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High today low 50s. Low tonight 25. For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — Clean Pampa, Inc., is sponsoring Christmas Card Recycling again this year. Local residents wishing to recycle their Christmas Cards may deposit them in the recycle boxes that have been placed in the following locations: Pack and Mail, Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Medical Center, First American Bank, Boatman's First Bank, Down Town, NBC Bank, First Bank Southwest, Pamcel Credit Union-Celanese Plant, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Vincent De Paul St. Matthew's Church, Episcopal Church, Calbary Baptist Church, First Christian Church and Bible Church of Pampa. Proceeds go to St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

WASHINGTON (AP) -Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros pleaded innocent today to charges he lied to conceal payments to his former mistress while under consideration to be in President Clinton's Cabinet.

Airport work still on track despite costs Gray seeks ways to save

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court continues to take part in the scheduled remodeling plans first initiated in 1990 for the Perry Lefors Field.

The project, in conjunction with the state, began after the county found out about state funding available for area airport renovations. The state has agreed to fund 90 percent of the cost to remodel the airport if 10 percent is contributed at the local level.

Gray County took up the offer at the turn of the decade.

"We don't have to do it, but it's good business for Gray County and Pampa to maintain it," said County Judge Richard Peet.

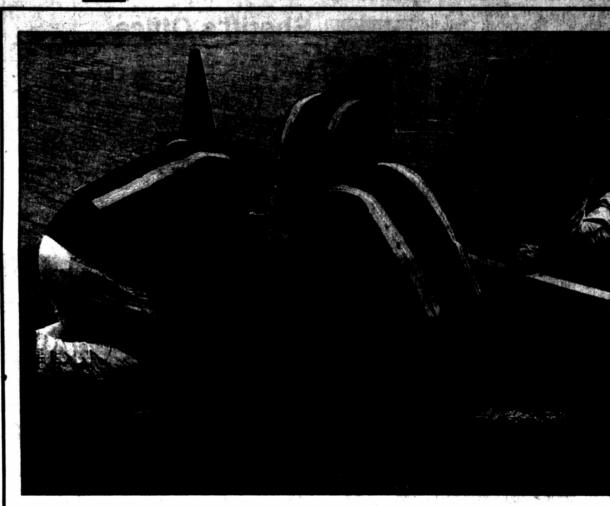
The rising costs of remodeling the almost 60-year-old air field has put a crunch in the original financial commitment from the county.

An original \$1.1. million was first estimated in expenditures for the remodeling. By last fall, that number had gone up to \$1.32 million. And now a total \$1.5 million has been estimated for the total cost of remodeling the airport.

Judge Richard Peet informed commissioners at the end of last month that their 10 percent contribution is now \$220,000 more than was expected or budgeted for.

Peet, who is a member of the airport project committee, told commissioners that the airport engineers are looking at ways to reduce total construction costs by \$220,000, The matter will then go to contractors, "so you can look and decision bids," Peet told commis-sioners. "The project is ongoing and proceeding along.

Curfman running for Precinct 2 JP



(Pampa News Photo by Jeff West)

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A work crew from the Rufe Jordan Unit replaces bricks to help repair historic South Cuyler Street.

The cost of the Cuyler repairs will be approximately \$5,000 while city street superintendent Kimberly Lincycomb estimates that the same repairs using

Inmates help fix brick streets **By JEFF WEST**

Staff Writer

Some of Pampa's brick streets are getting repaired at a fraction of the normal cost thanks to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

This is the second year that Pampa Street Superintendent

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket, sold in Dallas, was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3-4-7-10-29-34.

• Jewell H. Hale, Pampa resident since 1943. • Roy Dale Hall, 49, supervisor for Turner Transportation. • Mark Wesley Parks, 36, glass cutter.

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HealthStar D.M.E. AMERICAN HOMEPATIEN 1541 N. Hobart • Pampa, Texas 806-669-0000 • 800-753-3910

Kurt R. Curfman today announced his candidacy for election for Gray County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, subject to the Republican primary.

As a resident of Pampa and Precinct 2 for almost 37 years, he graduated from Pampa High School in 1971. He attended West Texas State University and later graduated in 1982 from Amarillo College with an Associate degree in Applied Curfman said he has Science. spent many hours of study in business

law, court proceedings, and civil and crim- Kurt R. Curfman inal law.

"I also have some accounting and bookkeeping experience," he said.

Curfman has, "worked in the public eye," for the last 30 years in both the public and private sector, he said.

He now works with Panhandle Thriftway as the market manager and has done so for the last four years. Prior to that, he worked in Canadian for seven years and for Ideal Food Stores over 13 years, in addition to other grocery and meat outlets.

Curfman has coached girls softball and is an active member of the "McCullough St. Church of Christ. His wife of 23 years, Teresa Curfman, is a registered nurse for Texas Tech in Pampa. She was employed by Coronado Hospital for five years, the Texas Department of Health for four years and is a board member of the American Heart Association.

The Curfmans have one daughter, Laura, and son-in-law, Eli Stark See CURFMAN, Page 2

city personnel would be around \$43,000.

Kimberly Lincycomb has requested prisoners from the Jordan Unit outside Pampa to help fix some of the brick streets. The work involves raising the low spots in the road using sand and other materials and removing concrete and asphalt patches and See STREETS, Page 2

Oprah show coming to Amarillo Episodes to be taped beginning Jan. 26

top-rated talk show to Texas during the time she is scheduled to defend herself in a federal defamation lawsuit brought by a group of cattlemen.

Ms. Winfrey will tape episodes of the syndicated show in Amarillo, Texas, beginning Jan. 26, her production company said in a statement Nednesday.

The defamation trial There was no speculation on has just stopped me cold against Ms. Winfrey, her production studio, whether the show would move if from eating another burgdistribution company Ms. Winfrey's defense team wins a er. I'm stopped." and a one-time guest on her show is tentatively motion to move the case to Dallas, Engler and other plaintiffs who later joined the lawscheduled to begin Jan. away from the world's largest con- suit claim the show was 20. The lawsuit traces to centration of cattle feeders. April 16, 1996, when

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey is taking her Howard Lyman, a consumer activist on meat issues, made comments on Ms. Winfrey's show that Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler considered defamatory.

Among other things, Lyman said "mad cow" disease in the United States "absolutely" could rival AIDS as an epidemic. After hearing some of

Lyman's statements, Ms. Winfrey responded: "It

Engler and other plaintiffs responsible for a steep

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Quite frankly... Who do you hope gets to the Super Bowl?



"Green Bay, because of "I haven't paid much terback."

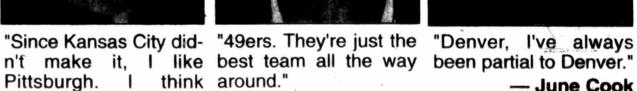
— Robert Schwab



Brett Favre, their quar- attention but I like the 49ers.

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they're due." — Ron Hayes



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Services tomorrow

HALE, Jewell H. - Memorial services, 1 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa. PARKS, Mark Wesley — Memorial services, 4

p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

Obituaries

JEWELL H. HALE

Jewell H. Hale of Pampa died Wednesday, arreste Jan. 7, 1998, at Panhandle. Memorial services check.

will be at 1 p.m. Friday in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, officiating. rector, Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hale was born at Sudan, Kan. She married D.L. Hale, Sr., on June 6, 1927; he

died Dec. 30, 1967. She had been a Pampa resident since 1943, moving from Denver City, Texas. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild and Chapter #65 of the Order of the Eastern Star of Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Joye Cree of Pampa; a son, D.L. Hale, Jr. of Pampa; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

The body will not be available for viewing. **ROY DALE HALL**

SHAMROCK - Roy Dale Hall, 49, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998. Services are to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Red Dukes of Allison and the Rev. Mark Thomas of Shamrock officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Hall was born Dec. 23, 1948, at Cordell, Okla. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1968, moving from Allison where he attended school. He married Linda Bradstreet in 1969 at Shamrock. He was currently employed as supervisor for Turner Transportation of Elk City, Okla., and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Thurman Hall, in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Linda, of Shamrock; two daughters, Kim Shortnancy of Shamrock and Kerri Hall of Amarillo; two brothers, Jerry Hall of Wichita, Kan., and Charles Hall of Pampa; a half-brother, Max Hall of Morrilton, Ark.; and a grandchild.

MARK WESLEY PARKS

Mark Wesley Parks, 36, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, at Weatherford, Okla. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Wednesday, January 7

Rashad Session, 17, 1132 Prairie Drive, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance, failure to appear, no insurance, no drivers license and failure to attend school.

Michael Scott Rabel, 27, 510 N Forest, was arrested for seven counts of issuance of a bad

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, January 7 Emmitt Dewayne Beasley, 32, P.O. Box 1159,

was arrested for assault. William Craig Stephens, 25, Abilene, was arrested for violation of probation.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, January 7 4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. Francis and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

Wednesday, January 7

9:59 a.m. - Three units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire in the 900 block of Christine

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

BELTON, TX MOORE RELIC SHOW The Belton, TX Moore Relic Show will take blace Jan. 23-25, at Bell Co. Expo, IH-35 Exit 292. Info: P.O. Box 247, Salado, TX 76571 (274)939-7530.

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for. "I do plan on, with the TDCJ approval, to do this next winter, and the winter after next, and the winter after that, until the brick streets are in excellent Last winter the prisoners repaired a portion of condition," she says. Kingsmill and according to Lincycomb, "They did

The prisoners on the job are accompanied by a prison guard and a city employee who has a walky-talky so they can contact the Pampa Police and get emergency assistance if the need were to arise.

Besides the Cuyler project the Street Department is making it's final run for broken tree limbs, assisting the Parks Department at Brunow Park and building an entrance road to the new landfill. They are also working on a drainage project on the east end of Evergreen.

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CURFMAN

STREETS

an excellent job."

be around \$43,000.

repairing the brick underneath.

of Pampa. They also have one son, Michael Curfman of Pampa, nephews B.J. Minyard, Cory, Todd and Tyler Janzen of South Dakota and two grandchildren of Pampa.

The cost of the Cuyler street repairs will be

approximately \$5,000 while Lincycomb estimates

that the same repairs using city personnel would

She says the reason the repairs to the brick streets are done in winter is because that is the

only time she has a street department employee to

oversee the job. The Cuyler project will be the only

repairs done by the people from the prison this

year but it's not the last project Lincycomb hopes

and just 'day' in court; that every opportunity should be heard in a patient manner, without prejudice, emotion or personal comments," Curfman said.

"I plan on being that honest and fair judge, with a firm and stern hand. Please give me your support and vote on election day."

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OPRAH

drop in already slumping cattle prices. Engler's Cactus Feeders Inc. lost about \$7 million during the spring '96 slump.

It was not clear how long tapings of the hourlong program would continue there, and spokeswoman Audrey Pass said Ms. Winfrey is prevented by a gag order from discussing when she might testify in the case. Topics for the shows have not been set, Ms. Pass said.

She also could not speculate on whether the show would move if Ms. Winfrey's defense team wins a motion to move the case to Dallas, away from the world's largest concentration of cattle feeders.

Engler's lawsuit is based on a 1995 Texas law that protects agricultural products from slander. Twelve other states have similar laws, but Texas is the only state where Ms. Winfrey faces a challenge for the "mad cow" show.

The cattlemen claim negative market reaction to the show cost them millions. Soon after the airing, Engler sued Ms. Winfrey, Harpo Productions, distributor King World Productions and Lyman.

"I asked questions that I think that the American people deserve to have answered in light of what is happening in Britain. We gave them (cattlemen) a chance to respond," she said in a statement at the time

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has not been reported in the United States. It is a brain-destroying malady that has ravaged cattle in Britain since the late 1980s, where it is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts.

No definitive links have been found between BSE and a human form of the illness in this country, although some British scientists say there is a link that has caused at least 23 deaths in Europe. Last vear, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ordered an end to feeding livestock meat and bone meal to other livestock.

Pot-smoking juror who smoked with defendants pleads guilty

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) - A juror helped their appeals but said they did not have testimony convict three defendants of drug charges one day road and discussed the possible outcome of their trial

Matthew Smith, 27, of Lost Creek, pleaded guilty to contempt of court Dec. 29 and is free awaiting a punishment left up to the judge, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharon L. Potter said Wednesday.

Smith's admission has raised questions about the

to support the claims, Potter said. Federal officials after he smoked marijuana with them on a country investigated and Smith was indicted last summer.

Jurors in all criminal trials are admonished against contacting anyone involved in the cases they consider. But Potter said Smith spoke briefly to at least one defendant during the trial and again with a defendant who dropped a dollar bill in a parking lot.

After closing arguments, Smith and the three left three defendants convicted in the 1993 federal trial the courthouse in different cars and drove to a on marijuana-manufacturing charges. Timothy W. country road, where Smith discussed potential ver-McCov is serving 24 years in prison. Connie Sue dicts while the group smoked not. Potter said Jury Heater is serving 10 years, and Harvey B. John was released after completing a 25-month sentence. There is no telephone listing for Smith in his At least one of the two still in prison is attempt- hometown. His lawyer, Peter G. Zurbuch of Elkins, ing to attack the conviction based on Smith's mis- was out of the office today and did not return a call to his office. McCoy's lawyer at trial had no com-Defense lawyers accused Smith of misconduct in ment; Heater's lawyer did not return a call.

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direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Parks was born Dec. 20, 1961, a Fairbanks, Alaska. He moved to Pampa in 1984 from Michigan, where he was reared. He worked in the oil fields from 1984-1991 and for Elliott Glass Company in Pampa from 1991 1996. He had been a resident of Oklahoma City Okla., since 1996. He was currently employed as a glass cutter. He was a member of Pampa Moose Lodge.

Survivors include three daughters, Amanda Parks, Kelly Parks and Brandy Parks, all of Cabot O&G. Amarillo; his parents, Raymond and Barbara Parks of Pampa; four sisters, Debora Parks of Pampa, Valerie Cole of Oklahoma City, Okla., Kathleen Kreger of Houston and Michelle Cole of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Bart Parks and Scott Parks, both of Oklahoma City; his grandmother, Vivian Sain of Alma, Mich.; and special friend Laurie Helton of Oklahoma City.

The family requests memorials be to The Carpenter's Church Building Fund, 639 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Shakeup at ABC's struggling 'World News Tonight' broadcast

ABC's "World News Tonight" is putting more responded to NBC's success by "playing with stuff emphasis on hard news, even bringing Sam that didn't fit right for us." Donaldson back to the White House to terrorize another administration.

The newscast's sudden shakeup also includes a the show was. new set that will debut Monday and a television advertising campaign that features a tie-less anchor Peter Jennings in the newsroom, unanswered phones ringing in the background.

ABC also named Cokie Roberts chief congressional analyst, giving Donaldson's "This Week" coanchor a greater presence on the evening news.

Donaldson was ABC's White House correspondent from 1977 to 1989, coinciding with "World **News** Tonight's" rise to the top of the evening news ratings. NBC owns that spot now, and recently ABC has even slipped behind CBS into third place some weeks.

"There is a sense that we are not content with being No. 2 or No. 3 in any program, and certainly not in 'World News Tonight,' which is our flagship," ABC News President David Westin said Wednesday

The additions of Donaldson and Roberts signals a return to the show's hard news roots. "World News Tonight" wants to be newsier and fast-paced at its opening with a greater emphasis on analysis as the broadcast progresses, executive producer Paul Friedman said.

The show will start a six-minute daily segment called "A Closer Look," spotlighting one newsworthy topic with reports and interviews conducted by Jennings

It will abandon the "Solutions" segment, which included a feature on snoring a few months back that Friedman uses now as an example of where spondent, up in the air.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sinking fast in the ratings, "World News Tonight" lost its way. He said ABC

He said enough Solutions' segments "were too soft that people got a mixed message about what

The unusual ad campaign, which will begin Friday on ABC's prime-time and news programs, shows Jennings in various stages of preparing a night's broadcast: talking on the phone, consulting with Friedman and pecking away at a computer keyboard with two fingers.

One 10-second spot purports to highlight stories that don't make the news, showing Jennings pitching paper into a wastebasket.

The ads, done in black-and-white with no voiceover, are meant to show that "World News Tonight" competes with depth and perspective, not slickness, Westin said.

"This is the broadcast that tries to tell you why things happened, not just that things happened,' he said. "That's basically where I think we ought to be. I don't want to position ourselves on a twodimensional perspective of hard vs. soft news. Ultimately, I don't think that's a terribly useful distinction.

Workers were also busy Wednesday preparing a new "World News Tonight" set. By bringing the "rim" where broadcast producers prepare the show each night onto the set, it will convey a greater feeling of a working newsroom. The bank of television sets now lined up behind Jennings will be replaced by a plexiglass globe.

The personnel changes leave the assignments of John Donvan, current White House correspondent, and John Cochran, the chief congressional corre-

conduct, Potter said.

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Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and warmer today with a high in the low 50s and northwest winds of 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 25 and west winds of 5-15 mph. Friday it will be partly cloudy with a high of 53 and areas of light rain elsewhere, westerly winds of 10-20 mph. with rain changing to or mixed The overnight low was 19. with sleet or snow central and

REGIONAL FORECAST northeast by morning. Little or WEST TEXAS — Panhandle no significant sleet or snow accu-Tonight, mostly clear and cold. Low 20 to 25. West wind 5mulations. Lows 30 northwest to 15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high 50 to 55. West wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, fair. Lows mid to morning. Partly cloudy by late upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. afternoon. A chance of rain east, Highs 55-60. Friday night, partly mixed with sleet northeast early. Highs 42 northeast to 57 west. cloudy. Lows 25-35. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos -Tonight, fair. Lows 25-30. Friday, 28 to 34. Friday, partly cloudy scattered snow showers. Partly partly cloudy. Highs in the lower and warmer. Highs 58 northeast cloudy east and south. Lows to mid 60s. Friday night, partly to 66 southwest. cloudy. Lows 30-35. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau ---Country and South Central Tonight, fair. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows around 30. 25-30. Guadalupe Lows Mountains/Big Bend Area -

Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows in the mid 30s, upper 20s Hill Country. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s, upper 30s Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in Hill Country. Southeast Texas Friday, partly cloudy. Highs the mid 50s. Friday night, fair. and Upper Texas Coast -

Tonight, fair. Lows near 20 to the Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in teens northwest to upper 20s mid 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. the mid 60s inland to lower 60s south.

Highs near 50 to near 70. Friday coast. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s night, fair. Lows in the 20s and inland to near 50 coast. **NORTH TEXAS** — Winter Extended forecast, Coastal Bend weather advisory tonight northand the Rio Grande Plains west. Tonight, occasional snow Tonight, Clear. Lows in the mid northwest with accumulations of 1 to 2 inches with isolated accumulations up to 3 inches extreme

40s coast to near 40 inland. Friday, mostly sunny. highs in the mid 60s coast to near 70 northwest. Occasional drizzle or inland. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s coast to the upper 40s inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, variable high clouds west and fair east. Lows single digits and 38 southeast. Thursday, decreasteens mountains with mostly 20s remainder of the state. Friday, ing clouds west. Cloudy with a few snow flurries central in the increasing cloudiness northwest and partly cloudy southeast. Highs mid 30s and 40s mountains and northwest, 50s elsewhere. Friday night, mostly Thursday night, clearing. Lows cloudy northwest with widely from 10 to lower 20s mountains SOUTH TEXAS — Hill with lower 20s to mid 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Winter weather advisory today central, south central and southeast Highs in the upper 60s to near Oklahoma. Tonight, decreasing 70. Friday night, partly cloudy. clouds southeast. Mostly clear elsewhere. Lows in the 20s. from the lower 40s northwest to Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid upper 50s south. Friday night, 30s inland to lower 40s coast. partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

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the same. Come by and see me at my new office. Adv. TAYLOR PETRO. Hwy. 60 -New every day low prices - all 18 packs beer \$9.99, unleaded \$1.14.9. Adv. HOLLY'S

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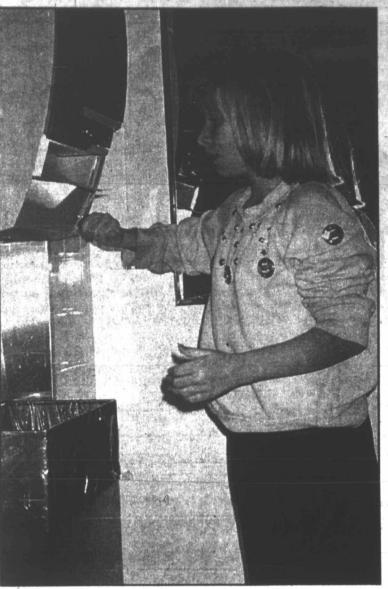
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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Balley)

Heather Likes, a fourth grade student at Lamar Elementary, finishes washing her hands and declares that she is glad to be back to school.

Drug survey finds teen drug use on the rise in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - Use of illegal ous as using other drugs." drugs by Texas students in grades 7 through 12 increased in 1996, continuing an upward trend since 1992, according to a participate in extracurricular study by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

About 34 percent of all secondary students in 1996 had used some type of illicit substance during their lifetime, up from 22 percent in 1992, but still below the 1988 rate of 39 percent, the study said.

The survey, conducted by TCADA every two years and released Wednesday, was based on responses from nearly 107,000

The survey revealed six strategies to help keep kids off drugs, including encouraging a child to activities.

According to the study, students who participate in extracurricular activities have positive relations with parents and friends while also being less likely to use or experiment with illegal drugs.

The five other ways for parents to keep their kids off drugs, according to the survey, are:

-Show support for child in school events.

Clinton to do fundraisers for two House members while in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) - After Air Force One touches down in the Rio Grande Valley, President Clinton's focus during his whirlwind visit to the Lone Star State will be education, education, education.

policy addresses of the year, also amounts to payback for two Democratic House members who bucked their party's tide and committed to support the trade negotiating authority Clinton avidly sought from Congress.

Reps. Ruben Hinojosa and Sheila Jackson Lee deny that presidential appearances at their fund-raisers in McAllen and Houston on Friday amount to quid pro quo for support on fast-track. Hinojosa, a freshman from Mercedes, agreed in the eleventh hour to support fast-track, which didn't come up for a vote last year. Ms. Jackson Lee, who represents a Houston district, never publicly stated her position.

"The president and myself have enjoyed a good and open working relationship on many issues, so I'm delighted that he is coming from my invitation that I extended to him in the winter of 1997," Ms. Jackson Lee said he wanted to come to South Texas and listen Wednesday. "I would believe that this is an to his constituents ... tell him what they honor for the city of Houston, the 18th thought was the problem and the solution." **Congressional District.**"

Hinojosa said he invited the president to the Valley during an eight-day trip to South America last fall.

Vote

"I was able to have some private time with the president and talk about the unique problems we have in South Texas, not only in education but in being able to access health care and have adequate But some are wondering whether the pres-ident's Texas trek on Friday, which the White House is billing as one of his most important decade-old problem of having doublehousing, (and) being able to try to find the solution to the three- and four-

> But some are wondering whether the president's Texas trek on Friday ... also amounts to payback for two Democratic House members who bucked their party's tide and committed to support the trade negotiating authority Clinton avidly sought from Congress.

digit unemployment," Hinojosa said Wednesday.

What pleased me the most is that he said Privately, however, some Democrats say Clinton's decision to return to Texas just four Clinton's decision to return to Texas just four nity. months after his last visit and raise funds for "Who better should hear a message of edu-incumbents in safe seats - at a time when he cation and equal opportunity," she asked. months after his last visit and raise funds for.

is juggling a frenetic fund-raising schedule to help the debt-ridden Democratic Party amounts to repayment of promises a wheel-ing-dealing White House cut last year during the fast-track debate.

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"There is no other explanation," a Democratic congressional aide whose boss fought fast-track said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's a payback." White House officials stressed the policy

aspects of the trip, which will take Clinton from an address to Mission High School stu-dents Friday morning to a McAllen luncheon for Hinojosa then a Brownsville appearance, followed in the afternoon by a Houston education event and then an evening fund-raiser for Ms. Jackson Lee.

Hinojosa, a former state Board of Education member, is hoping for a presidential endorse-ment of legislation he is pushing to increase college opportunities for Hispanic students and others who are underrepresented on college campuses.

Clinton is perturbed by the high dropout rate among Hispanic high school students, Hinojosa said, adding that the president termed it "a national crisis of great urgency." Ms. Jackson Lee hopes Clinton uses Houston, which just rejected a bid to terminate the city's affirmative action policies, as a showcase for the merits of equal opportu-

Choctaw family wants custody battle moved to tribal court

DALLAS (AP) – A custody battle between a Dallas widow and her Oklahoma in-laws has taken a complicated turn, with the in-laws isking a judge to turn the dispute over to an American Indian trib-al court in Oklahoma. Attorneys for Katherine Crank of Eufaula, Okla., mother-in-law of

Attorneys for Katherine Crank of Eufaula, Okla., mother-in-law of Paula Crank and grandmother to her 7- and 10-year-old daughters, asked a state judge in Dallas last week to turn the case over to a Choctaw Nation court in Oklahoma.

Visiting state District Judge William Martin will hear arguments

on the venue change at a Jan. 27 hearing in Dallas. At issue is whether the two girls should continue living with their paternal grandmother in Oklahoma, where they have lived since ugust 1996. Their father, Walter Crank, died of a heart attack in 994 at age 36

The grandmother is full-blooded Choctaw; her daughter-in-law is

Paul R. Shunatona, the grandmother's Dallas attorney and past

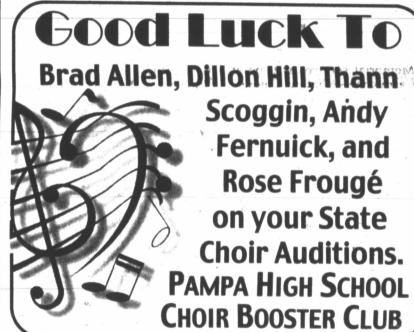
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"Clearly, the act applies in this case," Shunatona said. "These are

not folks who are just jumping in to invoke the act willy-nilly. Attorneys for the children's mother say her in-laws are invoking the welfare act only now, two years into the child-custody case, to stave off imminent defeat

Carol Wilson of Dallas, one of Paula Crank's attorneys, accuses Katherine Crank and her lawyer of "forum shopping," or seeking a judge more sympathetic to their arguments.

"In a state court, you have to prove that parent is unfit," Ms. Wilson said. Just because the girls would be more exposed to Choctaw culture in Oklahoma doesn't make the family there better guardians than their mother, she said.



students in over 70 school districts in grades 7 through 12.

Marijuana use increased in 1996 with 31 percent of secondary students saying they had tried it at least once, up from 20 percent in 1992, but still just below the peak of 32 percent in 1988.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the ing commandment

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Opinion

Tax reduction seems in order

Good news and bad from the U.S. Treasury Department. Treasury reported that the U.S. government just enjoyed its first surplus over a 12-month period since 1970. From Dec. 1, 1996 to Nov. 30, 1997, the government took in \$2.4 billion in taxes more than it paid out.

(Because the "official" budget deficit is calculated according to the fiscal year, Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, the budget still is not "officially" in balance but ran a \$23 billion deficit for the 1996-97 budget. But the new numbers for the past 12 months obviously are good news and indicate the near certainty of a budget surplus next year.)

The bad news? Federal tax receipts for fiscal year 1997 grabbed 19.8 percent of the economy, according to new Treasury figures, the highest ever in peacetime. The only higher percentage was 20.8 percent of the economy taken in taxation in 1945, when America was fighting World War II against Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

In peacetime, the previous high tax loads were 19.7 percent in both 1969 and 1981, two years which came before recessions

Both bits of information argue for putting increased pressure on Washington for substantial tax cuts:

The disappearing deficit means tax relief can be provided without running up government debt. And it's important to provide that relief now, before Congress spends the windfall. If Republicans in Congress don't quickly come forth with a comprehensive tax-reform package, "It's going to be a feeding frenzy on Capitol Hill next year," warns Tom Giovanetti, president of the Institute for Policy Innovation, a Texas-based think tank specializing in tax reform. "Republicans are going to be there right next to the Democrats at the trough fighting to spend the taxpayers' money."

The sheer, historic size of taxation's bite into the economy



Go it alone, go global, or both?

It has become commonplace to announce that the American public has lost interest in the rest of the world. That may change soon, and should. The American future has tipped a part of its hand. We may not know how everything will turn out in the post-Cold War world, but we can better sense what the argument will sound like.

Consider recent situations: some Environmentalists and bureaucrats assemble in Kyoto, Japan, to bleat about global warming. Congress rejects the idea of "fast track" trade negotiation. The president announces surprise! - that American troops are in Bosnia indefinitely. Saddam Hussein creates biological, chemical and nuclear weapons of mass destruction while the United Nations sucks its thumb. The United States, and other industrial nations, fork over \$57 billion to bail out South Korea.

These situations are linked by a common theme: Each involves the possibility of the world if we don't participate in it? American action in tight concert with other nations. This means America has less freedom expresses itself eclectically, a dash of this, a will be submerged. Far from going global on to act alone. Two themes have emerged to guide our broad thinking: "Go It Alone, Leave It Alone" and "We're Going Global, Ready or views of the Nationalists and the Not." Alas, neither works as a General Theory. Internationalists, the go-it-aloners and the Should America go it alone, leave it alone? It sounds good. But if we stay out of Bosnia, will we be partly responsible for a civil war in the history of the world. America is not only Europe, boding ill for global stability? If we the "sole surviving superpower," but the predon't participate in the Korean bailout, will eminent military, geopolitical, scientific, culturfinancial institutions tumble like falling dominoes, crashing share prices and pension plans guistic and commercial power in the world. everywhere? If we don't keep encouraging trade, will we diminish our ability to reap the benefits of trade? Should America go global, ready or not? If we leave it to the global dither factory at the United Nations, will we wake up one morning

eighth day of 1998. There are 357

Today's Highlight in History:

Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll leg-

end Elvis Presley was born in

In 1642, astronomer Galileo World War I.

ure out if that's what it's supposed to look like.

Helene is putting together a doll house kit for

her niece. She spent all day yesterday painting

it, and she spent all day today wallpapering it,

and she'll spend all day tomorrow trying to

They told me in the store that I'd be easy and I

was dumb enough to believe them. I don't

I know what she was thinking. She was

thinking that this is the kind of thing you're supposed to do during the holidays. She was

thinking that this is how holidays are done -

with paint and scissors and wood glue. She dis-

regarded the impulse that had served her so

well for her nine years - the one that told her to

stay far away from all things Elmers - and suc-

cumbed to the lure of the old-fashioned, home-

"You are a saint," I say after I hear this. "No, I'm not a saint," she said. "I'm stupid.

nail and wood-glue it together.

know what I was thinking."

Christmas.

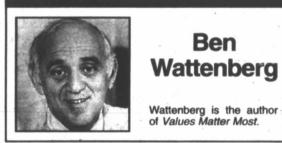
days left in the year.

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it.

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and find out that Saddam Hussein has put anthrax in our Cheerios? If we sign on to the Kyoto deal and cut greenhouse energy use in America by 38 percent from today's levels will we be poorer but no healthier?

There are aspects of Go It Alone that make sense. Who wants to be pushed around by a bunch of foreigners? There are aspects of Globalism that make sense. How can we lead

children. Insofar as we can promote such a view, we help ourselves by diminishing the possibility that people in the 21st century will suffer some of the tragic aspects of the 20th, including hot and cold wars.

So we should look at issues case by case through a prism of enlightened nationalism. Do we help ourselves when we act globally? In Bosnia, probably yes. The costs are relatively small, and if it works out, we are much better off. The Asian bailouts decrease the possibility of global economic turmoil and make sense, provided bankers and investors get penalized for lack of prudence. "Fast track" trade negotiating authority will help keep America in first place. On these matters, go global

But the global warming issue is a first-class farce, based on dubious science, idiotic economics and bossy green politics. It may well be wise to gently cut back on fossil fuels, but not under the threat that if we don't, Minnesota The American political genius typically will be plagued by tropical diseases and Florida

this one, we ought to get the global community

An opposite reaction should be our rule

regarding Iraq. The nut with the mustache not

only can kill millions of people, or use black-

mail because he can kill millions, but if he isn't

straitjacketed, he will set a model for wackos

yet to come. We ought to twist arms with gusto

at the United Nations, and if that doesn't work,

Other nations will resent our apparent all-

powerful ability to write the rules if we must.

But we've behaved judiciously, and they also

know that if we don't act, they suffer.

Americans understand that we're the major

stockholder in the world. As the world does

better, our shares go up in value.

to calm down.

do it ourselves.

argues for relief both for reasons of fairness and economic growth. "One way to look at the tax burden is the overhead that taxes consume from the economy," Giovanetti said. "That burden has grown. It's absurd. We haven't seen a tax bite this big since World War II, when we were defending Western Civilization against the barbarians."

Unfortunately, President Clinton has been cool to tax cuts. In early December, he talked about possibly accepting cuts that might help the economy.

But since then he has been stepping away from returning any money to the American people. Lawrence Haas, an Office of Management and Budget spokesman, greeted the Treasury announcement on the deficit by saying, "It is obviously wonderful news, but we shouldn't read too much into it.'

Americans haven't had a major tax cut since 1981. Except for a few minor tax reductions in 1986 and this year, taxes have ratcheted upward virtually every year. The people who pay the bills need a break. The Texas congressional delegation to Washington should make two words its major goal for 1998: Cut taxes.

By The Associated Press -Odessa American

Thought for today

"It is now a commonplace that the dissenting opinions of one generation become the prevailing interpretation of the next."

Burton J. Hendrick

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pinch of that, in pursuit of a broader vision. Today, the challenge is to harness in tandem the whole-worlders.

How? Start with a fact: America is unique in al, technological, demographic, ideological, lin-Our uniqueness means that there may be times when we have to make our own rules as we go along, by trial and probably error.

Linger on that word "ideological." We have a point of view: that free politics and free markets are good for us, and good for all of God's

Today in history

of the War of 1812.

Exposition in Chicago.

Andrew Jackson defeated the of France's Fifth Republic. Today is Thursday, Jan. 8, the British in the Battle of New In 1964, President Johnson Orleans - the closing engagement declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1973, secret peace talks In 1894, fire caused serious dam- between the United States and age at the World's Columbian North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

In 1918, President Wilson out-In 1976, Chinese premier Choulined his 14 points for peace after En-lai died in Beijing at age 78.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle and Telegraph settled the Justice Kerrigan dropped out following In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. was inaugurated as president Department's antitrust lawsuit the clubbing attack on her knee.

against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2002.25.

In 1994, Tonya Harding won the U.S. Figure Skating Championship In 1982, American Telephone in Detroit, a day after Nancy



I understand this because I caved too. Last Thanksgiving I decided that baking pies would be a much more rich and rewarding experience than just buying them. Now, for many people this may well be the case. But for me – a person who has never actually turned on the oven in her apartment - it was a little far-fetched.

Nevertheless, I was excited about my big piebaking day. I pictured myself serenely rolling out dough as the golden afternoon sunlight streamed into my mother's kitchen. There would be classical music playing on the CD. There would be the sweet smells of baking wafting through the house (forgetting, of course, that you actually have to finish MAK-ING the pies before you can enjoy that pleasant and catching a good movie on HBO. At aroma). In fact, I was half expecting the whole thing to be a conversion experience. Maybe, I thought to myself, I would have to revise my spun, isn't-it-better-when-we-do-it-ourselves belief that Martha Stewart is the devil's handmaiden, out to enslave American women with

glue guns and parchment paper. Maybe, somewhere deep inside me, there was a domestic goddess just screaming to get out.

Four hours, 60 apples, and two Yo La Tengo CDs later, I realized that the search for my inner domestic goddess had come up dry. There was no one home.

Still, I'm glad I had a look. There is so much in the culture that tells us that we WANT to bake pies and build doll houses. Or at least we would want to if we were better people - nicer, deeper, more real.

This sense becomes particularly acute during the holidays – when it isn't just those fabric-ofour-lives cotton ads that make us feel so, well, polyester. No, at Christmastime the Norman Rockwell mentality infuses everything from to the corner craft show to the Bloomingdale's showcase to the commercial for Chicken McNuggets.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with any of this. But some of us need to learn to resist that pull. Sure there can be something wonderful about taking a day out of our busy schedules to make sour-cherry fruit butter – but there's also something to be said for calling 800-BUTTERS Christmastime, the key phrase is "know thyself.'

Take if from Helene. If the wood glue has sat under the sink for nine years, then that's probably where it belongs.

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B&W named in nicotine-boosting con

WASHINGTON (AP) - Charges that a major cigarette maker conspired to boost nicotine levels may put Congress in a bind: How do law-makers consider the pending tobacco deal when one of the beneficiaries was linked to criminal behavior?

"This will have a major impact on Congress' effort to pass tobacco legislation this year," said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., an attorney who has provided information to the Justice of high-nicotine tobacco in other countries, Department's three-year investigation of the tobacco industry.

The proposed tobacco deal, in exchange for \$368 billion, would offer cigarette makers farreaching immunity from future lawsuits, a prospect that caused lawmakers from both parties reservations even before Wednesday's court filing.

"Members of Congress will likely have reservations about providing sweeping protections to tobacco companies" linked to criminal charges, Meehan said.

DNA Plant Technology Corp. of Oakland, Calif., agreed in a court filing Wednesday to The Associated Press they are growing high- return, the industry would get immunity from plead guilty to conspiring to secretly grow high- nicotine leaf by the ton, tobacco that was the off- future lawsuits.

nicotine tobacco abroad so that Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. could "control and U.S. labs for B&W. manipulate the nicotine levels" in cigarettes.

B&W, the third-largest U.S. cigarette company, was not charged but was cited as a co-conspirator. DNAP agreed to cooperate with the Justice Department investigation.

The government says the plot between B&W and DNAP involved developing a reliable source because federal regulations ban commercial growing of high-nicotine tobacco here. Court papers said one goal was to alter tobacco's chemical composition in ways that "could include production of lines with elevated nicotine content."

The Food and Drug Administration first discovered the secret strain of tobacco, code-named Y-1, in 1994. The agency said B&W first denied high-nicotine tobacco was possible but, after the FDA discovered it was put into five U.S. brands,

spring of a genetically altered plant created in

And a source close to the Justice probe told the AP Wednesday that a B&W official testified in a deposition last month that the company continues to use Y-1 in some manufacturing. The deposition said the Y-1 stock is kept in Georgia, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity. B&W did not respond to questions about the deposition, but said in a statement Wednesday that it was not charged by Justice and did noth-ing wrong. Y-1 was developed as part of 'an attempt to lower tar in cigarettes without automatically lowering nicotine content as well, the statement said. Typically, nicotine drops as tar

But the criminal charges against B&W's business partner - the biotech firm - come just as Congress is preparing to consider a massive for members of Congress, not to mention the tobacco deal.

Last June, the tobacco industry agreed to pay \$368 billion and curb their marketing practices But last year, 18 Brazilian farmers admitted to in a deal to settle 40 pending state lawsuits. In

But Congress must approve any lawmakers already have expressed concern about that concession. Saying he hoped to air all the issues before offering immunity, longtime industry defender Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., even subpoenaed and published more than 800 secret industry documents last month that indicated tobacco attorneys hunted for ways to hide

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smoking's dangers. Now B&W's business partner has agreed to plead guilty to a criminal charge - in a plea bargain designed so that Justice investigators can use testimony from the biotech firm in its probe of the tobacco companies.

"This weakens the industry's hand in its effort to obtain immunity and other protections from Congress," said Michigan anti-tobacco attorney Cliff Douglas. "It's going to be far more difficult president, to provide legal protection to an industry that has been branded criminal."

In addition, trials of anti-tobacco lawsuits are scheduled to start this month in Minnesota and Texas - and the Y-1 saga can be used as additional evidence, he said.

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insisted it had stopped using Y-1. Lovett Memorial Library/Children's books, videos

Here is a list of new children's Holmelund Minarik

books available at Lovett Memorial Library: Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming! by

Jez Alborough Hurry Up, Franklin by Paulette

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Verdi by Janell Cannon

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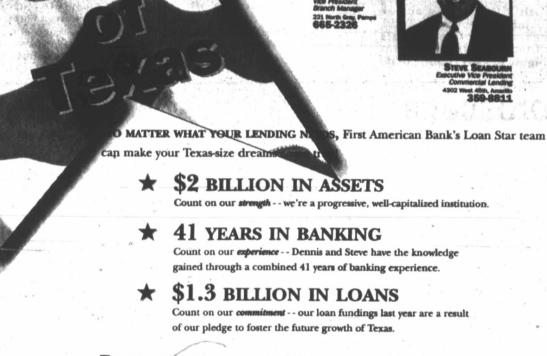
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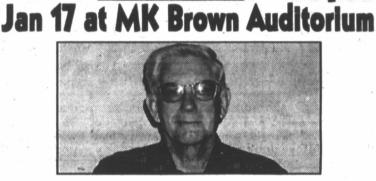
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Digital TV makes debut at Consumer Electronics Show

LAS VEGAS (AP) - So, you think that new big-screen television that took a big piece out of your wallet and a chunk of your family room is the latest in video wonders.

Think again.

Digital television - with its superior pictures, sound and promise of new, interactive broadcast services is about to put that set to shame, if not immediately out to pasture.

DTV promises to be the hottest new product at the Consumer Electronics Show that starts today. After a decade of discussion and expectation, the first commercial digital TV sets are finally making their debut.

Manufacturers, broadcasters and retailers are betting that consumers will be captivated by DTV's benefits

"I think you'll find the pictures they'll be able to display is something really quite extraordinary," said Alan McCollough, president of Circuit City Stores, the nation's largest retailer of consumer electronics. "A year from now, digital TV will really come into its own."

About a dozen television manincluding ufacturers Thompson, Philips and Zenith are showing off prototypes or actual DTV sets they plan to start selling this fall.

That's when 26 stations in the 10 largest U.S. markets will start vol-untarily broadcasting digital sig-nals. The government will require all stations to switch to digital by 2006.

Given the measured transition and the high initial costs of DTV sets, no one expects consumers to rush out en masse and buy new sets

The first digital TV sets are expected to cost at least \$2,000 more than current televisions, said Bruce Allan, general manager of the broadcast division of Harris Corp., a leading maker of digital TV transmission equipment.

Neil Quattlebaum - "A number of cities in this area are competing for new business. Pampa needs to be ready with long range plans and financial support to complete for new business."

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Thought Counts In Marriage, But Gifts Are Important Too

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Sybil," has had a boyfriend I'll call "Todd" for about five years, through high school and now college. They are considering marriage. They have exchanged gifts for birthdays and holidays, but Todd's participation has always been reluctant.

Recently, Sybil treated Todd to dinner at an expensive restaurant and gave him a gift for his 21st birthday. She was happy to do it, and he seemed very appreciative. When her birthday came, she received only a card and a phone call from Todd, even though they live in the same town. She was hurt, and it strained their relationship. Todd's excuse was that gifts are "materialistic." Sybil and I believe that a gift of any size would have been a thoughtful remembrance

Abby, I am concerned that this could become a habit. I have known women who have been lucky to get even a nod from their significant others on their special days and, as a result, I have seen sorrow every year when their days roll around. Why should they have to grin and bear it, or nag their partners? Will you please share how this matter can be tactfully handled? A MOM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MOM: If you are on comfortable terms with Todd, try a candid, confidential talk with him. Bear in mind that upbringing has everything to do

Horoscope

Friday, Jan. 9, 1998

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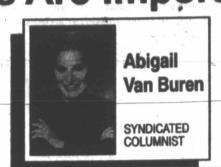
present themselves to you in the year

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In mat-

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with how one views gift-giving. Todd's family may have a different value system.

Explain how important a gesture of remembrance is in your family. If Todd is made out of the right stuff, he will adjust and acknowledge Sybil's special days. If not, she will have to decide if Todd is the man for her.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is inresponse to "Grace in Tampa, Fla.," who was worried about her daughter and her daughter's friend chatting with a boy on the Internet.

The parents have every cause to be worried and should get the girls off the Internet, but perhaps they shouldn't go to the extreme of saying she cannot even write to the boy. Why don't they check him out, verify who lives at the address, and speak with him to see what he is like?

If things check out OK, they

not have constructive things to add to vour life PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Associates will be willing to move in accordance with

your wishes today, provided they understand fully that you are not motivated by selfish purposes

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not be ahead. This could be a better year both reluctant to test new methods today. socially and commercially than you've because with a little experimentation you might find ways to truly simplify a tough assignment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Important you could be more fortunate than usual financial matters should be given top pritoday, even though you'll still have to ority today. Do not relegate to rear ranks earn what you get. Get a jump on life by additions or moderations that could spell understanding the influences that will increases

govern you in the year ahead. Send for GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Everything your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing should move along nicely today if you \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, use your initiative instead of waiting on P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New others. Be a self-starter and not someone York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your who needs a push.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Set high special ability today for being able to your ability to use the ideas of others in social standards for yourself today. Do unravel entanglements others have left ways that benefit all involved. Put it to rapped up with people who do knotted up. What you do will help them.

should read the letters he has already written to make sure the correspondence is appropriate, and if it is, let the teen keep in touch with him by letter.

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As for the girls being home alone every afternoon, those parents should get them busy! As someone who chats online on occasion, I know that most people who are chatting have no life, and chatting is their only entertainment. Teens should have more to do than chat online. Get them into a Big Sister program, volunteer groups, Girl Scouts, sports - something to help them build skills and develop their sense of self. Once they are active and have plenty of outside activi-ties, the Internet will lose its allure. LAURIE IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR LAURIE: Your answer is better than mine, and I thank you for it. Since this topic has received so much publicity recently, may I add: A computer can be a powerful tool for learning, as well as a rich resource of entertainment. However, it is not, and never was intended to be, a baby sitter.

I agree with you that a computer is no substitute for activities where young people mingle, interact, and learn social skills as well as how they, as individuals, can contribute to their communities.

as well as yourself. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The hopes and

expectations you entertain today will have the best chances of manifesting themselves if they are pursued through collective efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The chances for fulfilling ambitious objectives today are very strong. If you want something intensely enough, you'll figure out a way to get if

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should someone you know on a purely social basis offer to do you a favor today, acknowledge it immediately. The offer may be short-lived

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something you've been wanting to revise but have been unable to swing on your own might be brought about today through the efforts of a thoughtful associate. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The

best asset you possess today could be work early



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49ers' Jones hopes for super finish to career Notebook

BASKETBALL

HEREFORD - Hereford defeated Pampa, 55-39, Tuesday night in a junior var-sity basketball game.

Gary Alexander was the leading scorer for Pampa with 12 points. Colby Hale followed with 9, while Kevin Osborn had 8, Corey Young had 6 and Doug Belleau 2.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Longhorns junior running back Ricky Williams scheduled a news conference for today and was expected to announce his decision to turn professional.

Williams said Wednesday that everyone he has asked advised him to give up his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL. Underclassmen have until Friday to declare for the April 18-19 NFL draft.

"I am leaning toward going professional," Williams told the Austin American-Statesman. "It's always been a dream of mine to play pro football, and I don't want to risk injury." He said pro scouts believe

he'll be picked in the first round between the fourth and seventh picks.

Williams added, however, that he has a \$2.8 million insurance policy to protect him against serious injury if he should decide to return for a senior season at Texas.

Williams won won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top back and finished fifth in this year's Heisman Trophy race.

He holds 21 Longhorns records, including most rushing yards in a season. His 1,893 yards this season broke the 20vear-old school record of 1,744 set by Earl Campbell.

DÉTROIT (AP) — Detroit Lions linebacker Reggie Brown is walking again and headed home.

Seventeen days after being carried off the Pontiac Jones' mind plenty of times this week.

He could be hanging out in the locker room with his teammates for only 13 tight ends in NFL history the last time. He might be pulling off his last clubhouse prank or going through his last week of practice. He could be playing in his last game.

Considering the potential for finality, even the rip in his tongue and the body aches from a crushing hit last week have become an afterthought.

The four-time Pro Bowl tight end for the San Francisco 49ers is in the final days of a 12-year career.

"It just makes you appreciate things," said Jones, who last month declared his intentions to retire at the end of the season. "Maybe you look at things a little longer. We've

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — had some great days out here. Super Bowl champions, have beat-The thoughts have crossed Brent Great practices. I've just been tak-en the 49ers three straight times, could be his last game after taking soft foods this week because chewing it all in, but I'm not going to get too emotional, at least not yet."

The 34-year-old Jones is one of with 400 receptions and 5,000 receiving yards, and his 59 postsea-son catches ranks 13th. But hold the career restrospective. He's too busy looking forward, hoping to finish his career by playing in the Super Bowl.

"He's not retiring to me. We're the team.

fourth and the team's sixth Super Bowl, but the next step involves meeting the Green Bay Packers (14-3) Sunday in the NFC title game. Bowl and experience the greatest two weeks.'

including twice in the playoffs in the past two years. And the thought of getting this including twice in the playoffs in a couple of the biggest hits of his ing became a painful chore. Jones said the physical toll was-n't why he was quitting, though.

far and not going any further is gnawing at Jones

"You win and you get to enjoy the spoils and you get to go to the Super Bowl," Jones said. "That's why the NFC champi-

onship game is so huge, because it's an all or nothing. I haven't lost a Super Bowl, but I have lost three playing ball this weekend," said Steve Young, Jones' best friend on the team. Jones and the 49ers (14-3) are one game away from reaching his other team gets to go to the Super

The Packers, the defending regularly while running pass

victory over Minnesota, Jones set He's ready to move on. up a first-half touchdown with a "The injuries, the hits, that hasn't of Sports Illustrated.

The second hit, which Jones described as just about the hardest he's ever taken, was delivered by safety Robert Griffith. Jones was looking back to catch a pass over the middle and Griffith squared to meet him. The collision was so violent it brought Jones to an instant stop and sent him crashing to the field with such force that he bit through his tongue.

The wound was closed with two shots."

15-yard catch before being upend-ed, somersaulting in the air and coming down on his back. A photo of the play made this week's cover the interaction of the play made the play mad kind of a sick way I kind of enjoy that stuff, so there must be some

thing wrong with me." And he's not going to change his

don't protect myself," he said. "I absolutely positively will do anything I can to catch the ball, and that leaves you open to big

Pampa teams take on district leaders PAMPA — Pampa suffered a heartbreaking setback to Hereford

Tuesday night, but the Harvesters can shake up the District 1-4A standings with a win over Randall Friday night. Randall, at 3-0, is the district

leader while Hereford holds down second at 2-1 after taking a 46-43 overtime win over Pampa. Pampa is in a three-way tie with Dumas and Canyon at 1-1.

"Randall is awfully good, but we're in a district where nearly anybody can win on a given night," said PHS head coach Robert Hale. "It's been headed that way for a couple of years. We just have to keep making some adjustments."

With 10 games still to play, it's early in the district season for the Harvesters. The three playoff spots are still up for grabs.

"We just need to be on our toes and keep working on the fundamentals," Hale added.

Randall, 12-6 overall, strengthened its hold on first with a 68-56

win over Borger Tuesday night. Pampa had beaten Borger, 58-54, in the district opener. Brandon Sims (6-5 senior) scored 22 points for the Raiders while Jesse Hunnicutt (6-3 senior) chipped in 16 against Borger.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

game, 58-38, as Jeremy Crook scored 21 points for the Bucks. Craig Urbanczyk and Nick Knocke added 10 points apiece to White Deer's scoring attack. White Deer led 27-14 at half-

time.

The win evened the Bucks record at 8-8.

Josh Evenson and Wyatt Weinheimer had 8 points apiece for Groom. 🔈

White Deer hosts West Texas High while Groom is at Wheeler in Friday night games.

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SAMNORWOOD-Samnorwood claimed a non-district doubleheader from Fort Elliott Tuesday night.

Samnorwood won the boys' game by a 71-62 score.

Shandon Stalls had 19 points to lead Samnorwood in scoring. Curt Smith had 20 points and

Clay Zybach 16 to lead Fort Elliott. Samnorwood led by 11 (33-22) at halftime. Artie Wright chipped in 14 points for Samnorwood.



Pampa senior Yvette Brown (24) shoots over a Hereford defender in a District 1-4A girls' game Tuesday night in Hereford. Both the Pampa boys' and girls' teams host Randall Friday night at 6 and 7:45 as district action continues.

Silverdome field in an ambulance, leaving the sold-out crowd stunned and players on both sides crying and praying, the former Texas A&M star got out of a wheelchair at Henry Ford Hospital on Wednesday and addressed reporters.

"I wanted to let everyone know that I'm OK, that I will once again be back to normal," he said.

The 23-year-old linebacker, recovering from a severe neck injury in a Dec. 21 game against the New York Jets, was characterized by his doctors as a "dream" patient who has made dramatic progress.

He almost certainly is done with football, but he is walking. And for that he is deeply grateful.

"When it first happened, I thought I'd never be able to walk again," he said, wearing a halo-style neck brace. "It was a freak accident. I'm looking forward to getting back home and getting my life together."

He was to be transferred today to The Institute of Rehabilitation and Research in Houston, near his hometown.

It was Brown's first public statement since the Lions' last regular-season game. He was hurt during a fourth-quarter tackle of a 13-10 victory over the New York Jets.

A collision with another player dislocated Brown's top two neck vertebrae, bruising his spinal cord and leaving him unable to breathe and with no feeling below the neck. A doctor gave mouth-tomouth resuscitation on the field.

The next day, doctors fused the vertebrae and grafted a slice of hip bone to stabilize those bones.

Brown's recovery puts him in the top 2 percent of patients who sustain such injuries, said Dr. Russ Nockels. Many people with similar injuries die.

"Reggie has been making the kind of progress that we all dream about patients making," said Nockels, a neurosurgeon who performed the vertebrae fusion. "We'd like to see a lot more Reggie Browns, and there aren't.'

Maryland gets a must victory **By The Associated Press** Maryland fell out of the Top 25

after losing its last two games, the second a thrashing at home to Duke.

The Terrapins were facing another home loss and an 0-3 Atlantic Coast Conference start when they were down 12 points to No. 13 Florida State on Wednesday night.

"We didn't have anywhere else to turn," Maryland guard Sarunas Jasikevicius said. "We just had to change something."

So it was the defense that became intensified and led to an 81-74 victory that snapped the Seminoles' four-game winning streak.

"This is definitely a huge win for us," said Jasikevicius, who led the second-half comeback after going 0-for-5 from the field in the first half. "If you want to do some damage in the ACC, you can't go 0-3 with two losses at home. That's the attitude we had after we got down by 12."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday night, it was No. 2 Duke 64, North Carolina State 50; No. 4 Kansas 111, Colorado 62; No. 9 Purdue 77, Penn State 55; No. 14 Mississippi 90, Florida 79; No. 16 South Carolina 71, Vanderbilt 70; No. 18 Syracuse 77, Providence 59; No. 19 Xavier 104, La Salle 67; Alabama-Birmingham 65, No. 20 Marquette 52; and No. 22 Arkansas 83, Mississippi State 70.

Jasikevicius, who finished with 13 points, and Obinna Ekezie, who 18 points and 11 rebounds, combined for all but one of the

Lady Raiders win

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) -Fifth-ranked Texas Tech proved Wednesday night they can win even with a bad outing.

The Lady Raiders committed 22 turnovers and just did outrebound Baylor, but defeated **Baylor 82-63 Wednesday night** while hitting a season-high 65 percent of their shots in a Big 12 Conference game.

Tech hit 20 of 27 field goal attempts in the second half.

points in a 9-0 run that rallied the ken finger, got a scare when its

two foul shots by Laron Profit points. and a jumper in the lane by Rodney Elliott made it 57-50 as Florida State continued to strug- who trailed 46-18 after Kansas gle on the offensive end.

'We just stepped up our defense and attacked them," Ekezie said. "We didn't do that in the first half. But this is our place, and this is how we play."

Terrell Baker scored 17 points for the Seminoles, who were outscored 48-33 in the second half.

"We just didn't seem to get any kind of penetration. It seemed like everyone was just standing around and watching," Florida State coach Steve Robinson said. No. 2 Duke 64, N.C. State 50

The Blue Devils (13-1, 3-0), who won their first two ACC games by an average of 38 points, didn't put this one away until a 6-0 run gave them a 43-32 lead with 13 minutes left. Chris Carrawell led Duke with 14 points.

Kenny Inge had 16 points for the Wolfpack (9-4, 1-2), who lost for the 10th straight time in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

No. 4 Kansas 111, Colorado 62 Ryan Robertson, who was 7-

for-7 from the field and 3-for-3 from the free-throw line, and Lester Earl each had a careerhigh 20 points for the Jayhawks the final seconds. (18-2, 2-0 Big 12). Kansas, already playing without All-America Raef LaFrentz because of a bro-

Terrapins (8-6, 1-2) as Florida other preseason All-America, State (12-3, 1-2) managed just two Paul Pierce, sprained his knee. points over a six-minute stretch. He returned after missing five A 3-pointer by Jasikevicius, minutes and finished with 16

> Kenny Price had 17 points for the visiting Buffaloes (6-6, 0-2), went on a 21-0 run.

No. 9 Purdue 77, Penn St. 55 Chad Austin had 15 points and

Brad Miller added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Boilermakers (13-3, 2-1 Big Ten), who forced 21 turnovers and held Penn State to 35 percent shooting.

Reserves Gyasi Cline-Heard and Greg Grays each had 12 points for the visiting Nittany Lions (7-5, 0-2), who had only two field goals in a six-minute span of the first half when Purdue went on a 22-6 run.

No. 14 Mississippi 90, Florida 79 Jason Smith scored 20 points and had seven steals as the Rebels (11-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) tied a school record with their 15th straight home win

Jason Williams had 17 points to lead the Gators (7-4, 1-1).

Vanderbilt 70

used a 9-0 run late to get back in the game, but the home win wasn't assured until Drew Maddux, Vanderbilt's leading scorer, fumbled the ball out of bounds as he went for the winning basket in

Maddux led the Commodores (11-4, 0-2) with 16 points, all but two in the second half.



Randall is the defending district champion.

The Pampa-Randall doubleheader tips off at 6 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse with the girls' game starting first.

Randall girls are the district leaders at 4-0 while overall the Lady Raiders are 16-4. The Lady Harvesters are 6-8 overall and 1-3 in district play.

WHITE DEER — Rhonda McClendon tossed in 29 points as White Deer rolled past Groom, 46-32, Tuesday night in a girls' basketball game.

Amanda Freeman added 9 points for the Does, who now have a 7-12 record.

White Deer pulled away in the second half after leading Groom Kareem Abdullah 14 to lead by just one point (17-16) at halftime.

Angie Conrad had 11 points and lessica Stapp 9 to lead Groom scor-

White Deer also won the boys'

Both teams have 10-7 records. Samnorwood won a close one in the girls' game, 39-36.

Kassie Menser paced the winners with 12 points, followed by Chy Odom 10.

Halftime score was 19-16, Fort Elliott's favor.

Carissa Dukes had 14 points to claim scoring honors for Fort Elliott.

Fort Elliott hosts Lefors on Friday night.

CANADIAN - Chad Carr scored 20 points to lead Canadian

past Clarendon, 69-56, Tuesday night. Albert Lusby and Luke Farrar

added 9 points for the Wildcats, who improved to 12-5 for the sea-

Brent Gaines had 19 points and Clarendon.

Canadian won the girls' game, 57-44.

Kate Farrar and Lori Beth Francis had 13 points each to lead Canadian in scoring.

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, Central District Office, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL. 60605, for consent to merge the assets and assume the liabilities of First Bank & Trust, 305 N. Main St., Shamrock, TX 79079, into National Bank of Commerce, 1224 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79066.

It is contemplated that the main office and branch offices of the above named banks will continue to operate.

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Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of this first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, Central District Office, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL. 60605 or David.Rogers@OCC,treas.gov. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Licensing Manager.

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Hicks buys Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - show you're really trying." Tom Hicks has already proved he If approved by other baseball will spend what it takes to get a owners, a process expected to take winner in town.

He did it with the Dallas Stars. Now, he plans to do it with the Texas Rangers after agreeing to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., is spend \$250 million to buy the awaiting approval on its purchase team.

The billionaire, in just two short years, has turned the Stars into the leading team in the NHL.

He did it by going out and signing an impact player, goalie Ed Belfour.

"I've demonstrated with the Stars we will have the most competitive team we can have," Hicks said. "I've shown when I signed Ed Belfour that I'll do what it takes to get to the next level. If it takes a goalie, I'll get him."

Belfour signed a three-year contract for \$10 million and has helped the Stars jump to the top of the NHL.

The Rangers need pitching and at least one more power hitter. It's a long wish list to get Texas into a World Series.

"There's no reason the Rangers can't get to the top," Hicks said. "This is one of the best franchises in the country. It's in a world class draw the fans. You just have to great confidence in Tom."

6-12 months, the price would be the second-highest for a baseball team. Fox Sports, a division of of the Los Angeles Dodgers from Peter O'Malley, a deal worth about \$350 million.

"I love sports," Hicks said. "We want to add an American League pennant ... and to bring the World Series to Arlington. I expect to be involved with this team for many years to come. This is a long-term ownership."

Hicks has agreed to buy the lease for The Ballpark in Arlington and ownership of an office building and restaurant in the stadium, 43 acres of nearby land and an option to buy 227 acres of adjacent property.

"In the next 20 years I see hotels, restaurants and office buildings." Hicks said, who had negotiated the deal for six months.

Hicks said the team's management, including president Tom Schieffer, general manager Doug Melvin and field manager Johnny Oates, would remain in place.

"My style is to keep folks in facility. You don't even have to win a championship every year to want to win," Hicks said. "T have

Nebraska's Ahman Green is bound for NFL draft

Nebraska prepared for the Orange Bowl, Ahman Green knew he was ready to pass up his senior year for the NFL draft. His record performance against Tennessee affirmed it.

"I wanted to go out having a good bowl game for coach (Tom) Osborne and to have a great game so I knew I was making the right decision," Green said Wednesday as he declared himself eligible for April's draft.

Green rushed for an Orange Bowl record 206 yards in Nebraska's 42-17 win over the Volunteers last Friday. He was named most valuable player and helped the Cornhuskers (13-0) earn a share of the national championship.

Green had 1,877 regular-season yards, finishing 16 yards behind national rushing title. Green had about 40 percent of Nebraska's terback Ryan Leaf, Penn State runnational-best 393 yards per game ning back Curtis Enis and rushing average. Including his Orange Bowl yards, Green had 2,083 yards on 307 carries — an average of 6.7 yards per attempt and 160.2 yards per game.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - As ning backs coach Frank Solich, who becomes head coach next month, both were supportive.

"If coach Osborne was staying, I would still be going," Green said. "I talked it over with my family and coaches, but I decided for myself based on my dreams and goals in life. I just wanted to get to the NFL."

In a statement released by the university, Solich praised Green's work ethic and leadership, saying: "I hope his pro career is as successful as his college career has been." A possible Heisman Trophy

campaign made no impact.

"I'm not big on awards and accolades," he said. "If I had decided to return, it wouldn't have been. to win the Heisman. It would have been so we could win another national title."

Green is the latest in a group of Ricky Williams of Texas for the top players declaring for the draft, including Washington State quar-Washington All-America offensive linemen Olin Kreutz and Benji Olson

LHP Mark Langston on a minor-league con-FOOTBALL NFL Playoffs At A Glance By The Asso d Cards Saturday, Dec. 27 Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22 Denver 42, Jacksonville 17 Sunday, Dec. 28 New England 17, Miami 3 Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10 **Divisional Playoffs** Seturday, Jan. 3 Pittsburgh 7, New England 6 San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22 Sunday, Jan. 4 Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7 Denver 14, Kansas City 10 HOCKEY Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 11 Denver at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC) Green Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX) Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 25 At San Diego AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. **Pro Bowl** Sunday, Feb. 1 At Honolulu AFC vs. NFC TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF P.J. Forbes, INF Mitch Simons, RHP Kevin Galleher, LHP Doug Johns and OF Kevin Gallaher, LHP Doug Johns and OF Scott Lydy on minior-league contracts. MINNESOTA TWINS—Named Joe McIlvaine special assistant to the general manager and Hoby Mork bullpen catcher-batting practice pitcher. Agreed to terms with LHP Dan Smith on a minor-league contract. SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with OF Gienalien Hill on a minor-league contract. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Roy Silver manager, Greg Harris pitching coach, Steve Livesey coach and Mike Libby trainer of St. Petersburg of the Florida State League; Greg Mahlberg manager, Brian Kelly pitching coach and Julio Garcia coach of Charleston of the South Atlantic League; Charlie Montoyo man-ager, Ray Searage pitching coach, Brad SOUTH ager, Ray Searage pitching coach, Brad Ripplemeyer coach and Jeff Stay trainer of Hudson Valley of the New York-Penn League; David Howard manager and Craig Payment Davio Howard manager and Craig Payment trainer of Princeton of the Appalachian League; Bobby Ramos manager and Steve Mumaw pitching coach of the Gulf Coast League Devil Rays. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to tarms with LHD Omer Daal on a one-year conterms with LHP Omar Daal on a one-year con-

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Junichi Iwasaki on a minor-league con-tract. Agreed to terms on one-year contracts with LHP Mike Remlinger and RHP Keith FLORIDA MARLINS-Named Mike Carr

baseball operations assistant. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Thomas Howard on a minor-league

contract. VITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Bussa, RHP Steve Mintz, LHP Kevin Tolar, LHP Steve Wiegandt, INF Kevin Grijak, INF Dave Kennedy and OF-1B Phil Geisler on minor-league contracts. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Placed G Muggsy Bogues on the injured list. MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Waived G Tony Smith. NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated G Lucious Harris from the injured list. PHOENIX SUNS-Waived G Brooks PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS-Placed F Brian Grant on the injured list. Activated C Alton Lister from the injured list. FOOTBALL National Football League KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jimmy Raye offensive coordinator. National Hockey League CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned C Jim Dowd to Saint John of the AHL. CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned G Tracy Tripp to New Haven of the AHL. COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned G David Aebischer to Hershey of the AHL. DETROIT RED WINGS—Re-signed F Doug Brown to a three-year contract. NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned G Richard Shutmistra, C Brendan Morrison and D Brad Bombardir to Albarty of the AHL. NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled C Kip from Utah of the IHL. PHOENIX COYOTES—Suspended C Chad nitely for refusing reassignment to Kilger inde the minors VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned LW Dave Roberts to Syracuse of the AHL. COLLEGE BASKETBALL eday's College Basi Major Scores By The Associated Press EAST Colgate 74, Bucknell 65 George Washington 90, Duquesne 68 Lafayette 79, Lehigh 76 Navy 66, Army 40 Rutgers 81, Seton Hall 49 St. Peter's 54, Manhattan 49 Syracuse 77, Providence 59 Air Force 59, Wolford 51 Alabama 60, LSU 57 Auburn 74, Tennessee 69 Duke 64, N. Carolina St. 50 East Carolina 90, James Madison 60. Florida Atlantic 56, Mercer 55 Liberty 69, Virginia 64 Maryland 81, Florida St. 74 Mississippi 90, Florida 79 N.C.-Wilmington 58, Old Dominion 50, OT Niagara 87, Appalachian St. 74 Richmond 66, Drexel 57 Saint Louis 60, Tulane 59 South Carolina 71, Vanderbilt 70 William & Mary 69, American U. 56 MIDWEST Ala.-Birmingham 65, Marquette 52 Butler 59, Loyola, III. 56 Evansville 82, S. Illinois 72 llinois St. 74, Drake 59 Kansas 111, Colorado 62 Northwestern 66, Minnesota 59 Purdue 77, Penn St. 55 ier 104, La Salle 67 SOUTHWEST Arkansas 83, Mississippi St. 70 Baylor 73, Texas A&M 64 Nebraska 67, Oklahoma St. 62 Oklahoma 71, Kansas St. 64

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Hicks: 1961 — What would eventually become the

as Rangers starts as the Washington Senators, an expansion club replacing the Senators club that moves to Minnesota. 1971 — American League owners give Senators owner Bob Short Permission to move his team to Arrington. In their final year in Washington, the Senators finish in fifth place, a whopping 38 1/2 games behind Baltimove place, a

1972 - The first-year Rangers finish last with a 54-100 record, going a dismal 3-23 in

September. 1974 — Prior to the season, the club is pur-chased by a group headed by Brad Corbett. 1980 — Fort Worth oilman Eddie Chiles buys controlling interest from Brad Corbett in April. The Rangers finish fourth and Chiles fires Pat Corrales as manager following the last game of the season. of the season. 1986 --- Chiles sells a third of the club to

Oklahoma businessman Edward Gaylord. 1987 — Home attendance hits an all-time high of 1,763,053. Bobby Valentine also becomes the club's winningest manager when Rangers win on June 3, his 161st victo-ry. But the Rangers finish sixth with a 75-87 record.

3 1/2 5 1/2 February 1989 — Major League Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth helps assem 13 16 ble an investment group led by George W. 19 1/2 Bush.

March 18, 1989 — Investor group led by Bush and Edward W. "Rusty" Rose purchase con-trolling interest in the Rangers from Eddle 1 1/2 5 7 1/2

Aug. 22, 1989 — Nolan Ryan makes Oakland's Rickey Henderson his 5,000th career strikeout victim. career strikeout vicum. June 11, 1990 — Ryan throws his sixth career no-hitter, a 5-0 victory over Oakland. July 31, 1990 — Ryan defeats the Milwaukee Brewers 11-5 for his 300th career victory.

Jan. 19, 1991 — Arlington voters approve a half-cent sales tax hike to finance up to \$135 million in municipal bonds for construction a

May 1, 1991 - Ryan throws his seventh career no-hitter, a 3-0 victory over Toronto. April 24, 1992 — Construction begins on new stadium

July 9, 1992 - Valentine fired, Toby Harrah named interim manager. He gets the job on a ull-time basis a week later. Oct. 26, 1992 - Kevin Kennedy named man-

ager. Sept. 12, 1993 — "Nolan Ryan Appreciation Day" includes final home pitching appearance by the guest of honor.

Oct. 3, 1993 — Final game in Arlington Stadium

Stadium. April 1, 1994 — First game at The Ballpark in Arlington, a 10-7 exhibition victory by the New York Mets. April 11, 1994 — First regular-season game at The Ballpark won 4-3 by Milwaukee. July 28, 1994 — Kenny Rogers throws Rangers' first perfect game, beating Anaheim

Oct. 14, 1994 - Johnny Oates named man-

ager. July 11, 1995 — Rangers host the 66th All-Star Game, won 3-2 by the National League. Sept. 15, 1996 — Ryan's No. 34 become first number retired by team. Sept. 27, 1996 — Despite extra-inning loss, Rangers clinch first AL West division title. Oct. 1, 1996 — Rangers beat New York Yankees 6-2 in their first playoff game. Oct. 4, 1996 — Rangers host first playoff game, but lose to Yankees. New York wins game, but lose to yam the series the next day. Sept. 21, 1997 — Last home game ups team's single-season attendance record to

2.9 million Jan. 7, 1998 — Dallas billionaire Tom Hicks, who bought the NHL Stars two years earlier, announces he's buying the Rangers.

Spurs top Nuggets to win fifth consecutive game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The San Antonio Spurs were thankful while the Nuggets tied their team 50-48 at halftime to a team that is 0-Denver's losing streak.

straight loss Tuesday night against season.

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The Spurs have won 11 of 12, lead in the first quarter, but trailed straight time this season.

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years made little difference to he will forego his senior season to Green. He said Osborne and run- enter the NFL draft.

Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson, who helped lead Michigan to the national champi-That Osborne is retiring after 25 onship, will announce Friday that

The Spurs won their fifth straight game and handed Denver row. a club-record 15th straight loss, 96-89 Wednesday night in the Alamodome.

"We didn't want to be the one that lost to them, to have to go home and hear about about it on ESPN," said Spurs forward Monty Williams, one of five San Antonio players in double figures with 14 points.

a Dall as team that had

But if all signs pointed to a romp, it didn't happen.

"No matter how many speeches you hear, it's natural to come out a scored on just one their next eight bit flat," Spurs point guard Avery Johnson said. "They had a lot of energy tonight."

The Nuggets fought back from a night," 13-point third-quarter deficit to said.

trail 89-85 on Tony Battie's threepoint play with 4:40 left.

But that turned out to be Denver's last burst as the Nuggets possessions. Denver lost the ball four times on turnovers down the

San Antonio built an 11-point ing at halftime for the ninth home on Friday.

"We've just got to learn from our

mistakes," said Nuggets forward Danny Fortson, one of five rookies on the roster. "Our effort shows just what we have in store for the future."

The Nuggets will try to end their stretch as it failed to win after lead- month-old skid against Miami at

NCAA upholds findings, reduces one penalty against UTEP athletics

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - rampant violations. Now that Texas-El Paso is on the school to this end, UTEP officials say.

UTEP has labored to address problems that resulted in the athletic department repeated- is "one of many, many, many, program ly falling out of compliance then you have a breakdown in Charlie Bailey's persisten with NCAA regulations. The the system, lack of institution-questioned a university into next step is escape the stigma that comes with being labeled late on one event, you need to aid rules that improperly ga a repeat offender, university officials said Wednesday.

Even though efforts are Slive. made to change, a small slip can become a large problem for a school on probation since the sanctions, including the each of two years that cons a bad history can make the NCAA look on a secondary transgression as a major violation, said assistant athletic and women's basketball pro- gram to increase the numb director Mike Gentile.

So since inadvertent slips are a fact of life, UTEP's problems keep coming back, Gentile said, and he wants some clarification from the NCAA on how UTEP can avoid that in the future.

want to have some clarification that if we report we will be getting credit for reporting and not someone saying, Well look, you're doing it again," he said.

what were deemed minor but grams.

NCAA probation for the sec- Committee found the punish- incorrectly certified ineligib ond time this decade, the ath- ment appropriate, in part players and exceeded the pe letic department's challenge is because of UTEP's history, missible number of footba to break the cycle that brought including a three-year proba- scholarships, among oth tion imposed in 1991 for violations. recruiting violations in the basketball program.

When a lesser transgression assessed against the footb al control. You can't really iso-pretation of NCAA finance look at the totality of it," said his team more scholarships. committee chairman Michael

UTEP had appealed to the permit the football program committee for a reduction of award 21 new scholarships restoration of some of the tute the penalty period. T scholarships that were taken NCAA maximum is 25. from the football and men's grams. Officials did not dis- of overall scholarships fro pute the violations, but argued 78 to 79 during one of the

"I don't agree with it (the other. The regular NCA ruling), but we're going to live maximum is 85. with it," said UTEP athletic director John Thompson.

Slive said the committee give out 11 scholarships di "The NCAA says that I have found the penalties neither ing each of the two pena to report (violations). I just excessive nor inappropriate years instead of 13. T despite mitigating factors women's team will be restri such as UTEP's replacement of ed to 13 scholarships inste the eligibility and compliance of 15 over each of two years staff at the heart of many of the problems.

The NCAA announced May taken steps to stay within UTEP did report the viola- 1 that it was putting UTEP on NCAA-imposed limits the tions in the latest case, but it probation because of a lack of season so they would on didn't help the school as the institutional control and what have to face one more year NCAA on Wednesday upheld were characterized as rampant sanctions. Officials are wo a five-year probation and transgressions of NCAA regu- ing with the women's p other sanctions imposed for lations in the penalized pro- gram to help mitigate t

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As a result, the NCAA sa the appeals committee w

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> Gentile said the affect men's programs had alrea penalties' impact.

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Phones, gadgets increase danger on roads

WASHINGTON (AP) – Americans have so many distractions in their cars they are becoming part-time drivers – trying to eat, talk on the phone, use a computer, navigate and change tapes while coping with highway traffic. It's a formula for disaster.

"People forget how complex driving is," Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said Wednesday.

"We're adding so many distractions we're becoming parttime drivers," said Martinez, a former emergency room doctor who saw the results of inattention first hand. "There's a price to pay in crashes."

Martinez' agency released a study: "An Investigation of the Safety of Wireless Communication in Vehicles," noting the growing popularity of cellular phones, laptop computers, fax machines, onboard navigation systems and other hightech equipment in automobiles. Previous research implicated driver inattention in as many as half of all crashes.

"As cars more and more become an extension of the home and office, we are creating a whole new array of potentially hazardous distractions," said Martinez.

"We are beginning to see crashes ... where drivers were using laptop computers while driving and third-party suppliers are now providing hardware for mounting laptop computers adjacent to the driver or, in some cases, right on the steering wheel," his agency reported.

But it isn't just a high-tech problem, Martinez added, noting crashes can result from something as simple as trying to eat while driving.

"Some of the best minds in restaurant chains are working on food you can eat while driving.



Over the holidays I saw a guy with drink in the crook of his arm, fries in his right hand, a burger in his left and steering with one finger," Martinez reported.

Martinez recalled his emergency room days, treating one driver who struck a tree while adjusting a tape, and a group of bicyclists hit by a driver who swerved while reaching for a compact disc. While the new study warned

While the new study warned of the dangers of distractions, it stopped short of calling for restrictions, saying additional research is needed and noting that the wireless equipment also has benefits.

While researchers lacked complete data on crashes involving cellular phones, they were able to study accident reports from several states.

"Contrary to expectations, the majority of drivers were talking on their telephones rather than dialing at the time of the crash. A few drivers also were startled when their cellular phones rang and, as they reached for their phones, they ran off the road," the study said.

"The overwhelming majority of cellular telephone users were in the striking vehicle," in an accident, they added.

accident, they added. With cellular phone use growing rapidly, the report concluded, an increasing number of drivers will be exposed to this distraction.

Jeffrey Nelson of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association called the study "balanced."

"Common sense tells us that when people are in their vehicles they have an opportunity to do an increasing number of different things," he observed. Making sure they use the technology safely, he said, is an "educational opportunity that the industry takes very seriously." There are 50 million cellular

There are 50 million cellular phones in use today and their number is expected to double by the turn of the century. That's up from just 345,000 in 1985, according to the new government study.

A year ago researchers reporting in the New England Journal of Medicine provided the first measurement of how dangerous it can be to use a phone while driving.