Area V — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nickelberry; Area VI — James and Shirley Willson; and

Rural Area — Bill and Sandra Waters. Duncan, Fraser and Bridges was named the commercial winner of the Children's Choice division.

Chamber of Commerce commercial winners were recognized by Bill Wade, president of Pampa Chamber of Commerce, who presented first place prizes to Karen and Bill Bridges for their inside window scene at Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency, and John and Carolyn Stokes of the Stokes Cross-S Ranch for their outside religious themed decorations.

Other commercial winners were, inside display, second place, Mr. Gatti's Pizza; third place, Chief Plastic Pipe and Supply; and outside display, second place, Malcolm Hinkle Inc.; and third place, Rural/Metro Corporation.



Winners in the commercial division of Celebration of Lights lighting contest are, from left, Karen and Bill Bridges of Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Co., for their inside window display; and rural winners John and Carolyn Stokes of the Stokes Cross-S Ranch, Hwy. 60 East, for their outside lighted religious theme scene.



Celebration of Lights volunteer adults and children participated in selecting winning entries in the Children's Choice division of the Celebration of Lights lighting contest, and presented them with a gingerbread man sign to place in the yards during the remainder of the season. Winner representatives are, from left, front row: Louise Reagan with her children, Braxton, Morgan, Brittany; Sandra Waters with her granddaughter, Katie Gilbert, in front; Maxine Watson; and Karen and Bill Bridges. Second row: James Willson; Diane Jennings, Craig Stout and Travis Jennings and Bill Waters. Not pictured are winners Mr. and Mrs. Willie Nickelberry.

Drug trafficker to colleges sentenced to life in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A Colombia native convicted for running a Houston-based drug ring that dealt heavily on college campuses in Texas and Louisiana has been sentenced to life in prison.

Samuel Posada Rios, 36, was found guilty in September of racketeering, conspiracy and related cocaine-trafficking charges.

"You are a very intelligent man, but you were waylaid by the lure of easy money and the adventure of the life of a drug dealer," U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon told Posada Rios before sentencing him to three life terms on Friday.

"I think the world needs to be protected from you," Harmon said. "I think you have committed heinous crimes."

Posada Rios admitted to wrongdoing but said he never headed the organization. He said he only followed instructions and acted out of fear.

"I was a pawn, a fool," he told Harmon.

A federal grand jury in Houston charged Posada Rios and 35 members of his organization in 1992 with 177 acts of racketeering during the 1980s and early 1990s.

Prosecutors submitted evidence showing Posada Rios had parlayed connections to the

Medellin cartel into an international drug enterprise during the mid-1980s.

"Hundreds of college students at (Texas) A&M and other colleges were receiving drugs from this organization," prosecutor Charles Lewis said.

Defense attorneys said they will appeal.

"Any Columbian, even a minor player, automatically became a kingpin because of his nationality," Posada Rios' lawyer David Adler said.

A cartel member smuggled cocaine through the Port of Houston and across the Mexican border to Posada Rios, Lewis said. The ring made about \$100 million over eight years, Lewis said.

Authorities ultimately were led to the organization after the arrest of some Texas A&M University students in the late 1980s.

Authorities learned that Posada Rios had distributors at the University of Texas, Louisiana State University and Tulane University, Lewis said.

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Opinion

No quick fix for Social Security

The stern rebuke - don't touch Social Security - has become a standard refrain. It is heard whenever the public discussion turns to privatizing the floundering federal retirement fund.

It's likely to be heard yet again, now that a federal panel studying Social Security has issued a split opinion about how to reform it. The 13-member task force is divided into three factions, one of which urges outright privatization. The others want incremental changes.

There is a fear among many people, especially those near or past retirement age, that any tinkering, not to mention major changes, would surely scuttle the system. People are understandably concerned about getting back what they paid into the system. They fear injecting some risk, as with privatization, into their investment stands to jeopardize their payout.

These fears are misplaced, and by urging inaction, they actually aggravate Social Security's dire straits: It's projected to be bankrupt by 2030.

And yet it's hard to blame many folks for dreading meaningful change. There are so many voices urging them to hunker down and hold out.

Congress itself is afraid to touch this "third rail" of American politics, thanks in part to the clout of super-lobbies like the American Association of Retired Persons.

Even that presumed hallmark of American journalism, *The New York Times*, is averting its eyes in fear of the one kind of truly substantive reform. The *Times* editorialized recently against "needlessly radical" privatization.

Needlessly radical? Social Security's bankruptcy is looming. That in itself would seem to call for something more than just tinkering around the system's edges.

What's more, even if the system weren't nearly teetering on the brink, its very mediocrity is cheating workers out of an opportunity to make a real return on their retirement savings rather than the feeble stipend so many retirees now receive from the government's "guaranteed" retirement plan.

A transition would be needed. Those near or at retirement must get their due and might benefit little from entering a private fund. But why not let younger workers apply some or all of their current Social Security deduction toward tax-deferred, private retirement funds?

Protests the *Times*, "This would expose individuals to considerable risk of bad investment decisions..."

You mean, like the millions of workers who invest a portion of their income over and above Social Security - in employer-sponsored 401K programs, as well as related kinds of retirement funds? Like the millions of Americans who invest in individual retirement accounts?

And, really, "bad investment decisions"? Are so many of us so incapable of understanding and accepting the tradeoff between risk and return? Are average Americans so irresponsible with their own hard earned dollars? Is Social Security really such a paragon of prudent investment decisions?

When one of America's purportedly premier publications indulges such retrograde fear mongering, it's easy to see why so many of the rest of us workaday Americans wind up harboring those fears.

Let's remember the origins of Social Security: It was never meant to be the sole means of retirement support. Moreover, it was established in an era, the 1930s, when a good many workers were never expected to live long enough to collect a whole lot of Social Security benefits. By very virtue of cheating the Grim Reaper, subsequent, healthier generations of workers have inadvertently presented the system with a new burden.

Social Security never was conceived to handle our population's current and future retirement needs. Only the private sector has the vitality, flexibility and dynamism to do that.

Right now, we're wasting the fruit of America's labors by forcing workers and employers, who must fork over their own payroll tax, to "invest" in this supposedly "safe" government system. That same money, if placed instead in the dizzying array of private sector investments available nowadays, could reap a bundle for those same workers.

By privatizing Social Security, we would lose only the false sense of security we have in the current system. We stand to gain a whole new lease on our golden years. To accomplish that, we must look beyond stop-gap changes like nipping and tucking at benefits or reinvesting the current system's trust fund.

Above all, have to overcome our fear of a long overdue, badly needed change.

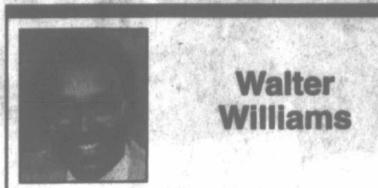
Federal spending is insatiable

The Republican controlled 105th Congress promises to pass a balanced budget amendment. Even if the Republicans are successful, given what we know about Congress, I doubt whether such an amendment will protect us from the ravages of government spending.

In 1995, we produced \$7 trillion worth of goods and services. Would any of us be pleased if federal spending and federal revenue were \$7 trillion? There'd be a balanced federal budget, but the government would own all we produce and we'd be mere serfs. A balanced budget does not protect our economic liberties. With a constitutional mandate for a balanced budget, what do you think will be the congressional response to deficits - raise taxes or cut spending? History tells us the propensity is to raise taxes.

In any real sense, the federal budget is always balanced. We produced a \$7 trillion gross national product last year, and the government spent \$1.5 trillion of it. Of necessity, Americans had to spend \$1.5 trillion less privately. In that real economic sense, the budget was balanced. In other words, if the government spends \$1.5 trillion of our \$7 trillion 1995 GNP, of necessity, it has to force us to spend \$1.5 trillion less privately.

One way government forces us to spend less privately is through the tax code. In 1995, the tax code was used to force us to spend \$1.3 trillion



Walter Williams

less privately. That gives the appearance of a \$200 billion "deficit." But if the government spent \$1.5 trillion in 1995 and collected only \$1.3 trillion in taxes that year, where did the other \$200 billion come from? Unless you believe in the tooth fairy or Santa or you believe people born in 2020 have produced something Congress spent in 1995, that \$200 billion had to come mostly out of our hide in 1995.

Government uses underhanded methods to force us to spend less. Because these methods don't require votes, they are politically attractive. Government can cause inflation, which drives up prices and reduces our spending power. Government can enter the bond market to borrow, driving up interest rates and reducing our ability to buy homes, cars and businesses.

Far superior to a balanced budget amendment is a spending limitation amendment that limits federal spending to a fixed percentage of the GNP.

In 1994, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) introduced an amendment that said in part, "A fiscal year's expenditures shall not exceed 19 percent of that year's gross national product." Why 19%? Kyl argues 19% of the GNP is the average federal revenue over the last 40 years - during good or bad economic times and whether there were tax increases or cuts. Even though Kyl's spending limitation didn't have fully binding restraints such as an inflation penalty, a ban against congressional mandates for state spending, or a standing provision granting any congressman to sue for its enforcement, it didn't pass. It didn't pass, because politicians saw it as a significant restraint on their spending binge.

During the late 1970s, I had the honor of membership on a panel set up by the National Tax Limitation Committee to write a spending limitation amendment. A version of our amendment can be found in Milton and Rose Friedman's "Free To Choose." Both as a member of that committee, and in conversation with Sen. Kyl, I argued for a ten percent spending limit. My reasoning was that if ten percent is good enough for the Baptist Church, it ought to be good enough for Congress, too.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Dec. 22, the 357th day of 1996. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 22, 1864, during the Civil War, Union General William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

On this date:
In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American Colonies under the command of Ezek Hopkins.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of American troops at Bastogne, Belgium. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!"

Religion occupies important place

Charley Reese

It wouldn't hurt any of us to remind ourselves early that the Christmas season is for the purpose of celebrating the birth of Jesus and not for racking up retail sales.

Nothing is more significant for Christians. Yet, as with everything else, the holiday has been industrialized and commercialized and now multiculturalized almost to the point of nonrecognition. It is as if the holiday has been stripped of all meaning but dollars.

If gift giving isn't an expression of love, then there's no point to it. Gift giving is just blind custom or part of your marketing plan or tax avoidance strategy, then you're really profaning something sacred.

Buy your customers or clients a bottle of booze during another time of the year, say on the anniversary of the day Prohibition ended, and skip the phony Christmas cards - always devoid of any reference to Christ, of course.

It's a sad business to go into a mall and look at a bunch of harried, angry or depressed faces. Some people seem to lose their decency between home and mall. Shopping for people you love should be a pleasurable experience. Take your time. Be kind to clerks and salespeople. This is not supposed to be a competition of rats in human form. There are no prizes to be won.

Declare your independence and secede from the

When religious holidays are secularized, the message is sent that religion has no place in American life.

That's not true. Most Americans, whatever their faith, are religious, and religion has always played and continues to play a key role in human life, not only in America but elsewhere.

Our tradition of religious freedom is violated when we insist that people denude their holidays of any religious meaning. Let all Americans celebrate their religious holidays and take their respective turns on the public stage.

George Washington was correct when he said that anyone who was an enemy of religion was an enemy of republican government. The valid principle of religious freedom meaning the government will not have an official church - has been perverted in modern times to mean that government must be hostile to religion and ban all symbols of it from public areas.

But republican government requires a virtuous public, and religion remains the best and most effective teacher of virtue. Laws and social programs won't cut it. If they could, then the former Soviet Union would have produced that new Communist Man it tried so hard for 70 years to create.

Keep the focus on the joy of Christmas, and remember, the word comes from Christ's mass.

Exit Madalyn O'Hair, enter James Carville

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

The Christmas season is upon us. We know this because the malls are chaotically abustle and decorated with traditional marks of the season. There are glittering angels atop old fashioned corner lamps, babes in mangers in window fronts, clumps of mistletoe, pine branches and cones strewn everywhere. Truth be known, the traditional marks of the season grow ever blander and, in fact, more inscrutable. Every year, the secularist fanatics rev up their jihad against the frightening spectacle of religious trappings marking a - let's face it - religious season. Consequently, nativity scenes and menorahs are under constant threat of being extirpated and eliminated completely from view. They are replaced by the monstrosities of the modern Christmas: a huge artificial fir tree engauged with gift wrapped boxes and colorful ribbons, a gigantic blinking snowflake, a fat Santa. He survives until the racial fanatics and feminist fanatics complain about his pale color or alarming masculinity.

The campaign to secularize Christmas has progressed well past the point of imbecility. This is why there was a loud and joyous song in my heart when I read that Madelyn Murray O'Hair, the republic's most famous champion of atheism whose 1963 lawsuit expunged prayer from our increasingly dysfunctional schools, is on the lam. She and members of her unpleasant family are suspected of embezzling up to \$2 million from their fellow doubters and heading to New Zealand. I hope she is duly arrested, prosecuted and offered benefit of clergy.

As a public pest, who will replace her? Obviously, the leering, snarling James Carville is a good bet. He most manifestly is everything he

company that will send out monthly crossword puzzles. Doubtless, Carville has thought of sending them to all of his illiterate relatives back in Cajun country. Surely he has relatives living in cramped apartment houses - probably federally subsidized. How about giving them one of those ludicrous 70-inch television sets to bar the entry-way to the kitchen?

And there are other obnoxious Christmas gifts Carville might buy. How about sending his Republican in-laws copies of Boy Clinton's remastered *Between Hope and History*? Even better, how about sending them the book on tape, narrated by Clinton himself? Then, too, if these Republicans take their politics seriously, a tape of Bob Dole's dreadful campaign tome, *Trusting the People*, might be perfect. Or what about a tape of Maya Angelou alternately screaming and sobbing her complete works?

Does Carville have any Jewish friends? Get them the Book of Mormon, leather bound just to make it all the more painful for them to heave it. Surely, Carville has a few friends on his gift list who own dogs. Have the taxidermist prepare a spitting image of their beloved pet, stuffed. It is one of Carville's boasts that despite his unappealing looks, he was once quite a Romeo. Think of the confusion he could generate in an old flame by sending her a red, white and blue garbage can or a kitty-litter box for adult humans.

Oh, the Christmas season does put me in a joyous mood. And if it is unconstitutional for me to think of a babe in a manger, I shall think of James Carville going over his Christmas rejoicing at all these opportunities to disturb his loved ones. Surely Starr is not the only one to suffer his bile.

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Eagle Scout



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes) Matthew David Radcliff, a 15-year-old Pampa High School sophomore, will receive his Boy Scout Eagle award in a ceremony at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. For his project, young Radcliff, son of Jim and Helen Radcliff, and a crew of volunteers refurbished the storage shed, painted furniture, replaced worn tiles and cleaned up and painted playground equipment for the children at St. Matthew's Day School. He is a dedicated scout and is active in the school band, German Club and diocesan church youth activities.

Changing family Christmas traditions need not cause guilt, counselor says

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Christmas holidays — two words that hold a multitude of thoughts stir emotions, ranging from "sad" to "elated." Whatever the holidays mean to most people, anxiety is a fact, one way or another.

Gerald Kelly, director of supportive care at the Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo, conducted an open discussion about holiday traditions and personal feelings with members and guests of Pampa Area Cancer Support Group on Thursday in

the cafeteria room of Columbia Medical Center.

The people were asked to express their feelings about the coming Christmas holiday "in one word, only," to illustrate personal expectations of the season. A long list of one word descriptions included *sad, mediocre, apprehension, fear, worry, anger, confused, disappointed, lonely, trapped, "bah-hum-bug" attitude, anxious, hurried* and finally, *happiness, thankfulness and love.*

Kelly asked, "Is it really the 'season of joy' that we are supposed to accept without question?"

He told the roomful of men and women that expressions of guilt and anxiety at Christmas-time is felt by a large majority of today's population, and it is not unusual.

According to Kelly, through our years of growing up, each of our families establish certain rituals, symbols of religion or symbols of family celebration, and annual traditions that we somehow eventually outgrow as years move forward.

He suggested that people must learn to change those traditions to fit the current state — to fit "who we are today" — and that by making themselves change, by

making new choices, they must not expect too much of themselves and each other. Thus, their choices will help find the best way to celebrate Christmas as well as other holidays of the year, he said.

Several PACS visitors told of different family circumstances and tragedies that changed their traditions, resulting in altered methods of celebrating family holidays. Kelly advised it is good to share feelings with each other in order to better understand and yet discover a feeling of love and blessings in our hearts.

Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo and provides counseling services to patients and families.

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Armed rescue ruled out for hostage case

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Alberto Fujimori has ruled out an armed assault to free 340 captives held by communist rebels, as a close ally said Saturday, as the government restored power and water to the hostage site.

Fujimori is rejecting direct negotiations with the well-armed Tupac Amaru rebels holding 11 ambassadors and other VIPs hostage for a fourth day at Japan's embassy residence.

The president of Congress, Victor Joy Way, said Fujimori also has rejected the military option, telling "numerous countries" who have offered elite units that they won't be necessary. He did not identify the countries.

The government responded to pleas from the hostages and restored utilities to the residence, and the Red Cross delivered some diversion: playing cards, chess sets and dominoes.

The hostages have been held since Tuesday night, when two dozen rebels, some posing as waiters, seized the residence during a party honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito's birthday. The party is an annual event that Fujimori routinely attends, although he didn't make it this year.

Also Saturday, two released hostages identified the leader of the rebel offensive as Nestor Cerpa, the only Tupac Amaru leader not currently in jail.

"We're not talking about just anyone," said Javier Diez Canseco, a Peruvian congressman and spokesman for the 38 hostages freed Friday. "If this leader has placed himself in the lion's den, it's because he's going for broke."

Manuel Romero, a newspaper publisher freed Friday, said high-ranking military and police officials being held in the crowded ambassador's residence were certain Cerpa was running the show.

In a 12-point statement released Friday night, the guerrillas said that if permitted to speak by telephone with jailed comrades they would free "a significant number of detained people with no ties to the government."

More than 200 hostages have been freed since the siege began, most of them women let go in its early hours.

Two dozen guerrillas' main demand is the release of about 300 imprisoned confederates. Fujimori has shown no sign he intends to accede.

Running water was cut to the ambassador's residence early Friday and telephone and electrical service was shut down a day earlier. The action also affected homes within several blocks of the residence.

Cars in the upscale, tree-lined San Isidro have been routinely stopped at police checkpoints in several intersections. Instead of Christmas decorations, red and white Peruvian flags fly outside many homes in solidarity with the hostages.

Salvage Santa recycles old toys, games and bicycles to provide gifts for needy children

SPRINGFIELD, Fla. (AP) - He's never been to the North Pole. He's a bit too slim, much too tall and his beard is still dark.

Just like his namesake, though, "Salvage Santa" is putting in long hours in his Christmas workshop. The recycled bicycles, games and toys that retired police detective Mike Jones repairs, paints and polishes aren't new, but they're just fine with hundreds of needy girls and boys.

A part-time job and exposure to the dark side of life as a homicide and child abuse investigator for the Panama City Police Department led Jones to the

Salvage Santa program 13 years ago.

"You saw the children and the babies that didn't have anything, and I'm talking about nothing, for toys. They played with sticks and rocks. It'll burst your heart. I just had to find a way to do something about it," Jones said.

Jones helped run the Fuzz Bowl, a football game between Panama City police and Bay County sheriff's deputies, that raised money to buy toys for several years.

"We kept getting broken arms and broken hands and broken legs," Jones said. "So they

made us quit playing."

About the same time, Jones was working security for Sears in his off-duty hours. He saw workers crushing new toys that were broken or had parts missing because it was cheaper than shipping them back to manufacturers.

"Hold the mail, let me talk to your manager," Jones told the workers.

The manager gave him the toys after he agreed to mark them so they couldn't be returned. A tinkerer and antique car buff, Jones went into his wood-and-metal shop beside his home in this Panama

City suburb, and began fixing and patching.

"If you get five or six Monopoly games, dump them all out on the floor and you can put together one good one," he said.

The first few years, he got enough toys for about 50 kids. Then the local news media publicized his efforts and dubbed him Salvage Santa.

"It was like a hurricane," the 43-year-old Jones said. "People started coming to my house, dropping off bicycles, throwing stuff over the fence."

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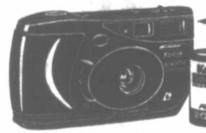
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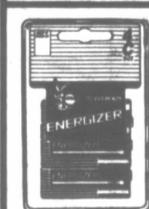
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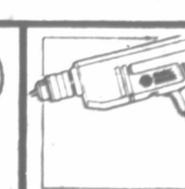
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Letters to the editor

Why steal our decorations?

To the editor:

This is my first letter to the editor, so here it comes. On Tuesday, Dec. 17, between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. someone entered my front yard and took a Christmas Ball made out of plastic cups and 140 motion lights. They also took a half ball from my bird bath, which also had 140 lights.

My husband made them for me two years ago. He made them for me only. He said he said he would not make the big ones for other people because they were a gift of love for me from him. I guess whoever took them needed them worse than I do. Or maybe they just need to find someone to love and care for them enough to have them make a special gift.

You didn't have to steal them. If you wanted them that badly, we would have made you one and given it to you. I can't understand why some people feel they have to steal from me. I didn't steal from you.

My reason for writing is our old world is in a Big Mess and I am mad. It is so sad when people can put out a little happiness and love for one another, and make it pretty for people to look at, as the people of Pampa have done for the last two years, then someone comes along and ruins it for everyone. They really made our town light up with the spirit of Christmas. And this is a time to show our love for one another.

We need to thank God, because this could be our last Christmas on Earth. Think back when you were a little kid and you went to see the lights at Christmas time. How would you feel if someone took your Christmas decorations? Not too good, I'll bet.

If you are reading this letter, I'm sure you are having a really good laugh about getting away with it. How do you know someone didn't see you? You may get away with it this time, but sooner or later you will get paid back for making our life a little sadder. I'm talking about when you keep stealing and you end up in prison. Just ask some of our inmates at our prison how much fun it is to be locked up. You can't just go out, get in your car and go get a soda or look at the Christmas lights.

YES, IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!

If the Christmas decorations keep getting stolen, people will quit putting them up. And when you have children and there are no Christmas decorations on the houses, you can tell them why.

So next year I'll just put mine in a box on the porch. If my husband puts them up, I want you to ring the door bell, and I'll come help you take them down. I wouldn't want you to get to cold.

Oh, yes, we put the lights out because we love the Lord and the Christmas season. I'm so sorry that you hate the lights and things and don't want anyone else to enjoy them. I hope every time you pass my house or look at the things you have taken that you remember how you took a little bit of my happiness away this year.

I don't know who you are, but you do and God does, too. I'll pray for you tonight, that you stop before it is to late and you get in real trouble. It isn't worth the price. Just ask the man on death row.

Jane Belt
Pampa

Ignore that slurry letter

To the editor:

I am writing in regard to "What happened to poise?"

First of all, we have enough slurs in Pampa and we certainly don't need any from Lubbock. Also, I'm sure the party you were talking about wasn't trying to look like a teenager, and even if that is what she wanted to do, it would be her business, not yours! I guess the school officials thought she looked all right or she wouldn't have been there!

I want to praise her for taking the time out of her busy schedule to talk to the students and also for the many other things she does for

this town! It would be nice if there were more people like her.

Unless you are talking about yourself, most professionals haven't lost poise, dignity or personal pride.

Quite an example for a career, you say. I say it is too. I wish some other professionals would take lessons from her! If any of the students go to college to become the same thing she is, I hope they turn out as good as she has!

It doesn't matter how people look or how they dress. What counts is what is in their heart. Remember that!

If you will read *The Pampa News*, you will see her name quite often. She helps out many and supports many non-profit organizations. I am proud to have someone like her in this town, and I hope people like you don't run her off!

By the way, I'm sure she doesn't get paid to speak to groups like that. It is done out of the goodness of her heart!

I say to her, "Keep up the good work" and ignore that slurry letter. Some people have nothing better to do than running people down!

Do me a favor and next time you have a slurry letter to write about someone other than yourself, put it in the back of your mind and read your Bible awhile, because we can do without your letters!

B. Richards
Pampa

Do we need this music?

To the editor:

Recently, it was brought to my attention that a new Rock-n-Roll group called "Marilyn Manson" has hit the market. The title of this recording is *Anti-Christ Super Star*. This group's songs proclaim Christ is dead and murder and killing is fun and Satan is the way.

I checked with our local Hastings and sure enough, it is available in our town. This took me by surprise! I can't believe we allow this sort of trash to be at our children's fingertips! In a city where we can't even display a scene about the birth of Christ in our local parks and recreational areas, we can allow this sort of "music" to be sold in a local music/video store where kids of all ages can view it.

Fellow citizens of Pampa, we sit back and say "that garbage is pathetic!" and yet we do nothing about it! We let this happen. It's our fault. We as a city created petitions to stop the viewing of a movie that showed explicit nudity. But not once has any one taken a stand against such "music" as Marilyn Manson's *Anti-Christ Super Star*.

It simply amazes me that we, as the public, allow this sort of thing to happen. I have children. My children will be faced with enough throughout their young lives. Let's not have music such as this plague the minds of our youth.

God bless!
Tim Fisher
Pampa

Thanks for the support

To the editor:

This is a "Thank You" letter for support of our recent "Sing-Along Messiah." The thanks come from Pampa Fine Arts Association to the following:

1. To Calvary Baptist Church, most notably Gary Jameson, minister of music; Lyndon Glaesman, pastor; the church office staff and custodial staff for all the help, encouragement and enthusiasm you exhibited in hosting this event.
2. To The Pampa News for excellent pre-event coverage, with a preliminary article and several photos showing the soloists in rehearsal.
3. To the PFAA Board, notably Kim Trimble, who graciously put together a "hot chocolate reception" for after the program.
4. To Frank's Foods, who donated the hot chocolate packets for

everyone to enjoy before returning to the cold winter night.

5. To our soloists, Gracie Eddins, Lela Harris, Wanetta Hill, Lee Kendle, Joe Martinez, Paul Smith, Susie Wilson and Suzanne Wood.

6. To our organist, Jerry Whitten.

7. To our director, Billy Talley.

8. To KGRO-KOMX for public service announcements.

9. And ... to the people of Pampa and surrounding communities who came out to enjoy and/or sing in this "grab a Messiah score and sing along" evening of impromptu music, when many of the choral favorites from this historic oratorio were shared.

We had approximately 180 folks who came to participate in this first-ever unrehearsed (except for soloists and instrumentalists) "sing-along" event. One lady told afterward of reading about this sort of thing in Carnegie Hall in New York City ... where people would come in, take a musical score, and all would join in singing this glorious music as best they could. She said, "I always wanted to know what that would be like. Tonight, I got to do it. And it was wonderful!"

Pampa, looks like we may get to do this again NEXT year! And thanks to all who made it work.

Loralee Cooley
President, Pampa Fine Arts Association
(and pianist for the "Sing-along")

Holiday programs bring joy

To the editor:

We have really enjoyed the Christmas programs that we have seen over the past few days in Pampa. We went to the Celebration of Lights program at Recreation Park. When the lights were turned on we were blown away. It is so beautiful! We would like to thank the City of Pampa, and especially the Jordan Unit inmates. All of your hard work really paid off.

The Nutcracker ballet was wonderful. Everyone in the play was excellent! "That Night" at the Central Baptist Church was wonderful. Unless you were lucky enough to see it for yourself you would not believe what a wonderfully moving experience it was for us. We just wanted to let everyone who was in the program to know how truly wonderful you were.

God bless you and have a merry Christmas.
Tony and Melody Davis
Pampa

More letters will be published in Monday's edition.

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Rangers end guard duty of lottery papers

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Rangers, called in earlier this month to ensure the integrity and security of documents at the Texas Lottery Commission, have been taken off the assignment, commission chairwoman Harriet Miers said.

Ms. Miers said she is convinced that security measures are now in place to limit access and ensure no unauthorized departure of records from the lottery commission offices.

Miers asked for the Rangers, she said, after embattled lottery director Nora Linares questioned the authenticity of records subpoenaed by a federal grand jury.

A spokesman for the Department of Public Safety told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that the Rangers and other DPS officers left the building Friday.

Meanwhile, the commission is considering whether it wants Attorney General Dan Morales to assign another attorney to represent it in a whistleblower lawsuit filed by former employees.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Dennis Garza has been representing the commission in the suit. However, as president of the South Austin Tejano Democrats, Garza has publicly criticized Miers for her handling of the commission's investigation into Ms. Linares' ties to lobbyists for GTECH, the lottery's prime contractor, and other companies doing business with the lottery and whether they have received preferential treatment.

"Because it involves a pending suit and a lawyer who is representing us, I thought I ought to ask our attorneys to review the situation and take whatever action is in the best interest of the Texas Lottery Commission," Miers is quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Three ex-employees - Tommy Headrick, Feliciano Acevedo and Billie Myrick - were fired last year for improperly carrying weapons while on duty. They sued claiming the real reason was their attempts to raise concern about "improprieties" at the agency, according to their attorney, Doug Brothers.

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Entry deadline will be Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. and the season will begin on Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$200 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of 10 players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DALLAS (AP) — In the end, it came down to who could find their shooting range first.

There's a reason Texas Tech is ranked No. 11 as they were first to find the hole, going on to beat Southern Methodist 78-69 on Saturday.

Alicia Thompson scored 30 points and 16 rebounds to lead Texas Tech (6-2).

Tech led 31-28 at halftime before finding its shooting range during the second half, hitting 56 percent of its shots behind Thompson.

"Alicia has to be a go-to player for us and she understands that," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "SMU had a great game plan against her early. We moved her around a bit in the offensive set to give her a few good looks, and fortunately, she made some positive things happen."

But before the half, Tech and SMU (4-4) battled neck and neck throughout the first half.

The difference was in turnovers as the Raiders collected 13 first-half turnovers as compared to SMU's seven.

Tech overtook the Mustangs with a 3-point shot, hitting four of six attempts. The Mustangs struggled, hitting only three of 21 3-point attempts.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — First, La Marque learned what it was like to lose back-to-back state football championships.

Now, the Cougars know what it's like to win two in a row.

A 17-yard run by Mike Pinesette on the first play of the fourth quarter started a three-touchdown final period for La Marque, propelling the Cougars to a 34-3 pasting of Denison on Saturday.

The Cougars (14-2) received the first 4A Division II crown after winning the final consolidated 4A title last season.

La Marque had lost the two 4A championship games before that to Stephenville. Now it's Denison that has lost consecutive finals. The Yellow Jackets fell 31-8 to La Marque last season.

HOUSTON (AP) — Jaron Dabney ran for 173 yards on 23 carries and scored four touchdowns as Sealy overcame four turnovers to beat Tatum 36-27 in the Class 3A championship game at the Astrodome Saturday.

The win made Sealy the first team in 40 years to win three consecutive state football titles.

Abilene (1954-56) was the last team to win three titles in a row.

"It's been done four times now, I guess it makes it pretty special," Tigers coach T.J. Mills said. "It's kind of hard to fathom. I just wouldn't let myself think it the last couple of weeks, and that's why it's overwhelming right now."

Dabney scored his second and third touchdowns within a three-minute span late in the second quarter, giving Sealy a 22-15 halftime lead.

"I had faith in my offensive line," Dabney said. "They told me before the game they were going to come out and give it their all."

Sealy stretched its lead to 29-15 when freshman Isaiah Joiner scored on a three-yard touchdown run with 4:18 left in the third quarter.

Cowboys play final game at RFK Stadium

By JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL's last game at RFK Stadium will be an event sure to stir the emotions of fans, dignitaries and the throng of former Redskins players and coaches expected to attend.

As for the game itself, well, that's another matter. For opposite reasons, the Redskins and Dallas Cowboys just don't have the usual motivation.

"Honestly, it's going to be hard," Redskins linebacker Marcus Patton said. "Once the whistle blows and the game starts, the ball's kicked, we'll probably be into it, but it's going to be difficult."

The Redskins are dealing with the humiliation of one of the

worst collapses in recent sports history. Knocked out of playoff contention last week, they have a chance to become the first team since the NFL went to a 16-game regular season in 1979 to finish 8-8 after starting 7-1.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, went in the opposite direction, winning nine of their last 11 to clinch their fifth consecutive NFC East title. With no realistic chance of improving their playoff seeding, the Cowboys will rest several of their injured starters and coast into the post-season.

"I think it's wonderful; I'm glad we don't have to come here and win," coach Barry Switzer said. "We got that accomplished last week, and that was our goal. Our attitude is excellent in regard that there

are certain players that are happy because they won't have to be extended this week, because they can take that opportunity to get ready to play the playoffs."

That includes tackle Mark Tuinei, defensive end Tony Tolbert and tight end Eric Bjornson, and probably running back Emmitt Smith and safety Bill Bates. Quarterback Troy Aikman could have a short night as well.

Switzer even called this a "bye" week for the Cowboys. Though he later called that a "poor choice of words," the comment didn't seem to rile the Redskins. Most of the team's usual tough-talkers, including Patton, Tre Johnson and Rich Owens, offered little or no reaction.

"They've got to do what's best for them," was coach Norv Turner's shoulder-shrugging response.

While the line between victory and defeat may be blurred Sunday, it's also true that an NFL game is never meaningless. For the Redskins, there are a number of players who have one last chance to prove they shouldn't be put on the chopping block for their performances in the second half of the season.

"A lot of guys may not think they don't have much to play for, but you've got a job you want to keep next year," return specialist Brian Mitchell said. "People whose contracts are up, you want to be able to come back to this team or have another team look at you. We don't have a chance to go to the play-

offs, but a lot more is at stake. Your career is at stake."

For the Cowboys, it's not next year, but next week they have to worry about. The offense hasn't scored a touchdown in three of the past five games, a trend that doesn't bode well for the playoffs.

Even Smith, who wasn't exactly enthusiastic over the prospect of playing, admitted the offense probably should use Sunday's game to rediscover its rhythm.

"Personally, I think we need to go out there and establish some good things, work on the running game, work on the passing game, try to get the ball in the end zone when we're in the red zone. That's the key," Smith said. "Not only that, but also try to maintain some guys' health also."

Pacers push mark to 13-3

McLEAN — The Pampa Academy Pacers came away with another win Thursday by beating McLean, 65-62.

"I was really proud of our kids," said Pacers' head coach Terry Ferguson. "We were really having trouble with our shots falling, but we just kept fighting and doing the things we know to win...and it all paid off."

The Pacers trailed at halftime by two points, 25-23, but went into the fourth quarter up by eight, 48-40.

Brooks Ferguson led all scorers with 24 points. Avery Taylor had 16, Andy Edmondson and Jeff Sublett had 12 each and Steve Terry 1.

Taylor led the rebounding with 15. Ferguson had 9, Edmondson 7, Terry 2 and Sublett 1. Ferguson led in steals with 5. Sublett had 3, Edmondson 2, Taylor and Terry 1 apiece.

Taylor led in blocked shots with 6. Edmondson had 2, Sublett and Terry 1 each.

Brett Montgomery scored 19 points to lead McLean. Ike Hanes and Gary Jones added 10 each.

The Pacers are now 13-3 for the season and will next play in the Fort Elliott Tournament Jan. 2-4.

McLean has a 5-6 record. The Tigers are also entered in the Fort Elliott Tournament.

CANADIAN — The Canadian Tournament is scheduled for Jan. 2-4. Six boys teams and six girls teams are entered in the tournament.

Canadian plays Miami at 4:30 Jan. 2 in the girls game and at 6 in the boys game.

Wellington won the boys tournament title last season.

McLEAN — McLean lost a boys-girls basketball doubleheader to Allison Friday night.

In the girls game, Allison notched a 59-51 decision.

Dyer was high scorer for Allison with 18 points while Rachel Galley had 22 points to lead McLean.

Allison girls have an 11-2 record.

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Allison won, 74-51, in the boys contest.

Dukes had 20 points to lead Allison. Rainey added 17.

Chris Flores was high scorer for McLean with 14. Ike Hanes followed with 13.

GROOM — The Groom Tigerettes defeated Adrian, 60-31, in girls basketball action Friday night.

Stapp had 14 points and Conrad 12 to lead Groom's scoring attack. Gruhlkey was high scorer for Adrian with 16 points.

Groom's record is 6-7 while Adrian is 3-11.

Adrian won the boys game, 77-58.

Garrison netted 22 points for Adrian while Ritter had 19 to lead Groom. Treadwell added 9 for the Tigers.

MIAMI — Stratford claimed a pair of wins over Miami in non-district basketball action Friday night.

In the girls game, Stratford won by a score of 55-30.

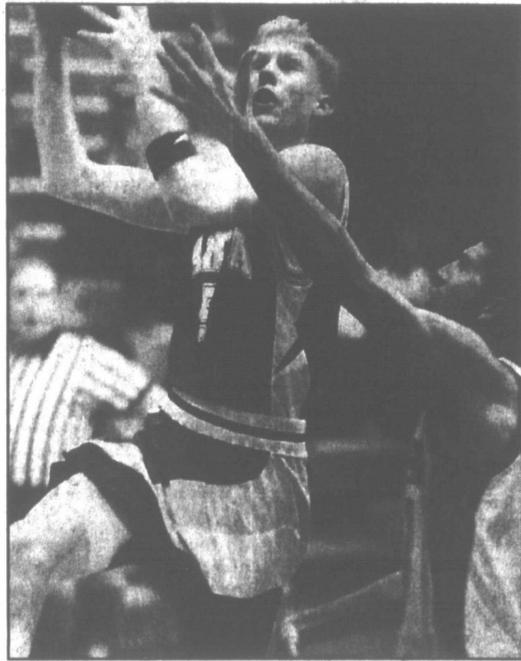
Stratford was led in scoring by Jennifer King with 18 points.

Lindsay Gill had 15 points and Danita Kauk 7 to lead Miami scoring.

Stratford, led by Efrin Ortega's 13 points, won the boys contest, 66-41.

Jared Neighbors had 14 points for Miami.

Driving layup



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's August Larson goes in for a layup in the Harvesters 66-53 win over Borger on Tuesday night in a District 1-4A opener. The Harvesters take a break from district action to compete in the Lions Club Tournament in Fort Worth. Their first-round opponent is Boswell at 4:30 Thursday.

West Texas State A&M hires McGarvey as new coach

CANYON (AP) — After leading Missouri Western State to more wins in the past four years than any other college or university in the state, Stan McGarvey will take the reigns of West Texas A&M's football program.

Athletic Director Ed Harris announced McGarvey's appointment as head football coach Saturday.

"Stan is a thinker, he has a great mind for athletics," Harris said. "He understands the role of foot-

ball in the overall institutional mission."

McGarvey directed Missouri Western State for six years, leading the Griffons to a 39-25-2 record, 30-12-2 during the past four years.

Prior to McGarvey, Missouri Western State remained without a winning season for a decade.

"We want to bring a national championship to West Texas A&M and the Texas Panhandle," McGarvey said. "I want to develop a great deal of pride in Buffalo

football. The program can bring regional and national recognition to the school and the community, and foremost we want to graduate young men."

McGarvey graduated from William Jewell College in 1972 and earned a master's degree in physical education in 1974 from the University of Illinois.

McGarvey coached at William Jewell from 1978-1981, returning for two years in 1987.

He also spent a year at Austin

College in 1983 and has made stops at the Montreal Alouettes, a Canadian Football League team, Sam Houston State, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Tulsa, the University of Kentucky, the University of Illinois and Pattonville High School.

"Stan is a thinker," said A&M Athletic Director Ed Harris. "He has a great mind for athletics."

McGarvey and his wife Linda have two children, Jon Ross (6) and David Paul (9).

Pampa's Mathis headed for OU

PAMPA — J.J. Mathis, a flanker and free safety, with the Pampa Harvesters, has orally committed to a football scholarship with the University of Oklahoma.

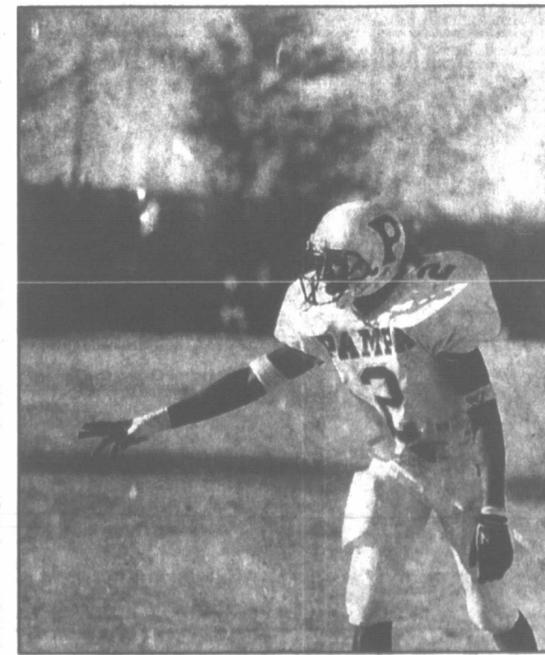
Mathis, who broke a bone in his lower leg and missed the second half of the season, is being recruited as a defensive back. This season he made 33 tackles and an interception in 4 1/2 games. The four-year starter made 174 tackles and had 5 interceptions in his Pampa career. He blocked five kicks and recovered two fumbles. He also totaled 2,367 yards and 14 touchdowns on offense.

Mathis was listed in The Dallas Morning News top 100 Texas recruits last week. He chose OU over New Mexico, Oklahoma State, Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

The 5-10, 170-pound Mathis made the All-District 1-4A Team his previous three seasons. He was the Amarillo Globe-News sophomore of the year in 1994.

Mathis is the second Harvester to commit to a football scholarship with a Division 1 school.

Teammate Devin Lemons already has orally committed to Texas Tech.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa receiver-defensive back J.J. Mathis has made an oral commitment to OU to play football.

Patriots rally past Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Bill Parcells and the New England Patriots rallied from a 22-point halftime deficit to earn a first-round playoff bye Saturday in what apparently will be Dan Reeves' bye-bye game with the New York Giants.

Drew Bledsoe capped the sensational comeback for New England (11-5) by throwing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ben Coates on a fourth-and-seven play with 1:23 to go for a 23-22 win Saturday.

Coates dragged two Giants' defensive back the final yard for New England's third touchdown in the final 12:20, assuring the Patriots a week off and denying Reeves a going-away present.

Earlier in the week, Reeves said he expected the Giants (6-10) to fire him when the season ends, and indications are that could happen as soon as Monday.

This last loss was one of the toughest of his long coaching career. The Giants played a flawless first half in building a 22-0 lead, then collapsed in the second half.

The Patriots' remarkable comeback enabled Parcells to beat the Giants in his first appearance against them since leaving as New York's coach after the 1990 season.

The loss was typical of New York's inconsistent play all season.

An Adam Venatieri's third-quarter field goal got the comeback going for the Patriots, the AFC East champions. Bledsoe, who was 31 of 47 for 301 yards, made it 22-10 with a 26-yard touchdown pass to Terry Glenn with 12:20 to play, then former Giant David Meggett returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown with 11:09 to go.

The Patriots' game-winning drive covered 75 yards in 13 plays and lasted 5:45. Bledsoe hit Glenn on passes of 17 and 13 yards, and Troy Brown kept it alive with a great catch while laying on his back for 13 yards on a third and 13 to the New York 29.

Coates capped the drive by dragging Conrad Hamilton and Tito Wooten into the end zone.

The Giants got to the Patriots' 40 on their final possession, but Dave Brown was called for intentional grounding and New York never got closer.

New York built its 22-0 lead on a safety, two Brad Daluiso field goals, a touchdown run by Charles Way and an interception return by Jason Sehorn.

The second half belonged to the Patriots, who are now assured of a least one home game in the playoffs.

Longhorns in Arizona for Fiesta Bowl practice

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Despite having 12 days to get ready for No. 6 Penn State and being slightly favored to win the Fiesta Bowl, Texas coach John Mackovic is far from complacent. "When you get to a bowl game, there are so many things to do," Mackovic said before beginning twice-daily workouts today.

The No. 20 Longhorns (8-4) arrived Friday, one day after Penn State (10-2).

"Last year we arrived in New Orleans after Christmas and never got into game week the way we should have," he said of the 28-10 loss to Virginia Tech.

The Longhorns' trip to the Sugar Bowl last year was marred by the controversy over a reserve defensive back who turned out to be a 30-year-old impostor.

Joel Ron McKelvey was revealed to be Ron Weaver, whose eligibility had been exhausted in 1989 at Sacramento State. Three years later, he went to a California junior college under a friend's name and started a new career.

Weaver and McKelvey left the team unannounced after the revelation, and the Longhorns went on to lose.

This time, Mackovic said, the Longhorns plan to maximize their pre-bowl opportunities.

"It was more convenient for us to come to Arizona early so we could get some good quality practices in and also allow our team the chance to enjoy themselves.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Mackovic. "I got a chance to watch some film of Penn State this week and I think they were playing as well as anybody in the country at the end of the season."

Texas, which knocked off Nebraska in the Big 12 championship to earn its first Fiesta appearance, enters the game on a roll.

The Longhorns lost four of their first seven games but finished with five straight wins, including the 37-27 victory over Nebraska.

"We turned the page over in mid year," said Mackovic. "One of our goals was the Big 12 title and we accomplished that. I think we just wanted to play better each week and we played our best game against Nebraska."

"But the kids realize that to beat Penn State we will have to play even better."

Austin Westlake romps to Division II 5A championship

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Austin Westlake, Texas' winningest high school football team of the 1990s, finally has a state title.

The Chaparrals broke open a close game with three quick third-quarter touchdowns and added four more in the fourth to crush turnover-plagued Abilene Cooper 55-15 Saturday for the Class 5A Division II championship.

Westlake (16-0) improved to 94-8-3 in the decade, and avenged title-game losses in 1990 and 1994. The Chaps had fallen to the eventual state champ four of the last six years.

"It's hard to express how it feels when you're as happy as I am right now," said Westlake coach Ron Schroeder, who took over the team in 1987 following a 2-8 season.

Cooper (12-4), making the finals for the first time since a controversial 20-19 loss to Austin Reagan in 1967, held its own in the first half only to self-destruct over the final two quarters.

The Cougars led 7-0 early in the second quarter and were tied 7-7 at halftime. They had the ball to open the third quarter, but an interception by Michael Anderson on the second play of the half began Cooper's demise.

That turnover was the first of six by Cooper over the final two quarters and one of eight in the game for the Cougars. Westlake scored following all but one of the second-half turnovers.

In fact, the Chaparrals got touchdowns on seven of their eight second-half drives. They had three within a 3-minute, 35-second span of the third quarter, and three more within 3:16 of the fourth quarter.

"You can't beat a good football team when you make that many turnovers," Cooper coach Randy Allen said. "In the third quarter, they gave us three quick punches before we got started, and that did us in."

Westlake's Drew Brees, the 5A offensive player of the year, ran for three second-half touchdowns (two 1-yard dives and a 5-yard bootleg) and threw for two more, a 47-yarder to Jeremy Amos and a 20-yarder to Matt Murphy.

Brees was 11-of-18 for 163 yards. Three of the catches were by all-state receiver Ryan Read, giving him 108 for the year and breaking the state record of 106 held since 1992 by Arlington's Nassar Ayaad.

Jamie Tyler, who ran eight yards for the Chaps' first-half touchdown, had a 23-yard touchdown in the third quarter and Brent Chalmers scored from the game's final points on a 1-yard run with 2:21 left to play.

Westlake ran for 230 yards, with Tyler gaining a team-high 127 on 24 carries.

Schroeder said he had a 50-play game plan, but decided at halftime to go with only seven of them.

That change in strategy was so successful that Schroeder said "we didn't even use all of those."

For Cooper, the game was uncharacteristic in many ways. The Cougars had lost the ball just six times in their previous five playoff games, and they hadn't allowed more than 31 points since a Week Five loss to Amarillo.

The lone bright spot for Cooper was running back Dominic Rhodes, who ran for 230 yards — the most Westlake had allowed all year.

But the game was a nightmare for Cougars quarterback Michael Anderson. He completed half as many passes to Westlake (4) as he did to his own team (8). He had as many second-half interceptions, two, as completions.

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Men's Major College Basketball Scores

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DALLAS (AP) — The Class 5A All-State high school football team, released Friday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season statistics:

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Astros doing off-season wheeling and dealing

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros can't afford to keep pace with the high-finance dealings of some major league teams, but that hasn't kept general manager Gerry Hunsicker from attempting off-season improvements.

It didn't take Hunsicker long to get started spending the modest \$30 million budget given him by owner Drayton McLane.

Manager Terry Collins was the first to go after leading the Astros to three straight second place finishes in the NL Central. Larry Dierker came down from the broadcast booth to be the field manager and the deals have been rolling in.

Dierker thinks new faces on the Astros roster and labor peace will revitalize the team and help attendance.

"This brings baseball back to the front burner," Dierker said. "People realize that we are going to be around for awhile and we not moving to another city."

The obvious reference was to the NFL Houston Oilers, who are struggling at the gate because they are moving to Nashville after next season.

"We're not having another strike and we're going to have (Jeff) Bagwell, (Craig) Biggio and (Derek) Bell," Dierker said. "All these things add up to do what we want to do here and that is get the fans back."

Hunsicker completed a bold 10-player deal on Dec. 10 that sent center fielder Brian Hunter, shortstop Orlando Miller, pitchers Todd Jones and Doug Brocail and a player to be named, to the Tigers.

The Astros got catcher Brad Ausmus, the key to the deal, along with pitchers Jose Lima, C.J. Nitkowski and Terver Miller and infielder Daryle Ward.

Hunsicker then signed regular right fielder Derek Bell to a three-year contract worth \$13 million that solidified the Astros' nucleus.

"He's (Bell) a five-tool player and there aren't many of them around," Dierker said. "When you can tie up a guy like that a few years and already got Bagwell and Biggio tied up the next few years, then you've got what most teams are looking for in a nucleus."

The Killer Bs (Bagwell, Biggio, Bell and Sean Berry) are intact but everything around them is changing.

When Dierker finishes tinkering with what Hunsicker has

provided, the Astros could have new starters at four positions — shortstop, left field, catcher and center field.

Hunsicker signed free agents Pat Listach to replace Miller at shortstop and Thomas Howard, who could play in center field with James Mouton.

Bob Abreu, a promising youngster who played last season in the minors, has a chance to be the regular left fielder. Dierker is also toying with the idea of moving Bell to center field.

The pitching staff will start with incumbents Shane Reynolds, Darryl Kile, Mike Hampton and Hunsicker hopes free agent Sid Fernandez will make the starting rotation.

Billy Wagner, last year's rookie bullpen star, and former All-Star closer John Hudek also will give the pitching staff pop.

"We want the kind of team that can bunt and hit and run and steal and get that one run," Dierker said. "Then we've got Wagner and Hudek to close the door at the other end. Hopefully we can win some of those games that we lost last year."

The Astros traded away Kenny Lofton before he turned into an All-Star in a deal that was considered a bad trade for the Astros.

Hunter has similar potential but Hunsicker scoffed at a suggestion the Astros have done it again.

"That's silly to go through life worrying about what happened in the past," Hunsicker said. "We all feel that we are a better club from making this trade for next year and in the future."

Olerud goes to Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays traded first baseman John Olerud to the Mets today for right-hander Robert Person and will send New York \$5 million to help pay Olerud's \$6.5 million salary.

Olerud, 28, hit a league-leading .363 in 1993, but has not come close to that mark since then.

He dipped to .297 the next year, then to .291 and batted .274 last season with 18 home runs and 61 RBIs.

Person, 27, was 4-5 with a 4.52 ERA in 13 starts and 14 relief appearances.

Butch Huskey had been the Mets' leading candidate at first base following the trade of Rico Brogna to Philadelphia.

Kotite out as Jets coach

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Rich Kotite went out as the New York Jets' coach Friday in a manner that was as confusing as the team's play during his two years as head man — he fired himself.

"I was not fired, I am not quitting," Kotite, 4-27 as the team's coach, said in announcing that he was stepping down after Sunday's game against Miami.

The move came after a meeting Thursday with Leon Hess, the team's owner, and Steve Gutman, its president.

It was called by Kotite, who didn't want to drag out the inevitable into Christmas week. And it was Kotite as the de

facto general manager who made the decision that a change was necessary.

"When you're 3-13 and 1-14, that just doesn't cut it," Kotite said.

"We've been everything but respectable. A change has to be made. I hold myself accountable... It hasn't worked."

"If you take emotion out of this and I did, it's clear that the head coach should step down."

Kotite's departure was hardly unexpected given this season's 1-14 record, worst in the Jets' long history of losing. Ten days ago, after a 34-10 loss at New England, he acknowledged the inevitable by citing the team's record.

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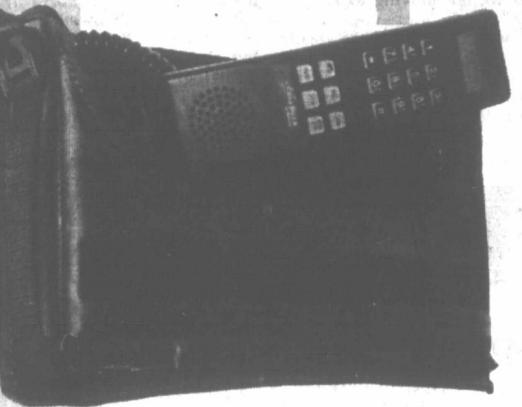
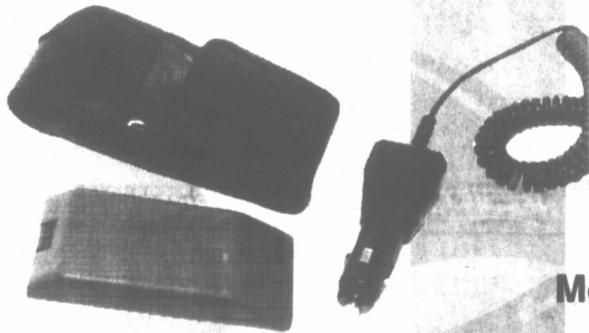
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| 1 (Area IV) | Louise Dezan | 629 Dacotette | Children's Church |
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| 3 (Area II) | Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Wilson | 2323 Aspen | Children's Church |
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| 6 (Area II) | Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Mills | 215 Hickory Dr. | Pampa News |
| 7 (Area I) | Tommy & Tracy Winkler | 1414 Christy | Pampa News |
| 8 (Area I) | Travis & Diane Jennings | 1438 N. Christy | Children's Church |
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| 10 (Area V) | Bert & Lucille | 7307 Goodwood | Pampa News |
| 11 (Area V) | Margie & Nick Berry | 1142 N. 31st | Children's Church |
| 12 (Area VI) | Keith & Janita Weaver | 825 Turner | Pampa News |
| 13 (Area VI) | James & Shirley Wilson | 229 Tigner | Children's Church |
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karr

Karr anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karr of Pampa will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 28, 1996, in Cory Court, First United Methodist Church. Dr. Bob Karr of St. Louis, Mo., John H. Karr of Columbus, Ga., and Mary Beth Karr, of Peoria, Ill., will be hosting the reception.

Robert Karr and Elizabeth Mullinax were married Dec. 28, 1946, in the chapel of First Presbyterian Church at Pampa.

Mr. Karr has been a Pampa resident for 66 years and retired in September of 1982 from Celanese Chemical Company after 29 years of service.

Mrs. Karr has been a lifelong Pampa resident.

The couple are members of First United Methodist Church and volunteer at Hospice of the Panhandle.

Children of the couple are Bob Karr of St. Louis, John Karr of Columbus and Mary Beth Karr of Peoria. They have five grandchildren.



Mrs. Todd Alan McCavit
Laura Adele Williams

Williams-McCavit

Laura Adele Williams, of Lubbock, and Todd Alan McCavit, of Pampa, were married Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, in First Presbyterian Church at Pampa with Dr. Edwin Cooley and John Curry, both of Pampa, officiating.

Leigh Ellen Osborne of Dallas served as maid of honor and Stacy Pine of Houston and Berkley Williams of Lubbock were bridesmaids.

Standing in as best man was Tim McCavit of Lubbock and serving as groomsmen were Trey McCavit of Lubbock and Richard Williams of Wheat Ridge, Colo. Tanner Dunn of Big Lake and Steven Keller of Tallahassee, Fla., were ring bearers.

The ushers were Jamie Haliburton and John Robert Haliburton, both of Amarillo, Rankin Harvey of Ruidoso, N.M., and Jason Soukup of Lubbock.

Leslie Forister of Lubbock filled in as candlelighter.

Music was provided by harpist Sarah Keller of Tallahassee, vocalist Suzanne Wood and organist Doris Goad, both of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club. Serving the guests were Jodi Berg of Hale Center, Lori Hendricks of Pampa, Tiffany Niles of Lubbock, M'Lyn Turner of Dallas and Cori Weaver of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Williams, Jr., of Pampa. She is a Pampa High School graduate and is a May 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is currently working towards a master of science degree from Tech and expects to graduate in July 1997. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCavit of Pampa. He is a Pampa High School graduate. He is currently working towards a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and management systems from Texas Tech University. His intended graduation date will be May 1997. He is presently employed at Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss Accounting Firm in Lubbock.

The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and intend to make their home in Lubbock.



Mrs. Kyle Wade Parnell
Kayla Marie Baker

Baker-Parnell

Kayla Marie Baker and Kyle Wade Parnell, both of Pampa, were married Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, at Central Baptist Church in Pampa with Rick Parnell, father of the groom, officiating.

Sister of the bride Kelli Weaver of Amarillo served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were sister of the bride Kim King of Oklahoma City, Okla., cousin of the bride Shiela Oquin of Canyon, Michelle Tapp of Pampa and Kaylee King, junior bridesmaid and niece of the bride, of Oklahoma City. Kirby Weaver, niece of the bride, of Amarillo, was flower girl.

Standing in as best man was Ryan Parnell of Waco. Groomsmen were Jeff Castilow of Wolforth, Greg Erpelding of Weatherford, Okla., and Rusty Tapp of Pampa.

Ushers were Andy Caddell and Adam Caddell, both of Garden City, Kan., Michael Foote of Norman, Okla., and Chad Rhoades of Clinton, Okla.

Andy Caddell and Adam Caddell also served as candlelighters.

Registering guests was Misty Dudley of Abilene.

Music was provided by organist Myrna Orr of Pampa and vocalists Larry and Donna Walker, aunt and uncle of the groom, of Jasper, Ga.

A reception following the service was held in Fellowship Hall of the church. Serving the guests were Carol Fulcher, Ikey Earp, Sherry Seabourn, Dee Randall and Sharon McCormick, all of Pampa, and Connie Williams and Megan Smith, both of Dumas.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Deanna Baker of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Marie Baker of Wheeler. She is currently attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is employed at A&R Mechanical in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Rick and Amy Parnell of Pampa and is the grandson of Dillan and Aldene Caddell of Sundown and Bill and Doris Parnell of Holly, Colo. He is currently attending WTAMU and is employed at A&R Mechanical.

The couple will honeymoon in San Antonio and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shults

Shults anniversary

Ray and Wilma Shults celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. Hosting the reception were children of the couple, Janice Drinnon of Childress and Lee Ann Winton and Wendell Shults, both of Pampa.

Ray Shults and Wilma Faye Lee were married Dec. 21, 1946, at Wellington, Texas.

Mr. Shults retired as owner-operator of Ray's Body Shop after 20 years.

Mrs. Shults is a homemaker.

The couple are the parents of eight children.

Holidays can be stressful, lonely

The holiday season brings families together, friends closer and good cheer ... but not for all. In fact, if the silver lining this holiday season turns blue, you may be experiencing mild depression.

Many things — including the recent or past loss of a loved one — can trigger feelings of depression during the holiday season. The loss of a family member, friend, pet or a move to a new residence can bring on the holiday blues for some people. Memories of past special times come flooding back and overwhelm some people.

The holiday blues may also stem from feelings of disappointment due to unmet expectations. Some people feel the holidays just aren't what they used to be. Comparing this holiday to earlier times when a family member was present can result in thinking things just can't be the same.

To help get out of the holiday blues, there are three things to consider: 1) increasing physical activity, 2) initiating new traditions and 3) finding a listening ear. Physical activity such as walk-

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



ing can often reduce symptoms of depression such as energy loss or troubled sleep.

Starting a new tradition instead of focusing on missing loved ones can help reduce a negative outlook. While it is important to remember special times with a friend or spouse, it is not realistic to expect holidays to feel like those when the family member was present.

Hanging a special ornament on the tree to symbolize a connection with a lost loved one or planting a tree to memorialize that person may help.

Seeking out the listening ear of a friend is one of the best ways to ward off the blues. Find someone

that will listen to your concerns without giving advice or trying to convince you that everything is okay. This may be a friend, family member or someone you know who has had a similar loss. When the blues persist, however, seeking help from a professional counselor, psychologist or physician may be necessary.

Listening is the greatest gift you can give a friend who is having trouble coping with the holidays. When you acknowledge the emptiness your friend feels, you are validating the importance of the person he or she has lost. Listening to heartfelt memories can be useful in the healing process.

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Newsmakers

ABILENE - Holly Abbott, Abilene Christian University senior theater major from Pampa, was the costume designer for the ACU Children's Theater production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* earlier this month.

Based on the first book in the children's series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis, the tale is of four children who find their way to the magical land of Narnia through a wardrobe.

Ten performances, including a show for the Abilene community and nine performances for children of area schools, were presented for a total of more than 10,000 at the historic Paramount Theater in downtown Abilene.

The cast, which interacted with the children between performances, consisted of freshman and transfer students new this fall to ACU. The play is one of two shows annually which are directed and designed by students in the theater department. ACU has produced the annual children's shows since 1981.

WICHITA, Kan. - Kasia Lewis, of Pampa, was recently awarded a \$1,300 Board of Directors Scholarship from Kansas Newman College in Wichita.

The college is a private, Catholic institution which offers programs at twelve outreach sites throughout Kansas and Oklahoma.

PENDLETON, Calif. - Marine Sergeant John K. Grimsley, 1991 Pampa High School graduate and son of Charles W. Grimsley of Pampa, recently reported for duty with Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

Grimsley's new assignment is an example of Navy and Marine Corps being assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq

or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, Grimsley and others like him are making a difference while working to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history. Grimsley joined the Marine Corps in June 1991.

CANYON - Two Pampa and one Shamrock students are among 58 West Texas A&M University students selected as outstanding campus leaders to be noted in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Selected for inclusion in the book are Pampans Elizabeth Johnston, a senior nursing major, and Lesley Montgomery, a senior radio/television/film major. Also selected was Melanie Martindale of Shamrock, a senior computer information systems major.

Nominees were required to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional criteria included a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, service to the university and potential for future achievement.

CLARENDON - Clarendon College recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists. A total of 31 students achieved this honor.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must carry a full course load and maintain a grade point average 4.0 or more. Named to the honor roll were: Nadia Jouridova and Geneva Villareal, both of Pampa, and John Dickey of McLean.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry a full course load and maintain a GPA of 3.6 or higher. Named to the honor roll were: Kelley Bilyeu of Pampa and Vanessa Brown of McLean.

Menus

Dec. 23-27

Pampa Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY

Holiday

Lefors Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY

Holiday

Senior Citizens
MONDAY

Baked turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans with pearl onions, frozen fruit salad or tossed salad, pumpkin squares, cherry cobbler, fruit cups, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives and pickles, hot rolls, tea or coffee.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

Holiday

Meals on Wheels
MONDAY

Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli and rice, carrots, plum cobbler.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

Holiday

THURSDAY

Chicken patties, peas and carrots, squash casserole, pudding.

FRIDAY

Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, green beans, peaches.

Royse anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Royse will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. today in Cory Court at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Jim Royse and friends of the family will be hosting the reception.

Kenneth L. Royse and Ruby Bozeman were married Dec. 22, 1946, in First United Methodist Church at Elk City, Okla. The couple have been Pampa residents since September 1959, moving from Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. Royse graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oklahoma State University. He owns Royse Animal Hospital in Pampa and has served as Pampa City Veterinarian for the past 20 years. He is a Pampa Chamber of Commerce board member, is active in Top O' Texas Livestock Show and was a past director of Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for 18 years. He is a member of the Knife and Fork Club.

Mrs. Royse assists her husband in the family business, serving as office manager at Royse Animal Hospital. She is active in Altrusa International of Pampa, the Knife and Fork Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The couple are members of First United Methodist Church. Children of the couple are Jim L. Royse of Pampa. They are the grandparents of John Royse of Abilene.

Users of wrinkle removers should consider sunscreen

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Scientific advisers to the cosmetics industry have a message for aging Americans: It's safe to use over-the-counter wrinkle creams that contain no more than 10 percent alpha hydroxy acids, but you'll want to keep the sunscreen handy.

Consumers should use sunscreen if the wrinkle cream doesn't already contain one, the panel advised.

The acids are arguably the most popular skin ingredient sold today, and the panel's decision is not the end of the saga - the Food and Drug Administration announced that some people are more sensitive than others and it is about to study just how safe these burgeoning chemicals really are.

"These are acids in the true sense," FDA's director of cosmetics, John Bailey, said Tuesday. "Safety questions naturally come to mind."

Alpha hydroxy acids, which bring in an estimated half-billion dollars in annual sales, essentially speed up the natural process of shedding skin cells. They're sold in everything from lower-acid under-eye creams that promise to smooth fine surface lines to "chemical peels" typically offered in salons that contain 30 percent to as much as 70 percent of the acids.

Last summer, dermatologists at Massachusetts General Hospital confirmed the acids' advertising hype, saying they can improve skin's appearance - slightly. Using a 10-point scale, they

found women who used acid-containing face creams showed a 1- to 2-point improvement in skin quality over regular creams.

But because the FDA doesn't regulate cosmetics as strictly as other products, no one has studied the long-term effects. The FDA has said it will gather its own experts to evaluate lingering questions about the acids, including whether they increase sensitivity to sun rays that can cause wrinkles and even cancer.

At the same time, a seven-member panel that advises the cosmetics industry voted unanimously that:

-Consumers can safely use over-the-counter lotions that contain no more than 10 percent alpha hydroxy acids, but manufacturers should either include a sunscreen in the lotion or instruct consumers to use one separately.

-Salons can safely offer "chemical peels" using up to 30 percent alpha hydroxy acids, and should instruct consumers to use sunscreen daily.

The panel based its decision partly on an FDA study that found the acids, applied to guinea pigs, did not appear to hurt the skin's ability to act as a protective barrier. The acids did increase natural skin cell turnover by 35 percent.

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wed-

ding, but not more than three months before the wedding. 5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor.

Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

4-H Futures & Features

Nine Gray County 4-H members competed in the District 4-H Food Show recently in Amarillo.

Barry Brauchi received first place honors in the senior fruits and vegetables category and earned the right to represent District I in the State 4-H Food Show in June at Texas A&M.

Breads and Cereals; Andrea Shank of McLean in Intermediate Breads and Cereals; Kellie Mullican of Pampa in Junior Main Dish; and Kaylee Shank of Pampa in Junior Breads and Cereals.

Earning "Top 4" awards were: Sarah Schwab of Pampa in the Intermediate Nutritious Snacks and Desserts; Julie Davenport of Lefors in Junior Nutritious Snacks and Desserts; and Drake Jackson of Lefors in Junior Fruits and Vegetables.

Other 4-Hers making outstanding efforts were: Angie Davenport of Lefors in Senior Main Dish; Sarah Myers of McLean in Senior



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Business Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A25 Burnett, 330' from South & 430' from West line, Sec. 100.5, H&GN, PD 2850'. Replacement well for #A25 Burnett
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #117 Worley Unit, 1650' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 61.3, H&GN, PD 3315'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & GERALD Upper Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Allar, 467' from North & 2168' from East line, Sec. 179.2, GH&H, PD 7250'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ANTERO Upper Morrow D) Southwestern Energy Production Co., #2 Shell Fee '25', 1320' from North & East line, Sec. 25.42, H&TC, PD 13750'.
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. HUMPHREYS Upper Morrow) H & L Operating Co., #1-29 Humphreys, 1700' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 29.1, G&M, PD 11600'.
**HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) W.B.D. Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Evan, 1787' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 3.1, BBB&C, PD 3400'.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Susan J. Martin, 2298' from South & 1214' from West line, Sec. 808.43, H&TC, PD 7800'.
**OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ALPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Strat Land Exploration Co., #5 McGarraugh, 600' from South 1000' from West line, Sec. 150.13, T&NO, PD 9600'.
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 H.T. Glasgow, 2000' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 738.43, H&TC, PD 7450'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & GILL RANCH Sweetwater Sand) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #1-3 Wells, 1400' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 3.M-2, H&GN, PD 22630'.
Application to Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-Low Morrow) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #1-27 Johnson, 1992' from North & 1867' from East line, Sec. 27.M-1, H&GN, PD 20258'.
ROBERTS (CHAMBERS Upper & Lower Douglas) Midgard******

Energy Co., #4079 Frank Chambers 'B', 954' from North & 1252' from East line, Sec. 79.8-1, H&GN, PD 7400'.
Application to Re-Enter
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & TIPPCANOE Miss. Chester) Bracken Energy, L.L.C., #1-949 Cripple Creek (645 ac) 660' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 949.43, H&TC, PD 10500'.
Oil Well Completions
**HARTLEY (REBM Granite Wash) Mortimer Exploration Co., #1 Walker Ranch, Sec. 45, ITO, T&NO, elev. 3894 kb, spud 10-8-96, drlg. compl 10-13-96, tested 11-11-96, pumped 30 bbl. of 42.1 grav. oil + 35 bbls. water, GOR n/a, TD 6500', PBTD 6365' —
HEMPHILL (CAMPBELL RANCH Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1-50 Isaacs, Sec. 50.1, H&GN, elev. 2636 rkb, spud 9-22-96, drlg. compl 10-6-96, tested 11-21-96, pumped 50 bbl. of 43.5 grav. oil + 20 bbls. water, GOR 2780, TD 7400', PBTD 7348' —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #23 Childers, Sec. 9 1/2, —Z.C. Collier, elev. 3181 kb, spud 8-4-96, drlg. compl 8-8-96, tested 11-21-96, pumped 11.6 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 196 bbls. water, GOR 2155, TD 3431', PBTD 3393' —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #193 South Herring, William Archer, elev. 3077 kb, spud 10-8-96, drlg. compl 10-12-96, tested 12-5-96, pumped 25.8 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 102 bbls. water, GOR 3760, TD 3327', PBTD 3283' —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Momentum Operating Co., #90 Herring 'A', Eucebio Alm-guei, elev. 3069 gr, spud 5-12-96, drlg. comp 5-18-96, tested 8-22-96, pumped 39 bbl. of 39.6 grav. oil + 47 bbls. water, GOR 5051, TD 3428', PBTD 3428' —
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Momentum Operating Co., Inc., #91 Herring 'A', Eucebio Almaguei Survey, elev. 2077 gr, spud 5-20-96, drlg. compl 5-26-96, tested 10-21-96, pumped 34 bbl. of 39.6 grav. oil + 12 bbls. water, GOR 5029, TD 3438', PBTD 3429' —
HUTCHINSON (LILY ANN Ellenburger) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #6 C.W. Kirk '86', Sec.**********

86.5, T&NO, elev. 3217 gr, spud 9-6-96, drlg. compl 9-30-96, tested 11-2-96, flowed 165.8 bbl. of 30.9 oil + 2 bbls. water, GOR —, TD 8802', PBTD 8070' — Dual
**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) MJM Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Frazier, Sec. 103.10, H&TB, elev. 2609.5 kb, spud 8-10-96, drlg. compl 8-27-96, tested 12-9-96, pumped 48 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 100 bbls. water, GOR 1563, TD 6386', PBTD 6295' —
**OCHILTREE (HORIZON Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #1 Tarbox Trust, Sec. 124.13, T&NO, elev. 3042 gr, spud 5-27-96, drlg. compl 6-17-96, tested 10-30-96, pumped 14 bbl. of 36.4 grav. oil + 16 bbls. water, GOR 2071, TD 9730, PBTD 9380' — This well was orig. permitted as a gas well #2 Tarbox Trust. After testing the GOR classifies it as an oil well #1 Tarbox Trust
**OCHILTREE (HORIZON Cleveland) Texaco E & P, Inc., #1 S. P. Daniel, Sec. 137.4-TT&NO, elev. 3070 kb, spud 10-28-96, drlg. compl 11-22-96, tested 12-6-96, pumped 25 bbl. of 37.7 grav. oil + 7 bbls. water, GOR 2480, TD 7708', PBTD 7322' — Re-Entry
**OCHILTREE (LIPS Cleveland) Texaco E & P, Inc., #1r C.S. McGarraugh 'B' NCT-1, Sec. 139.13, T&NO, elev. 3057 kb, spud 9-30-96, drlg. compl 11-9-96, tested 12-6-96, pumped 11 bbl. of 38.6 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water, GOR 436, TD 8540', PBTD 7270' — Plug-Back
SHERMAN (AT Upper Morrow) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-106 Cornelson, Sec. 106.1-********

C, GH&H, spud 8-23-96, drlg. compl 9-8-96, tested 11-12-96, pumped 33.5 bbl. of 38.4 grav. oil + no water, GOR 448, TD 6900', PBTD 6548' —
Gas Well Completions
**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #2119A Burnett, Sec. 119.5, H&GN, elev. 3262 gr, spud 9-30-96, drlg. compl 10-29-96, tested 11-6-96, potential 1492 MCF, MD 6778', TVD 2920' — Horizontal Sidetrack
**HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #2-1 John C. Isaacs, Sec. 1, — Alfred Loui, elev. 2649 kb, spud 8-20-96, drlg. compl 11-28-96, tested 11-28-96, potential 16000 MCF, TD 10935', PBTD 10655' —
**LIPSCOMB (BECHTHOLD Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #3 Bell, Sec. 148.10, H&TC, elev. 2839 kb, spud 10-26-96, drlg. compl 11-7-96, tested 11-30-96, potential 21 MCF, TD 8375', PBTD 7302' — Plug-Back
**LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2-376 Willene Franano, et al, Sec. 376.43, H&TC, elev. 2691 kb, spud 8-31-96, drlg. compl 9-13-96, tested 10-17-96, potential 2900 MCF, TD 8250', PBTD 8183' —
**LIPSCOMB (STABEL Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #3899 Alex Born 'F', Sec. 899.43, H&TC, elev. 2685 kb, spud 6-6-96, drlg. compl 7-4-96, tested 10-21-96, potential 1210 MCF, TD 11050' — Plug-Back
 See DRILLING, Page 24**********

Starting Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

A holiday tradition ...

I first wrote about "Unlucky Jimmy" in December 1990. Because the true meaning of Christmas is a timeless message, I will share it again.

Unlucky Jimmy is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jimmy whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called himself Unlucky Jimmy.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jimmy there were only enough presents for one per child.

Jimmy looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jimmy clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jimmy began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jimmy didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jimmy sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave him the red fire engine and explained to Jimmy that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring the fire engine to Jimmy.

The True Meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time and usually feel a little selfish. Shall we start a "Jimmy" tradition this Christmas season? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all people by giving more of ourselves.

Volunteer time to your favorite church or charity. Make or bake something for someone less fortunate. Take time to listen to someone who needs you. Let's make this year a year of giving.

Remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. Whether or not you are a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all of us.

Topographic GPS specialist named

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kenneth Hauk has been named GPS Specialist for Topographic Land Surveyors of Oklahoma, president Susan Blueher has announced.

Topographic Land Surveyors of Oklahoma is one of three subsidiary companies providing surveying, mapping, geographic information systems and global positioning systems (GPS) for the Midwest region.

Hauk, formerly survey manager for Canadian County Surveying in Reno, is registered land surveyor in Oklahoma, Kansas, California and Nevada and has 18 years surveying experience.

As GPS Specialist, Hauk will

be responsible for survey grade GPS for all industries.

GPS projects utilize geographic data derived from U.S. Department of Defense satellites that is plotted on computerized maps for accurate positioning and tracking of precise locations.

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Topographic also operates offices in Midland and Pampa, Texas and several field offices where needed.

Chamber Communique

Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members: Amarillo Heart Group, Agustin (Gus) Cabrera, M.D., 104 E. 30th; Sun Loan Company, No. 112, 1534 N. Hobart, Juanita W. Flores, office manager; and Hi-Plains Hypnosis/Counseling Institute, Dr. Jerry Lane, 2007 Williston.

During the December Chamber Board meeting, President Bill Wade recognized Fred Brook, Kerrick Horton, Jerry Moore and Ben Shackelford for past support and participation as retiring members of the board.

Wade also introduced newly elected board members who will be serving three year terms: Ted Dickman, John Forister, Dr. Jerry Lane, Larry Orman, Ed Ringering, Richard Stowers and Gladys Vanderpool, and introduced board members newly

appointed by incoming President Joe L. Lowry, M.D.: Bobby Ketchersid, C.P.A., Wesley Hukill and Phil Young.

The Chamber will close at noon Dec. 24 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 27. The Chamber wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1997.

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"Of all the Christmas presents..."

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 You find beneath the tree,
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Entertainment

Arlo Guthrie to be in concert in Pampa

Arlo Guthrie and his son Abe will be appearing in concert at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium in Pampa on Saturday, Jan. 18, in a benefit performance for Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Inc.

Arlo, known for such songs as "Alice's Restaurant," "The City of New Orleans" and "Coming into Los Angeles," is the son of famed folk singer Woody Guthrie, who lived in Pampa when he began his songwriting career.

"My parents were both people who believed in serving humanity," says Arlo Guthrie, who accepted his father's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and this year inducted Pete Seeger, who often sang with Woody Guthrie, into the same Hall.

"You've got to do something; my dad did, my mom did," Arlo added. "My kids are being brought up that way. You have to give back, especially when so many wonderful things happen to you."

The Arlo and Abe Concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 and may be purchased in advance at Tarpley Music in Pampa and Lubbock and at Tolzien's Music in Amarillo.

Tickets also may be reserved by mailing \$12.50 per ticket to Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, 1305 Hamilton, Pampa, TX 79065. Tickets will be held at the office at the auditorium.

In the 1960s, Arlo Guthrie became well-known in the folk rock movement, appearing at the Woodstock festival and scoring a big hit with the epic *Alice's Restaurant* in 1967.

Throughout his 30-year career, Guthrie has good-naturedly dogged the expectations of being Woody's son. He learned his music talent not only from his father but from other such legendary singers as Seeger and Leadbelly. He fused all these lessons to find a



Arlo Guthrie

style of his own, making him a distinctive figure in the crowded community of singer-songwriters during the late 1960s.

On other albums such as *Last of the Brooklyn Cowboys*, *Amigo* and *Outlasting the Blues*, he offered aural tours of American musical traditions, showing he remained a student as well as a teacher.

During the early 1980s, Guthrie decided to branch out and take control of his affairs, forming Rising Son Records.

"I figured maybe I can start a small company for whom it would be worthwhile to put out my music," said Guthrie, who in 1992 purchased the Old Trinity Church in Housatonic, Mass., where he wrote "Alice's Restaurant." "I didn't know anything about it

aside from having to hire people. We had to train ourselves, and it took a long time."

Besides releasing the highly regarded *Someday* and re-releasing Guthrie's old titles, Rising Son has put out a series of ambitious recordings, including *Woody's 20 Grow Big Songs*, a packaged collection of his father's children's music recorded by the extended Guthrie clan. He also released *Alice's Restaurant: The Massacre Revisited*, which bolsters his famous tale with a few more details and state-of-the-art production.

Co-produced by his son Abe, *Mystic Journey* contains 10 Guthrie originals, including "Moon Song," which he wrote for the 1994 ABC-TV series, *The Byrds of Paradise*.

Other selections in the first collection of his original songs since *Someday*, released 10 years ago, include "I'll Be With You Tonight," "All This Stuff Takes Time," "Under Cover of the Night" and the title track, "The Mystic Journey."

"Most of these songs are fairly new, not more than three or four years old," Guthrie said shortly after the album's release. "There are a few songs that have been around for awhile. I've had a chance to let some of the ideas mature. I think they've aged somewhat gracefully on this record."

In addition to his recordings, record company and raising his children, Guthrie also has kept busy with *The Rolling Blunder Review*, a newsletter he started in 1986; The Guthrie Center, a non-profit interfaith church foundation for children recovering from abuse; and support for HIV/AIDS and community services of all types.

He also wrote *Moose Come Walking*, an award-winning children's book illustrated by Alice M. Brock (Alice of "Alice's Restaurant").

The Top Five

By The Associated Press

FILMS

1. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony
2. *Mars Attacks!*, Warner Bros.
3. *101 Dalmatians*, Buena Vista
4. *The Preacher's Wife*, Buena Vista
5. *Daylight*, Universal

TV

1. *ER*, NBC
2. *Seinfeld*, NBC
3. *Suddenly Susan*, NBC
4. *Friends*, NBC
5. *Single Guy*, NBC

SINGLES

1. "Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
2. "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic)
3. "No Diggity," Blackstreet featuring Dr. Dre (Interscope)
4. "Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest)
5. "Nobody," Keith Sweat featuring Athena Cage (Elektra) (Gold)

ALBUMS

1. *Tragic Kingdom*, No Doubt (Trauma-Interscope) (Platinum)
2. *Falling Into You*, Celine Dion (550 Music-Epic) (Platinum)
3. *Razorblade Suitcase*, Bush (Trauma-Interscope) (Arista)
4. *The Preacher's Wife Soundtrack*, (Arista)
5. *'Space Jam' Soundtrack*, (Warner Sunset-Atlantic)

USA TODAY BEST-SELLING BOOKS

Key: F-Fiction; NF-Nonfiction; H-Hardcover; P-Paperback.

1. *Airframe* by Michael Crichton (Knopf) (F-H)
2. *A Reporter's Life* by Walter Cronkite (Knopf) (NF-H)
3. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* by Canfield, Hansen, Hawthorne and Shimmoff (HCI) (NF-P)
4. *The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton (Anchor) (F-P)
5. *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison (Plume) (F-P)

CC to present 'Sophie's Saloon'

CLARENDON — Clarendon's College's Cultural Affairs Committee has announced that CC will host Amarillo Opera's *Sophie's Saloon* on Sunday, Feb. 23, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. The matinee performance will begin at 3 p.m.

Sophie's Saloon is an original cowboy comedy musical by Gene Murray of Canyon. Murray played the leading role of "Uncle Henry" in the outdoor drama *TEXAS* for 28 seasons. A descendant of pioneer cotton farmers, Murray grew up in Childress. His wife, Elizabeth, also has local ties as she was reared in Memphis.

Sophie's Saloon received enthusiastic accolades by a standing-room only crowd in its 1994 premier performance at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

The action of the musical takes place in Sophie's Saloon when Texas was young and wild.

Sophie has had to run the saloon after her husband was killed in a gun fight. She has to provide for Lucinda, her sweet and innocent daughter, and has learned to let her rifle do her talking when things get rough.

Tickets for the matinee performance are \$5 and may be purchased in advance by calling Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571 or 1-800-687-9737.

Hollywood presents ... the giving season, with trendy twists

By SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's not enough to be a star and merely drop by the soup kitchen at Christmas-time. Today's celebrities must dispense generosity with panache.

In a town where style reigns, pitching in for the downtrodden in untraditional ways has become hip. And perhaps the trendiest show of benevolence this season is gift-wrapping get-togethers.

Only in Hollywood would organizers declare their charitable event "among the largest gift-wrapping parties," as publicists dubbed this month's "Rock and Wrap." The stars don't necessarily donate what's IN the packages, of course, they tend to what's outside — putting bows on just so and making sure the ribbon matches the paper.

Tim Robbins, Bill Pullman, Patrick Duffy, Adam Sandler, Gloria Estefan and others have signed on to wrap presents for the poor and sick.

On a hot line benefiting the March of Dimes, Joan Rivers dispenses her wisdom on how to "uncover the humor in any holiday event." Designer Isaac Mizrahi advises how to be the perfect holiday host.

"If you're hosting a party," Mizrahi says with typical flair, "I think it's your one opportunity to be very incoherent."

Zsa Zsa Gabor invited the news media to watch her buy turkeys at a grocery store and donate them to a homeless shelter.

"Let's face it, the homeless need it," she said in a recent interview. "Of course it's fun, it fulfills you, makes you feel good. You've done something for people less fortunate."

Gabor's first contact with the shelter wasn't exactly in the holiday spirit. It was part of her community service for slapping a police officer in 1989.

Most charities know that the bigger star they snag translates into more people they can count on. Perhaps one of the biggest draws is Princess Diana, who recently flew in by Concorde for a benefit for New York's Metropolitan Museum. Her presence helped bring out designers Bill Blass, Calvin Klein, Mizrahi, actress Isabella Rossellini, socialite Betsy Bloomingdale, model Linda Evangelista, Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters and many, many more.

Elizabeth Taylor, a long-standing patron for AIDS charities, is another magnet for money and crowd boosting on the black-tie circuit. She recently appeared with Elton John to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center.

Actress Roxanne Hart, who not long ago left the TV show *Chicago Hope*, donates to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation on behalf of friends and associates.

"It's a trend, I guess, coming out of ostentatiousness of the '80s," Hart said. "With government cutbacks, I think we all realize we had better give to our favorite charity or foundation."

Other *Chicago Hope* stars doing

good deeds include Vondie Curtis-Hall, Hector Elizondo and Christine Lahti, who recently appeared together to promote the "Give the Gift of Sight" program that gives used eyeglasses to those in need.

Joely Fisher, co-star of the television show *Ellen*, led an AIDS fund-

raising walk called the Posada, patterned after Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem on the day before Christ's birth.

In the giving season, many stars bristle at the suggestion that they are seeking publicity from their charitable acts.

"Millions of volunteer hours go unreported throughout the year, but with the focus on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, reporters are more apt to report on the homeless problem, meals being served and charities," actor Gary Coleman says.

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Serviceman Is Forever Grateful For Holiday Letters From Home

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I am now medically retired, but I still remember the joy I received. So now I send letters to those who are stationed overseas.

I can't thank you enough for remembering the military men and women who give up their families to give strength and protection to our greater family — our nation. God bless you and all of those who have ever sent those letters and gifts. I will be forever grateful.

NAVY PRIDE,
RIVERDALE, CALIF.

DEAR NAVY PRIDE: Thank you for a beautiful letter, which I'm sharing with all those who have worked so hard to make Operation Dear Abby a success. May the holiday be healthy and happy for all of you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a Christmas story I would like to share with you: Just about 14 years ago, our family spent the Christmas holiday skiing at Keystone, Colo. On Christmas

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

morning, as is our custom, we were all gathered in the living room, opening our presents as the radio played lovely carols. Our grandson Peter, age 6, struggled up to me with a large box he'd obviously wrapped himself with many pieces of Christmas wrap and lots of Scotch tape! Placing it in my lap, he said, "This is for you, Granddaddy."

I, of course, showed great excitement to be receiving anything so large. With great ceremony, I carefully unwrapped it. I looked inside and said, "Well, Peter, what a joke you've played on your old grandfather — you forgot to put anything in this box!"

With a startled look, he raised on his tiptoes, looked in the box and then looked at me, saying, "Oh, no, Granddaddy, I didn't give you an empty present. I filled it with love!" In that moment, our 6-year-old grandson gave us a gift we shall never forget and taught us the true meaning of Christmas.

DAVID B. PICKFORD,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR MR. PICKFORD: Thank you for sharing your priceless gift. You should be very proud of your grandson.

DEAR ABBY: I must comment in regard to the letter from "Hell on the Home Front" — the Florida mother whose young daughter had returned to the nest.

For one thing, being out on her own has to be hell on the 18-year-old. She is fresh out of high school with no experience or realization of what life is about or the responsibilities entailed. I am 28 years old, and being on my own is no easy task.

The daughter may be crying out for guidance and companionship. Instead, her mother is looking at her daughter as a burden and distraction — and even a destroyer of her marriage. That mother should take the time to speak with her daughter instead of telling her what to do or acting as if she were 18 years old herself. Obviously, they did not get along in the first place.

Older teen-agers (or should we call them young adults?) need their self-esteem and confidence bolstered. They do not need to be pushed out the door. Please sign me ...

HAPPY TO HAVE HAD A MOTHER WHO SAT AND TALKED TO ME IN L.A.

DEAR HAPPY: I agree with you that there are fences that need mending in the household. The daughter may be immature and cannot be expected to know what she hasn't been taught.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 23, 1996

The restlessness that has plagued you for the last year looks as if it will be put to rest in the year ahead. Many constructive experiences are likely to occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might have to push yourself a bit in order to be productive. However, once you get on a roll, you will have fun. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York,

NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Start building meaningful bonds today with a person you've met recently. This relationship has potential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your strong suit today could be your ability to gauge other people's needs. This will be a terrific asset when dealing with family members.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you plan to make special preparations for the holidays, try to do as much as possible today. If you start early, the festivities will be more fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you can reap a profit because of your ability to manage your resources. Do not let others make decisions for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Projects you monitor personally should work out to your satisfaction today, even though you may have to motivate some reluctant associates.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) For best results today, keep a low profile and give

others credit, even for some things you have done yourself. It might not be fair, but it will be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something that was successful for an associate could also work out to your advantage today, provided you follow his methods to the letter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A significant objective you've yet to attain is doable today if you set your expectations a few notches higher than usual. Do not let challenges intimidate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be advantageous to be as concerned about long-term plans as you are about short-term plans. Keep this in mind today.

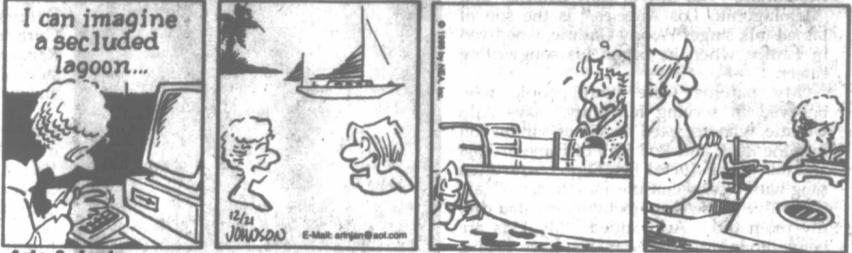
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not resist change today, especially if it is obvious that you can alter a situation for the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might have to make a decision you've been trying to avoid. Unfortunately, the longer you let it go, the less control you'll have over the results.

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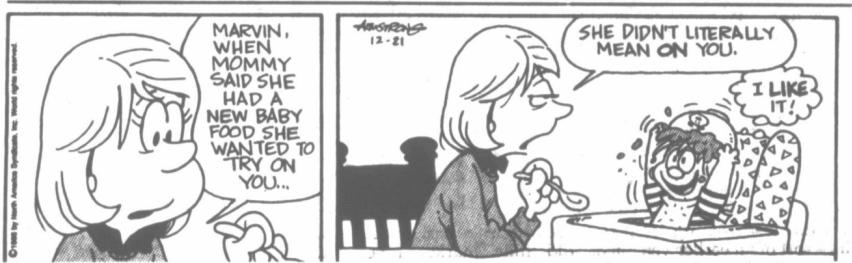
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Macarena-ing down memory lane: Some absurdities from 1996

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press Writer

Let the truth be told: 1996 wasn't all gloom and doom, death and destruction, pathos and perdition. There was also the Macarena.

Of course, some people might think that wasn't a good thing, either.

Some people might be sick to death of the thumpa-thumpa-thumpa beat, the mind-numbing lyrics, the prospect of billions of hips swiveling worldwide.

Those people should sharpen their appreciation of the absurd.

Like all years, 1996 offered its quota of bizarre events — a creepy superstar divorces the daughter of an allegedly dead superstar, then marries his pregnant friend-nurse; another superstar has a baby, exchanging her bullet bras (hey — you could put a kid's eye out with one of those things!) for something more maternal.

But there were three strange phenomena, inextricably linked, that will forever be associated with 1996: We speak, of course, of the Macarena, Bob Dole and soccer moms.

First ...
THE MACARENA.

They did the Macarena at Nationalist Party rallies in Malta. They did the Macarena at Oktoberfest in Munich. They did the Macarena at Yankee Stadium — Chita Rivera leading 50,000 fun-lovin' fools in Latin line dancing.

"I can't believe it," said Diana Patricia Cujillan, the Venezuelan flamenco dancer who inspired the song. "It's like a dream."

A Spanish flamenco duo, Los del Rio, wrote and performed the tune; through the mysteries of multinational corporations, it became a worldwide rage.

Suddenly, even kindergartners were being instructed in the Macarena, despite the saucy lyrics ("give your body joy, Macarena, that your body is to give joy and good things"). Only the courageous few refused to gyrate.

Disc jockeys seized on the song. It had been 16 years since Kool & the Gang had come out with "Celebration," and they were sorely in need of a new standard to play at weddings, bar mitzvahs and supermarket openings.

Hillary Rodham Clinton did the Macarena at the Democratic Convention. Al Gore parodied the Macarena — the Wooden Man struck a pose and didn't move.

Colin Powell did the Macarena! Disabled athletes

at the Paralympics did the Macarena! Uncle Hesch did the Macarena!

Everybody did the Macarena, except for ...
BOB DOLE.

Actually, Bob Dole claimed he was doing "that new Democratic dance, the Macarena," when he tumbled off that stage in Chico, Calif.

He wasn't. It was perhaps the only surprising thing that the personal pronoun-eschewing septuagenarian did NOT do in his misbegotten campaign.

Sure, his opponent was a baby boomer, the kind of guy who might duck into a burger joint on a whim just to feel someone's pain. But when it came to unpredictability, Clinton ate the Kansan's dust.

You never knew what the guy was going to do. America watched with morbid fascination as Dole went from deficit hawk to tax-cutting tyro; from advocate to opponent of affirmative action; from detractor of Jack Kemp to running mate of Jack Kemp.

There's Bob Dole, quitting his day job! Isn't that Bob Dole, exposing those spindly legs on a Florida beach? What does Bob Dole mean when he says that cigarette smoking may not be addictive?

This was not a year of surprises, with some exceptions (thank YOU, Dennis Rodman). But Bob

Dole was just full of bolts from the blue.

Except in the end: He lost. Mostly, it seems, because he didn't get the votes.

of ...
SOCCER MOMS.

Much as scientists discovered evidence of past life on Mars in 1996, political consultants discovered an entirely new species on Earth.

There are 525,000 boys and girls enrolled in youth soccer programs in these United States. Someone has to drive the minivans to their appointed practices and games, carry the water bottles, scream uncontrollably.

Enter the soccer moms — middle-class suburban women. The conventional wisdom was that Dole and the Republicans were too harsh for these warm-and-fuzzy females; ultimately, Clinton took 49 percent of their votes and Dole 41 percent.

One problem: Anyone who has witnessed soccer moms in action has got to wonder about the warm-and-fuzzy part.

Watch sometime when a ref fails to call a foul after someone's little midfielder is tripped. Listen sometime when all the incipient Peles and Maradonas are sweeping upfield, and someone's little goalie is watching the clouds and doing the Macarena.

West Texas gas station vendor also sells weird items at bizarre museum

By TODD MARTIN
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO (AP) — There's probably no way to prepare yourself to walk inside Jim Baca's bizarre museum.

Baca is known to some as the operator of the oldest continually operating self-service gas station in town.

To others, he's known as a gasoline and diesel wholesaler who delivers to farmers and ranchers throughout the area.

He owns Concho Oil Co., but he lives Chicken Jimmy's Junk and Antiques.

Baca's bright yellow business cards list 900 to 908 S. Chadbourne St. as his address.

After a tour of two buildings' worth of junkyard treasures, Baca said, "You should see what I have at my house." Now, that would require a brave soul.

A friend helped Baca pick the name. "It's because I sell my stuff cheap, cheap, cheap," he said.

The two gas pumps out front are full-service. They're decorated with a smattering of pedal cars — sort of an earlier version of the Big Wheel — and metal street signs to help lure customers inside.

One small room contains oil-related relics like metal cans once used to transport crude.

It also contains an extensive collection of Playboy magazines. "I have every one since 1956," he boasted. There's even a sign on the door prohibiting those under 17 from entering without a parent.

But a larger room next door is open to all audiences. The door stays open.

You step inside to shelf after shelf of way-off-the-beaten-track goods.

A tour is really the only way to see the best of the best.

"This is a Jolt Meter," he said, pulling from a shelf a small, rusted appliance that resembles a scale with round face, numbers and a small hand similar to a clock.

"Lincoln Continental used these in the 1940s," he said of the crude, early marketing tool.

Apparently, Lincoln knew a ride in one of its cars would register a lighter "jolt" than a ride in a Cadillac. So salesmen encouraged buyers to compare the two

kinds of cars with the Jolt Meter. Chicken Jimmy wants \$50 for it. The story is free.

There is also a pair of 1936 Olympics yearbooks written in German. Baca is hoping for someone who reads German to come by and translate the account about Jesse Owens, the black sprinter who embarrassed the Nazis by winning the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the broad jump in Berlin that year.

The Summer Olympics book goes for \$150. The Winter Olympics book is priced at \$100.

There's one of those leather-lined football helmets that dates to 1933 and bears the name J. Berwanger. Baca said sports enthusiasts tell him Berwanger was the first player ever picked in the college draft. He never actually played.

One shelf holds the 1980 Dallas Cowboys wives' cookbook, several square Coca-Cola bottles and a pair of boots with the name of a defunct beverage called Rondo.

Hidden in one of many dusty corners is a marker resembling a tombstone. A closer look at the old mile marker reveals the inscription "S.A. 6 miles."

Baca said it dates to the 1880s. "Make me an offer" is the price of the marker.

Among the primo items is a 1948 Chrysler pedal car at \$1,200.

In an adjoining Baca building is a Coca-Cola go-cart modeled after a 1906 Ford pickup. He bought the vehicle from a man who won it in 1979. A Ronald Reagan doll is seated in the driver's seat.

It shares space with a Coca-Cola stained-glass window. Baca would like \$200 for it.

A functional 1929 miniature toy piano is priced at \$300. It sits near a line of lunch boxes bearing emblems ranging from the Dukes of Hazzard to Dick Tracy and Where's Waldo. Prices range from \$5 to \$200.

Baca, who served in the Army and has worked much of his life in the oil business, started his obsession with junk by running a booth at the former World Trade Bazaar on Oakes Street.

He sold posters, tapes and plaques. Baca still has 50 Elvis Presley albums among an extensive collection. Those are for sale, too.

It was at that simple booth he

discovered the secret to scoring the best junk.

"I kept seeing people dragging old stuff in, and I couldn't understand it," Baca said. "Finally, someone said, 'You idiot, we get it at garage sales.'"

That opened up a whole new world to the junk king.

"I've been collecting like this 10 or 12 years, but I also kept everything as a kid," he said.

"I'm the poor man's Neiman Marcus."

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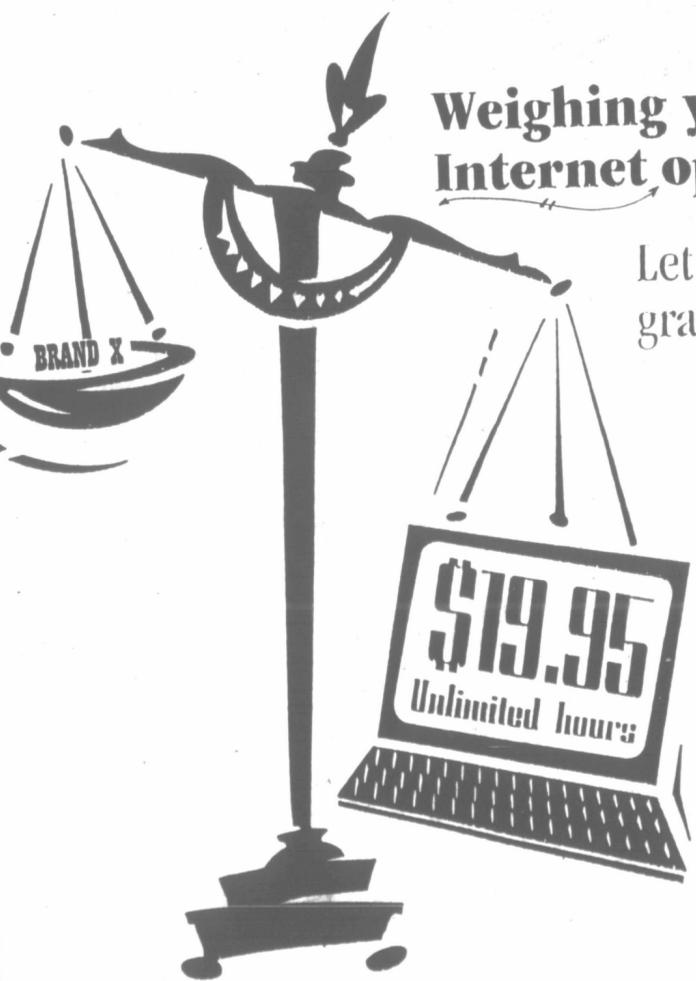
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Agriculture

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: The wheat bull is starting to awaken. He's been sleeping for the past few months when he learned how big the Argentine, Canadian and Australian crops were. A very tight global supply was replenished to a significant degree as the harvesters rolled across the world.

Yet, positive price news is starting to appear bit by bit. Some of it is rumor, and some fact.

Fact: India, a major consumer, is turning from an exporter to an importer for political reasons. Their domestic price is too high and the politicians want it lower. While they will buy from the cheapest supplier (not the US), this is still a plus for the world wheat trade.

Rumor: Russia may soon purchase wheat, and in large quantities. Their return to the world market would be viewed as very positive. After all, the world is not awash in wheat, only in balance.

Strategy: Hedgers: If you took advantage of the good prices earlier this year, and would like to reown wheat, consider a purchase of March futures or options. Some call this a buy hedge, but it is speculation. It is no more of a speculation, however, than holding wheat in storage. The March offers an attractive opportunity now, since it can be

purchased at a good discount to the current price.

Traders: Look to buy breaks in the March Minneapolis, to the \$3.70 level or below. You should be willing to risk 20¢/bushel, for an objective above \$4.

CORN — (BEAR)
Outlook: Demand has been fair, and farmers have been tight holders of their 1996 crop. These factors should be supporting corn prices, yet they appear to be drifting sideways to lower.

I view this as a negative action, since cash corn movement will undoubtedly pick up after first of the year. If the market cannot go up now, the conclusion is it will go down later.

How far down? Hard to say. Prices are already a long way from that five dollar level. The crop was a good one, and feed grain availability is not a problem, yet prices are back to historically reasonable levels.

My best guess is March futures could see the south side of \$2.50, but that should be close.

Strategy: Hedgers: While we have not yet recommended hedges for next year's crop, it is probably time to start thinking about this. There is much uncertainty when you start to speculate on a crop that will not even be planted for months, but if everything goes right, there is the potential for corn prices to lose

another 20 percent or so by next year's harvest.

At this point, I would only look at a small portion of anticipated production, plus wait for rallies — but the time has come to start working out a plan.

Traders: Spreaders remain long July and short December 1997 corn at 5 to 6 cents premium July. Risk to even money for an objective of July 18 cents over the December. If the objective is not reached by Dec. 22, sell at the market.

CATTLE — (BULL/BEAR)
Outlook: Supplies of market ready cattle remain tight; however, the packers know this. Since demand has been less than stellar (as evidenced by plummeting wholesale beef prices), they can afford to wait for the cattle to come to them when the cattle are ready.

In fact, many packers have announced shortened holiday hours. When the doors are closed, the cattle are not needed. At this point, I'm just looking for a dull affair in the cattle market. Perhaps, it will pick up after the New Year.

Strategy: Feeders: The trend remains down in the cattle market and this raises the need for hedging opportunities, but the distant futures are at a discount to cash. This makes hedging difficult.

I believe the feeder at this point has to just accept the risk of the marketplace. For those who feel they must establish a floor price, consider the purchase of at the money put options. Leave short futures alone.

Cow/calf operators: I also do not see any good hedging opportunities in the feeder futures. After first of the year, lower corn prices should support feeder prices.

Traders: No new recommendations at this time.

National Corn Growers Association wants expansion of CRC program

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) wants the federal government to expand the availability of the provisional Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) program to corn growers.

In addition, the NCGA has requested that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) make significant changes in the prevented planting program provisions of the current crop insurance program.

Two weeks ago, the FCIC tabled a decision to expand the experimental program for corn into Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. CRC was offered in Iowa and Nebraska for corn and soybeans in 1996.

"The CRC program proved to be very popular with corn producers in Iowa and Nebraska. This proposal merits expansion into the additional states," said Wallie Hardie, president of the NCGA. "It gives producers an opportunity for true revenue coverage now in a way that they have not been able to use in the past."

With CRC, farmers who participate are assured of the market price at planting or the market price at harvest multiplied by the number of bushels insured, whichever is higher.

By always having insured bushels, producers can forward contract corn at any time during the growing season, knowing that if they lose those bushels they are insured of the price at harvest. This type of coverage enables farmers to utilize aggressive marketing tools in order to receive maximum income from the marketplace, Hardie said.

The NCGA wants the FCIC to act soon.

"The crop insurance board needs to act quickly in order for farmers, especially those in the South, to adequately evaluate whether this type of coverage can work in their operation," Hardie said.

At a recent meeting in St. Louis, the NCGA board of directors also voted to request needed reform of prevented planting provisions in the current federal crop insurance program.

The corn organization believes the first step in re-

forming the provisions is determining appropriate planting deadlines. The NCGA supports determination of planting deadlines based on sound agronomic and actuarial data with widespread producer input.

"As a starting point, FCIC regional offices should conduct meetings in each state with producer representatives from commodity and farm organizations," the North Dakota farmer said. "Farmers are the production experts and will be best able to comment on the implications of changing prevented planting dates."

In addition to those changes, the NCGA also asked the FCIC for a number of other reform measures to the current crop insurance program.

"The FCIC's handling of prevented planting acres has been a sore subject among farmers for many years. The NCGA believes that the FCIC needs to resolve this troublesome issue once and for all," Hardie said.

The NCGA is a national commodity organization with more than 29,000 members and 25 affiliated state corn organiza-

FSA has disaster loans available

CLARENDON — Armstrong, Gray, Donley, Wheeler and Carson counties were declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (formerly Farmers Home Administration) disaster emergency loans on Sept. 3, 1996.

Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to the drought, freeze, high winds, freezing temperatures, sleet and snow which occurred from June 1, 1995, through June 11, 1996, are eligible for emergency loans. Proceeds from crop insurance and the PIK program are taken into account when determining eligibility.

FSA County Supervisor Larry Goetze is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

"We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline, which is June 16, 1997. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays in getting their checks. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process," Goetze said.

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Ag briefs

DENVER, Colo. — When the National Limousin Show and Sale is held in Denver Jan. 13 through 15, cattlemen from across the country will have the opportunity to view some of Limousin's top genetics showcased in three days of shows and activities.

With 629 head already entered, 340 in the open show, 59 pens, nine carloads and 49 junior heifers, the Limousin action won't be hard to find, said spokesman George Hubbard of the North American Limousin Association.

For more information on the Limousin breed or the sale, contact the NALF office at 1-303-220-1693.

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — Farmers have a stake in the merger of two big drug com-

panies that won approval of the Federal Trade Commission.

The merger of Ciba-Geigy Ltd. and Sandoz Ltd. will officially bring together two leaders in development of hybrid seed corn: Northrup King Co. and Ciba Seeds. They will be known as Novartis Seeds.

Ciba Seeds markets the Maximizer line of insect-protected hybrids. Northrup King this year received federal approval to begin selling its Bt corn lines. The combined Novartis Seeds line will include corn, soybeans, alfalfa, sorghum, sunflowers, wheat, sugarcane, vegetables and flowers.

The Novartis Seeds field-crop business will be headquartered near Minneapolis, where Northrup King has maintained offices for more than a century.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Producers of Idaho super-sweet seed corn have won approval from the Environmental Protection Agency to use a protective fungicide on their crop.

The pesticide imazalil is applied after the seeds are harvested, allowing them to be sold in the Southeast. Idaho's Treasure and Magic valleys are the largest producer of the hybrid, super-sweet corn seed.

The pesticide approval process was under way even before Congress this year passed a new food-safety law. But the EPA suspended all such approvals until it could put into operations regulations dictated by the act.

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THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

At this time of the year, the thoughts of many turn to the birth of Jesus Christ. Although it is boldly proclaimed that Jesus was born on December 25, there is no evidence or statement in the Bible to support such a claim. The exact month, day, etc., are not given in the Scriptures. There is absolutely no Divine authority for such a celebration known as "Christmas". Christians are taught to remember Him, His suffering and death, in the Lord's Supper to be observed on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:23-33; Acts 20:7).

The Bible does record that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king (Matt. 2:1). This Bible does reveal that He was born of the virgin Mary and that the conception was miraculous through the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). The Bible does record that the events surrounding His birth were the fulfillment of Bible prophecy (Isa. 7:14; Micah 5:2; Matt. 1:22-23).

Man tells us that three wise-men from the east, along with shepherds from Judea, visited Joseph, Mary and

the baby Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. The Bible states that Jesus and His mother were in a house when the wise-men visited them (Matt. 2:11.) Jesus, at this time, is referred to as a "young child" not as a babe (Matt. 2:8-9) The fact that Herod had all the male children, from two years old and younger, slain indicates that several months had passed from Jesus' birth until the visit of the wise-men. The shepherds did visit the family in the stable in Bethlehem (Lk. 2:8-13).

The fact that Jesus was born, lived a sinless life on this earth, was God in the flesh, "filled the law and the prophets, suffered and died on the cross, was buried, was raised on the third day, was with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection, gave them the great commission, ascended back to the Father, and now sits on the Father's right hand in heaven as Lord of lords and King of kings is important to remember (Matt. 1:18; Jn. 1:1-4; 14; Matt. 1:23, Lk. 3:23; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 5:17; 27:33-50; I Cor. 15:1-10; Acts 1:3; Mk. 16:15-20; Acts 1:9; Col. 3:1; Acts 2:36; I Tim. 6:15.)

-Billy T. Jones

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Kye. Mommy is helping me. Please bring me a workshop so I can help my daddy build things. My sissy, Erica, needs a computer and Jessica likes Barbie stuff.

Love, Kye
Age 2

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Shelby and I'm 2 years old, so mommy is helping me write this to you. I would like a pretty baby doll, a cassette radio, a dalmation barking dog and a few clothes. Please don't forget my sisters, & my cousin Jacob & my new cousin Emilee, she is 1 wk. old. Be careful, and have a safetrip.

Love, Shelby Broadus
P.S. I've been pretty good for a 2yr. old.

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Kirby and I'm 7 years old. You are so nice. I want a puppy. I want a coat with a hood and a game. I want some nite shoes. Give me what you can because you now the best. I love you Santa. Thank you.

Yours Truly, Kirby Broadus

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor McNeely my mommy is helping write my letter because I'm only two yrs. old. Not much I want for Christmas but that minnie mouse doll sure would look good under the Christmas tree, Christmas morning. All of our family would like to ask for the safety of all our family & friends, over the holidays. Please don't forget all the other boys & girls. Merry Christmas

Love, Taylor, Mommy, Daddy & Baby

P.S. I guess you know if I've been bad or good. Huh!

Dear Santa,

I am a good little girl I am 6 years old I need a pair of roller blades I also need knee and

elbow pads I also need a go by by baby I also need a new dress for church. I also need a bath baby I also need a helmet and most off all I want my Daddy and Mother back together again so we can be a family again.

I love you Santa, Kayce
P.S. I will be waiting up for you.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Chelsey Rebecca Hampton. I am 3. I want a toto puppy and a dress up vanity for Christmas. I've been nice to my sister. Please stop by for milk and cookies.

Love, Chelsey

Dear Ho Ho,

My name is MaKayla Oksana Hampton. I am 2 years old. I've been good this year. Please bring me a beauty salon and a baby doll. Give Rudolph a kiss for me.

Love, MaKayla

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi! My name is Meghan Asencio. I am 4 years old. I want a basketball court, a bride doll, a jump rope, a dalmation toy, and baby wiggles-n-jiggles for Christmas. My little brother Devin wants an airplane. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Meghan and Devin
P.S. My mommy wrote this for me but I drew the pictures.

Dear Santa,

My name is Angel Munoz. I am 6 years old. I am in kindergarten. I want a lucky ducks game. Will Rudolf guide your sleigh?

From me.

Dear Santa,

I want a computer really bad. But I can't pay the bills. Please give me a computer with out bills. I want computer disks with school stuff for me to learn, games, and I want it for free. Thats manly what for Christmas.

Your friend, Suzanne parks
P.S. I have been good and

bad and I am 10 years old and I will turn 11 next year 9/29.

Dear Santa Class

for christmas I would like a computer and a pear of roller blades and most of all I want my mom and dad to get together and I want a helmet and I want knee pads an elbow pads with the roller blades.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,

My name is Paige and I am 4 years old. I want a juice and cookies Baby Alive and clothes. I have been a good girl this year.

Love, Paige Hargus

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like an Ocean Friends Barbie, and pretend make-up. And maybe a doll house. We will leave snacks for you!

Love, Andi Hutto
Age 4 yrs.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a pet doctor barbie perfume dalmations sweat t-shirt necklaces and some new clothes stars for my ceeling. I LUV U Santa Claus.

Alex

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a truck, an airplane and some new clothes. I love you Santa.

Ty Hutto
2yrs old

Dear Santa,

My name is Kyle. I am 7 years old. ples bring me a lead guitar and crosfire game. I have bin good.

Thank you, Kyle Hargus

Dire Santa

I wod lick a Danse Scurt for Christmas & now per of pagomas with hat's on it & a fill small fradyoo.

Love, Claire Elizabeth

Inmate's illustration adorns sheriff's Christmas cards

DALLAS (AP) — Santa's wish list is unconventional on Weldon Lucas' Christmas cards, but totally appropriate for a sheriff.

The illustration on the Denton County sheriff's holiday card shows a properly plump Santa Claus, staring over his spectacles at a wish list which includes: "prosperity," "health," "no jail breaks" and "one more term."

The card, which was sent out to 700 of Lucas' friends and colleagues, was designed by county jail inmate George William Rohn, who is serving a five-year sentence for assault.

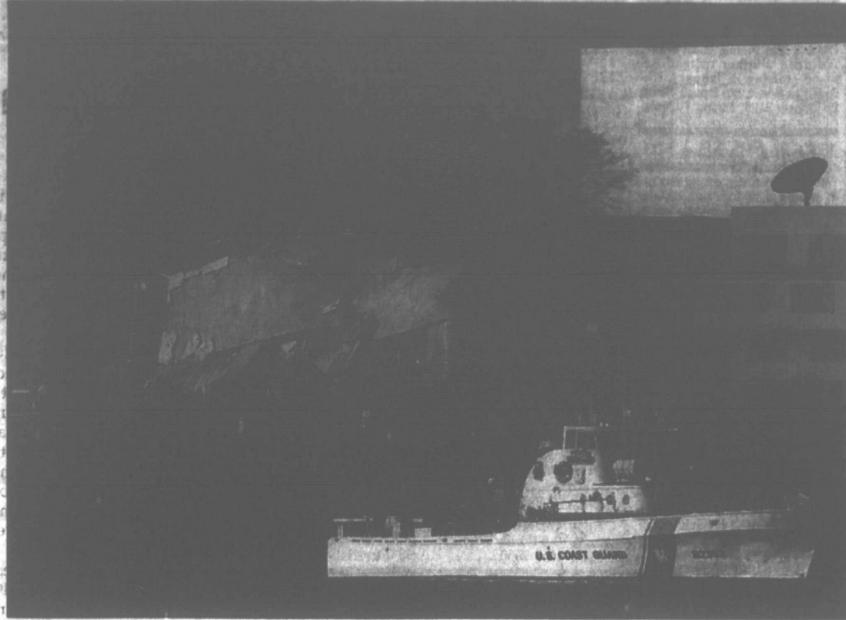
"I used to dabble around with

art about 30 years ago — back in my hippie days," said Rohn, who was convicted in Oregon and sent to Denton County after Sheriff Lucas leased space to the overcrowded Oregon prison system.

As part of the Oregon agreement, the sheriff brings in an art

teacher twice a week. The art classes have become so popular that local inmates have joined what they call the "art crew."

Their first big effort was a hallway mural of a cattle drive with cowboys, Indians, stampedes, sunsets and all.



(AP photo by Bill Haber)

A Coast Guard boat does patrol duty beside the freighter Bright Field in the Port of New Orleans after the freighter crashed into the Riverwalk complex.

Missing log pages raise questions in freighter's crash into Riverwalk

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Coast Guard commander testified Friday that he didn't think there was anything significant in the fact that a ship's log book was discovered to be missing a page after the ship crashed into a crowded mall.

Cmdr. Ken Parris testified that the engine log book from the freighter Bright Field looks the same as it did when he checked it two hours after the accident.

"It is identical," Parris testified. In an earlier interview, he went even further, saying said he was "satisfied there was no tampering."

Parris, the senior investigating officer on the accident, was among the first aboard after the 763-foot ship, loaded with 56,000 tons of corn, lost power and crashed into the Riverwalk mall Saturday, Dec. 14. One hundred sixteen people were injured and more than a dozen shops and a small part of the Hilton Hotel were destroyed.

The page cut neatly from a bound, handwritten log covered the two days before the accident and might have recorded problems with an engine lubrication pump that failed, leaving the ship almost impossible to steer. But it's also possible the paper was cut out for innocent reasons and there simply had been no entries made on Dec. 12 and 13.

Parris' appearance Friday before the joint Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board inquiry was brief.

The "engine movement book" is used by the ship's engineer to record notable ship activity.

Parris said his notes on what was in the engine log, dictated to a tape recorder two hours after the accident, differed slightly from what the log says now. That could be because he could not read the handwriting when he was dictating his memo, he said.

He was not asked if the page was missing when he first saw it. He told The Associated Press on Thursday that he did not remember if it was missing.

The missing page made lawyers worried that other evidence could disappear.

Daniel Becnel, who has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the mall business owners, said he plans to subpoena the ship's log books, repair records and electronic transmissions to back up his lawsuit and protect evidence from tampering. Lost business and property damage from the crash could total well over \$500 million, he said.

Officials at the Coast Guard hearing had been using photocopies of the log provided by the company until Bob Barnett, an attorney for the state's river pilot agency, insisted on seeing the

original and discovered the missing page Wednesday.

After the accident, the lawyers for the ship owners took the log and kept it until Tuesday. When the hearings began it was turned over to the Coast Guard, which didn't notice the missing page.

"If Bob Barnett hadn't demanded the original, we would never have known," Becnel said.

The ship's owners, COSCO Shipping Co., filed suit Thursday to limit how much they would pay in the lawsuit. The suit asks to have all claims consolidated under maritime law, which would limit liability to the value of the ship and its cargo, about \$16 million.

Lawyers for the mall said they "caught" a marine repair company removing the damaged lubrication pump that was believed to have caused the accident.

They immediately went to federal court, accused the workers of destroying evidence and got an order from a federal judge barring COSCO Shipping from disassembling equipment on the crippled vessel.

Parris said it was all "a miscommunication." He said the work was being done for the Coast Guard, but the workers, employed by a New Orleans machine repair company, were supposed to call the Coast Guard before they started.

Zesty drinks can brighten the holiday activities

By MARIALISA CALTA
NEA Features

When it comes to a holiday party, I tend to put all my energy into the food part of the menu, and I give virtually no thought to the drinks. Beer and wine, cider and seltzer — that's about as imaginative as I get.

Yet for our annual caroling party, I like to try to do something a little more festive. It's a neighborhood gathering, and since everyone contributes a plate of cookies or a munchie, I have the time to put a little extra effort into the beverages.

Spiced ciders, mulled wine, eggnog — these kinds of brews draw people together on a chilly night. For help this year, I turned to Chef Roland Czekelius of the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vt., and to a new cookbook: *Camille Glenn's Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook*, written by the author of the estimable *The Heritage of Southern Cooking*.

Chef Czekelius, true to his Austrian heritage, came up with a number of recipes for warm holiday beverages with a European flair. From Glenn I learned the formula for a real Louisiana-style eggnog. Her mulled wine recipe appealed to me as well. It requires far less sugar than the one I've traditionally used, and has a cleaner, spicier taste.

(A note about eggnog: Food safety experts warn that consuming uncooked eggs poses the threat of salmonella poisoning. Those especially at risk are the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and persons with compromised immune systems.)

One final caution: As always when entertaining, do offer lots of non-alcoholic beverages for guests, and never, ever try to force alcohol on someone who chooses not to drink it.

So Skol! Prost! Cin Cin! and Happy Holidays!

Gluwein

1 750 milliliter bottle red wine
1/2 cup sugar
6 whole cloves
1 cinnamon stick
1 dash ground nutmeg
1 dash ground allspice
Zest of 1/2 lemon, cut into thin strips
Extra lemon peel and cinnamon stick for garnish

Place all ingredients except the garnish into a heavy-bottomed saucepan and heat until sugar is dissolved (do not boil). Pour in serv-

ing mugs, and serve garnished with a cinnamon stick and lemon peel.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings.
— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

Scandinavian Glogg

4 cinnamon sticks
15 whole cloves
1 cup water
1 cup light rum
1 cup aquavit
1 750 milliliter bottle port
1/2 gallon red wine
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/2 cup sugar
Orange slices, for garnish

In a small saucepan place the cinnamon sticks, cloves and water. Bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for about 25 minutes.

Strain the water from the spices into the remaining ingredients, and heat over low heat. DO NOT BOIL.

Serve immediately garnished with orange slices.
Yield: nearly a gallon, or about 20 6 oz. servings.

— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

Hot Buttered Rum

1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 stick cinnamon
1 strip lemon peel
5 whole cloves
1 cup water, boiling
3 oz. dark rum (40 proof)
1 teaspoon butter
Grated nutmeg, for garnish
Put the brown sugar and the cinnamon stick in a mug. Stud the lemon peel with the cloves, and put it in the cup. Pour in boiling water. Add the rum, and garnish with a sprinkle of fresh grated nutmeg. Add the butter just before serving.

Yield: 1 serving.
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Irish Whiskey Punch

3 oz. Irish whiskey
4 whole cloves
2-1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 slice lemon
1 cup boiling water

Place all ingredients in serving mug, stir to dissolve and serve.

Yield: 1 drink.
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Mulled Red Wine

Juice of 2 lemons
Juice of 1/2 navel orange
Zest of 2 lemons, finely slivered
Zest of 1/2 navel orange, finely slivered
2 cups cold water
8 whole cloves
1 cinnamon stick (about 3 inches long)
1/4 cup sugar
1 750 milliliter bottle good-quality red wine
Warm 12 to 15 punch cups.

Strain the lemon and orange juice into a stainless steel saucepan. Add the zest, water, cloves, cinnamon stick and sugar. Mix. Pour in the wine, and mix again.

Heat until mixture is very hot, but DO NOT BOIL.

Strain into a heated pitcher and pour into warm punch cups. Serve immediately.

Yield: 12 to 15 servings.
— Recipe from *Camille Glenn's Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook* (Algonquin Books, 1996).

Louisiana Eggnog

12 large eggs, separated
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup Jamaica rum
2-1/2 cups best-quality bourbon
4 cups heavy (whipping) cream 1 cup milk
Freshly ground nutmeg, for serving
Do not make this recipe too far ahead, or the eggnog will liquefy.

Combine the egg yolks with 1/2 cup of the sugar in a mixing bowl and beat until the mixture is creamy and thick. Add the rum and bourbon, and beat thoroughly. Add 3 cups of the cream and the milk, and mix again.

Beat the egg whites until they hold a soft peak. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, beating until the whites hold a stiff peak. Fold them into the yolk mixture. Chill thoroughly until serving time.

Whip the remaining cup of heavy cream. Pour the chilled eggnog into a chilled punch bowl, and gently fold in the whipped cream. Grate nutmeg over the top, and serve.

Yield: 20 servings.
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THE QUIZ

THE QUIZ IS PART OF THIS NEWSPAPER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) Six California condors, shown here in cages, were released recently in (CHOOSE ONE: Nevada, Arizona).

2) President Nelson Mandela recently signed a new constitution for the nation of ...?.., officially ending apartheid and granting civil rights to all citizens in the country.

3) Two aerospace giants, McDonnell Douglas and ...?.., have announced plans to merge.

4) Kofi Annan, an African from the nation of ...?.., is the new United Nations secretary-general.

5) President Clinton has tapped New Mexico congressman ...?.. to succeed Madeleine Albright as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

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| 1-estuary | a-emit |
| 2-exasperate | b-inlet |
| 3-emanate | c-arrogance |
| 4-effrontery | d-joyful |
| 5-ebullient | e-annoy |

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) For the seventh straight year, former First Lady ...?.. was voted the most admired woman in America in a survey of 45,000 readers of "Good Housekeeping" magazine.

2) In its opening weekend, Tom Cruise's new movie, ...?.., was No. 1 at the box office.

3) Frank Sinatra recently celebrated his ...?.. birthday. a-80th b-81st c-82nd

4) The 1996 Heisman Trophy award went to University of Florida quarterback ...?..

5) Eddie Robinson, the winningest coach in the history of college football, has been the head coach at Grambling State College for the last ...?.. years. a-20 b-45 c-55

NEWSNAME

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Beita-Tex an Oklahoma Corporation, 4334 N. W. Expressway, Suite 160, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116-1535 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Granite Wash and Arkosic Formations, Parker Fee #1 (02294), Well Number 8, Sec. 15, Block H, A.W. Wallace RR Survey. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles southeast from Lefors, Texas, in the Panhandle, Gray County Field, Gray County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2888 to 2978 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6790).

Dec. 22, 1996

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids for CATALOG DISCOUNT ON OFFICE / INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES until 2:00 p.m., January 14, 1997.

Bids are to be addressed to Pampa ISD Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4700.

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Pampa Economic Development Corporation of Pampa, Texas, will receive sealed proposals for the following until 3:30 p.m., January 3, 1997 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the offices at 301 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas.

BANK DEPOSITORY PROPOSAL

Specifications may be obtained from the office of Pampa Economic Development Corporation, 301 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas, phone 806/665-5553.

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Pampa Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities.

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Jack Ippel Executive Director Dec. 15, 22, 1996

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A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the contract amount is required to be submitted with the bid.

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 - 19 Elaborate poem
 - 20 Actor Sharif
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 - 24 Cozy
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 - 39 Disappointed man
 - 40 What authors do
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 - 7 Cone-bearing shrub
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 - 10 Colorado ski resort
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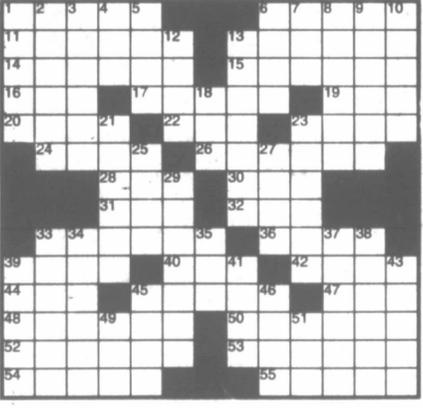
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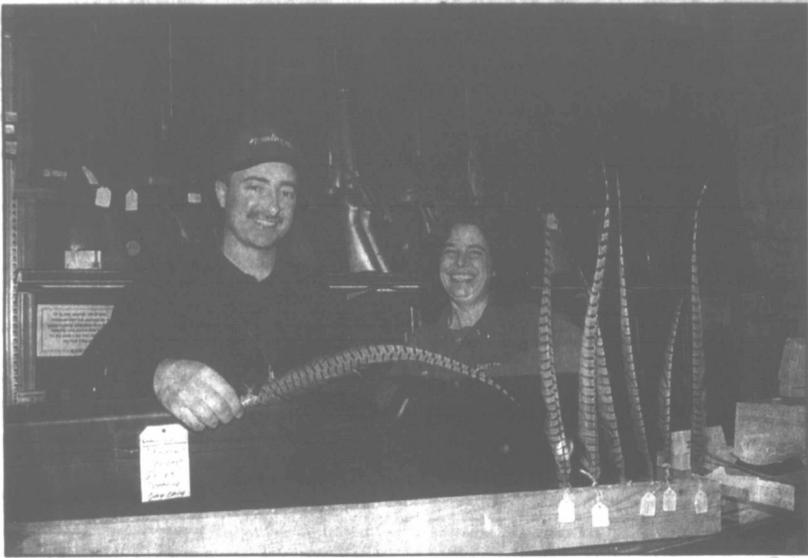
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On his first pheasant hunt, Don Carter said he shot his limit in a Dec. 14 hunt, using a Remington 870 12 gauge shotgun. Carter delivered a 23 and 15/16 inch pheasant tailfeather to Country General Saturday, Dec. 14, winning its second annual "longest pheasant tailfeather" contest. Lisa Keough, sporting goods department manager, presented him with a Doskecil shotgun case, the winner's prize donated by Doskecil Manufacturing.

McAllen residents prefer cash for debts

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

McALLEN (AP) — With electric bill and cash in hand, Martin Gomez patiently waits in line to pay his account at the city utilities department. It is a monthly ritual, and one he doesn't mind.

At 33, Gomez has never had a checking account or a credit card. He pays for everything in cash, including his bills.

While the habit might seem a time-consuming hassle, to Gomez it is simply how things are done.

"That's the way it's always been. I don't know another way to do it," said Gomez, a native of Colima, Mexico, who has lived in McAllen two years. "I like to use cash more."

Gomez is not alone. Many of the 100,000 residents in this city on the Texas border choose cash over credit, giving McAllen the lowest household debt rate of any metropolitan area in the country.

Consumer debt, excluding mortgage payments, averages \$5,423 per household, according to Claritas, a consumer marketing research firm in Arlington, Va.

That's 27 percent lower than the national average of \$7,436 and almost half as much as the rate in Anchorage, Alaska, which has the country's highest average household debt at \$10,766.

The distinction makes for some interesting activity.

Armored trucks make daily trips to City Hall to pick up deposits from the utilities department, which takes in almost \$25,000 in cash daily, said billing supervisor Janie Morales.

On the first Monday of each month — the busiest day for payments — extra workers are assigned to the billing counter to help handle the crush of people.

"Most of the customers are regulars who come in month after month," Ms. Morales said. "I

think they're just used to it."

The city encourages people to pay by mail by providing payment envelopes at City Hall, Ms. Morales said. So far, it hasn't worked.

Of the 1,993 utilities payments made on the first Monday of November, 949 were done in person.

Armored trucks also are a popular sight at the city's numerous check-cashing facilities and its three H-E-B grocery stores — the banks of choice for many residents.

Don Perez, area supervisor for USA Checks Cashed, said an average of 1,000 people frequent his stores daily to cash checks, pay bills and send money orders.

"They feel more secure that they're being taken care of in a professional way. They can get all their services done," Perez said. "It's very convenient for them."

Opinions differ as to why cash reigns in McAllen, but one possible explanation is the ethnic makeup of the city. Some 86 percent of the residents are Hispanic, and research shows Hispanics amass less debt than most consumers.

In the United States, just 31 percent of Hispanics are likely to have credit or charge cards, compared with 67 percent of the general population, according to the Yankelovich Hispanic Monitor, a Connecticut-based survey on money and financial services.

Eight out of 10 Hispanics believe they should pay cash whenever possible rather than charge or borrow, the survey states.

The income level of the region — one of the poorest in the country — also might prompt consumers to deal more in cash, because of the burdensome service charges that often accompany bank accounts and credit cards.

In the McAllen metropolitan area, the median household income is \$19,618, according to

Claritas, and about 40 percent of the residents live below the U.S. poverty level.

"Here, most people get a paycheck and that carries them for the next two weeks," said Cleve Breedlove, president and chief executive officer of First Valley Bank, which has 19 branches in the Rio Grande Valley. "It's very difficult to worry about building up an account."

And like Gomez, many McAllen residents are natives of Mexico, where credit cards are considered a perk enjoyed only by the rich.

"It's not that popular down in Mexico. People are poor and you have to pay high interest, so everyone just uses cash," said Gomez, a trucking company dispatcher.

However, wealthy Mexicans who do business in the United States also tend to use cash over credit cards to simplify transactions, said Chad Richardson, a sociology professor and researcher of border life at the University of Texas-Pan American in nearby Edinburg.

Illegal business dealings, primarily through the burgeoning drug trade, also come into play, Richardson said.

"Those people deal in cash because they don't want transactions traced. Whether from drugs or other things, there is some money laundering going on," he said.

Laundering hides the origins of proceeds from illegal activities by making them seem as though they come from legitimate sources. An estimated \$35 billion in illegal drug money is laundered in Texas each year, much of it through money-exchange houses and banks along the border, according to the state attorney general's office.

Just last month, the Internal Revenue Service launched an investigation into the source of a \$3 billion surplus in the Federal Reserve's San Antonio branch.

Group charges some airline prices are unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some cross-country air travelers may pay \$1,000 more than the passenger in the next seat, even though both asked for the "lowest" fare, a consumer group reports.

A lot depends on how hard a travel agent searches for the best fare, and that can depend on how hard the customer pushes them, said Janice Shields of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

"You have to let them know you really want to lowest fare," she said. Ask: "Is that really the lowest? And they will look again."

Chris Privett of the American Society of Travel Agents, blamed airline pricing policies for the wide range of prices, saying "there may be up to 100,000 fare changes a day. So, from moment to moment,

depending on how quickly seats are filling, there will be fare changes and they can be substantial."

Airlines try to manage their incomes by limiting the number of seats sold at low prices, Privett explained. "They have a certain inventory of cheaper seats," he said. "As the last seat at that price gets filled, the fare will jump. So prices can change substantially over the course of a day."

The consumer group made calls to 325 travel agents and airlines across the country on Nov. 19, asking prices on each of 23 trips for one person, on a specified day, either with or without advance purchase discounts.

Instead of 23 similar responses, the callers were quoted 180 different prices.

The biggest gap was \$1,174.54 between the highest and lowest price quotes for a trip between Los Angeles and New York. Ten different prices were quoted in response to 15 inquiries for prices on that route, ranging from a low of \$364.82 to a high of \$1,539.36.

"We were dismayed to find such a wide range of air fares when the lowest price was requested for identical trips," she said.

The greatest variety occurred from Washington, D.C.

On 13 calls for fares between Washington and Billings, Mont., the group got 13 different quotes, ranging from \$580 to \$1,452. It made 14 requests for fares between Washington and Salt Lake City and got 14 different fares. The range was from \$396.40 to \$1,000.

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Drilling

OCHILTREE (DUTCHER St. Louis) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1A Jines 482', Sec. 482,43,H&TC, elev. 2793 kb, spud 8-22-96, drlg. compl 9-13-96, tested 11-27-96, potential 1850 MCF, TD 10300', PBTD 9955' —

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development Co., #306 Byrum, Sec. 6,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2936 kb, spud 9-1-96, drlg. compl 12-3-96, tested 12-3-96, potential 85000 MCF, TD 11000', PBTD 10287' —

ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, Co., #6-26 Marion Osborne, Sec. 26,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2901 gl, spud 8-1-96, drlg. compl 10-21-96, tested 11-15-96, potential 12900 MCF, TD 11000', PBTD 10404' —

Plugged Wells

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A5 Burnett, 1320' from South & 1403' from West Lease line, Sec. 63,5,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 9-16-96, TD 2412' (gas) —

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #A-82 Burnett, 2522' from South & 2805' from West Lease line, Sec. 7,4,1&GN, spud 3-9-52, plugged 10-1-96, TD 2445' (gas) —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) McMahon Operating Co., #8 Long, 330' from North & West Lease line, Sec. 113,4,1&GN, spud 1-15-56, plugged 11-15-96, TD 3122' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Sand Springs Hole Dol. Div.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #10 Gething, 1675' from North & 1067' from East line, Sec. 15,A-9, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 12-4-96, TD 2755' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Annie, 2315' from North & 1067' from East

Lease line, Sec. 188,B-2,H&GN, spud 5-15-44, plugged 11-26-96, TD —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Bascla, 660' from South & West Lease line, Sec. 177,B-2,H&GN, spud 1-27-43, plugged 11-15-96, TD 2995' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Bascla, 1788' from North & 2308' from West Lease line, Sec. 177,B-2,H&GN, spud 4-9-64, plugged 11-13-96, TD 3178', PBTD 3215' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #5 Panhandle, 330' from South & 655' from West Lease line, Sec. 174,B-2,H&GN, spud 6-13-74, plugged 6-19-96, TD 3300', PBTD 3082' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., J.B. Bowers NCT-1, Sec. 89,B-2,H&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Texas Co., for the following wells:

#8, 330' from North & 1650' from East Lease line, spud 6-18-29, plugged 12-3-96, TD 3390' —

#17, 1650' from South & 1320' from East Lease line, spud 7-18-30, plugged 11-21-96, TD 3243' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #39 M.B. Davis, 460' from North & 32320' from West Lease line, Sec. 8,1,ACH&B, spud 7-26-65, plugged 8-15-96, TD 2861' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Texaco, Inc.

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #34 J.E. Williams, 330' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 7,1,ACH&B, spud 1-19-55, plugged 11-12-96, TD 2830' (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Texas Co.

HANSFORD (N.W. GRUVER Upper Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., #7-12 McClellan, 800' from South & 2250' from East Lease line, Sec. 12,P,H&GN, spud 5-21-44, plugged 10-14-96, TD 7400', PBTD 7209' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Horizon Oil & Gas

HANSFORD (HORIZON Cleveland) Sonat Exploration Co., #1 Blodgett 'C', 600' from North & 1073' from West Lease line, Sec. 2,2,J.F. Torrey, spud 5-17-74, plugged 10-24-96, TD 6610' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Horizon Oil & Gas

HANSFORD (HUGOTON) Texaco E & P, Inc., #2 S. P. Jackson, 2000' from North & 1979' from West Lease line, Sec. 51,1,WCR, spud 11-30-56, plugged 11-21-96, TD 4420' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Skelly Oil Co.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Lyco Energy Corp., #A26 Johnson, 320' from South & 363' from East Lease line, Sec. 21,Y,A&B, spud unknown, plugged 11-27-96, TD 3002' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (SHIRLEY Tonkawa) G & S, Inc., #1 DeArman, 2740' from South & 1320' from East Lease line, Sec. 87,5-T,T&NO, spud 3-5-81, plugged 11-6-96, TD 6296' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Post Petroleum Co.

MOORE (PANHANDLE) W.B.D. Oil & Gas, Inc., W.L. Russell, Sec. 5,M-16,A&BM (oil) — for the following wells:

#3, 990' from North & 330' from East Lease line, spud 9-16-82, plugged 10-23-96, TD 3435' —

#4, 1650' from North & 330' from East Lease line, spud 9-23-82, plugged 10-18-96, TD 3386' —

OCHILTREE (ERGON Middle Morrow & SHARE Mississippi) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #1-22-C & #1-22-T Jewell, 1320' from North & West Lease line, Sec. 22,4,GH&H, spud 1-29-79, plugged 9-27-96, TD 8287', PBTD 8210' (gas) —

ROBERTS (CARRIE KILLEBREW) CoEnergy Operating, #1-218 Killebrew, 990' from South & 467' from West Lease line, Sec. 218,42,H&TC, spud 9-17-96, plugged 9-30-96, TD 6100' (dry)

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