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High today mid 40s. For complete local and area weather details see Page 2.

AUSTIN (AP) - A new law requires some health care plans issued by insurance companies and HMOs to provide immunizations for children under age 6 without copayments or deductibles.

The Texas Department of Insurance estimates that more than 4.8 million Texans have health maintenance organization coverage or insurance policies affected by the new law. It applies to medical-surgical health plans but exempts disease-specific plans and small employer health benefit plans, among others.

The new law requires coverage for any childhood immunizations required by law in plans which cover family members. The Texas Department of Health estimated that families would save \$330 on immunization costs for each child covered.

Approximately 40 percent of Texas 2-year-olds were fully immunized in 1991. The 1997 rate had risen to 74 percent, the Health Department

WASHINGTON (AP) -Mixed in with those sales ads and late New Year's wishes, Americans are finding a lesspleasant annual greeting from the Internal Revenue

The IRS on Friday began sending out about 60 million income tax packages that Americans once again must try to decipher and fill out before the April 15 filing deadline.

· Carmel L. Smoot, 83, retired carpenter.

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Three charged in 'crack' bust on Huff Road

Three Pampa men were in Gray County jail Saturday following a Friday afternoon drug bust.

Bobby Dorsey, 61, was arrested on a warrant charging him with possession of a controlled substance. William Worthham, 38, was arrested on warrants charging him with delivery of a controlled substance. Rodney Scott, 22, was arrested on warrants charging him with delivery of a controlled substance.

The three was arrested about 5:30 p.m. Friday following a six month investigation by the Pampa Police Department, the Gray County Sheriff's Department, Gray County Constable Pct. 2, Borger Police Department, the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and the 31st and 223rd District Attorney's office.

Authorities said the substance in all the cases was crack cocaine. The trio was arrested when law enforcement officers ran a search

warrant at a residence on Huff Road. Officers seized what they believed to be crack cocaine, cash and

drug paraphernalia. Bond had not been set Saturday.

The message that we want to send," Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said, "is that if you sell drugs in Pampa, be prepared to pay the

Treasurer Hahn seeks re-election

Scott B. Hahn, Treasurer of Gray County, has announced his candidacy for re-election, subject to the Republican Primary.

"As your Gray County Treasurer, I am proud to have had a part in serving you, the people of Gray County, for eleven years. I am proud to say that by working together, we have earned almost 3.1 million dollars in interest for the citizens of Gray County," Hahn said.

Hahn has served as Gray County Treasurer since his election in 1986. A native of Pampa,

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Scott B. Hahn



Proud mama Cherry Swaney holds her first baby, Tanner Nicholas Swaney, the first baby born in Pampa in 1998. Tanner weighed in at 6 pounds 4 ounces and was born at 4:59 p.m. New Years Day. Cherry spent most of December in the hospital due to complications.



Jim Osborne and Gaye Honderich listen as Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter explains future finanicial filing requirements. While the rest of the courthouse was closed Friday, Carter kept her office open until 6 p.m. so potential candidates could file prior to the Jan. 2 deadline. Honderich is running for District Clerk. Osborne is running for Gray County Democratic Party chair. A complete listing of offices and candidates will appear in Monday's Pampa News.

Mechler files for another GOP party chairmanship

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY

Gray County Republican Party Chairman Tom Mechler this weekend publicly announced his intent to run for a second term in the March 1998 Primary.

In the presence of family and supporters, Mechler greeted a room of about 40 people at the Lovett Memorial Library Friday night and carefully outlined both his background, his past achievements as Republican

chair and his goals for the future. has a right to know as much as

possible about its elected officials, I begin today by telling you about myself," Mechler said.

A resident of Pampa for almost six years. Mechler is the president of Manna Services Inc., a company headquartered in town that operates oil wells and provides oil and gas consulting ser-Mechler, who has both a

Mechanical Engineering degree and a Masters of Business Administration, said he chaired a local Republican Party in Alaska for almost five years in "Because I believe the public the late 1980s before chairing the See MECHLER, Page 3



Tom Mechler

Ranchers take stock of losses

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A warming trend encouraged some snow-battered ranches to cancel emergency feed orders even as organizers of the New Mexico hay lift put together their biggest drop yet.

Snow that closed many roads and stranded an estimated 181,000 sheep and cattle in southeastern New Mexico was finally melting Friday. Stock could move about, and some ranchers could begin attending to their herds.

Still, rescue organizers were to drop an additional 144 tons of feed today, more than any other single-day amount. That would bring the five-day

total of hav delivered by six Air National Guard C130 cargo planes to 440 tons, state emergency management spokesman Bob Redden said.

At least 5,000 cattle were confirmed dead following snow storms that began Monday. Redden said the livestock death toll was expected to grow. "Until the snow melts and ranchers can get out

there to look, we won't know how bad the losses really are," he said. Cargo planes have flown from Air National

Guard units in Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming to help New Mexico ranchers.

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Name: Lew Mollenkamp

Occupation/Activities: Executive Director - Pampa Development Economic Corporation Birth date and place: 1-2-50-

Hays, Kansas Family: Becky, age 22, Vacaville, California; son, Jay, age 18, St. Louis, MO

If I had a different job, I'd be a: My personal hero: my father;

Bob Dole. The best advice I ever got was:

'don't burn your bridges.' People who knew me in high school thought: I liked to enjoy

The best word or words to describe me: considerate, friendly and happy

My epitaph should read: "He took joy in helping other peo-

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: President Lincoln; William Shakespeare; Leonardo DaVinci; Albèrt Einstein. My hobbies are: pottery and

My favorite sports team is: Harvesters; St. Louis Baseball Cardinals.

Sunday snapshot

My favorite author is: Tony Hillerman and Issac Asimov. The last book I read was: "A Brief History of Time" by Steven Hawking.

My favorite possession is: bicy-

The biggest honor I've ever received is: being elected president of the Missouri Economic Development Council.

My favorite performer is: Blues Brothers. I wish I knew how to: play golf

better. My trademark cliche or expression is: "Everything will work out fine.

My worst habit is: getting so wrapped up in what I'm doing that I tune out those around me.

I would never: be intentionally rude.

The last good movie I saw was: The Postman.

I stay home to watch: I know how to program a VCR- I don't have to stay home! But I record Deep Space Nine.

Nobody knows: I'm a Nielson family. I drive a: Caravan.

My favorite junk food is: chips and salsa. My favorite beverage: Diet

My favorite restaurant is: whoever serves the best green chile

My favorite pet: dust bunnies ones I don't have to take care of. For my last meal, I would choose: Mexican food and cheesecake.

I wish I could sing like: someone who can carry a tune.

I'm happiest when I'm: with my

I regret: that there are not more opportunities to spend with the people I care about. I'm tired of: gossip.

I have a phobia about: getting stuck in the middle seat of an airplane.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: computer. The biggest waste of time is: TV.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: I don't play, but if you could still win the most extravagant thing I would do would be to buy a pot-

tery studio. If I had three wishes they would be: 1. More time to do what I want. 2. Perfect golf game. 3. More wishes.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: to fill all the vacant retail stores.

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Services tomorrow

SMOOT, Carmel L. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.

Obituaries

CARMEL L. SMOOT

SKELLYTOWN - Carmel L. Smoot, 83, died Friday, Jan. 2, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Danny Rogers, of Assembly of God Church of Seagoville, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of

Mr. Smoot was born May 31, 1914, at Matador, Texas. He married Edith Cassity in 1951 at Amarillo. He was a retired carpenter and a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War

Survivors include his wife, Edith, of the home; a stepdaughter, Vonceil Haford of Charleston, Mo.; a stepson, Gene Dukes of Harrah, Okla.; a sister, Jerrie Dillender of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Sam K. Smoot, Jr., of Brooking, Ore., and Donny Smoot of Kearny, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 110 Roosevelt in Skellytown and requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Skellytown building fund.

The body will lie-in-state at the church in Skellytown from 10 a.m. until service time

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
	665-5777
	911

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, January 1 Christianson Edward Bruce, 17, 612 Red Deer, was charged assault by contact.

Friday, January 2 Paula Ann Hendricks, 26, 307 Horn, arrested by a DPS trooper and charged with theft by

Rodney Eugene Scott, 22, 1028 Neel Road, charged with manufacturing or delivery of a con-

trolled substance. Bobby Joe Dorsey, 61, 1000 S. Huff, charged

with possession of a controlled substance. Jessie Darlene Callaway, 31, 1101 S. Nelson, charged with no driver's license on person, no insurance, failure to appear and failure of a controlled substance.

Billie Lee Gilmer, 37, Miami, arrested on two warrants.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.Saturday.

Friday, January 2 10:45 a.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a grass fire five miles south on Highway 749.

11:50 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 2105 N. Dwight.

1:46 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a power line problem to stand by until utility trucks arrived.

11:48 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 328 N. Nelson to stabilize a patient until a Rural Metro ambulance could answer the call.

Community calendar...

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, 8 - LAS PAMPAS DAUGHTERS OF THE Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. AMERICAN REVOLUTION will meet in the Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 665-5938 or

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meet- sories including baskets, textiels, furniture, carvings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For ing, pottery, paintings, potpourri, porcelain, stenmore information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988. VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. **WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO**

every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB, Pampa's only United States Chess Federation affiliated club) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Coronado Inn. Novices and non-members are always welcome! We offer casual but competitive games with players of varying strength range, a free chess newsletter, and free instruction by expert chess players. For more nformation contact

James Shook at 669-0227. **JANUARY** 5 - SCHOOL RESUMES

home of Mrs. Wallace Birkes, 2325 Aspen Drive at 2 p.m. For more information call 665-2913. 9-10 TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW at the

16-17 GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion

16-18 COUNTRY PEDDLER SHOW at the Amarillo Civic Center is an original folk art and decorator show featuring a selection of quality personal apparel, furnishing and decorator acceciling, dolls, bears and jewelry. Admission \$4 and children under 12 free. Call 1-(830) 997-2774 for more information.

19 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIA-**TION** Lovett Library Auditorium at 2 p.m. 22 - NONA S. PAYNE BAND CONCERT at 7

26- CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK, 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. Call Kelly Varner, 665-9569 or Grant Johnson, 669-9887 for more information.

27 - PAMPA AREA FOUNDATION OUTDOOR ART, Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium, 5:30

29 - NONA S. PAYNE CONCERT at the M.K. **Brown Auditorium** 27 and 31 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

"Evening on Broadway." 30 - PAMPA CHESS CLUB will meet at the Coronado inn to finalize preparations for the first Annual Top of Texas Open tournament, followed by group discussion and challenge matches. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome. For more information contact James A Shook,

HAHN

Hahn graduated from Pampa High School and received a business degree from Texas Tech University in 1965. In 1970, he earned additional hours toward a Masters of Business Administration

Degree.

He served four years in the U.S. Army as a Spanish Linguist. He retired after more than 20 years of business management, prior to being elected county treasurer.

Hahn has achieved the designation of Certified County Treasurer (C.C.T.) ten times since his elec-

tion, including 200 continuing education hours and has been awarded the Certification of County Investment Officer (C.I.O.) each year beginning in

More than 130 additional continuing education hours have been required to earn and maintain the C.I.O. status. He received state recognition from his peers by being elected to serve in every office of the County Treasurers Association of Texas and currently holds the position of president. Hahn served on the board of that organization for three years prior to serving on its executive board.

In these capacities, he represents county treasurers from the entire state on the board of directors of the association, he plans and teaches at educational seminars, represents treasurers before the state legislature and conducts other business of the state association.

As president of his state professional association for 1997-98, he will also represent county treasurers as their representative on the board of directors of the Texas Association of Counties.

Hahn and his wife, Nancy, are members of the First Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder. Hahn has also been active in civic affairs in Pampa. He is an active member of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, the Top of Texas Gold

Coats Association, treasurer of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and treasurer of the Pampa Softball Umpire Association

He has served on the board of the Pampa Municipal Credit Union, has been active in the Rotary and Lions Clubs, served as the treasurer of A.C.T. One Community Theatre and has held the office of secretary of the Lake McClellan Improvement Board of Directors. He is also an eagle scout and belongs to the National Eagle Scout Association.

Hahn said he is very proud of the accomplishments he has made while serving Gray County. Since coming to the treasurer's office, Hahn said he has guided the office on a course of being responsive to the needs and ideas of the people of Gray County. Hahn has been responsible for bringing the treasurer's office into the computer age - "a long, overdue advancement of replacing manual bookkeeping and payroll systems with one that is fully automated," he said.

Because of this, I believe the treasurer's office has become a shining example of efficient, up-to-date management, which serves as a model within county government," said Hahn.

"I am proud that through a highly professional approach to management, your office of County Treasurer has been transformed into a model of efficiency," Hahn said.

"The position of Gray County Treasurer has been a wonderful opportunity to serve the citizens of the county. I care about the people here and will continue to make every effort to establish priorities important to taxpayers in investing and spending the county's money," he said.

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"Every penny still counts ... and so do your votes. I would appreciate the chance to continue serving as your county treasurer and request that all voters who believe in responsible financial management and conservative government support me in my reelection efforts.'

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RANCHERS

"Our goal is to get everybody some hay by the end of Saturday," Redden said, noting the planes

will be grounded Sunday for routine maintenance. The warmer temperatures Friday actually made

dropping the 128 tons of feed trickier.
"The herds are running away from the hay,"

Redden said, explaining that without the snow obstructing them, the easily spooked cattle now have more room to run.

In all, about 30 ranches were expected to receive

Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

Sunday, mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 40s. Scattered light rain possibly mixed with some snow. North to northeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle Today, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain, freezing rain or sleet. High in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight the upper 20s and low 30s. Highs n the 40s. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Today, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows from the lower 30s to near 40. Monday, a chance of rain, mainly over the lower rolling plains. Highs from the mid 40s to the lower 50s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos -Today, cloudy with areas of fog early, becoming partly cloudy by noon. Highs 60-65. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows from the upper 30s to lower 40s. Monday, and Upper Texas Coast a slight chance of rain. Highs from the mid 50s to lower 60s. Plateau — Today night, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of upper 40s. Monday, mostly

Guadalupe 50s. mid Mountains/Big Bend

partly cloudy. Highs from near 50 Guadalupe Mountains to the southeast. Tonight and

50s southeast. High in the 60s. SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central or thunderstorms. Lows near 60, mid 50s Hill Country. Monday, cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Southeast Texas Today, mostly cloudy with a Valley/Edwards storms. Highs in the lower 70s inland to upper 60s coast. storms. Lows near 60. Monday, 60 southeast.

cloudy with a chance of rain. cloudy with showers and thun-Highs from the mid 50s to lower derstorms likely. Highs in the 60s. Far West Texas — Today, a 60s to near 70. Coastal Bend and slight chance of showers, Rio Grande Plains — Today, Otherwise mostly cloudy. Lows mostly cloudy and breezy. in the 30s. Monday, partly Isolated showers. Highs in the cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 60s coast to Tonight, mostly cloudy with a near 60 inland. Monday, mostly chance of rain. Lows from near cloudy with good chance of 30 to the lower 40s. Monday, a showers or thunderstorms. slight chance of rain, Otherwise Highs in the 70s. **BORDER STATES**

NEW MEXICO - Today, lower 60s along the Rio Grande. slight chance for showers and NORTH TEXAS - Today, snow showers northwest. Partly chance of rain or snow Lows in cloudy with a chance of rain or cloudy elsewhere. Highs mid thunderstorms. Highs 60 west to 30s to 40s mountains and northwest with upper 40s to up Monday, cloudy with a chance of 50s elsewhere. Tonight, increasrain and a few thunderstorms. ing clouds and chance for show-Low mid 40s northwest to mid ers or mountain snow showers northwest half. Partly cloudy southeast half. Lows upper teens to near 30 mountains and Today, mostly cloudy with a northwest with upper 20s to 30s slight chance of showers. Highs east and south. Monday, cool in the lower 70s. Tonight, cloudy and unsettled with a chance for with a slight chance of showers showers and mountain snow showers.

OKLAHOMA cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from the lower 40s northwest to the lower 60s southeast. Tonight, cloudy with areas of rain, Most chance of showers or thunder- likely southeast. Lows from 30 northwest to 50 southeast. Monday, mostly cloudy with a Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain, Most likely rain. Lows from near 40 to the chance of showers or thunder- southeast. Highs 40 northwest to

Court to review Cullen City briefs Davis ruling that would strip homestead protection

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court plans to reconsider a ruling that would Texans of bankruptcy protection for their homesteads during divorce

An attorney for former Fort Worth millionaire Cullen Davis persuaded the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans last week to revisit his client's divorce case which sparked the decision, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's

A hearing is scheduled for the week of May 18. A three-judge 5th Circuit Court panel rendered a split decision last February in Davis' 30-year-old divorce case that would void Texas bankruptcy law. The court ruled in favor of efforts by Sandra

Davis, Davis' first wife, to collect more than \$300,000 from the settlement of their 1968 divorce. The panel decided Ms. Davis is entitled to money from the sale of a \$500,000 home Cullen Davis once

owned in Tarrant County, even though Davis protected the home from creditors by calling it his homestead when he filed for bankruptcy in 1987. Ms. Davis is seeking money from Davis' sale of a home where she never lived. Davis agreed in 1968

to pay her \$300,000 in installments, but stopped

making payments when he filed for bankruptcy in Under current Texas law, a homestead can be seized and sold at auction only to pay taxes, a mortgage lender or an individual or company seeking Payment for improvements made to the home, said Ronald R. Payne, Davis' lawyer.

Under current Texas law, a homestead can be seized and sold at auction only to pay taxes, a mortgage lender or an individual or company seeking payment for improvements made to the home.

Payne said an ex-spouse never has been able to strip bankruptcy protections from a homestead she never owned. He predicted the full 5th Circuit will

reverse the panel's split decision. A Southern Methodist University law school professor agreed.

Buzz Rochelle, adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at SMU's law school, said the appellate panel essentially said: "We don't care what the state law says in Texas."

The problem, if you do that, is that there is absolutely no guidance on where you stop," said Rochelle, who also is a practicing bankruptcy attor-

The former Davis home involved in the case is not the 20-room Fort Worth mansion where a friend and 12-year-old daughter of Davis' second wife, Priscilla, were shot to death in 1976. Davis was acquitted of the girl's death.

Davis no longer owns that mansion, which is now the Stonegate Hacienda restaurant.

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Monster truck show accident kills one

went out of control and headed into the sidelines during a monster truck show, killing one employee and injuring another.

About 2,000 people were watching the show in the Prairie Capital Convention Center. The event was stopped after Friday's accident.

The Ford Bronco, driven by D. Shane Ballard of

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - A beefed-up truck Springfield, Mo., apparently had some type of equipment failure, veered out of control and headed into a chute leading between the spectator

stands, police Sgt. Bill Pittman said.

The Bronco struck the two men and became wedged between an end-loader and a wall, Pittman

said. Ballard was not injured, he said.

Police would not release the victims' names.

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In conclusion, Mechler ques-

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is "devoting all of this time and

effort to seek re-election to a vol-

munity. Because despite some

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finest communities in the country

"Because I believe in this com-

town," Mechler added.

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Gray County party in 1994. Mechler then emphasized the three major successes he said that he and the Gray County Republican party have had over the last four years.

"During my tenure as the Gray County Republican Chairman, our party has grown considerably," said Mechler.

The voting strength of the county was approximately 53 percent four years ago and it is now approaching 73 percent, he

A second success, he maintained, is the increasing number of Republican office holders in the county.

"After the 1998 election, we will have more Republican officeholders in Gray County than at any time in our history," Mechler said.

Branching into his third focus as party chairman, Mechler said he has "vigorously sought" to include the Hispanic and black communities of Pampa into the Republican Party.

To successfully overcome the tough issues facing our town, we must have their help, said Mechler.

"We are developing local chapters of Republican organizations associated with these two groups," he said.

"And as long as I am Republican chairman, they will have a place at the table and a

voice in our future direction," added Mechler.

"But I'm not asking for your

support just because of our past success," Mechler said. In looking toward the future,

Mechler said he will address three main issues starting with what he sees as Pampa's "drug problem."

The serious drug problem in Pampa is putting our young people into bondage and destroying their futures," he said. "I have worked, and if re-elected will continue to work, persistently with both law enforcement agencies and prosecution to build a unified, crime-fighting team in our community."

Mechler also emphasized his interest in increasing governmental efficiency.

"About 85 percent of the population of Gray County resides in the City of Pampa. It makes good business sense and I have steadfastly encouraged the consolidation of as many city and county functions as possible," Mechler

For example, he said, the police chief, sheriff and county judge have worked hard to successfully combine the city and county jails. He then praised County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie^{*} Morris for saving the county to raise a family. Because Pampa about \$ 50,000 in tax collection and Gray County are worth fightcosts by becoming a collection

Pedophile ring arrests made

responsibilities for the city and WACO, Texas (AP) Finally, Mechler said he Authorities have arrested an believes there is a need for eighth man in an alleged greater economic diversity and pedophile ring accused of sexual- the front door. growth. He urged the community ly assaulting boys and sometimes to ensure the future of the PEDC taping the encounters.

A ninth suspect remained at cent sales tax, but added that the large Friday, officials said.

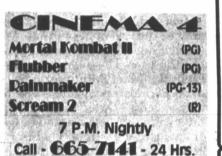
Police claim the accused used been salvaged from the burned drugs, alcohol and money to trailer. "In addition to attracting new entice the boys into appearing in businesses to Pampa, I believe more than 100 explicit home the school district, Clarendon

College and the PEDC should Investigators uncovered the work together to develop trainoperation after the Dec. 2 death of ing programs s to teach interest-14-year-old George Scilley in an ed citizens the fundamental of arson fire that destroyed an establishing and operating small businesses," he said. Scilley, suspect Jerry Lee Easter selves what we can do as a com-

"We should be asking our- and Paul Singleton.

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Singleton, 21, has confessed to munity to encourage responsible setting the blaze in what Hill County sheriff's department offipeople, especially our young cials have called a botched mur- being brought back to Central their own businesses in our der-suicide attempt.

Easter and Singleton escaped



from the home by climbing Texas to be charged with sexual through a window, but Scilley assault of a child. through a window, but Scilley was trapped by burglar bars at

About two weeks after the fire, police found more than 100 videotapes at a suspect's home, many of which appeared to have

On Thursday, 19-year-old Bobby Joe Buckner of Bellmead became the eighth person arrested, said Det. Derick Johnson of the Bellmead Police Department. Buckner was charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child Aquilla mobile home shared by and was being held Friday in the McLennan County Jail on

\$100,000 bond. On Wednesday, 28-year-old Ronald Dene Dockery was arrested at his Galveston home. He was

He is the cousin of Kenneth Clyde Dockery, 37, who has already been charged with aggra-vated sexual assault of a child.

Both Dockery and Buckner were identified earlier this week by a 17-year-old victim now living in Arkansas. He also identified the ninth suspect.

"All indications are he is no longer in the state," Johnson said of the man being sought.

Police said the 17-year-old victim, who reportedly had been sexually abused by suspects for three years, left Texas about a month ago to hide in Arkansas.

He is one of at least 10 boys, mostly current or former students of La Vega schools who were sexually abused by the men, police charge.

The family of George Marshel Clark would like to thank everyone. for all the memorials you generously sent. Also the flowers, food, cards, prayers, caring and concern were greatly appreciated by the family. Hazel Clark, Herbert & Frances White, Harry & Barbara Moreland, Steven McDaniel & Family, Jack Clark & Family. God saw he was getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so, He put his arms around him, and whispered come with Me. Although we couldn't bear to lose him, we could not bid him to stay, a golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands laid to rest. God let our hearts to be broken, to prove to us, He only takes the best.

ABC's "This Week" — Topic: The Unabomber trial and the insanity defense. Guests: Defense attorney Barry Scheck and Eric Hickey, criminal psychologist and former FBI consultant in the Unabomber case. Topic: The budget surplus and tax reform. Guests: Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Topics: Taxes and economic issues. Guest: Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Topics: The federal budget and tax cuts. Guests: Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee; and Franklin Raines, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

CNN's "Late Edition With Frank Sesno" - Topics: The budget, taxes and the Asian financial crisis. Guests: Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and Reps. Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Billy Tauzin, K-La.

"Fox News Sunday" — Topic: Foreign policy issues. Guest: Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Topic: Smoking ban in California bars. Guests: Kimberly Belshe of the California Health Services Department and Michael Hambrick of the National Smokers Alliance. Topic: The new offensive against drug problems. Guest: Barry McCaffrey, White House drug policy director.

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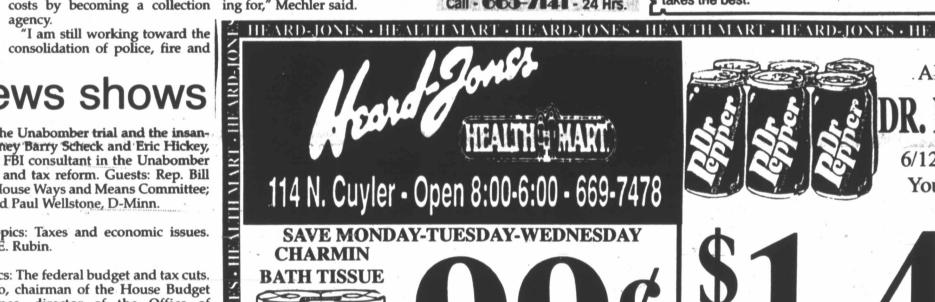
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: Fort Worth Star-Telegram on undeserved bonuses:

Wishes for a happy, or at least a prosperous, new year will be paying off for some folks, but in at least a couple of instances the circumstances raise a few questions about the relation between doing good and doing well, especially if the good is not exactly apparent.

For Vasily Tsibliyev and Alexander Lazutkin, the two Russian cosmonauts who had a little fender-bender with the Mir spacecraft on June 25, their ship finally came in with cash bonuses of \$100,000 and \$80,000, respectively. The announcement of the bonuses came as something of a welcome relief for the pair, since some Russian officials actually proposed to dock their pay for ramming an unmanned cargo vessel in the distant reaches of space.

On another front, former Rep. Charles Wilson of Texas affectionately dubbed "Good-time Charlie" for his life in high society's fast lane — is now positioned to capitalize on his 12 terms in Congress by practicing the lucrative art of lobbying. By law, he was required to exempt himself from direct lobbying for a year after his retirement.

T've been legal since Oct. 9," said Wilson, who is no longer bound by the fiction of playing the role of an arm's-length "strategic adviser." Now he can personally schmooze, exhort and cajole his former colleagues on behalf of some powerful interests, including Lockheed Martin and IMI Services USA, a sales arm of Israeli Military Industries Ltd.

Fortunately for Wilson, Tsibliyev and Lazutkin, being held to a standard of doing good isn't a requirement for doing well. A prosperous new year to all.

San Antonio Express-News on hair toda:

Usually, things that sound too good to be true are too good to be true. Take the latest miracle cure for baldness.

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a prescription drug, which will be marketed as Procepia. Research says it will grow hair on balding men.

Just one pill a day and men can go from George Costanza to George Strait, from Carlos Salinas de Gortari to Bill Clinton,

from King Hussein to Saddam Hussein. The downside - and yes, hairless ones, there is a downside:

First, Procepia costs \$50 a month, and if a man quits using it, the hair he has grown falls out. Second, some men who take Procepia lose their sex drive or experience impotence. (Please note also that women never should take the drug.)

Certainly, any man who has lost or is losing his hair is also losing a vestige of his youth. Those who find that depressing may need Procepia – as some women choose artificial breast implants.

However, with maturity should come the ability to lose hair yet retain vitality. Bald men can be beautiful; look at Michael Jordan, Patrick Stewart and James Taylor.

Considering Procepia's side effects, it might be preferable to look at the sunny side, or as one bald man described his pate: "That's not a bald head you see; its a solar panel for a sex

The Dallas Morning News on economic wins: First came inflation. Then big budget deficits. But now, both

economic beasts of the last 25 years appear beaten back. The Treasury Department provides the best recent news. A recent Treasury report shows the federal government finished

on Nov. 30 with a budget surplus. That's the first financial cushion since 1970. Prudence suggests Americans not get too overjoyed,

though. Social Security's ample trust funds still mask the federal deficit's size. Budget writers use those trust funds to offset their estimate of the deficit, even though Washington is supposed to consider Social Security and the general budget as separate accounts. Also, an economic downtick could move the nation back to the red next year.

Nevertheless, crack open some champagne. The nation has met a goal that once appeared unobtainable. Just as former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker cracked inflation in the 1980s, the Clinton White House and the Gingrich Congress have sent deficits into retreat. Savor the moment.

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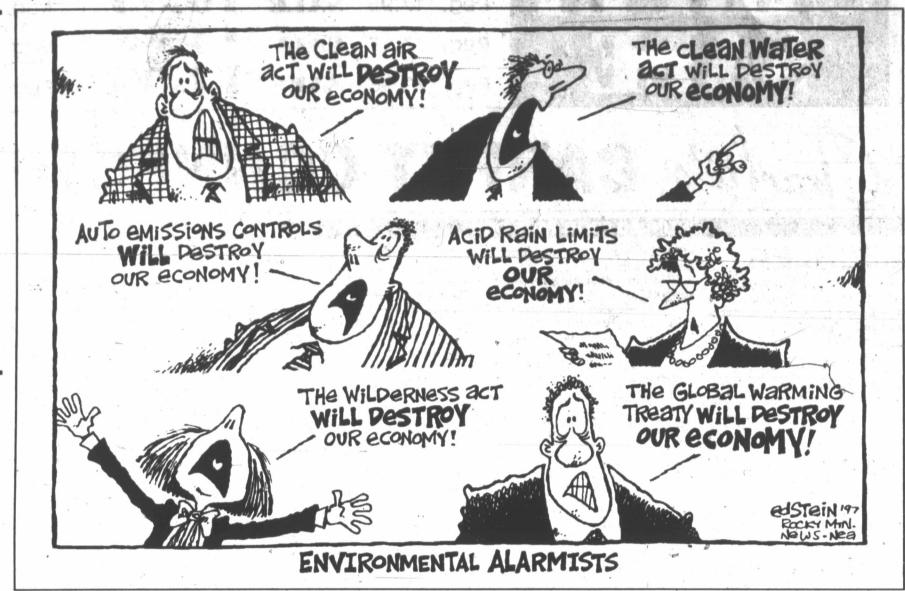
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Announcing 1997 Stella Awards

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After a smashing debut last year, it is time to announce the second annual "Stella" awards, which highlight the most outlandish lawsuits of the year. The award is named for Stella Liebeck, the Albuquerque, N.M., woman who became an instant millionaire and American icon - after spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee in her lap and winning a judgment against the fastfood chain.

The Stellas are a celebration of the New American Dream. That is - to get rich (the quicker the better) not from hard work or creative genius or wise investment, but by taking a claim to court and persuading a jury to sock it to some deep-pocket defendant (or, at least, the defendant's insurance company). So, without further ado, the recipients of the

Best multimillion-dollar claim by a griev-

ing mother: Jackie Robles lost her two baby girls this past fall after they wandered out of their "would punch, flip, stand on, and otherwise Upland, Calif., apartment onto nearby train

tracks. The 3-year-old and 22-month-old were killed by a passing commuter train. No sooner had her daughters been laid to rest than Robles filed a \$30 million lawsuit against the local transportation authority. She claimed that the agency was responsible for the deaths of her two little girls because they

had neglected to fence off the track to prevent Never mind that Robles had fallen asleep with the door wide open when her daughters wandered over to the train tracks or that the

grieving mom tested positive for methamphetamine use.

Best claim by a Jurassic-era plaintiff: He's one of the highest-paid entertainers in America. He stars in his own TV series. His

the San Diego Unionvideotapes are in big demand. He does a live show at Universal Studios. He's "authored" several best-selling books.

So Barney, the multimillionaire purple dinosaur, doesn't want anyone poking fun at his image. And that's why his lawyers filed a claim against the "Famous Chicken," a.k.a. Ted Giannoulas, seeking damages for trademark infringement.

Barney's lawyers say that the Chicken baseball parks, hockey rinks and basketball courts. They think Barney is entitled to at least several hundred thousand dollars for pain and suffering.

-Best use of common food staple in personal injury claim.

Notwithstanding the clever TV commercials (Got milk?), and the hip magazine ads with various celebrities adorned with milk mustaches, a Seattle man is persuaded that milk is harmful to health.

In fact, Norman Mayo filed a suit against the Safeway supermarket chain and the Washington state dairy industry, claiming that he suffered clogged arteries and a mild stroke after a lifetime of drinking milk.

"They push their dairy products without fee.

warning you of the hazards (fat and cholesterol)," said Mayo, who described himself as a milk-a-holic. "If tobacco products can be required to have warning labels, why not dairy products?" Mayo is asking for medical expenses and cash for his troubles. And while he waits for

Safeway and the dairy industry to settle, he limits his milk habit to nonfat or skim. —Most artful interpretation of state law for

purposes of greenmailing an entire industry:

A Bay Area attorney, William Henley, has filed \$9 million worth of lawsuits against several leading software makers, including Symantec, Xerox, Corel, Mindscape and Vertisoft/Quarterdeck.

His complaint charges that the companies package their software which may consist of a couple of floppy disks or a CD-ROM disk and maybe an owner's manual - in boxes that are too big.

Henley's multimillion-dollar claim is based assault" their purple client as part of his act at on two California laws (the Fair Packaging and Labeling Law and the Unfair Competition Law) that were originally enacted to protect consumers from companies that pack a small amount of food in a large box. The lawyer claims the software makers are being similarly deceptive by packaging their products, which take up little space, in big, colorful boxes.

But not even consumers' groups are willing to sign on to Henley's lawsuit. In fact, the staff attorney for the Consumers Union in San Francisco said he didn't think consumers were deceived by software packaging. So those are the recipients of the second

annual Stella awards. Let's toast them with a nice Styrofoam cup full of steaming hot cof-

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 1998. There are 361 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

ted to the Union as the 45th state. On this date:

à reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann dence to Burma. On Jan. 4, 1896, Utah was admit- Seton, died in Emmitsburg,

In 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of Davenport, Iowa, performed tured the city of Seoul. what's believed to have been the first appendectomy.

In 1885, Dr. William W. Grant of Communist Chinese forces cap-address.

In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1948, Britain granted indepen-In 1965, President Johnson out-In 1951, during the Korean con- lined the goals of his "Great flict, North Korean and Society" in his State of the Union

Clinton uses radio talks to advantage

For 189 Saturdays now, President Clinton has taken to the radio with a message of the week - a clear channel to announce a program, push a proposal, lecture or lobby. It's a descendant of Franklin D. Roosevelt's

fireside chats, a latter-day format revived by Richard M. Nixon and polished by Ronald happier, longer lives," he said. Reagan, who made a Saturday radio address a fixture of his presidency. "I usually never walk by a microphone,"

Reagan once said. Clinton does, but seldom implementing the benefits, and his final radio on Saturdays, tape recording some of his radio talks, delivering others live. His Saturday talks often are full-scale pro-

ductions, with selected, small audiences in the Oval Office while he speaks. But no television and no reporters to press in with questions after the six-plus minute talks. No static, at least most weeks. The

Republicans do get equal response time, but use of the format lately was in a harsh com- couldn't get that done. plaint against the decision of Attorney General Janet Reno not to seek a special prosecutor in Democratic fund raising cases.

Clinton recently reported on Medicare provisions that take effect with the New Year to cover cancer testing for 39 million older tal. Americans. "We're ringing in the New Year against cancer, one of mankind's oldest foes," Clinton said.

"Looking back over 1997, it is clear that we achieved major reforms of the Medicare sys-

Walter R. Mears AP Special correspondent

It was, as he noted, part of the bipartisan budget deal with Congress Still, he's president, his administration is

talk of the year was to describe it all. In prior weeks, he talked about combating

illegal drug use among young Americans, dealing with Medicare fraud, his plan to seek extensions of national volunteer service proeducational testing, his order to curb assaultweapon imports.

He used the Saturday radio forum for a with differing spokesmen and seldom in final lobbying push to get special trade negodirect rebuttal to Clinton. Their most telling tiating powers renewed by Congress, but

Clinton made the radio talks into a political tool during his 1996 campaign, prompting Republican challenger Bob Dole to complain that it was an overtime spin machine - and to take on the weekly GOP radio slot for rebut-

FDR's radio "fireside chats" were prime resolved to take new steps in our battle time; television hadn't taken over. It was Nixon who started the Saturday morning talks, first as a candidate in 1968, then as president. Reagan made them regular, beginning in 1982 with a series of 10 focused on his taxtem that will help Americans live healthier, cutting economic program, and continuing on investment.

varying topics after that, in much the style Clinton has adopted.

They kept his chosen topics on the weekend

agenda, then as now, although none of Reagan's were so memorable as the joking warmup he blurted into an open microphone in 1984 - he'd outlawed Russia, Reagan said, and "the bombing begins in five minutes." Clinton suffered a different kind of radio

talk headache in 1985, after moneyman Johnny Chung brought a \$50,000 Democratic donation to the White House. Two days later, Chung and five Chinese businessmen returned to the White House as guests when Clinton taped one of his radio addresses, an episode that became an issue in the contrograms, his contested proposal for national versy over fundraising tactics. The Democratic National Committee later returned all Chung's donations.

Incidentally, Clinton's radio topic that day was economic progress and promise under his administration, coupled with a complaint that Republicans then newly in control of Congress wanted to cut too much out of his budget to pay for tax cuts tilted toward the rich.

Nothing new, but a reprise of what he'd said before.

That's not unusual. Even so, the Saturday radio talks give the president a platform when most of Washington is taking the day off and there's not much news. So his observations wind up on the evening TV news, in the Sunday morning newspaper, and play on into the next day's talk shows.

Not a bad return on the Saturday morning

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Letters to the editor

Is there no equality in sports at

To the editor:

I'm writing this letter because several people have told me the PHS athletes and their parents can't or won't ask these questions out of fear of being retaliated against. All they are asking for is equality. It's been said in shop talk that the P.I.S.D. Superintendent has been made aware of some of these and conveniently overlooks them. Why? Basically boys basketball and football have limitations on travel, food, uniforms, etc., while other sports have to do without or furnish their own. Here is a list of a few questions I and lots of other people would like answered:

1) When boys basketball went to state, all during the regular season there were four or five girls who baked cookies and went to all of the boys games as "netters" to keep score and stats. However when the boys were Austin bound the "netters" weren't important enough to

2) Two years ago boys basketball and football, both Varsity and J.V., had shoes purchased for them. Boys basketball had to buy their own, as did girls J.V. and freshmen basketball.

3) Why does the football team go to Borger (a 30 minute drive) and eat out, paid for, before they come home? Boys baseball can travel two hours or more and they have to take a sack lunch or buy their

4) When boys football stays in a motel, it is one boy per bed. When girls track or basketball stays overnight, it is two girls per bed.

5) In 1995 during playoffs, the boys basketball team played Wichita Falls on Tuesday evening after 5 p.m. in Lubbock (a 3 1/2 hour drive). Why did the team travel to Lubbock on Monday and stay at the Barcelona Court - a fairly pricey motel?

6) When the girls track team went to state in '95 or '96, only two coaches could go because the athletic director couldn't justify two more coaches going. Keep in mind that the girls track team has been a very frequent competitor in Austin for years. When the boys basketball team went to state, no questions were asked and five coaches like this use their children for drugs. There is no real love in the home

ple find and purchase or get donated, dirt, dump trucks, tractors, and what about the toddler age? They have no outlet. etc., for the new soccer field with little or no help from the athletic department or school district?

8) Recently the girls and boys basketball teams played a weekend tournament in Liberal, KS. Both teams played again on Saturday

Liberal. There's not much support for the girls either. The boys put our system, but I have more love in my heart and all the time in the their stuff in the lockeroom and left until time for them to play. The girls finished playing, showered, and were out cheering for the boys.

Children come first with me.

9) If there is not enough money to treat all of these teams equally, then where did the school district get \$10,000 to donate to the new tornado sirens? Why couldn't this money have been used for the school district where it was supposed to have been used?

If there are legitimate explanations or answers for these instances. then we would like to know. If some of these are not accurate, then please correct me.

Jackie Martindale

We must protect and love our children

To the editor:

Do you know if drugs/alcohol continue to be done in front of your children that you are abusing those children so bad mentally? Will you believe by the age of eight- or nine-years-old a child will either be selling the drugs for the parents or doing drugs themselves to escape the environment and the real world?

Yes, to the parents who confronted me about talking of drugs at the age of three-years-old. I say what I think and know is truth. Threeyears-old is old enough. Don't you tell your child when first born your feelings and love for him or her? Don't they understand then? They will listen at age three.

Drug addicts/alcoholics are violent people. Their children are used for beating the system, and they do it well! I never said drug addicts/alcoholics were dumb. They're smart in ways you would never believe! How do the children tolerate this? Because of grandparents and family who care.

The domestic violence and fear these children feel is awful. They are afraid to talk about it because of the threats their parents impose on them. A threat of never seeing grandma or grandpa again. Parents for these children. Their only outlet and hope is within the family and 7) Why must parents of the soccer players and other interested peo- in school – where they can escape for awhile – and in church. But

When a grandparent has turned to the system, and it didn't work the first time (and you know what grandparents love is all about), you try to keep it in the family. The system will argue because they count money first, material things, and health of the grandparents. Love afternoon, but the girls had to come back to Pampa and go back to comes first to me with children. You don't place them in strange places Liberal on Saturday morning while the boys stayed overnight in with strange faces. I may be old, disabled, poor and crazy according to Pampa, TX 79066.

Children come first with me

Babies, teenagers and in between ages, I just love them all. I have proven this to God and myself and the system. I was brought up to believe every word the Bible says and have suffered the consequences when I have done wrong. I suffered the consequences – you better believe I have.

When you are forced to take drug addict parents' side or grandchildren, I'll stand up for the children no matter what! Some of us have lost our children to drugs. That hurts me so much, but we can't ignore a problem where children's' safety and their lives are in jeopardy like grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will work and play in the city of Pampa and attend Pampa schools.

Burglaries, handouts from our churches, even murder, you can expect from drug addicts in this city. Neglected children are plentiful here. I have been called crazy, nuts, goofy, etc., for these articles I have written to *The Pampa News*. Guess what? Ol' Crazy me will keep writing and telling the truth about drugs and drug addicts, alcoholics, domestic violence, drug dealers, etc. I'm not afraid of truth, but I have found out who is!

Norma Sandefur

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A Kennedy funeral It's a haunting, all-too-familiar scene...

Associated Press Writer

CENTERVILLE, Mass. (AP) — Members of nation's most prominent political family gathered at a Cape Cod church today to mourn the accidental death of Michael L. Kennedy.

All of Kennedy's surviving brothers and sisters, along with dozens of family friends and relatives, arrived to participate in the funeral service for the 39-year-old father of three who was killed in a New Year's Eve ski accident at Aspen, Colo.

home in Hvannis Port.

Kennedy's sisters, Rory Kennedy and Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, were to read biblical passages and Kennedy's brother, Maxwell, was scheduled to read from the Book of John.

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. planned to present eulogies for their brother. And a full Communion was to be followed by the singing of "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore," led by the 12th Baptist Church Choir from Roxbury, Mass.

Among the mourners at Our Lady of Victory Church were former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, shoe designer Kenneth Cole, and Sen. John Kerry, as well as numerous members of the state's congressional delegation.

Reporters were not allowed in the church, trimmed with Cape Cod gray shingles. Among those expected was the Rev. Michael Kennedy, a namesake

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and parish priest from Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland. Also expected in the oak pews were actress Glenn Close, a family friend, and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who is married to Maria

Shriver, Kennedy's cousin. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, a ly's teen-age baby sitter became public. Authorities considered filing good friend of the Kennedys, was to represent President Clinton. Kennedy was to be buried in Brookline, near his brother David,

who died of a drug overdose in 1984.

Several hundred people made a pilgrimage Friday to the Kennedy compound in nearby Hyannis Port to pay their last respects to Kennedy, the middle son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel

As a hearse arrived containing Kennedy's mahogany casket, the Kennedy II, D-Mass.; Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, lieutenant gov- injuries suffered in the accident on Aspen Mountain, a posh resort in huge family rode three chartered buses from the Kennedy family ernor of Maryland; and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an environmental the Colorado Rockies. lawver, walked out with other relatives to make their first public comment on the week's events.

"The last two days have been very difficult ones for every member of our family, but we've been buoyed and supported by the tens of thousands of calls and communications from friends around the world," Robert Kennedy Jr. said.

"Say a prayer for us," added Townsend.

The last year of Kennedy's life started with promise. He was look-Massachusetts, a role in the family that often serves as a proving ground for future political campaigns.

A Harvard graduate, Kennedy had already won praise as a businessman as chair of Citizens Energy Corp., a nonprofit company that provides home heating fuel to the poor. He also was active in charity work in Massachusetts and in Africa, in particular working to raise awareness about the dangers of handguns.

But soon the brother who had spent most of his life behind the scenes burst into the headlines when an alleged affair with his fami-

statutory rape charges, but the woman — by then 19 — refused to cooperate with prosecutors.

The disclosure followed the news that Kennedy was separating from his wife of 16 years, Vicki, the daughter of sportscaster Frank Gifford. The couple had three children, Michael Jr., 14, Kyle, 13 and

The year ended with Kennedy's death as he played his family game Just before nightfall, three Kennedy siblings, Rep. Joseph P. of football on skis. Authorities said he died of severe head and neck

> John Rosenthal, a friend who, along with Kennedy, founded the group Stop Handgun Violence, on Friday walked Kennedy's two dogs outside the family compound. One was a Jack Russell terrier named Cracker Jack, the other a Labrador puppy named Bolivar. Stopping to speak with reporters, he said: "It tortured Michael the

> impact the last year has had on his children and, secondarily, his ability to be out front."

The Rev. Donald MacMillan, a family friend who officiated at ing forward to helping his brother Joseph run for governor of Caroline's 1986 wedding, said Ethel's faith will help carry her this

For Ethel to have to endure such a loss is sad. But Ethel is a very religious woman, and she will do her best to carry the rest of them. MacMillan said. "The most tragic thing of all is his three children, all fatherless now.

Livestock futures plunge daily limit

A huge backlog of cattle on the Trading Corp. nation's feedlots sent futures able limit Friday on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

The backlog has been building up the last two months because of competition from pork and poul- market weight. try. Packers have been losing money on beef and have cut back on slaughtering cattle.

The result is a record number of feedlots in the Southern Plains. cattle that have been on feedlots 120 days or more.

said Chuck Levitt, a livestock ana- the new year," Levitt said.

He estimated the number at 1.3 prices plunging the daily allow- million head. In addition to competition from other meats, some cattle put in extra time on feed because nasty winter storms delayed their development to

Packers needed cattle on Friday and were willing to pay a steady \$66 a hundredweight at major

"But it has become quite obvious to traders that a large number This the largest number of cat- of cattle that should have moved tle on feed for four months or in November and December have longer in the nation's history," not, and have been carried over to

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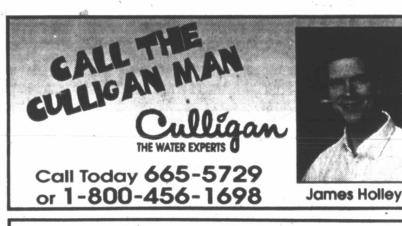
animals to market, said Dan pound. Vaught, livestock analyst in St. Louis with A.G. Edwards & Sons.

Live cattle for delivery in February were down the limit 1.50 cents at 64.95 cents a pound;

ers will drop their bids by \$2 or \$3 lower at 74.90 cents a pound; February hogs were .17 cent lower Furthermore, prospects for at 57.52 cents a pound; and good weather next week eliminate February pork bellies were 1.05 any serious obstacle to getting the cents higher at 51.07 cents a

Wheat futures advanced while corn retreated on the Agriculture Department's latest report on export sales. Wheat gained a nickel a bushel at the Chicago Board of January feeder cattle were .97 cent Trade.

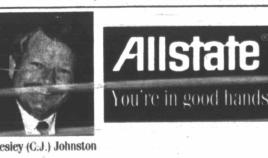
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Notebook **FOOTBALL**

DALLAS - Wheeler lineman Michael Montgomery was named to the second-team defense on the 1997 AP Sports Editors All-State Class 1A Football Team.

Montgomery, a 230-pound junior, is a two-year starter for the Mustangs.

Three Wheeler players made all-state honorable mention. They were Jeremy Davis (180pound senior) at running back, Aaron Dunnam (195-pound junior) at linebacker and Josh Lee (190-pound senior) at defensive lineman.

Offensive Player of the Year honors went to Chavis McCollister of Tenaha. Brandon Everage of Granger was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Wheeler advanced to the state finals this season and finished with an 11-4 record.

GENERAL

DALLAS (AP) — Officials in Irving are closely watching to see whether Dallas residents are willing to raise taxes on tourists to raise \$125 million for the city's share in a new sports arena.

Some leaders in the suburb say that if the plan passes, they may be interested in a similar one to finance a \$200 million makeover of Texas Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

"If it flies in Dallas, the perception could be it is equally possible here and could be a means to finance stadium improvements," said Maura Gast of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau. 'There are a lot of eyebrows and questions being raised and people watching and waiting to see what happens."

The Texas Stadium proposal, originally sketched by Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, calls for adding 40,000 seats and a retractable roof. Nearby land would be developed with Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame.

Irving council members have commissioned a study on Texas Stadium's impact on the local economy. The report, being done by the University of North Texas, should be presented to council members in late January or early February. voting Early began

Wednesday in Dallas, with the decision day coming Jan. 17.

Win propels Huskers to share of national title

Cornhuskers made Tom Osborne's final Orange Bowl memorable, and this time he settled for a tie.

Nebraska and Michigan shared the national championship in the final rankings by the two major polls released today.

Hours after beating Tennessee 42-17 in Osborne's last game, the Cornhuskers finished a distant second to Michigan in the Associated Press poll, receiving 18 1/2 firstplace votes to the Wolverines' 51 1/2. But Nebraska was crowned the champion in the coaches' poll Michigan's 30.

"It's just a real sense of relief, ter." especially to do it for coach

tackle Jason Peter said.

results were announced at about 3 quarterback Scott Frost said. a.m. EST.

"We were so loud when we saw it, the hotel security had to come up to tell us to be quiet," Wistrom

Ahman Green sparked the victory over Tennessee with an Orange Bowl-record 206 yards and two while touchdowns, Cornhuskers limited Peyton Manning to 134 yards passing in his final college game.

"We proved we've got the best with 32 first-place votes to meam by far," safety Eric Warfield said. "We couldn't show it any bet-

"I don't think there's anybody Osborne," All-America defensive out there with a clear conscience who can say that Nebraska and Peter and teammate Grant that great man Tom Osborne does-

MIAMI (AP) — The Nebraska Wistrom were in their hotel room n't deserve a national champiwatching television when the poll onship for this - at least a share,"

Osborne forgot to vote until he and again in 1995. received an early-morning phone call reminding him.

Tennessee finished 11-2 and fell from third to seventh in the final AP poll. The Cornhuskers capped a 13-0 season, while Michigan, which beat Washington State 21-16 Thursday in the Rose Bowl, finished 12-0.

"We can't do any more than win 13," said Osborne, his shirt søaked from an ice-bucket bath courtesy of his players. "It's a great way to end 25 enjoyable years. It's been a lot of

Osborne, who announced his retirement Dec. 10, finished a 25year career with a record of 255-49title in 1994, capping a perfect season with an Orange Bowl victory,

The Big Red's red-haired coach missed a shot at another national championship with a 31-30 loss to Miami in the 1984 Orange Bowl, when he declined to settle for a tie and a last-minute two-point conversion attempt failed.

Against Tennessee, Osborne's play-calling clicked. Frost threw for 109 yards in the first half before Nebraska's vaunted running game buried the Volunteers in the second half.

hurry his throws. The All- drives were capped by touchdown American completed 21 of 31 pass- runs of 1 and 11 yards by Frost es, but with a long gain of just 20 and 22 yards by Green, making 3, including 60-3 in the past five yards, and he was replaced by Tee the score 35-9.

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Tom Osborne, in his last game, had them ready to play, and they whipped us," Manning said. "As a senior it's disappointing to go out on this note. But it can't overshadow the great things we've done this year.

Nebraska led 28-3 before the Vols scored their first touchdown on a 5-yard pass from Manning to Peerless Price. Tennessee committed three turnovers during a 10minute span in the first half, which helped Nebraska go ahead 14-0.

The Huskers rushed for 227 The Cornhuskers' pass rush, yards in the third quarter alone, meanwhile, forced Manning to throwing just one pass. Three long

Pampa reaches consolation finals of Lions Tournament

FORT WORTH — Pampa lost a 51-50 squeaker to Justin Northwest in the consolation finals of the Lions Club Tournament last week.

The Harvesters had led at halftime by five, 36-31.

Shawn Young was Pampa's leading scorer with 14 points, including four three-point goals. Jesse Francis followed with 10 points.

Laurence Daggett had 15 points and Michael Kincaide 13 to pace Northwest.

Tyson Alexander added 9 points for Pampa, followed by Jeremy Silva with 7, Russell Robben 6, Lynn Brown and Zane Powers 2 each.

In earlier tournament action, Pampa scored nine unanswered points in the second half to breeze past Eastern Hills, 59-46.

Francis was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points while Silva and Alexander added 10 each.

Keon Banks topped Eastern Hills with 20 points.

Young and Brown had 9 and 8 points respectively for Pampa while Powers had 4 and Robben 3.

Western Hills defeated Pampa, 65-49, in first-round action.

Young was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points while Powers and Brown had 6 each, Robben 4 and Silva 2.

Ellis Collins scored 17 points to lead Western Hills.

BRISCOE - Blake Hurst scored 22 points to lead Miami past West Texas High, 56-52, in the second round of the Fort

Elliott Tournament last week. Bradley Hale was secondhigh scorer for the Warriors with 8 points.

Taylor had 25 points and Laughlin 12 for West Texas

In other second-round action, Fort Elliott defeated McLean, Richard Rowe and Curt

Smith had 15 points each to lead Fort Elliott scorers. Hanes and Montgomery had 12 each for

McLean. Fort Elliott also posted a 69-44 win over Shamrock in the second round.

Clay Zybach poured in 31 points to lead the Cougars' scoring attack.

Curt Smith followed with 21

Hugh Shannon and Rushing led Shamrock with 12 points

In the girls' division, McLean downed Fort Elliott, 53-40, in second-round play. Shaley Stalls led McLean in

scoring with 22 points. Ashley Estes had 13 points to lead Fort

Miami lost to Shamrock in another second-round contest,

Mindy McConnell was high scorer for Miami with 15 points. Kasey Black added 9 points.

Shamrock's high scorer was Starla Angton with 13 points.

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Packers open title defense

By The Associated Press

Today, defending champion Green Bay opens its drive to return to the Super Bowl, facing Tampa Bay in the NFC game, and Denver plays at Kansas City in the AFC in the National Football League playoffs.

The Chiefs were unbeaten at home, edging the Broncos on Pete Stoyanovich's 54-yard field goal on the game's final play in their last meeting in November.

If you like offense, you've got to love Denver. The Broncos set a franchise scoring record for third straight season with NFL-high 472 points and led the league in offense. Terrell Davis rushed for 1.750 yards before sitting out the last game with a bad shoulder, then put up 184 yards in last week's playoff victory over Jacksonville before banging up his ribs. He is expected to start.



Brett Favre

ranks fifth in postseason history with 1,310 yards rushing and needs 90 yards to move into third place. He's trying to get back to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1983 — the last time an Marcus Allen of the Chiefs AFC team won the game.

Bowl. Packers quarterback Brett

Call this one the Temperature

Favre has never lost a home game when the game-time temperature is below 35 degrees and the Bucs have never won a game anywhere when the temperature was below 40 degrees.

In Green Bay in January, where the Packers have won 26 straight games and never lost a playoff game, the edge would have to belong to Favre. The first-ever three-time MVP led the NFL with 35 TD passes and became the first quarterback with four straight 30-TD seasons. If the Packers have a weakness

if might be rushing defense, where they were No. 20 in the

That plays into the hands of the Bucs, especially offensive Rookie of the Year Warrick Dunn (1,440 yards) and Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott.

burn rallies for Peach Bowl victory

have to win without him next sea-

Craig rallied No. 11 Auburn for 15 fourth-quarter points and the defense allowed just 146 yards Friday in a 21-17 victory over Clemson at the Peach Bowl.

Auburn (10-3) gave up three blocked punts and manufactured just six points through three quarters, but rallied to give coach Terry Bowden his first 10-win season since he went 11-0 in his first year,

"I hope the players understand how important a win like this is for the future of Auburn," Bowden said. "Ten wins a year is what every team strives for, but there are few who can put together 10 after 10 after 10. We got our first one today and that's where you start."

With Craig leaving, Auburn will have to keep it going with defense and coordinator Bill Oliver's unit ended the year by putting in its finest performance of the season.

Linebacker Ricky Neal had 1/2 tackles and Auburn gave up just four first downs despite playing without two starters, who Bowden sent home for breaking team rules on New Year's Eve.

ATLANTA (AP) — Dameyune
Craig showed the knack he's had seniors Nate Smith, Shannon ago.
Suttle and Bobby Daffin, all "When it was going bad, I ATLANTA (AP) — Dameyune The coach applauded fifth-year when Patrick Nix left two years a preview of the way the team will roles in the starters' absence. He also made a plea for second-team All-American Takeo Spikes to stay for his senior season.

"He's leaning toward staying and I think he will," Bowden said. "I hope he does, because I think we're beginning to build a championship team."

Meanwhile, for the third straight year, Clemson (7-5) opened the season 3-3, rallied to make a bowl, then got there and lost.

This defeat capped a frustrating season in which Clemson came close to reaching the next level, losing by just a touchdown to the top teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Florida State and North Carolina.

"This was a very important game for our seniors," said Clemson coach Tommy West. "They wanted to prove themselves and go out with a victory. But, they still have done so much for our program. We are really going to miss them."

Almost as much as Bowden will miss Craig.

The senior quarterback threw for 258 yards on just 15-for-45 offense around the quarterback

ones. The Auburn defense offered reserves who played significant pulled Dameyune over and said, I can't lie to you, you better go out there and do it," Bowden said. "I told him this was going to be his final statement and that wasn't how he wanted it to be."

Craig led Auburn on drives of 72, 49 and 54 yards in the final quarter to help the Tigers overcome a 17-6 deficit. Clemson took the big lead

thanks to three blocked punts two of which were batted by linebacker Rahim Abdullah.

His first was returned 18 yards for a touchdown by Chad Speck to give Clemson a 7-3 lead in the second quarter.

Abdullah's second block came midway through the third quarter, and skidded to the Auburn 2-yard line, where Mal Lawyer recovered. On the next play, Terry Witherspoon scored to put Clemson ahead 14-6.

A 48-yard field goal from David Richardson gave Clemson the 11point lead on the next drive.

Craig got Auburn back in the game when he eluded two Clemson tacklers in the backfield, scrambled toward the sideline and passing, but showed the resilience used a crushing block from Kevin that led Bowden to base his entire McLeod for a 22-yard touchdown run.

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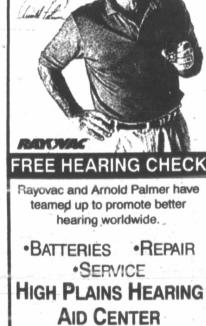
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5th and 6th graders will need to sign up Tuesday, Jan. 6th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be limited, so be early. Coaching spaces available.

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Purdue outlasts Golden Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Brian Cardinal scored 22 points and No. 5 Purdue made 28 of 33 free throws as the Boilermakers defeated Minnesota 83-79 Friday.

Minnesota, which had won three straight, hadn't lost a Big Ten home opener since Jan. 7 1988, a 65-61 defeat by Illinois. Purdue (12-3, 1-1) rebounded

from a 74-57 loss at home to Michigan State Tuesday night in its Big Ten opener. Sam Jacobson scored a seasonhigh 28 points for Minnesota (7-

5, 0-1). Jacobson has scored 20 or more points in five consecutive games.

Cardinal has been in double figures in six straight games.

Chad Austin scored 13 points for Purdue, 10 in the second half: Austin twisted an ankle in the first half, but played most of the second half.

Purdue led 42-39 at halftime, despite a 15-0 run by Minnesota that erased an early 12-3 deficit.

Without big man, Texas Tech begins Big 12 run

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — After posting decidedly mixed results in non-conference play, you'd think Texas Tech coach James Dickey would be preoccupied with his team's performance as the Big 12 opener loomed.

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You'd be wrong. Speaking after the Raiders beat up on Stephen F. Austin 83-57 in their last tune-up, Dickey seemed more worried about the approximately 4,000 empty chairs at the half-full Lubbock Municipal Coliseum last Tuesday.

"We'll be ready," Dickey said of Saturday's league opener against Iowa State. "I hope our fans our ready. We've sold 7,300 tickets, but if they'd come I wish they'd give them away."

He seemed less concerned about other nitpicky details, like his team's 6-4 record, its 78.6 points-against average or its -3 rebounding margin per game.

"We've got every ingredient to have a great Big 12 program except for great fan support," Dickey said. "Yeah, is demoralizing for players to see empty

The defection of would-be senior Tony Battie, a No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, devastated the core of a program that has gone 69-21 in the last three seasons. Tech has no legitimate replacement for either the 6-foot-11 center's intimidating presence or his scoring skill.

The inside-out Red Raiders of a year ago have been forced to become almost exclusively a perimeter and transition team. Cory Carr, again the Big 12's leading scorer at 23.3 points a game, declined to predict his team's conference fortunes.

"We won't know until we play our first Big 12 game," he said. "It's a wide-open race. We're disappointed with the losses we took in non-conference, and

years. He won't try for a second NFL."

senior year to enter the NFL draft. Rose Bowl.

"If we don't play some great games, it's going to be tough on us for sure."

— Rayford Young

we're going to concentrate on some areas we definitely have to

Rather than concentrate on Tech's statistical deficiencies, Dickey said the key to Big 12 success is "consistent mental tough-

Tech's peaks have been marked by equally immense valleys. The same Raiders who manhandled George Washington and scored an NCAA-record 27 overtime points at Nevada also endured their worst home loss in 55 seasons, 107-76 to Texas

Now that it's conference season, Carr admits the pressure is

"The intensity level is going to go up about 40 notches," said Carr, who praised the improved offensive production by point guard Rayford Young, the team's second-leading scorer at 17.4 points. "If we don't play some great games, it's going to be tough on us for sure."

In the TCU aftermath, Dickey sounded like a coach ready to chalk up 1997-98 to experience. He even promised fans he'd recruit better players in the

now readying for the immediate task at hand. "The war will start Saturday,"

A more confident Dickey is

A Leaf turns to pro football

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) "I've accomplished as much

- Ryan Leaf led Washington as I could in college football." he

The strong-armed quarterback well before his team lost to

said Friday he will pass up his Michigan 21-16 Thursday in the

State to its first Rose Bowl in 67 said. "The next challenge is the

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HOCKEY

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BOSTON BRUINS—Sent D Mattias Timander to Providence of the AHL.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Traded G Sean Burke, RW Geoff Sanderson and D Enrico Ciccone to the Vancouver Canucks for G Kirk McLean and RW Martin Gelinas.
DALLAS STARS—Activated LW Benoit Hogue from the injured list. Sent LW Jamie Wright to Michigan of the IHL. Recalled LW Patrick Cote from Michigan and placed him on the injured list. Others receiving votes: Arizona 59, Oregon 50, Air Force 37, Marshall 33, Virginia 31, Clemson 27, Louisiana Tech 20, Mississippi St. 15, Michigan St. 9, Wisconsin 8, New Mexico 6, Cincinnati 5, Notre Dame 3, Iowa 2, Virginia Tech 1 FLORIDA PANTHERS—Sent RW David

Nemirovsky to New Haven of the AHL.
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Richard Shulmistra and C Brendan Morrison
from Albany of the AHL. Sent G Peter Sidorkiewicz to Albany. NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled LW P.J. Stock from Hartford of the AHL

Stock from Hartford of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Acquired D Jeff
Brown from the Carolina Hurricanes for a
fourth-round pick in the 1999 draft.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned G
Corey Hirsch to Syracuse of the AHL.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Sent LW Andrei
Mikeliable and C Baroli Creation to Portland of National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed LHP Jim Crowell and C Justin Towle to one-year contracts.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms
with LHP Bruce Ruffin on a minor-league con-

AUBURN—Suspended LB Quinton Reese, DL Jeff Dunlap, WR Clifton Robinson and CB

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Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m. (NBC)

Conference Champions Sunday, Jan. 11 Divisional playoff winners, TBA

Pro Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1 At Honolulu

With Shaq back, LA hands Hawks sixth straight loss

By CHRIS SHERIDAN AP Basketball Writer

came midway through the first quarter. No. 34, wearing gold and purple, checked into the game at missed both of them.

The AP poll and coverage of college football can be found at http://www.aptop25.com

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Shaq was back, and all seemed right for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Shaquille O'Neal appeared wellrested and not the least bit rusty as he dominated the middle while he was on the floor Friday night, scoring 22 points and grabbing nine ed Milwaukee 114-100, Seattle after. rebounds as the Lakers beat the downed Philadelphia 90-73, The Hawks 116-106.

points and rebounds. "How many did I get?"

head and said, "Darn it."

O'Neal made his first appear- beat New York 103-98, Cleveland when O'Neal dove over the bench with two late 3-pointers.

ance midway through the first topped Orlando 81-71, Detroit to save a loose ball, but he stood up quarter and quickly pulled down his first rebound in almost two The much-anticipated return months. He was fouled on the play and — showing his free throw State 94-79. accuracy also hasn't changed -

> good while O'Neal was on the court in the first quarter, and they went on to extend Atlanta's season-high losing streak to six

In other games, Chicago defeat-Houston edged Denver 116-115 in "I told someone that I needed to overtime, Charlotte beat Miami 99get 20-10," he said, referring to 88 in overtime, Phoenix topped Dallas 92-85, San Antonio defeated Portland 85-69, Boston beat Told "22-9," he smiled, shook his Minnesota 93-89, Indiana downed rest of the way. Washington 99-81, New Jersey

edged Toronto 91-88, Sacramento defeated Vancouver 94-80 and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Golden

Asked if he felt any pain in his first game back after missing 20 The Lakers took the lead for straight contests, O'Neal shook his

When O'Neal came onto the court, Los Angeles was trailing 13-10. When he returned to the bench five minutes later, the Lakers were up 23-19. They never trailed there-

The Hawks, losing their sixth straight, narrowed the gap to 94-87 with eight minutes remaining, but O'Neal came back in and immediately hit a short turnaround jumper. Atlanta got no closer the

There was a scare for the Lakers Rodman energized the crowd

smiling and returned to the court.

"That was a scary thing. But that's Shaq's way of playing, diving into the crowd, going onto the floor after the ball," coach Del Harris said. "I thought he moved with a lot of ease."

Eddie Jones scored 23 points and Nick Van Exel had 22 points and 13 assists for Los Angeles. Christian Laettner led Atlanta with 22 points. Steve Smith had 21 and Ed Gray 20.

Bulls 114, Bucks 100 At Chicago, Michael Jordan scored 44 points - breaking 40 for the third time in four games - and the Chicago Bulls survived a 42point game from Glenn Robinson. Luc Longley added a career-high 24 points and Dennis

Stars stretch win streak to eight games

Leaf said he made up his mind

DALLAS (AP) - With highscoring forwards Mike Modano, Joe Nieuwendyk and Greg Adams out with injuries, the Dallas Stars have been getting goals from unlikely sources.

Checking forwards Grant Marshall and Todd Harvey provided the offense and backup goalie Roman Turek made 17 saves as the Stars stretched their unbeaten streak to a season-high eight games with a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders Friday night.

"There are times when we've got to find a way to chip in with a goal here or there," said Marshall. "We're there to work hard and create some openings and tonight we were able to score a couple of goals because of that."

Turek also contributed in a rare start. The native of the Czech Republic has seen little action as the backup for Ed Belfour, one of the hottest goalies in the NHL.

'You've got to concentrate because you might not play again for 10 games," said Turek, who boosted his record to 5-3-0. "Eddie's playing very well so that doesn't leave many chances for

Turek was filling in after Belfour had started nine straight, as Turek played in his ninth game of the season and 15th of his NHL career.

Turek was headed for his first career shutout until Claude Lapointe's shot from the right circle went into the net off teammate Ken Belanger's glove for Belanger's second goal of the sea-

son with 8:11 to play. "Roman doesn't play as much as Eddie but we have confidence in both of them," said Marshall. "Roman's biggest attribute is his confidence. We're a defensiveminded team and they back us up."

The Stars improved to 5-0-3 in their last eight games and 16-3-3 in their last 22. Dallas had come away with ties in its previous three games.

The Islanders lost their sixth

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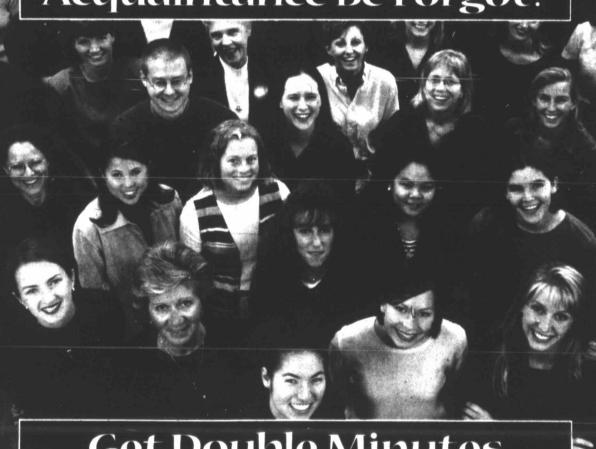
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advantage of Islanders goalie Eric Fichaud's inability to control a rebound. Marshall scored his third goal on a rebound at 6:11.

The Stars made it 2-0 at 8:55 of the second period on Harvey's sixth. Harvey steered a centering pass from Benoit Hogue past Fichaud as Hogue, the former Islander, returned to the lineup after missing 12 games with a fractured ankle.

The Islanders had an apparent goal by Tom Chorske taken away by referee Don Van Massenhoven after a replay midway through the second period. Chorske batted in the rebound of his own shot by Turek, but the video goal judge ruled that teammate Bryan Smolinski was in the crease when the puck entered the net.

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Nick Cage spotlights birthdays

In the spotlight: Nicolas Cage, unexpected

Nicolas Cage first discovered acting as an infallible way to escape getting beat up.

Tired of being pummeled by a fourthgrade bully, Nicky put on his brother's jeans and cowboy boots, slicked back his hair and slipped on a pair of shades.

In his clever disguise he approached his nemesis, introduced himself as Roy Wilkinson, a fictitious cousin, and threatened the bully with reprisals unless he left Nicky alone. The ruse worked.

Cage — who was born in Long Beach, Calif. — says he realized his passion for acting at age 15, while watching James Dean in "East of Eden."

Yet Cage, who turns 34 on Jan. 7, was determined to succeed despite sharing his famous uncle Francis Ford Coppola's last name. The young actor became Cage in 1983 as a tribute to comic-book superhero Luke

Although Cage achieved his first glimmerings of stardom for his hangdog performance in "Valley Girl," he was enmercifully pounded by critics after incorporating buckteeth and a Gumbylike voice in the film, "Peggy Sue Got Married."

"I welcomed the idea of bad reviews because that would mean I was doing something that challenged the critics," Cage says. "I thought I could change acting."

Cher was impressed enough to cast Cage in "Moonstruck." Cage received a Golden Globe nomination despite his heavily edited

He then changed directions with the quirky "Vampire's Kiss" and "Raising Arizona." He later broadened his audience via what he calls "the sunshine trilogy" of films: "Honeymoon in Vegas," "It Could Happen to You" and "Guarding Tess."

Then Cage signed on to play the doomed protagonist of "Leaving Las Vegas" for the relatively paltry sum of \$240,000. The role paid off in other ways: Cage earned the most laudatory reviews of his career and a Best Actor Oscar.

"For the first time in my life, my tastes were in sync with other people's. How weird is that?" he says.

To keep "mixing it up," Cage decided to next tackle the role of a "sensitive action hero" in "The Rock," "Con Air" and "Face

He will next don tights and a cape to play the Man of Steel in the highly anticipated Superman Lives.

don't know if it will work," he says of John Singleton is 30. the role. "But I would like to see that weird, different kid get a break because I was that

"I welcomed the idea of bad reviews because that would mean I was doing something that challenged the critics,"

Cage says.

Celebrity birthdays for Jan. 4-10: Jan. 4: Actress Jane Wyman is 84.

Actress Barbara Rush is 71. Actress Dyan Cannon is 61. Rock musician Bernard Sumner of New Order is 42. Actress Ann Magnuson ("Anything But Love") is 42. Rock singer Michael Stipe of R.E.M. is 38. Actor Dave Foley ("NewsRadio") is 35. Actress Julia Ormond is 33. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill of Crash, Test Dummies is 31. Actor Jeremy Licht ("Valerie") is 27.

Jan. 5: Sun Records founder Sam Phillips is 75. Actor Robert Duvall is 67. Talk-show host Charlie Rose is 56. Actress Diane Keaton is 52. Actor Ted Lange ("The Love Boat") is 51.
R&B musician George "Funky"
Brown of Kool and the Garagis 49.
Actress Pamela Sue Martin 'Dynasty'') is 45. Actress Suzy Amis is 37. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach of Luscious Jackson is 32. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is

Jan. 6: Actress Loretta Young is 85. Actress Bonnie Franklin is 54. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson of The Fabulous Thunderbirds is 47. Rock musician Malcolm Young of AC-DC is 45. Director Anthony Minghella ("The English Patient") is 44. R&B singer Eric Williams of BLACKstreet is 38. Rock musician Michael Houser of Widespread Panic is 36@Director

Jan. 7: Singer Kenny Loggins is 50. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 49. "Today" co-host Katie Couric is 41. Actor Nicolas Marshall Cage is 34. Actor Doug E. Doug ("Cosby") is 28. Actor Dustin Diamond ("Saved By the Bell: The New Class") is 21.

Jan. 8: Actor-comedian Larry Storch ("F Troop") is 75. Actor Ron Moody is 74. Singer Shirley Bassey is 61. Rock musician Robby Krieger of The Doors is 52. Rock singer David Bowie is 51. Singer R. Kelly is 29. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 16.

Actor Bob Denver 'Gilligan's Island") is 63. Folk singer Joan Baez is 57. Rock musician Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin is 54. Pop singer Bill Cowsill of The Cowsills is 50. Singer Crystal Gayle 47. Rock musician Eric Erlandson Hole is 35. Actress Joely Richardson is 33. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews of The Dave Matthews Band is 31.

Jan. 10: Singer Scott McKenzie is 59. Director Walter Hill ("48 Hours," "Last Man Standing") is 56. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 54. Singer Rod Stewart is 53. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen of Steely Dan is 50. Singer Pat Benatar is 45. Singer Shawn Colvin is 40. Rock singermusician Curt Kirkwood of the Meat Puppets is 39. Actress Trini Alvarado is 31. Rapper Chris Smith

The Top Five

By the Associated Press

Billboard magazine did not publish its best sellers audio charts singles and albums — this week because of the holidays.

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4. "Jackie Brown," Miramax

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VIDEO SALES

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2. "My Best Friend's Wedding (Columbia TriStar)

3. "George of the Jungle," (Disney)

4. "The Lost World: Jurassic Park," (Universal)

5. "Scream," (Dimension)

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Face/Off," (Paramount)

2. "Men In Black," (Columbia TriStar)

3. "The Fifth Element," (Columbia TriStar) 4. "My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia

5. "Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," (New Line)

TELEVISION

1. "NFL Monday Night Football: New England at Miami" (ABC)

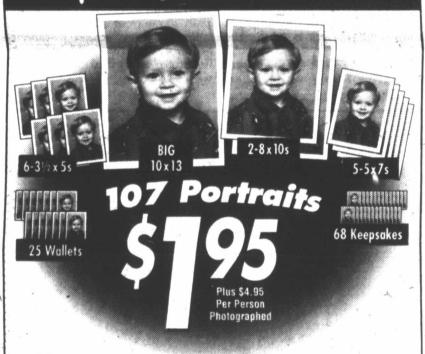
2. "60 Minutes" (CBS)

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Hollywood's bad boys in lockup; Time behind bars scary and dull

Associated Press Writer

the latest Hollywood bad boys ordered to jail. Are showbiz hotshots treated like the rest of us when the handcuffs come off and the cell

Rather than wealth and string-pulling, it's fame that gets high-profile prisoners special attention in the giant Los Angeles County jail system, which has hosted the likes of O.J. Simpson, Robert Mitchum, Sirhan Sirhan and Charles Manson.

They were all kept away from other inmates.

"The people we feel could be jeopardized because of their celebrity are isolated to protect them from another inmate who, trying to build their own notoriety, might want to harm someone famous,' Cmdr. Steven Day, chief of the sheriff's Custody Division, said.

Downey eats three daily meals — "two hots and a sandwich" — Mir inside his cell, he's escorted to a daily shower and he gets three exerbunk. cise hours a week. He also has collect-call telephone privileges, visitors one hour a week and access to television.

"We control what they watch — no violence, no sex," Day said. When big-bucks lawyers, money and charity performances won't let them walk and incarceration is a certainty, shopping for a municipal jail to stay out of the overcrowded and scary Los Angeles County jailhouse is often the alternative.

Celebrities pay a daily room-and-board tee to the shiane, panel, which afford them more privacy and comfort than a cell at the 21,000-prisoner County Jail where inmate violence is common and ing."

Deputy Bill Martin said the special one-man cell section was simble to the shiane panel. "TV is going all day long and there is eating and the special one-man cell section was simble panel."

town on the eastern flank of the Sierra, to cool his heels in 1987 while serving a 60-day sentence for fighting with a photographer in violation of his probation for a barroom brawl.

Cop-slapper Zsa Zsa Gabor served three days behind bars in 1990 at the El Segundo jail near the Los Angeles International Airport. She paid \$85 a day for the privilege, and stories swirled that she was coddled and allowed to have silk sheets in her cell.

was on a horse blanket," the Hungarian-born star of "Queen of Outer" other means until we discover that."

Space" said when she emerged from the jailhouse.

Slater, who pleaded no contest to battery and being under the — Christian Slater and Robert Downey Jr. are influence of drugs, is scheduled to begin serving a 90-day sentence ad boys ordered to jail. Are showbiz hotshots by Jan. 10. He will avoid the dreaded County Jail by spending his time in a suburban jail in LaVerne or Montebello.

"I made a mistake, and whatever consequence comes with it, I'll pay it," Slater, 28, said while promoting his film "Hard Rain," which is due out Jan. 16, just six days after his deadline to start serving his time.

In Downey's case, Malibu Superior Court Judge Lawrence A. Mira finally put his foot down after giving the Oscar-nominated 'Chaplin" star chance after chance to clean up his addiction to drugs. "You are going to jail because you used drugs," scolded

"I have no excuses. I find myself defenseless," a contrite Downey told the judge.

Mira wasn't about to let Downey find a cushy municipal jail

"I'm going to incarcerate you, and I'm going to incarcerate you in a way that's very unpleasant for you," the judge told Downey on Dec. 8 before ordering him cuffed and hauled downtown to the massive Twin Towers jail. "It's not easy here," Day said of "the largest jail system in the

free world." He bristled at the suggestion celebrities might in some

Former bad boy Sean Penn found a jail in Bridgeport, a gemote ply sensible: "They would not fare well in a dormitory situation or a multiman cell. ... Jail is still jail." Indeed, Downey's first Twin Towers breakfast was the legendary

jailhouse sustenance — chipped beef on toast. Drugs also lurk in the jail system. Funk music's Rick James, who spent months in County Jail for various offenses, contends drugs

are easily accessible behind bars. led and allowed to have silk sheets in her cell. "Drugs do get into the jail system," Day said. "It's like a chess "I didn't have silk sheets. I don't even have silk sheets at home. I game. We discover how they get in and then they get in through

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98 people to watch in 1998

Watch to see:

If Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris can make it through another year without a murder in Pampa.

If Arlo Guthrie will return to Pampa and schedule another concert in the town where his father got his start.

If John Warner can find someone to head the Democratic Party in a county full of Republicans.

If Tom Mechler will unify or split the Gray County Republican Party.

If Dr. Joe Lowry's healing touch will bring the Gray County Republican Party together.

If **Doris Taylor** will get her Jaguar XKE running.

If Pampa's inmate on death row, Hank **Skinner**, will survive the year.

When Jesus Santacruz and Ricky **DeLeon** will go to trial for the Christmas Eve, 1996, murder of Richard Lamont Proctor.

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If Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland gets his computer programs debugged.

If Pampa's own cyber-guru **Doug** Locke keeps expanding his empire.

If Pampa police detective Charlie Love manager of Canadian continues solving crimes as effectively in Authority, will be able 1998 as in 1997.

If Hank Ack comes up with a winner * among the horses he's training in Gray County.

If Texas Gov. George W. Bush will forsake his state to begin running this year for the 2000 presidential elec-

tion. If former Pampa News sports writer Susan Adeletti will be happy with a fatherin-law, Jack Kemp, running for president.

How Lefors City Marshal Rocky **Stewart** fares with his city council.

How Pampa native **Brad Pope** fares in Austin Stories, the hot new MTV original series.

If Pampa-based Texas Ranger Gary Henderson will again be called away to capture separatists and put down the rebellion.

How Pampa's Congressman Thornberry 1 to the U.S. Wildlife S anting to list innows in the Can lian River as endan ries.

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as Na of eke foren vas. atson ill be as successful ith Nation Banks as e was with

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earing way of life. f Carson County neriff Loren Brand will finally come out with another longawaited book,

If C.E. Williams, executive director of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, and John Williams, district River Municipal Water to straighten out the state's new water law.

If Rev. Leslie Neil and Amy Lakey will continue to have St. Mark CME Church community breakfasts every month.

If **Margie Ruff** will continue to lead Sunday afternoon gospel singing the second Sunday of each month at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Alcock. f Lynn Smith and Community Christian School at Trinity Fellowship Church will continue to enjoy the steady growth through 1998 that they've had in the

ast three years. If trendy Veteran Service Officer John **Tripplehorn** will get a chocolate lab puppy

like President Clinton's.

rrows awards e aid

If White added Pampa) Crime S Most Wa 1997, will evade car throughou

If John a Chaney m thing mor spectacular in weld Christmas next year' Celebration of Lights

 If Susar **Gray Cou** Administr elected Gr v. County Clerk, or i Susan Tripplehorn, project coordinator for the Pampa Economic Development, will become Gray County Clerk.

If Wanda Carter, County will enjoy watching her position being vied for by the two

Susans.
If County Judge Richard Peet will be serving the county for another term as cour ty judge

If Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage is elected Gray County Judge who will become mayor

If County Treasurer Scott Hahn will watch the county's money grow for another term.

If County Commissioner Gerald Wright of Precinct #3 finds anymore arrow heads this year.

f County

Commissioner Jim Greene of Precinct #2 remains the only Democrat on the county commission. If Pampan Kresha McAdoo will win even more awards in the national rifle shooting contest.

Celanese plant nanager Riley Kothman enjoys his first year in Pampa. How Pampa News

Publisher L.W. McCall will keep the newspaper in top shape.

Kate Dickson will get her childhood camp friend Cybil Shepherd to come visit the Top o' Texas.

If Travis Lively of the former Pampa Hardware will be any less busy in retirement.

If Judy Elliott, th chairman of the Parks and Recre Board, will be the to go down the of Pampa's fu super playgro

If County T Collector and Sammie Mo get sick of ta tions and m Bahamas.

If Pampa Superintend Dawson Orr will pre dict an accurate offthe-record ending time to the monthly school board meetings for those who attend.

If Santa will return to Pampa in lieu of all the snow he h contend with in 1997.

How much m Dean Carson and the Hollis is correcting VFW Post #1657 be able to raise for their wall.

How the Salvation Army's Lt. Matthew Branscum and his wife Penney will continue to support the youth of the community.

If Curator Anne Davidson of the White Deer Land Museum will enjoy arranging new exhibits for the museum this year.

If Pampa Fine Arts Chairman Loralee Cooley will jump on board the Artrain in February and tour the rest of the country because she was recruited to tell stories

If Lefors Mayor Ben Watson will like what he sees on the Lefors audit that is still not completed.

If Tampa Middle School Principal Tim Powers will continue to run a tight ship

If Ken Hall of the emergency planning committee will continue and aggressively work to install a new city siren system.

Tralee Crisis Center If Pampa News Editor will continue to write poetry in her spare time. If Gray County Apprais will

mer Pan opera star M he Johnson gets f touring the work nd decides to mov back to Pampa.

If Rev. I.L. Patrick and his congregation the Macedonia Baptis Church will still prais God despite the roof crashing hardships of 1997.

If Pampa's Carol Bachus will be shown telling her age to the world in the infomer cial she made recent in Florida, even hough she asked mem to cut it.

If Oprah Winfrey will hear about Dyers in Pampa and I one of her shows from there when she comes

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page in his head. If Rotarian Chuck White will beat Judy Elliott to the slide of Pampa's future super playground at

Highland Park. If John Antioco, the president of Blockbuster Video, will give Pampa another chance.

If anyone will giggle Guy Fawkes Day. when they find out that Fototime's Herb Smith is the brotherin-law of County Commissioner James Hefley.

If Precinct #1 County Commissioner Toe Wheeley Jr. will be confused with his father, Joe Wheeley Sr. of White Deer.

If Laurel Parker will have guests at her hotel or be a guest of the state.

If Virginia Green and the Loyett Memorial Library board will be able to find a new librarian. If John Mann will

lose a murder case for the first time. If Miami School

Superintendent Danny Cochran can If Linda Town of the take on the state and win.

If Teel Bivins and

Warren Chisum can get a little respect for the area in Austin. If Lew Mollenkamp

can keep new busiesses coming to mpa.

Phil Gramm and Bailey hinson can find anhandle in a lection year. w Pampa ber of herce President rd Stowers can Pampans excited their town. wis Meers will

le to make all the nment board ings on time. Director of hmunity Services **Hildebrandt** will r in any more com-

runity plays. If **Linda Cloud**, the head of the Texas Lottery, can sell more tickets with smaller payouts like the Texas

Legislature told her to. If Ray Hupp at U.S. Bus will hire back the people he laid off just before Christmas.

If Canadian's **Denny** McLanahan, who led the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's bareback bronc riding competition for most of 1997, will have better luck t the National Finals odeo in 1998. f **Traci Skinner** can

nail decorations for If J.R. Moreno will be able to bring the American GI Forum to

Pampa.

come up with finger

How Steve **Emmert**'s judicial position will differ from Judge M. Kent **Sims** in the race for 1st District Judge. If Suzy Wilson will enjoy directing the choir at the University of North Texas.

If former DEA agent. Charles Henry, recently appointed to Texas Youth Commission, can reduce youth crime.

If Bill Stephens, 1998 Pampa Board of Realtors president, can find more good property to rent cheap.

If Lefors School Superintendt Tom Alvis can get the bond issue passed to heat the schools.



Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pettit

Pettit anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pettit will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2:30-4 p.m. today in the parlor of First Christian Church. Children of the couple will be host the reception.

Carroll Pettit and Virginia Marrs were married Jan. 4, 1948, at Wheeler. The couple have been Pampa residents for 42 years, moving from Wheeler. They are members of Highland Baptist Church and Celanese Retirees Club.

Mr. Pettit went to work for Celanese in 1956 and retire in 1985. Mrs. Pettit is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Lisa and Jim Crossman of Pampa. They have two grandchildren.

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Agency records show more cases of neglect, abuse of nation's elderly

CINCINNATI (AP) – More elder-ly Americans are being abused and neglected in their homes, and the difference of the control of problem likely will get worse as American society ages, experts say.

Reports of domestic abuse against the elderly increased 150 percent from 1986 to 1996 - from 117,000 cases to 293,000, according to a report by The National Center on Elder Abuse.

There are approximately 35 million Americans over the age of 65 today, and that number will double by the year 2030," said William Benson, acting head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging.

Although only 293,000 cases were reported last year, the center estimates that more than 1 million Americans over age 60 were victims of various types of domestic abuse in 1996. That includes physical, emotional, sexual and financial abuse, as well as neglect. That's up from the 1991 estimate of 735,000

Data from the center's report, compiled from state agencies, were presented last month at The Gerontological Society of America's annual scientific meeting.

Benson said the majority of abuse relatives who are caring for the elderly.

And many elderly people are afraid to report abuse - especially if it is coming from a relative, said Leslie Richards, president the Senior Benefit Association, a Phoenix-based he said.

dependent on that person who's abusing them to take care of them. It's just fear of not knowing what will be next if they are taken out of that person's care.

The report is a precursor to a National Elder Abuse Incidence Study being prepared for the Administration on Aging. It is expected to be issued early next year, Benson said.

Sgt. Barbara White, who heads the elder abuse unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, said police must realize that the physical abuse often comes in an effort to get money from the elderly person.

"You no longer can separate the two. They are intertwined. Very often, the physical abuse is the symptom and the financial abuse is the motivation," she said. "They are after the money and they will do whatever is necessary ... including neglect, isolation, starvation ... and ultimately death."

The stress of caring for an elderly parent can sometimes result in the abuse, said Fernando M. Torres Gil, a former assistant health and is believed to come at the hands of human services secretary for aging who now teaches at UCLA's School of Public Policy.

"Issues of elder abuse also symbolize the tensions that occur among children and parents as they get older and the unresolved tension that built up over a lifetime,"

4-H Futures & Features

Jan. 5 - Sew Fine 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Thrift Store

7 - 4-H Opportunity Application Scholarship Training, 6 p.m., District Office,

8 - E.T. 4-H Club meeting, 7 9 - Top of Texas Stock Show

weigh-in by 6 p.m., Bull Barn 10 – Top of Texas Stock Show, 9 a.m., Bull Barn, Lamb Show, 1 p.m., Steer and Heifer Show

11 – Top of Texas Stock Show, 1 p.m., Bull Barn, Swine Show; Lefors 5-H 4-H Club meeting, 2 p.m., Lefors School 15 - McLean Project Show

16 - Gray County/Stock Show, weigh animals at 6 p.m., Bull

17 - Gray County Stock Show, 7 a.m., Bull Barn; Gray County Stock Show Sale and Bidders barbecue, 5:30 p.m., Bull Barn **Training Session**

There will be a 4-H opportuni-Scholarship Application

Training hosted by the Texas 4-H Foundation from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 7 at the District Office in Amarillo, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. This training will be via the Trans-Texas Videoconference Network. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in applying for the Texas Foundation directory selected students based **Scholarships**

Sew Fine 4-H Club

The Sew Fine 4-H Club will conduct its meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Salvation Army Thrift Store on Highway 60, 409 W. Brown Avenue. This will be a community service project organizing clothing donations for the Salvation Army. If you have questions, call project organizer Judy Elliott at 665-7826. Lefors 5-H 4-H Club

Lefors 5-H 4-H Club will meet at 2 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Lefors School. All club members should be thinking of a community service project for the club and bring your ideas to the meeting. **Club News**

Due to stock shows during the month of January, the following 4-H Clubs and/or projects will not be conducting meetings: McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club; Grandview 4-H Club; Prime Swine 4-H Club; 4-H Horse

being named to Who's Who." said Dr. Paulette Woods, SWOSU vice president for student serthe Weatherford campus." tees and editors of the annual on academic achievement, ser-

and potential for continued suc-NORFOLK, Va. - While most Americans celebrated the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Seaman John D. Dawson, a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School, was forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan, aboard the amphibious transport dock USS

and Colleges.

Dubuque. Dawson is one of more than 65,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast

vice to the community, leader-

ship in extracurricular activities

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Breakfast: Biscuits,

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FRIDAY

Salmon loaf, macaroni and or combread. Newsmakers WEATHERFORD, Okla. - Guardsmen who are serving our Marina Ramirez, of Pampa, was country separated from their 68 Southwestern families and loved ones during Oklahoma State University the holiday season.

Fried cod fish or tamales and

THURSDAY

cheese sauce, plum cobbler.

WEDNESDAY

Chopped sirloin, mushroom ding or rainbow cake, hot rolls ravy, rice pilaf, green beans, or combread.

Chicken patties, peas and chili, potato wedges, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapio-

Dawson's ship can provide fast Students recently named to the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among transport of combat troops and rapid launching ashore by both Students in American Universities helicopter and waterborne "One of the biggest academic assault. Landing craft and Sea honors on a university campus is Knight helicopter operating from Dawson's ship can transport up to 900 combat troops, their equipment and supplies from ship to vices. "This is an honor for these shore. These troops can take con-Southwestern students who are trol of port and air base facilities among some 4,500 students on and prepare for follow-on forces.

Dawson joined the Navy in Campus nominating commit- January 1996.

> OXFORD, Ohio - The Texas Tech chapter of Beta Theta Pi International Fraternity recently inducted Brian Phelps, Pampa High School graduate and son of Steve Phelps and Joan Ritter of Pampa, into the organization.

> Beta Theta Pi, whose code includes devotion to scholarship, brotherhood and service to others, has some 115,000 members including more than 7,000 collegians in 141 chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

The fraternity also has chapters at Baylor, SMÚ, Houston, Texas A&M, Texas and Texas-Arlington.

a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. though this deadline does not guarantee publi-

Club news is published strictly on Pampa Art Club Pampa Art Club met Dec. 16 at 1330 Duncan with Donna Cornutt serving as hostess assisted by Pat Kindle.

Members were informed of details concerning the upcoming visit of the Artrain to Pampa Feb. 19-23, and Christmas gifts were exchanged. Brunch was served.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, at 1909 Duncan.

Delta Kappa Gamma-

Beta Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met recently at the Hughey House in Pampa with President Jana Vinson presiding. Nineteen members and four guests were present.

Betty Cain gave the meditation on "How to Spend Our Time at Christmas." She read from Peter Marshall and a Christmas tree story. The group said farewell to

JoAnn Shackelford and to Orrell Lotman. Shackelford is moving to Lake Kiowa, Texas, and Lotman is moving to Florida.

The luncheon was hosted by Myrtle Laflin and Edyth Jackson. The next meeting is scheduled in February.

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announces his association with cation. Thank you. Simoneta Soriano, MD **Family Practice** Doctor of Medicine and Internship: Manila Central University, Calcoocan City, Philippines. Residency: Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, New Office Address: 3023 N. Perryton Parkway #201. The public is invited to meet Dr. Soriano at an open house Wednesday, January 7, 1997 Columbia Medical Office Bldg. - North 3023 N. Perryton Parkway, Suite 201

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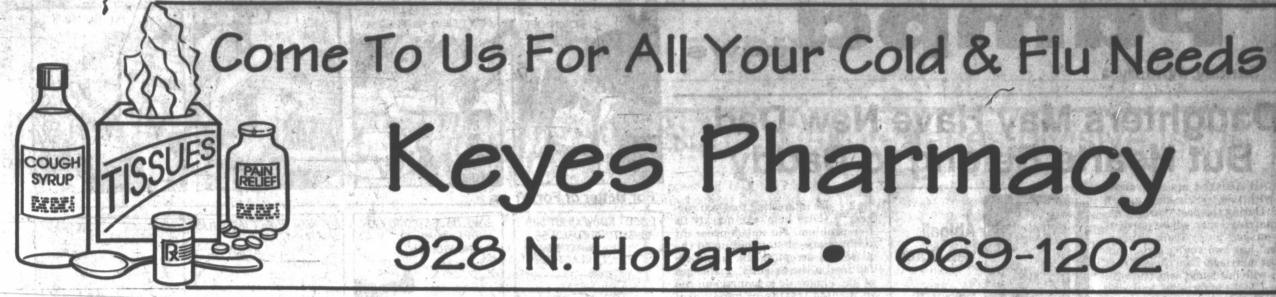
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Here's some honey of a recipe!

By Marialisa Calta **United Media**

Democritus, an ancient Greek on two counts - (1) he was born in the fifth century B.C., and (2) he died at the age of 109 - is said to have proclaimed that the secret to well-being was "applying honey inside and oil outside." His words may constitute the first recorded health-food claims.

In the 20th century, honey producers are fond of making great "health" claims for honey: It's natural. It's fat free. It's easy to digest. It's got vitamins and minerals. Etc., etc., etc. Who cares? Honey tastes good, and as far as I'm concerned, that's the bottom line. I agree that it's "natural," but it's still a sugar, with 64 calories per tablespoon. Like all sweeteners indeed, like all good things - honey should be enjoyed in moderation. (And it should not be enjoyed at all by babies under one year of age, due to the possibility of infant botulism.)

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But the great news is, you can use honey in lots of different ways. Sure, it's terrific in tea and on toast. And baked goods are hints: start by substituting half the sugar in a recipe with honey; reduce oven temperature by 25 degrees to prevent overbrowning; for each cup of honey used, reduce liquid in the recipe by 1/4 cup, and add 1/2 teaspoon baking soda).

But honey has some other, Essex, Vt. unexpected uses: in soups and vegetables, appetizers and main time we all start applying some smooth. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Add champagne (or



(Photo by Paul O. Bolsvert for New England Culinary Institute)

Honey-Melon Soup is an unusual, delicious combination of two natural delights.

wonderful in savory dishes as well as sweet; it's certainly not just for breakfast anymore.

You can get a recipe booklet featuring honey by sending a wonderful with honey (some check or money order for \$2.95 (for postage and handling) to: **National** Honey Board, Department SYND, P.O. Box 125, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Or you can cook up THESE recipes ale from the board, and from Chef Michel LeBorgne of the New desired England Culinary Institute in

Honey-Melon Soup *Ingredients*:

1 ripe cantaloupe, peeled and seeded and cut into chunks 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime

2 to 3 tablespoons honey 1 cup freshly squeezed orange

8 ounces champagne or ginger

Raspberries for garnish, if

Place all ingredients except champagne (or ginger ale) in a Board. So move over, Democritus: It's blender. Process until very

ginger ale), stir gently, garnish with raspberries (if desired) and

Yield: 5 cups, or about 4 serv-

-Recipe from Michel LeBorgne, Vice President for Culinary Affairs, New England Culinary Institute, Essex, Vt.

Honey Mustard Roasted Potatoes

Ingredients: Cooking spray or vegetable oil 4 large baking potatoes (about 2 pounds)

1/2 cup Dijon mustard

1/4 cup honey 1/2 teaspoon crushed dried thyme leaves

Salt and pepper, to taste Preheat oven to 375 degrees. ine a baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly spray it with cooking spray or lightly oil

Peel potatoes and cut each into 6 to 8 pieces. Cover potatoes with salted water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook potatoes 12 to 15 minutes or until just tender. Drain.

Combine mustard, honey and thyme in a small bowl. Toss potatoes gently with honey-thyme mustard in a large bowl until evenly coated. Arrange potatoes on prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 20 minutes or until potatoes begin to brown around the edges. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Yield: 4 servings -Recipe from National Honey

Pacific Rim Honey Barbecued

1/4 onion, peeled and chopped 2 tablespoons lime juice

1/4 cup honey

2 tablespoons soy sauce 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce

2 cloves garlic, peeled and

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and

1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger 44- to 6-ounce swordfish steaks Board. or other firm white fish

Combine all ingredients except swordfish in small bowl; mix well. Place fish in a shallow baking dish, pour marinade over fish. Cover and refrigerate one hour. Remove fish from mari-

Prepare a medium-hot fire in a minced gas or charcoal grill, or preheat

Grill or broil fish about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, or until fish turns opaque and fork.

Yield: 4 servings. -Recipe from National Honey

Vegetables with Spicy Honey

Peanut Sauce

Ingredients: 1/2 cup honey

1/4 cup peanut butter 2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes 4 cups broccoli florets

4 cups sliced carrots 4 cups snow peas

6 cups cooked white rice Combine honey, peanut

butter, soy sauce, cilantro and red pepper in a small Board.

bowl. Mix well and set aside.

On a rack or vegetable steamer set over boiling water, steam broccoli, carrots and snow peas until crisp-tender; drain well. Toss steamed vegetables with peanut sauce in a large bowl. Serve immediately over rice.

Yield: 6 servings. -Recipe from National Honey

Grilled Honey Garlic Pork

Chops Ingredients:

1/4 cup lemon juice 1/4 cup honey

2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 tablespoon dry sherry

2 cloves garlic, peeled and

4 boneless center-cut lean pork chops (about 4 ounces each) Combine all ingredients

except pork chops in a small bowl. Place pork in a shallow flakes easily when tested with a baking dish; pour marinade over pork. Turn pork once to coat. Cover and refrigerate four hours or overnight, turning once or twice if pos-

Remove pork from marinade. Heat remaining marinade in a small saucepan over medium heat to a simmer.

Prepare a medium-hot fire in a gas or charcoal grill, or preheat broiler. Grill pork 12 to 15 minutes, turning once during cooking and basting frequently with the simmering marinade. Meat thermometer inserted into the meat should read 155 to 160 degrees. Serve. Yield: 4 servings.

-Recipe from National Honey

Arizona: Snowbirds flock to warmer climate without registering vehicles

homes for wintertime stays.

emissions standards.

The reason is simple: It pays to keep snowbirds happy.

wanted to live here during the County alone. winter. That's why instead of It may not

The department estimates Domsky said. that 10 percent to 14 percent of

PHOENIX (AP) - Drawn by area. About 2.6 percent or devised a reasonable solution. the warm sunshine and ice 41,000 cars are illegally regisscraper-free mornings, winter tered in outlying areas to avoid visitors have begun flocking emissions inspections, but the to capture that group of people here in their cars and motor rest belong to visitors, Domsky (winter visitors), short of hav-

While they boost the local Some winter visitors, or trailer parks. Implementation economy, many of the state's snowbirds as they are often becomes difficult unless you're retired visitors don't register called, may have emissions testtheir vehicles here, making it ing in their hometowns, but few impossible for air quality offi- areas have standards as tough cials to know whether they as those of Maricopa County, meet Maricopa County's tough which includes Phoenix and the

surrounding area. If Arizona made sure that all cars were registered, the state over the Phoenix area. "The policy decision was environmental department estithey wanted to make this a pollution could be curbed by friendly place for people who about 1 percent in Maricopa

It may not sound like a lot, having to register after (living but compared to some of the thing that could be done about here) five or six months, it's more expensive, less effective it, because we drive in and see seven months instead," said Ira solutions now under considera-Domsky, manager for air qualition, getting every car's emistry planning at the Arizona sions tested under Maricopa Department of Environmental County's stringent standard is a Committee, said she believes the

The issue comes up virtually the cars driving in Maricopa every year in the state up the issue of snowbirds' cars County are registered out of the Legislature, yet the state has not when Gov. Jane Hull forms a

"We have really not been able to come up with a mechanism ing people roaming around willing to set up road blocks,"

Winter visitors Owen Traynor and his wife, Jackie, said they would gladly comply if there were additional Arizona regulations to combat the brown cloud

Traynor said they have seen made quite a while ago that mates that carbon monoxide the pollution problem balloon since they started making their annual trek to the Phoenix area from Ogden, Utah, in 1984.

"I just wish there was somehow bad it looks," he said.

Rep. Carolyn Allen, the chairwoman of the state Environment relatively simple solution, Traynors' attitude would prevail among most snowbirds.

Allen said she plans to bring

quality issues. State Rep. Herschella Horton: who also sits on the House Environment Committee, said the development of a mass transit system could be a solution, allowing permanent residents and snowbirds to get around without their cars.

The Maricopa County area has been given federal rankings of "serious" for its levels of carbon monoxide, ozone and particulates. The state has several vears to meet various deadlines for pollution reduction, but most officials have given little hope the state will be able to meet the goals without dead-

line extensions. If the federal pollution goals aren't met in Maricopa County, businesses could face sanctions that would affect the entire

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Daughters May Have New Dad, **But Hearts Belong to Daddy**

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced man with two terrific kids, ages 6 and 8. During the past year, my exwife married a man whose previous wife passed away from cancer. "Roger" has two young girls from his first marriage. I am pleased that my ex-wife has found someone with whom I feel comfortable, and who seems to care for my children as well as his own.

Because their mother is deceased, Roger's children refer to my ex-wife as their mother, not their stepmother. I understand that, but now my children have begun calling Roger "Dad." Before the marriage, they called him by his first name. They call me "Daddy," but I am never sure whether it is me or their stepfather they are eferring to when they say "Dad."

I love my children with all my neart and am very involved in their lives. I never miss their plays, recitals, games, etc. I respect and acknowledge their stepfather's position, but I feel it is confusing and improper for my children to refer to him as "Dad." Please tell me what you think. I value your opinion.

REAL DAD IN JEW JERSEY

DEAR REAL DAD: Your children have found a way to accommodate you and their new family. While the terms may seem uncomfortably similar to you, if you asked them, I'm sure they could reassure you that they have distinct defi-nitions of "Dad" and "Daddy."

Horoscope

Your

Monday, Jan. 5, 1998

In the year ahead, you could be luckier

than usual in career and commercial ven-

tures. You might not get everything on

your wish list, but you'll be rewarded

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When

shopping for household items today.

to spend. You can find what you want,

SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspa- is essential.

appropriately for your labors.

Abigail Van Buren

> SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

As long as you remain actively involved in their lives, you will always be their No. 1 Daddy. Treasure that, and allow Roger to have his place.

DEAR ABBY: I object to your advice to the mother who regrets how she treated her 18-year-old daughter in the past, and said she was feeling suicidal. You advised her to "pick up the telephone and tell your doctor exactly how you are feeling."

I am a family physician who gets far too many of these phone calls now. If someone wants substantial attention from a physician, an appointment should be made. Most of us have no time to give to callers, and it's not fair to promote us as a mental health hot line, particularly for chronic problems. (This woman's

main problem seems to be taking

responsibility for her actions; she

needs to do more than emote to

someone on the phone about her

few right people with clout is all it takes.

what you're due today. If you're firm, rea-

your anticipations.

out on the plus side.

much good.

It's also interesting that you suggest "medical help" can quickly fix her problem. No antidepressant relieves one of stepping up to the plate and accepting the fallout for failures in the essential challenges of life. I know we're living in an age of medicalization of behavioral issues, but beware of deceiving your readers by suggesting an easy fix!

I cannot sign this because some of my patients might think I lack compassion for them in similar circumstances, which is wrong. A DOCTOR IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DOCTOR: I advised the suicidal woman to talk to her doctor because I assumed her doctor would be caring enough to take the call if she said the matter was urgent and personal, and because thoughts of suicide might be something she'd rather not discuss with a medical receptionist. Also, many people don't know which psychology professional to see, and they depend on their physicians to refer them. If that was a mistake, you are the only doctor who has written to tell me

I'm sorry you didn't sign your name. Had you done so, your schedule would probably open up sufficiently to allow you to accept phone calls from patients in emotional pain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If your sonable and persistent, you might get thinking is limited, you won't feel too more than expected. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your most useful

encouraged about life today. Be bold mentally; only you can put restrictions on aid is your judgment. You should be able to see beyond your nose and view things PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial not only as they are, but also as they trends could be running in your favor could be. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be today, so even if you have to contend

with a bumpy road, you still should come a trifle luckier than usual today in two specific areas. One pertains to your ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to career, the other emphasizes joint solidify your ambitions today, it isn't endeavors. essential to have a crowded corner. A LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally.

Librans are better than most in one-on-TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your insights one partnership arrangements. However, pertaining to career matters and issues your independent operations could prove could be revealing. However, if they more beneficial today.

don't loosen your grip on what you intend aren't utilized properly, they won't do you SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you're creative, you might be involved even if you have to look a little harder. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, figure today with people whose ideas are supe-Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in out a way to help a friend who is going rior to yours at this time. Listen and learn. the coming year. Send for your Astro- down the wrong track without broadcast- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, Graph predictions by mailing \$2 and ing his or her woes to others. Discretion you are what you think. If you feel lucky, you probably will be. If you think you want per, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, CANCER (June 21-July 22) Without to move a mountain, go home and get New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state being arrogant or argumentative, demand your shovel.

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THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF I'D MET HER BEFORE MY MOMMY!







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"All present and accounted for!

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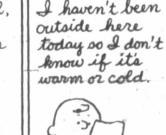


"When Marmaduke gets on that sled,

there isn't room for anyone else!"

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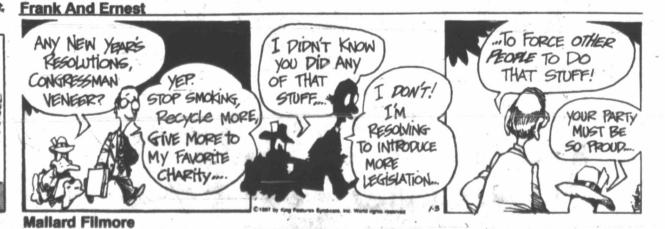












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Plains states may switch from traditional hard red winter wheat

from the hard red winter entirely grown for pasta. wheat that made them the breadbasket of the world.

The change is being driven by growing worldwide demand for white wheat, particularly in Asia, ing programs that supply the American industry.

can't distinguish among varieties white wheat." of wheat. It's just what's used in the bread, cookies, cake, noodles, pizza crusts and other foods they eat every day.

ter taste. That means more flour Australia grows white wheat. can be extracted, so that bread sweeter flavor.

With white wheat, millers can fiber and nutrients

central and southern Plains, and ty. the spring varieties grown in the northern Plains, are used primar-long been the staple crop in the ily for baking bread. And they're Plains. Russian Mennonite immialmost entirely red wheats.

Farmers across the Plains The durum wheats of North

"There's no place in the world wheat of choice. that prefers a red wheat. They all pretty much shut ourselves out of half of the world market by not the area. Most American city-dwellers having a noodle-quality hard

Agribusiness Expo in Wichita, Terry Garvert of Goertzen Seed pointed out that Australia's share White wheat does not have the of the Asian wheat market has red bran coating that gives flour grown from 24 percent in the rapid change, with white wheat from red wheat a somewhat bit-mid-1980s to 33 percent today. overtaking red in as little as five

and other products have a milder, are poised to capture that demand," he said.

Rollie Sears, a wheat breeder in leave in the bran, which provides Manhattan, Kan., said switching over red varieties. At the recent to white wheat is "probably one Hard wheats, both the winter of the easiest things we can do to Maltby, southwest grain operavarieties grown in most of the significantly improve our quali-

Hard red winter wheat has Other types of wheat produce known as Turkey Red, when they in the trade.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — flour better suited to other foods. moved into central Kansas 123 years ago. It was well-suited to states may have to switch Dakota, for instance, are almost the region and within two decades, red wheat was the

But, recognizing the potential prefer a white wheat if they can for white wheat and the changing get it," said Joe Martin, a wheat world market, breeders at Kansas breeder at the Fort Hays State University and at private and a shift toward white wheat in Experiment Station run by companies have been working the university and private breed- Kansas State University. "We've for the past decade to develop white wheat varieties suited for

Kansas State plans to release two varieties of hard white wheat At the recent Kansas in 1998, and has others under development. There's disagreement on how quickly farmers will adopt them.

Some in the industry look for a years. Researchers are more con-"Today, only Australian wheats servative and say 10 to 20 years.

Some in the industry are uncertain whether white wheat deserves much of a premium Kansas Agribusiness Expo, Dan tions manager for General Mills, said the additional flour production from white wheat appears to justify an extra 5 cents a bushel, not the 30 cents a grants brought the first strain, bushel that he's been hearing

South Dakota faces divisive issue

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - State officials are stock operations. spreading bad information about a proposed amendment that would restrict corporate farming in South Dakota, the head of a farm group

"I want people to understand that this debate is going to unfold in every community in this

South Dakota voters will decide in next fall's elections whether large, non-family farms can raise livestock or grow crops in the state.

Wiese said the amendment would not limit the options of producers, as some opponents of the don't want corporations from other states buy-amendment claim. He said it actually would ing South Dakota farmland and taking its increase them by defining who can own live-resources for profit elsewhere.

And Wiese said Gov. Bill Janklow was disingenuous by claiming that a corporate farming operation — Arkansas-based Tyson Foods — decided not to expand in the state because of strict environmental regulations.

He said the governor's agriculture secretary, state, and it is a divisive issue," said Dennis
Wiese, president of the South Dakota Farmers
Union.

Darrell Cruea, actually met with corporate officials during the last legislative session to make sure laws did not prohibit them from operating

> A spokesman for Cruea dismissed Wiese's comments, calling them "wild claims." Wiese said many farmers have told him they

Agriculture Department recommends dates

WASHINGTON (AP) - For can easily creep in. Dried dates have pollinated them by hand for Agriculture Department has a much to the American taste, tip: snack on dates.

The Agricultural Research Service says the sticky, flavorful fruit of the palm tree has a lot to recommend it. No fat, no cholesterol but lots of sugar. It also provides fiber, potassium, magnesium and some of the B-vitamins.

Dates are useful in festive breads, cakes and cookies, too,

anyone worried about putting on are almost always used in this weight over the holidays, the country - fresh ones don't appeal

It's not necessary to buy the elegant and sometimes pricey imports. The United States produced 26,000 tons last year. The crop was worth \$18 million to American growers, mainly in desert areas of Arizona and California. Dates can't stand rain when they're ripening.

Male and female flowers grow but there the fat and cholesterol on different trees and growers and harvest a crop.

thousands of years. Strands of male flowers have to be tied among the female flowers. One cluster of dates may have as many as 1,700 separate fruits. A tree can produce as much as 100 pounds of them for 60 years.

Nearly a century ago depart-ment officials helped farmers bring in different varieties from the Middle East, as well as figure out which would thrive in this country and the best way to grow

Look to Latin America for export market

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — It's conventional wisdom that something in Latin America," Asia offers the best overseas mar-says Ron Schuler, president of the development department. kets for California crops, but sev- California eral leaders say agribusiness Association. also should focus on Latin American countries for increased exports.

there for American products.

Canning

But most Latin American countries seem to be past those prob-The current credit crunch in of California seminar on farm Mexico, she said, because of the

"I think the time is right to do are increasing, said Roberta Cook of UC's agriculture and resource

> "It is one of our most rapidly growing ag export markets," she

Forty percent of U.S. farm lems, Schuler said at a University exports to that region go to

Pecan yields recovering from 1994 ice storms

aged in a February 1994 ice storm. This year's won't be much above average, Cummings said. is the biggest crop since then, said Gwen Phillips County.

While yields are up and quality is down in the state's south, the opposite is true in northern Arkansas, said Larry Cummings of Green Acres Nursery near Blytheville. The pecan crop was sparse but of excellent quality.

mated his trees had about one in five of their nutbearing branches left. But severe winters since then may have helped boost yields, Kuhre said.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - There were lots 97 cents a pound, according to University of

"We normally have a lot of people bringing in

Kuhre of West Helena, who, with her hus- 100 to 200 pounds of nuts this time of year to get not happening this year."

an acre, according to Cooperative Extension Service figures.

around October or November, depending on where in the state they're grown, and keep falling for about eight weeks.

"We didn't have many insects," Kuhre said. "The the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported. The

North American Free Trade Asia may also weaken demand exports. Sales to Latin America already Agreement.

of pecans to be had in southern-Arkansas this Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service estimates, season, but their quality was not high, grow- but it was down this year because of the large

Much of Arkansas' pecan acreage was dam- The year for nuts in northern Arkansas probably

After the 1993-1994 winter, Jimmy Kuhre esti-

bad winter we had last year killed a bunch of the

The price of Arkansas pecans has averaged about available next year.

band, Jimmy, operates West Acres Orchards in some extra money for the holidays," he said. "It's A well-tended orchard can produce \$500 or \$600

Pecans start falling with the first frost, usually

Arkansas produced an average of about 2.5 million pounds of pecans before the 1993-94 winter, state has produced 1.6 million pounds or less in each year since. Figures for the latest crop will be

Another tough year for wheat farmers predicted

Associated Press Writer

is expected to be a poor year for Pacific Rim markets that are big wheat and apples, two of the importers of Northwest apples, a in Twin Falls. Northwest's biggest farm crops, shortage of trucks to move the area universities and trade in Mexico that is reducing sales. groups:

producers in Washington, products. Oregon and Idaho should fare better, according to the 1998 Pacific Northwest Agricultural Situation and Outlook Report.

The report is compiled each Gayle Willett of WSU. year by 44 agricultural economists and others at Washington State University, Oregon State University, the University of Idaho, and private businesses.

Wheat farmers will be hurt for the second consecutive year by a supply that exceeds demand, said Jon Newkirk, a WSU economist in Ritzville.

The world's first 600-millionmetric-ton harvest is expected to push the stockpile of wheat worldwide to 22 percent above consumption. In the United States, the stockpile will grow from 15 percent to 27 percent of consumption, he said.

The supply of white wheat, the most common in the Northwest, is expected to be 67 million bushels, up 12 million from two

The Northwest apple crop was down 6 percent in size this year, but that isn't expected to raise prices much, said Tom Schotzko, a WSU economist.

should be about 15 percent above

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS the same time a year earlier," he but could rise in 1998.

Reasons for a lack of optimism

But dairy farmers and meat slight increase in use of their prices.

ate drop in cheese prices," said University of Idaho.

Meat producers should see better returns after two years of low SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - 1998 include financial turmoil in prices, said Wilson Gray of the University of Idaho, who works

Cattle herds that were reduced according to a joint survey by fruit to markets and a huge tariff by 3 percent in 1997 should be reduced at a slower pace in 1998, Dairy farmers should see a he said. That should increase beef

Potato growers should benefit "As we move into 1998, look from a smaller crop and a strong for a sharp decline in butter demand for dried potato flakes, prices along with a more moder- said Joe Guenthner of the

Northwest farmers grew 7 per-Milk prices dropped by as cent fewer potatoes in 1997, harmuch as 30 percent by mid-1997 vesting 589,000 acres.





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From the Gipper, familiar words

By DEB RIECHMANN **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Age and illness have silenced President Reagan, but a book of his words since leaving the White House bangs a familiar drum, replaying his dreams for America, faith in free enterprise and wisecracks about his "eight years in public housing in Washington."

Reagan really liked the quip. It's in five of some 50 post-presidential speeches es. highlighted in "A Shining T Reagan," being released on Republican day.

January 1989 when he said "All 1994 when he wrote a letter to the American people disclosing that long good-bye." he suffers from Alzheimer's dis-

It provides a parting legacy of world leaders and Washington the nation's 40th president, a for-figures. mer Hollywood actor whose gentle delivery soothed audiences during his two-term presidency in the 1980s.

Reagan made his last public speech on Feb. 3, 1994 at a Republican Committee event Washington. After that, he gave a private speech to a business group and made audio and video tapes for charitable and political caus-

The book includes Nancy City: The Legacy of Ronald Reagan's remarks at the 1996 National Feb. 6, Reagan's 87th birth- Convention when she told a teary audience how "Ronnie's The book spans six years spirit, his optimism, his Donaldson said Reagan saved his between his farewell address in never-failing belief in the strength and goodness of great change in America begins at America, is still very strong," the dinner table" to November but that the president's illness is a daily reminder of a "very at an opening of a new network

long good-bye." building in Washington.

The book also has dozens of tributes to Reagan from friends, replied, lightheartedly.

Under Reagan, writes former

A network executive shot back: "That's not a bad idea."

But before the ABC executive British Prime Minister John could follow through, Donaldson "The United States had said Reagan interrupted with renewed confidence, words that protected his position.

> "Oh that's all right," Reagan said. "That's just the way Sam is."

strength and authority as the leader of the free world."

ABC News reporter Sam job in 1981. ABC executives weren't amused when the combative Donaldson fired questions at Reagan after he gave remarks

"Oh that's all right," Reagan said. "That's just the way Sam is."

The Reagan speeches are replete with the president's favorite themes: anti-commu-American dream.

November 1991 at his presiden- have stood still for that.

tial library in Simi Valley, Calif., which displays a section of the Berlin Wall. "Visitors to this mountaintop will see a great jagged chunk of the Berlin Wall, hated symbol of — yes — an evil empire, that spied on and lied to its citizens, denying them their freedom, their bread, even their

"It is also a reminder that a able — and necessary in our world."

Reagan often used folksy anecdotes to drive home his message. And like other politicians, Reagan was guilty of recycling them. At least once, he changed the characters and set to suit the occasion. In July 1990, Reagan

President described nism, freedom, hope and the Eisenhower's boyhood roots, saying the people of Abilene, "I have seen the world Kan., fought back tears when turned upside down and con- the flag passed and never students: "I've recently lost ventional wisdom utterly dis- burned Old Glory because my job, and before that I was proved," Reagan said in nobody in Abilene would in public housing for eight

Fifteen months later, Reagan used the same words to describe a place where he

grew up.
"Our neighbors were never ashamed to kneel in prayer to their maker. Nor were they ever embarrassed to feel a lump in their throat when Old Glory passed by," Reagan said. "No one in Dixon, Ill., ever burned a flag. strong America is always desir- No one in Dixon would have tolerated it."

His self-deprecatory humor seasoned nearly every speech.

At George Washington University

in March 1991, Reagan admitted that he sometimes was more interested in college football practice than his schoolwork.

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"Maybe if I had gone to school without the distraction of football, I would have done well and made something of my life!" Reagan said.

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VIN MILLS, Defendant.

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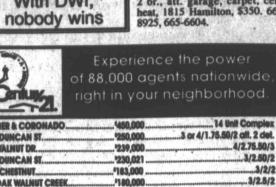
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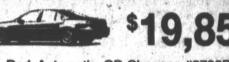
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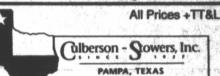
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University students rough it in dormitor GRANVILLE, Ohio (AP) -

Forget couch potatoes and

remote controls and popping TV dinners into the microwave oven. Some Denison University students are roughing it in the Homestead dormitory, made up of three rustic cabins and an out-

The dorm can accommodate 12 of the university's 2,000 students, but only hard workers need apply: The residents chop their own firewood for heat and cooking, pump their water, grow some of their own food and have no flush toilets.

There's no television and no telephone. Some students like that just fine.

"You are really away from it all," said Jason Payton, one of live at the Homestead. "Living in the dorms on campus last year, I never could establish that peace of mind. You are in a different world in the woods."

Payton said a professor established the cabin living about 25 years ago at the university, about 25 miles east of Columbus.

The setting gives students a chance to enjoy a pastime from a bygone era: talking.

You can sit down and have a conversation," said Payton. "People don't come home and intellectually."

Winner won't go to Packers playoff game

MAZOMANIE, Wis. (AP) — Kaaron Keene took a \$20 chance you came." for a pair of Green Bay Packers playoff tickets and won the coveted raffle prize. But she and her husband aren't going to the game.

Instead, the tickets are going to pay big dividends to the March of Dimes, because Ms. Keene and her husband, me." Rogers, auctioned them Thursday for \$850.

Ms. Keene bought a raffle ticket and won 40-yard-line seats for the sellout game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

People at work were telling me we're crazy but we just felt we have a comfort- New book helps teens able life and that we didn't really need to have that game," Ms. Keene said.

"We just got to thinking that we could take that money and donate it to the March of Dimes and that would be the right thing to do," her husband said.

The winner of the auction was a physician in Madison who did not want to be publicly identified, said Keene, a 57-year-old school teacher in Wisconsin

Heights. The Keenes plan to travel to Green Bay with the winning bidders in a limousine that was also part of the raffle prize.

"We're going to leave them as close to the gate as we possibly can, then look for a bar, then pick them up and ride home," Keene said. The couple still planned to watch the game, hopefully on "something larger than a 27-inch screen."

One man's trash is another man's treasure

MEDINA, Ohio (AP) -Some garbage sorters are sifting through piles of holiday trash — and cleaning up in the process.

Hunting for recyclables, the staff at Medina County's trash collection agency get to keep whatever they find in the rubbish. And at holiday time when the plant receives an extra 130 tons of trash — the treasures aren't too shabby.

"We find new clothes with the tags still on," said John Wolcott, a plant supervisor.

Garbage crews take home oys and clothes that they find, then wash them and wear them, give them as gifts or to charity, he said. Amid the miles of wrapping paper, they find money and even new appliances and electron-

Phyllis Morriston found a pair of prizes in a can of creamed corn: earrings and a \$20 bill.

"It does seem you get a lot more this time of year - and that's more presents for us," she said.

Sometimes the workers are able to spread some holiday cheer. One sorter found a \$50 Christmas check this week, tangled up in gift wrap. Workers called the Florida telephone number on the check - and found the sender, whose granddaughter had tossed it out by mistake.

Stanley recalls era of old-time craftsmen

By RICK SMITH San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO, Texas bootmaker Robert Stanley ran Stanley's Boot & Shoe Shop for decades. When bootmaker Robert Stanley learned the trade, his first lesson was this: "The main thing was to make a ranch boot that was comfortable, so ranchers would wear it."

No matter how much fancy stitching goes into a boot, no matter how pretty it might be, if it's about 35 applicants selected to not comfortable, if it doesn't fit right, it's not worth the leather it's made from, he said.

> "It may not look good in church, but that ain't where it's going to be worn," Robert Stanley said.

"Are you going to look at it, or

are you going to wear it?"

Recently, 50 years after he learned that first lesson, Stanley said he looked around and noticed many of the old-time bootmakers were gone.

There aren't many of us left out of the old crew that started turn on the TV. It's really active making boots just before or after the war (World War II)," he said.

> "At one time, San Angelo had the finest bootmakers around. If you wanted a good handmade pair of boots, Angelo is where

Back then, there was F.A. Flynn; he made boots in his garage somewhere. And Gene Drive. Walker, he was down about where the Coke plant is. Old Irvin Riggs was on 19th Street for years and years. Carl Jones was an old-timer who helped teach

Stanley began making boots when he got out of the Army in the mid-'40s, learning the trade from the masters at M.L. Leddy.

'Don't get me wrong, now. There's some smart people in this world, but they're a dadburn liar

WASHINGTON (AP) - A

system, which sometimes

you'll be to help yourself and

others," says a book called "What

Arizona juvenile court judge

some murderers as young as 16 young.

to help young people understand need protection.'

By LAURIE ASSEO

times as adults.

Thomas A. Jacobs.

to the death penalty.

navigate the legal system

new book offers teen-agers until they turn 18, Jacobs said in help in sorting out where they an interview. "We hear so often, I

stand in the American legal didn't know that' or 'If I had

"The more you know about informed, Jacobs said, because

your rights, the better equipped many laws now impose more

Are My Rights?" written by public property, that used to be

Some laws treat teen-agers as will happen to them if their par-

kids, making them subject to curents divorce, the judge said. They

fews and school locker searches also should understand that if

that could not be imposed on they become a parent, they will adults. Other laws treat teen- face the very adult responsibility

crimination but also subjecting ferently simply because they are

The book, issued by Free Spirit work with our children," Jacobs

Publishing in Minneapolis, aims said. "They need guidance; they

agers as adults, giving them pro-tection against on-the-job dis-Many laws treat child:

treats them as children, other ferently," he said.

if they think they can learn to boots by day and worked a secbuild a boot in less than four ond job at night, either driving years. That's what it takes: four cars for Goodyear or roughneckyears."

Back in those days, he said, craftsmen made boots by hand, shunning machinery.

"W.H. Shannon used to be out at the stockyards. He had his own shop and made boots for a million years. Charley Wartenback was in Mason most of his life, but he moved up here in his later years. Dow Tate, he made boots for probably 60 years."

After learning his trade from the Leddys, Stanley moved to Bronte in 1959 and ran his own shop for three or four years "until the oil boom ended."

From there he went to Big Spring, to Brownwood, to Hobbs, N.M., "and to I don't know where else."

In those years, sometimes he worked for someone else, sometimes for himself.

"I've made boots for a lot of people, but most of the time, I was working on my own," he

Returning to Angelo, he started repairing shoes and building boots in the back room of his house on 41st Street. The business prospered, and he built a shop next door to his home.

He and his wife, Lu Ella, ran the shop, and it was a good location, just a block off Coliseum

"At rodeo time, you couldn't get in the shop, there would be so many people packed in there."

"Old Man Mercer, he knows more in this town than any of them that's left. Mr. Cason, he was one of the old-time ones, over on Bell."

and retired just two years ago.

During his career, Stanley built

their legal rights and responsibil-

Surprisingly, some youngsters

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"The theory is that we need to

viewed as youthful pranks.

But teen-agers need to be

ities in a fast-changing world.

Undeterred by holes in head. alligator wrestler vows return

MIAMI (AP) — Memo to alligator wrestlers: Never let em see or feel you sweat.

Kenny Cypress of the Miccusukee Indian Village west of Miami had his head inside an alligator's open jaws Thursday when a few drops of sweat rolled off his face. It put him in mortal danger.

As 200 people looked on, the 10-foot, 350-pound alligator clamped down on Cypress' head and wouldn't let go for about two minutes. Friends wedged metal pipes in the alligator's mouth to free Cypress, who was taken to Columbia Kendall Medical Center and released a few hours later.

"I've got holes in my skull and my face from where he was throwing me around," he said. "He was squeezing just as hard as he could."

Cypress, 27, has handled alligators for years but has been putting his head in their mouths for only two weeks. He plans to return to alligator wrestling as soon as possible.

"As long as you don't bump anything in there, you're OK," he said. "As soon as something touches the inside, you're in trouble. There's no way you can keep the mouth



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The Stanleys eventually moved their business - Stanley's Boot & His lessons lasted four years. Shoe Shop - to a bigger location. They stayed there for decades

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more.

Boot-making, though, that was his trade, his living.

hungry a few times. Beginning to

end, it took 30 hours to make a

boot back then. You didn't see a

lot of money from a boot, but you

had a lot of pride. We always

tried to make one better, and

when we made one better, we

Chadbourne. You know where

Nathan's Jewelry is? The old

Nathan's across the street? He

was one building down, between

Stanley said he doesn't miss the

"Used to, everyone wore boots

boys, little kids. Not any-

"Aubrey Duvall and Henry

Leopold, they had the Texas Boot

Shop and stayed in business for

many, many years. Otho Rink, he

used to own Concho Boot Shop

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Becknell worked for 58 years for

Leddy. He still works for Leddy,

some boots," Robert Stanley said.

But they're not making a boot

Back then, we used to make

"Oh, people still make boots.

work, but he does miss the "gold-

en days" of boot-making.

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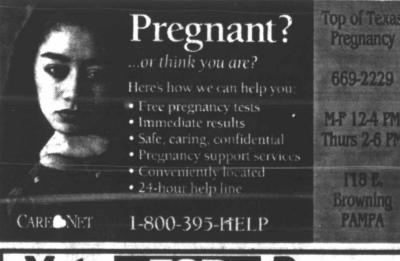
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