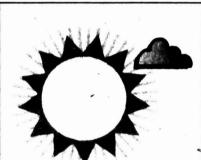
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Police check report of theft from pizzeria

Pampa police officers today were investigating the theft of more than \$100 from a local pizza place.

Rebecca Sue Hilton, the area manager of Pizza Hut, reported the theft to officers Monday afternoon.

Hilton told officers the Pampa store, 855 W. Kingsmill, was short \$50.83 about 4 p.m. Monday when she first counted the restaurant's receipts. After a closer accounting Monday evening, she reported a shortage of \$114.71.

Police officials said this morning that the matter was under investigation.

Firefighters respond to child's Santa letter

BROWNSVILLE (AP) -When fire Capt. Carlos Mendez found a letter to Santa Claus mixed in with paperwork at the station, he had a big assignment for his firefighters.

They delivered Thursday, pulling up in front of 8-yearold Yesenia Palomares' home in a fire truck with sacks full of toys for the family.

Yesenia had written the letter while in school. She explained in the letter that her mother had been ill and times had been hard.

"My small Christmas tree is sad and I want to ask if you could please visit our home," she wrote, listing possible gifts for the family. "Thank you Santa, call me and we'll be waiting at our house for you. Feliz Navidad. Merry Christmas.'

Mabel Odell Schmalz, 85, retired registered nurse. Flöyd Earl Steele, 74, retired fire marshall.

Flossie Weatherford, 85, former Dunlap's associate.

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Primary races begin to form

Contests starting to take shape

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

With less than a week left to file for political office, several local candidates are seeking election in the 2002 campaigns.

Interest is building in the local elections as there will be some contested races. Deadline to file is Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Republican County Treasurer Doug Ware. She did not have an Scott Hahn will have an opponent in the race for that office. Tawrin Richard 'Tory' Peet, 30, has also filed for that position.

Peet and his father, County Judge Richard Peet, will both be Waters. As Waters only serves seeking the nomination in the 2002 Republican Primary in March which leads to the General Election in November. Judge Peet is seeking re-election must file in Austin. to the position he has held for seven years.

Judge Peet said his son has

"He's a high school math _positions teacher at White Deer," said the older Peet. He said his son said to seek the Precinct 2 County he was interested in the position

of county treasurer.

Incumbent Precinct 1 & 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez has filed to seek election to the post he has filled several months. He was appointed to the position when former longtime JP Bob Muns resigned to

take retirement. Malcomb Ray "Rusty' Horton has also filed as a candidate in the Republican Primary for this JP position.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman is being challenged by former JP Margie Prestridge. Prestridge filed Friday morning. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter has also filed for for re-election, according to Republican County Chairman

opponent as of press time The only Democrat who has filed to seek office in that primary is 223rd District Judge Lee one county, he files with the local Gray County political

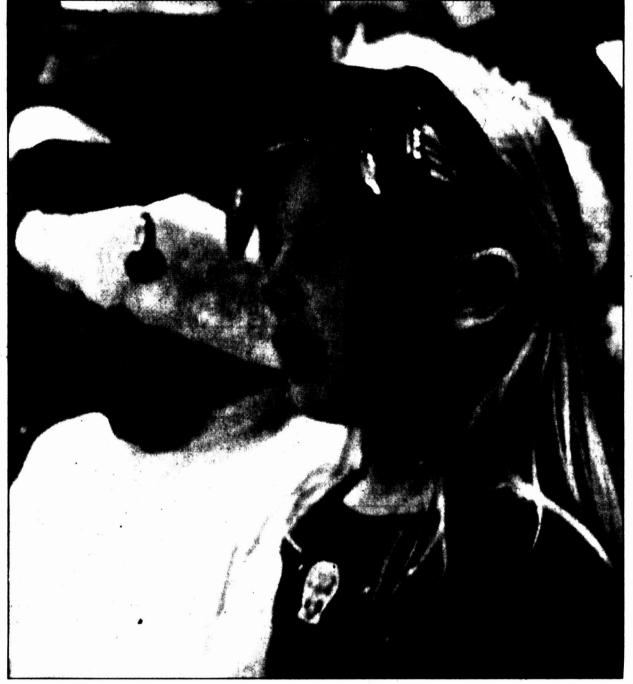
party chairman. Judges who

serve more than one county

Both County Glerk Susan Winborne and District Clerk Gave Honderich have filed with always been interested in public the local Republican Party chairman to seek re-election to their

> Gary Willoughby filed Dec. 2 (See RACES, Page 3)

Cute caroler



Alex Stevens puts her whole heart into singing Christmas carols at a recent Gray County Commissioners Court meeting. Alex and several students from Grandview-Hopkins school, all dressed for the holidays, provided a variety of musical selections for the group.

Attorney receives appointment as Child Protection Court judge

Pampa attorney Phil Vanderpool ing associate judge." has been appointed as associate judge Protection Court.

Texas announced the appointment

"Mr. Vanderpool has distinguished himself by his work for children in the courts. He has an excellent reputation in the courts which he will service," Moore said in announcing the appointment. "He will be an outstand-

As an associate judge, Vanderpool of the Northern Panhandle Child will preside over child abuse and neglect cases filed by the Texas Kelly G. Moore of Brownfield, pre- Department of Protective and siding judge of the Ninth Regulatory Services in the district Administrative Judicial Region of courts in these counties: Bailey, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Grav, Hall, Hartley, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Oldham, Parmer, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler. Gray County serves as

host county for the associate judge. A graduate of McMurry College in Abilene, Vanderpool earned his law

degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas. Vanderpool has practiced law in

Pampa since 1975, handling all types of litigation. He also has extensive experience in litigation involving the protection of

children, according to the announce-Currently serving as presiding judge for the Pampa Municipal Court,

Vanderpool is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the College of the State Bar of Texas and is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Bin Laden on tape urges strikes on U.S. economy

Associated Press Writer

DUBAL, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The world's most wanted man, Osama bin Laden, appeared in a videotape, calling for the destruction of the U.S. economy as the surest way to bring

Looking gaunt but smiling occasionally, the terrorist leader appeared in front of a brown cloth, dressed in military fatigues. Though thinner than in past tapes, his voice was strong and clear. He spoke deliberately, often leaning into the camera.

"I concentrate on the importance of continuing holy war actions against America, militarily and economically, and America is retreating with God's help," he said in a videotape sent anonymously by air courier from Pakistan to Qatarbased Al-Jazeera television, which aired it in full Thursday night.

"This economic hemorrhaging continues until today, but requires more blows. And the youth should try to find the joints of the American economy and hit the enemy in these joints, with God's permission.

In an apparent appeal to Muslim youths, bin Laden repeatedly referred to the 19 hijackers who carried out the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as martyrs. He said they 'struck deep in the heart of America's economy."

The tape has raised new questions about where bin Laden is or if he is alive. A spokesman for Afghanistan's new Defense Ministry said bin Laden was in a border area of Pakistan. Other Afghan officials said his whereabouts was unknown.

In Washington U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said experts would examine the tape for any valuable intelligence information on bin Laden. He admitted the United States did not know where the al-Qaida leader was. "We hear six, seven, eight, 10, 12 conflicting reports every day" on bin Laden's location, he said.

U.S. forces have been searching caves in the mountainous Tora Bora area of eastern Afghanistan, where bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters made their last stand.

It was not clear where or when the tape from bin Laden was made. His references indicated it could have been made in the past few weeks. Al-Jazeera began broadcasting excerpts of it Wednesday night and aired it in full Thursday.

Bin Laden gestured often during the 33-minute (See TAPE, Page 3)

County Commissioners set meeting dates for next year

Meeting dates for the Gray County Commissioner Court meetings have been established for the upcoming 2002

The dates for the month of January are Wednesday, Jan. 2 and Tuesday, Jan. 15.

February meetings will be Friday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 15 while March meeting dates will be Friday, March 1 and

April meetings will be on Monday, April 1 and Monday April 15.

During May, meetings will be Wednesday, May 1 Wednesday May 15, and Friday, May 31. June 14 will be the date of the only meeting that month.

It will be on a Friday. July meetings will both be on Mondays. The dates will be July 1 and July 15.

In August, two meetings will be on Thursdays, August 1 and August 15. The commissioners court will also meet on Aug. 30, a Friday.

The lone meeting in September will be on Monday, Sept. October meetings will be on Tuesdays, Oct. 1 and Oct. 15,

while the November meetings will be held on Fridays, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15. December will close the year with three meetings. Both

Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 meetings will be Mondays and the Dec. 31 meeting will be on a Tuesday.



Happy Holidays from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Daily Record

Obituaries

MABEL ODELL SCHMALZ

CLARENDON - Mabel Odell Schmalz, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Schmalz was born June 12, 1916, in Albany, Texas, and was a former resident of Pampa. She lived in Irving for 45 years before moving to Amarillo two years ago. She was a Registered Nurse and worked both as private duty and in Highland General Hospital in Pampa and at Irving Community Hospital before her retirement.

She was married to Peter Joseph Schmalz who preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1987.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a Past Worthy Matron of the Wichita Falls Chapter. She was a Baptist.

law, Charlie and Datha DeMoss of Clarendon; and several nieces and nephews.

FLOYD EARL STEELE Floyd Earl Steele, 74, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Steele was born March 7, 1927, at Breckenridge. He married Renee Collett in 1948 at Graham. He had been a Pampa resident since 1957 and retired from the City of Pampa as fire marshall after 33 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Ambulance Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Renee, of the home; a son, Preston F. Steele of Pampà; four sisters, Lou Burson and Yvonne Tanner, both of Mineral Wells, Mildred Bull of Granbury and Emma Bean of Wimberly; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

FLOSSIE WEATHERFORD

PLAINVIEW — Flossie Weatherford, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Resthaven Funeral Home's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock. Burial will follow in

Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Born May 2, 1916, at Michie, Tenn., Mrs. Weatherford graduated from high school at Littlefield and married Fred Mac Weatherford on Nov. 4, 1934, at

Levelland. He died Nov. 8, 1995. She worked for Dunlap's Department Store in Pampa and Lubbock, retiring in 1988, and belonged to Stocks Vanvelia Church of Christ.

seven sisters and a brother.

Survivors include a son, Max Weatherford of Plainview; a daughter, Shirley Austin of Abernathy; a sister, Katherine Gattis of Morton; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 27 4:53 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters

responded to a report of a structure fire in the 200 block of Sunset. Firefighters found children burning wood in a barbecue grill.

Services tomorrow

SCHMALZ, Mabel Odell — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

TRAINER, Nellie "Jane" E. Dowling — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WEATHERFORD, Flossie — 10 a.m., Resthaven Funeral Home's Abbey Chapel,

Police report

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

Thursday, Dec. 27

The area manager of the Pizza Hut reported

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the follow-Survivors include one brother and sister-in- ing arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7

Thursday, Dec. 27

Wayne Elliott Williams, 51, 1209 Duncan, was arrested on municipal warrants charging him with driving with an expired registration and failure to appear.

Patricia Vargas Ramirez, 23, no address given, was arrested on municipal warrants charging her with assault, drive without a license, permitting an unlicensed driver to drive and failure to appear.

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 27 9:10 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transferred

one to BSA-West, Amarillo. 9:39 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Craven and transported one to PRMC

11:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC. 11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to SCCI Amarillo, to transfer one to a local nursing center.

1:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, 3:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart and transported one to

6:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to a local nursing facility.

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Weather focus

northwest late. Tonight, partly cloudy this evening then becoming cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the lower 30s. 15 to 20. Highs in the upper 30s. steady through New Year's Day. New Years Day, partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. Highs near 40.

STATEWIDE – A beautiful day but colder weather will move in this weekend.

tures and sunny skies will prevail 40s northwest to mid 50s south- to Sunday's forecast, with cloudy 60s over the state.

in Galveston.

PAMPA - Today, mostly sunny. mostly sunny skies today, with Sunday night. Highs will reach Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest highs ranging from 45 degrees in the lower 40s northwest to near winds 10 to 15 mph becoming the mountains to near 70 along the 50 southeast. On Monday and Rio Grande, 50s in the Panhandle New Year's Day, it will be mostly and far west with mainly 60s else-cloudy with a chance of rain. Rair where. Lows tonight will reach the may be mixed with snow along 20s from the South Plains to the Panhandle and in the far west with from the mid and upper 20s north mostly 30s elsewhere. Saturday, it to mid 30s south. Highs will will be partly cloudy with highs range from the lower 40s north-Saturday night, cloudy. Lows in ranging from near 40 in the the lower 20s. Sunday, cloudy Panhandle and mountains to the upper 60s along the Rio Grande. sunny, with highs ranging from On Sunday, cloudy, with a chance Sunday evening, cloudy with a 20 of snow through Monday in the percent chance of light snow. Panhandle. Highs from the 30s in Monday, mostly cloudy with a the Panhandle to near 60 south and slight chance of light snow. Lows west, with temperatures holding

In North Texas, partly cloudy 30 northwest to near 40 southeast. Unseasonably warm tempera- and cooler, with highs in the mid Friday, with highs mainly in the east. Saturday night, partly skies. A good chance of rain on Last night, lows ranged from 16 20s northwest to mid 30s south. on New Year's Day.

degrees in Dalhart to 59 degrees On Sunday, a chance of rain will exist in the north, possibly mixed The West Texas forecast calls for with snow along the Red River the Red River. Lows will range west to lower 50s southeast.

In South Texas today it will be

the upper 60s north and east to 75 in the south. Lows tonight will be in the 30s in the north and in the 40s elsewhere except low 50s on the coast. Temperatures will hold steady through Saturday night, with increasing cloudiness. and warmer today with highs in Sunday, cooler, with highs the 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy around 50 degrees in the north is forecast over the state today, skies are forecast, with lows near and low 60s in the south. Lows in the upper 20s north on Sunday Saturday, it will be partly cloudy night. On Monday and New Year's Day, temperatures similar cloudy and cold, with lows upper Monday, diminishing somewhat

Winner of \$36 million lottery gets rich on a 'quick pick'

Commission has heard from the winner of this week's \$36 million Lotto Texas drawing.

Kristina Tirloni, a spokeswoman for the commission, said the caller claiming to have the winning for \$1,440,000 each December for the next 24 years. ticket passed the initial ticket inquiry, which confirms the winning ticket through another series of numbers printed on it.

Lottery Commission officials will now wait for the claimant to take the next step: bringing the final validation process. The final claim must be made within 180 days from the drawing

Tirloni said the claimant decided to seek legal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery advice first, a common practice among lottery

Wednesday's winner will receive an initial payment of \$1,460,149.20. The winner can expect a check

The winning numbers weren't an assortment of birthdays, anniversaries or ages, but six numbers selected at random by a computer, a "quick pick"

- 8, 20, 40, 44, 47 and 51. Sankar Saja, who owns Riverside Food Mart in the ticket to lottery headquarters in Austin for Fort Worth, the store that sold the winning ticket was sold, said he's not as excited about the \$360,000 - 1 percent of the winnings - that his store will receive as he is about the additional business the publicity will generate.

Reports raising hopes for improved economy

By JEANNINE AVERSA Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Home sales elimbed, orders for many big-ticket items posted gains and consumer confidence rebounded, the latest batch of economic data showed Friday. The reports raised hope that better days may be ahead for the ailing economy.

New-homes sales soared by 6.4 percent in November, the largest increase in almost a year, helped out by mild weather and low mortgage rates, the Commerce Department reported.

Sales of previously owned homes rose by 0.6 percent in November to a rate of 5.21 million, setting the stage for a possible record year, the National Association of Realtors said in another report.

Although a big drop in demand for military planes pushed down orders for costly manufactured goods last month by 4.8 percent, many other bigticket items posted gains, another Commerce Department report showed.

But in the most encouraging economic news of the day, consumer confidence rose sharply in December following three months of dramatic decline, as the erosion of the economy and job market appeared to begin leveling off.

York-based The New Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 93.7 this month from a revised 84.9 in November. Analysts were expecting a reading of 83.

New-homes sales soared by 6.4 % in November - largest increase in almost a year.

sumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. All three reports raised hopes

that the recession, which started in March, may be bottoming out. Virtually all of the weakness in orders for durable goods items expected to last at least three years — in November came

orders for airplanes, mostly stemming from slackened demand for defense aircraft and parts, the government said. Excluding the volatile transportation category, which can

from a 57.9 percent drop in new

swing widely from month to a rate of 1.17 million in the month, durable-goods orders rose a solid 1.1 percent, the first back-to-back increase since November-December 1999. New orders for automobiles

November, on top of an 11 percent increase in October. Free last month. The average interest financing for cars and trucks has rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortbeen a main factor behind gage was 6.7 percent in November, stronger sales in the last couple compared with 7.7 percent for the of months.

Orders for computers and eleccent, following an 8.9 percent cut interest rates 11 times this advance in October.

The index, based on a monthly household appliances saw orders for unemployment insurance survey of some 5,000 U.S. house-increase by 2.6 percent in rose last week by a seasonally holds, is closely watched because November, after a 4.5 percent adjusted 7,000 to 392,000, the consumer confidence drives congain. Orders for primary metals, Labor Department reported.

including steels, rose 1.4 percent, following a 2 percent decline.

The nation's manufacturing sector has been hardest hit by the sour economy, which tipped into recession in March. To cope, factories have sharply cut production and laid off workers.

In the new-home sales report, the 6.4 percent rise, the biggest increase since December 2000, pushed new-home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 934,000, the highest level in eight

By region, new-home sales rose by 6.1 percent in the Northeast to a rate of 70,000. In the Midwest they jumped by 13.1 percent to a rate of 173,000 and in the South, they grew by 7.7 percent to a rate of 478,000. But in the West, sales fell by 0.9 percent to a rate of

For previously owned homes, sales rose by 3.8 percent in the West in November to a rate of 1.36 million. Sales held steady at Midwest and 2.05 million in the South. But in the Northeast, sales fell by 3.1 percent to a rate of

Economists say mild weather rose a strong 4.5 percent in and low mortgage rates helped both new and existing home sales same month a year ago.

The Federal Reserve, in an tronic equipment grew by 2 per- effort to revive the economy, has

Electrical equipment and In another report, new claims

Former teacher of the year faces child indecency charge

PLANO, Texas (AP) - A school administrator to take him on a trip with a church youth group, has been charged with felony child indecency based upon a former student's allegations the man fondled him more than a decade ago.

Independent School District's after-school programs, turned himself Dec. 21 at the Collin County Jail and was released shortly after posting \$25,000 bail on second-degree felony charges, The Dallas Morning News reported in its Friday editions.

Neither Cates nor his attorney could be reached. for comment Thursday, the newspaper said.

The charges came three weeks after a Collin County sheriff's deputy found Cates inside his car I've trusted him with my family and I'd do it on a rural county road with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, officials said. That incident took place two weeks after Plano police began investigating the former student's com-

According to an affidavit prepared by Plano

police to secure an arrest warrant, the investigation began in October when Plano Independent School District officials received an e-mail from a man who said he was a student at Hendrick Middle School from 1987 to 1988 and had been sexually abused by Cates in the summer of 1989, records show. The man told district officials that he was com-

ing forward because he wanted to make sure Cates was no longer working with children, according to

The man, now 26, told police investigators that the abuse took place at Cates' home in east Plano charge, Cates could face a maximum sentence of the night before his former teacher was scheduled 20 years in prison.

who in 1985 was named Plano's teacher of the year, the police affidavit states. Investigators said in the affidavit that the man told them Cates fondled him while he slept in Cates' bed.

Cates served as director of the youth program at Joe Wayne Cates, 44, coordinator of the Plano the Reformed Church in Plano for 16 years before resigning the position voluntarily in early November. As youth leader, Cates wrote children's plays and led youth trips across the Southwest, church officials said.

Officials with the church, where Cates until recently served as youth program director, expressed surprise and disbelief at the allegations.

I've known this gentleman for 22 years, and again," said the Rev. Jack Buteyn, the church's senior pastor.

Danny Modisette, deputy superintendent for the PISD, said Cates was placed on paid leave earlier this month. He declined to elaborate.

Cates, a 1975 graduate of Plano High School, began his teaching career at Hughston Elementary School in Plano in 1979. In 1985, while serving as a physical education teacher at Hughston Elementary School, Cates was named the Plano district's teacher of the year.

He also served as a teacher and assistant principal at Wilson Middle School from 1980 to 1986 and as a teacher at Hendrick in 1986 and 1987 before moving to the district's Special Programs Center. He worked at the center as a teacher, assistant principal, and associate principal until 2000. If indicted and convicted on the indecency

City Briefs

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BASSETT HOUND found in the East part of town. Call 665-5451 ask for Joe

CELLULAR ACCESSORY Sale! All digital face plates \$10, 3D lens covers \$3, other phone accessories 25% Off thru Jan. 31st. Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart. Open Sat. 9-3 p.m.

CLASSIFIED & City Brief deadline for Tues. Jan. 1st, is Mon. Dec. 31st at noon. For Wed. Jan. 2nd is Mon. Dec. 31st at 4 p.m. Happy & Prosperous New Year from The Pampa News!!!

EARLY DEADLINES for clasnoon, Wednesday Jan. 2nd dead- p.m. Cover Charge. line is Monday Dec.31st at 4pm.

EARLY DEADLINES for Display (boxed) ads are as follows: Wednesday Jan 2nd deadline is Friday Dec. 28 at 5:00(, Thursday Jan 3rd deadline is Monday Dec. 31 at noon.

EXPERIENCED ALTERA-TIONS, men, women, children, men's specialty. Bobbie,669-1600.

LONE STAR Country Club: 1300 S. Barnes, Fri. & Sat. Dec. 28th & 29th Vera Brothers live on stage. Cover Charge.

LONE STAR Country Club: 1300 S. Barnes, New Years Eve Party, Champagne and food bar. Bring your own whistle and bells. Vera Brothers live on stage.

MCLEAN COUNTRY Club console cabinet with updated sified line ads and city briefs are New Year's Eve Dance with componets, AM/FM stereo, color as follows: Tuesday Jan. 1st Charlie Phillips and the "Sugartity, record player. 1114 N. Russell, deadline is Monday Dec. 31st at mers", Mon., Dec. 31st, 8:30-12:30

> NEW YEARS Eve Dance, Moose Lodge, Steve Dampier, 8:00 P.M.-12:00 P.M. Champagne & Breakfast.

RICK'S WOOD Lot Mesquite, Oak, Pinion. Will Deliver. Call 868-2671. Leave Message.

SALE! THANK You for a great Holiday Season. 25% off Sterling Jewerly, 30% off X-mas Candles. Fri & Sat. Twice Is Nice.

SATURDAY ONLY 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 30% Off every regular priced item in the store. We will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Holmes Sports Center.

SHOP SANDS Fabrics End of Year Clearance Sale, 40% Off All Fabric.

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Commissioner position currently held by Jim Greene. While Greene has completed a required campaign treasurer designation in the county clerk's office, he has not filed with either the Democrat or Republican County chairman. The treasurer designation is required by law before a candidate may file with a political party.

Greene did not list on the designation form which office he planned to seek.

Two other local residents— Tommy Ray McCracken and Lawrence G. Kurtz - have com- 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2.

pleted the treasurer designation forms, but did not

indicate which office they would seek.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley indicated on the treasurer designation form he is filing for re-election, but had not filed with either Ware or Osborne Friday morning.

All candidates must file a campaign treasurer designation with the county clerk prior to filing for office with the party chairman.

Osborne may be reached at 665-4142 while Ware may be reached at 665-0085 for additional information. Deadline to have the necessary papers filed is

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tape with his right hand and kept his left arm at his side. He is believed to be left-handed and it wasn't clear if he avoided using that hand because of a problem or injury. Bin Laden often has been shown

gesturing with his right hand. Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to Washington, quickly issued a statement in the United States saying the tape "contains the usual rhetoric we have seen before from a deviant and cowardly criminal. Bin Laden is deluding himself if he believes that his criminal acts are justified by any religion or principle of humanity.'

Saudi Arabia stripped bin Laden of his citizenship nearly a decade ago, when his anger with warm Saudi-U.S. relations grew loud enough to become a potential threat to the stability of the

Aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, which is launching airstrikes on bin Laden's suspected hideouts from the Arabian Sea, the crew watched footage aired by CNN in ship lounges,

mess halls and work spaces. "It is clearly propaganda aimed at trying to show that America is anti-Islamic," Lt. John Oliveira, the ship's spokesman, said. "I think over the last three months of this campaign, the United States has shown it is not anti-Islamic. We are anti-terrorism."

The videotape was filled with Islamic parables and words dedicated to the hijackers.

Bin Laden praises the Sept. 11 attacks and defends what even he calls terror against the United

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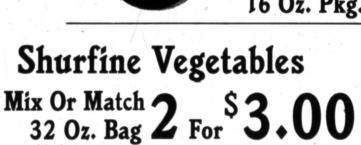
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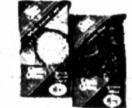




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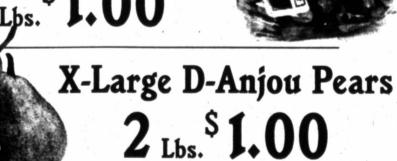
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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) -Excerpts of Osama bin Laden's videotaped comments aired Thursday on the Qatar-based Al-

I would like to stress the true nature of the struggle between us and the Americans, which is very important and of grave danger not for the Muslims alone but for the whole world. America is accusing those migrants and holy warriors in God's name (Arab fighters in Afghanistan), but has no evidence. It is mere injustice, aggression and oppression.

If their economy ends, they will busy themselves away from the enslavement of oppressed people ... It is important to concentrate on the destruction of the American economy.

Those blessed strikes (Sept. 11) have inflicted on America, by its own admission ... more than 1 trillion dollars in losses.

Our terrorism is against America. Our terrorism is a blessed terrorism to prevent the unjust person from committing injustice and to stop American support for Israel, which kills our

If America had sound evidence that those who carried out the attacks were Europeans, such as the IRA (Irish Republican Army), then it would possess many ways to solve this problem. But since there was a mere suspicion that indicated the Islamic world, the real ugly face and the Crusader hatred against the Islamic world were

U.S. gets more prisoners, plans to hold some at Navy base in Cuba

By PAULINE JELINEK **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) -American forces in Afghanistan took control of dozens more prisoners as the U.S. government considered whether to use military tribunals to try some of the

terrorist suspects. Meanwhile, officials said they were planning to hold Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Cuba.

Twenty-five more prisoners arrived at the U.S. base set up by Marines in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, Pentagort spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Friday. That brought the number of captured al-Qaida and Taliban figures in U.S. custody there to 62 and overall to 70.

Eight, including American John Walker Lindh, were being held on the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu in the try terrorist suspects from other interrogating them to learn about Arabian Sea.

Franks, may have been fired on Saturday as he traveled in Afghanistan to attend the inauguration of the new government

"There were a handful of helicopters. They believe some of That's all we know," Clarke said. A report in Friday's Tampa Tribune said there were four U.S. helicopters and that pilots took

evasive action and landed safely. Asked if the helicopter carry-

of Hamid Karzai.

Toddler's accused kidnapper caught CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) -

A woman accused of kidnapping a 16-month-old girl at a Chicago bus station on Christmas Eve appeared in court Friday, and the toddler's mother prepared to be reunited with her daughter.

Sheila Matthews, who was arrested Thursday on a tip from boyfriend's mother, appeared before a U.S. magis-

Matthews, who gave her age as 35, sat quietly through the hearing, repeatedly rubbing her forehead. When Magistrate Mary Stanley asked her if she had any mental or physical illnesses that would prevent her from understanding the proceedings, she did not understand the question until her court-appointed attorney

explained. Stanley told her she was charged with a serious felony and could spend years in jail. She asked if she understood that. Matthews indicated she did.

Guantanamo naval base, which the United States has held since 1903, is near the U.S. mainland and highly secure.

begin at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to ready Afghanistan.

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an official said Friday on condi-razor wire. tion of anonymity.

The draft was first reported in The New York Times and The Washington Post. Clarke said the proposed rules were still "a work in progress" being drawn up by the Defense Department, Justice Department, White House and

Natio al Security Council. The new prisoners in U.S. custody were from among hundreds held by Pakistan. Afghan fighters hold some 7,000 more captured er and wrested control of the

Although President Bush has be punished. CIA and FBI agents authorized military tribunals to are among those who have been countries, Defense Secretary leader Osama bin Laden's Clarke also said the helicopter Donald H. Rumsfeld said whereabouts, trying to deterentourage that included the Thursday the military has made mine which ones should be war's commander, Gen. Tommy no plans to hold such tribunals at brought to trial and trying to get information about other terror-

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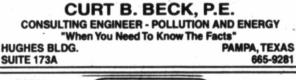
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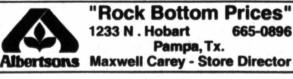


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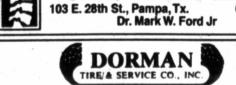
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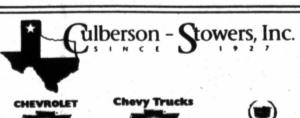
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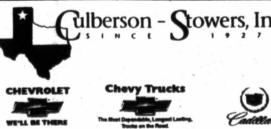
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American Jews wrestle with old question Religion briefs...

Should they reconcile with Germany now?

By DAVID MINTHORN **Associated Press Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The question still roils the Jewish community: Is reconciliation with Germany possible or even desirable after the slaughter of 6 mil-

poisoned forever by the Nazi's campaign to wipe out Europe's German or visit the country.

Jews. To them, "Never forget" Former U.S. Treat products, travel to Germany or German-Jewish having anything to do with

challenging unbending attitudes. ened. Modern Germany bears no resemblance to Hitler's era, the government has made restitution

Harriet Mandel of the Jewish to forget."

Still, he said survivors' views Community Relations Council of States do not.

"Sentiment to continue boy-

Mary Alice Reynolds, the wife

of a well-known real estate agent

cotting Germany is quite deeply imbedded," Mandel said. "Second- and third-generation American-born Jews are the most reluctant to move on.'

An estimated 250,000 children of Holocaust survivors live in the United States, researchers say, some banding together to discuss ents' efforts to deal psychologically with the death camps, losses of family members and guilt about their own survival.

Even American Jews not directly touched by the Holocaust say they are expressing a tribal Some believe relations were solidarity with the victims and their offspring by refusing to buy

means refusing to buy German Secretary Michael Blumenthal, a Holocaust refugee, believes Jewish sentiment for shunning Germany has But more than five decades declined over the last 20 years as after the war, political realities are German democracy has strength-

"The German generation in power today is trying very hard make amends," to many victims and Germany Blumenthal, who heads the new has become a stalwart ally of national Jewish Museum in Israel, as well as the United Berlin. "They recognize that the worst thing that could happen is

New York, a coordinating body on Germany are influenced less for 60 groups, favors reconcilia- by political developments than associate with that," he said. tion, but other Jews in the United by whether close family members were victims of the Nazis.

Inge Oppenheimer, who spent than 100,000, the largest commu-

'The German generation in power today is trying very hard to make amends.'

- Michael Blumenthal Holocaust refugee

of Kassel and was deported to a concentration camp Czechoslovakia, visited Germany and recalled seeing her parents' name on a plaque for Holocaust

'I got hysterical at the realiza-

tion of what happened," she said. She discussed her experiences at the Jewish Heritage Museum Treasury of New York in a recent symposium on Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, the Nov. 9, 1938, attack by Nazi followers on synagogues and Jewish businesses across Germany.

Oppenheimer sensed the Germans she met on her visit felt uncomfortable around Jews, which she saw as a legacy of the Holocaust. Still, she said, "Today Germans are different. I must admit it."

Roman Weingarten, originally from Krakow, Poland, and a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp, agreed. "Today to put them all in one bushel, I don't

The Jewish population in Germany now numbers more

childhoods colored by their par- her childhood in the German city nity in Western Europe, with most coming from Russia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe over

> able rebirth, considering Germany's prewar Jewish population of 500,000 was almost

wiped out. Blumenthal addressed several hundred people in October at Temple Emanu-El in New York, tracing Jewish evolution from ghettos to assimilation in Germany, as typified by his own ancestors dating back to the 17th

the Jewish Museum, Blumenthal often meets Germans forced to fully confront the history of the

As a 12-year-old in Berlin, Blumenthal saw his merchant father dragged away to Buchenwald concentration camp on Kristallnacht. When his father was released, the family fled Germany for Shanghai, China, where they spent World War II, then emigrated to the United States in 1947.

Germans born after the Holocaust, Blumenthal said, "I tell them, 'You have no reason to feel guilty. But you have to learn about the past."

Dieter Kastrup, German ambassador to the United Nations, said Germany's Holocaust reparations so far have amounted to 100 billion marks -

"Of course, no amount of money would compensate," he told the seminar.

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suggestion. She later told about from Indianapolis, appeared on her meeting with the evangelist: page one of the New York Times. "When Mr. Ramsey anointed me, me bodily, but my spiritual wel-

Group aids, restores old church buildings

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) -The roof on the 91-year-old Omega Seventh-day Adventist Church roof in New Haven has collapsed, its heating system needs an upgrade and other

In Philadelphia, the Acts of the Apostles Church in Jesus Christ needs more than \$170,000 to repair a crumbling bell tower. New York's 150year-old Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Synagogue was ravaged by fire that wrecked its copper roof and plaster ceiling.

These are just a few of the countless religious buildings around the country slowly crumbling into piles of debris and neglect, according to a New Haven-based group, Partners for Sacred Places, which is trying to change that.

The group Monday released a list of what it said were the 10 most endangered religious buildings across the country, and called for federal and private aid to save the facilities and the social services they provide.

"This report, '10 Sacred Places to Save,' could have been called '10,000 Sacred Places to Save,' because this is just the tip of the iceberg," said Diane Cohen, co-director of the nonprofit preservation group. "We will start to lose these buildings and the vital community services they house" if nothing is done to help restore them.



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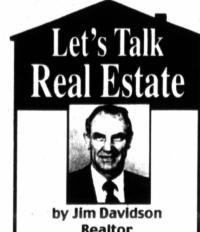
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U.S. Catholics asked to pray for peace on New Year's Day, a response to terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Roman Catholics to pray for peace on New Year's Day in response to Sept. 11.

The Vatican traditionally designates Jan. 1 as the World Day of Peace. The U.S. bishops at their November meeting issued a special request for prayer on that day, in light of the war on terrorism. The bishops approved a document acknowledging the United States' moral right to a military defense against terrorism. But church

leaders also said the response must be part of a broader foreign policy that battles poverty, human rights abuses and violence.

On Dec. 19, 68 Catholic leaders of missionary, political, peace and

other organizations, issued a statement making the opposite argument — that the U.S. war on terrorism was not morally justifiable according to church teachings. The group said too many innocent civilians had been harmed in

the air strikes on Afghanistan and the U.S. government had failed to explore all diplomatic options.

The group also called on the United States to set up a commission to study the roots of injustice that terrorists exploit to justify their

Church council criticizes Bush administration on detentions in domestic fight against terrorism

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Council of Churches criticized the Bush administration's prolonged detention of hundreds of mostly Middle Eastern men as part of the terrorism investigation.

The council, which represents 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, said in a Dec. 20 statement that it supports a civil rights suit demanding the federal government release names of those arrested and the charges they face.

The council condemned the use of military tribunals, saying they have the potential to undermine legal rights under our

Attorney General John Ashcroft has defended the administration's approach as necessary to fight terrorism. He has accused his critics of giving "ammunition to America's enemies and pause to America's friends.'

The NCC contends, "Our nation should model the rights and behaviors that we would hope to see throughout the world. If it does not, we should speak up loudly and clearly and say so."

Episcopal priest, accused of preaching without license, faces church charges in Texas

LANHAM, Md. (AP) - An Episcopal priest who has clashed with church leaders over his conservative views will be tried in a church court for preaching at a suburban Washington parish without the approval of his bishop.

The Rev. Samuel Edwards was charged Dec. 19 with breaking church laws when he ignored an order from Jane Holmes Dixon, acting bishop of Washington, to leave Christ Episcopal Church in Accokeek in May. He was later forced out of the parish by a federal

Edwards is among a group of conservatives who believe the current practice of ordaining women and a growing acceptance of gays is a break with traditional Episcopal teachings.

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Mom Who's After Golf Pro May Get Stuck In The Rough

DEAR ABBY: My mother is divorced and currently dating "Scott," a golf pro. He lives with another woman I'll call Alice. When Scott and my mother met in a bar a year ago, he was honest about the fact he was living with someone. Alice is the woman Scott left his wife for. They moved here together from another state. However, he told my mother his relationship with Alice was essentially over and he was waiting for the "right time" to

According to Scott, he owns no furniture or household appliances, and the truck he drives is in Alice's name. He says if he had any assets his ex-wife would claim them. He's not even listed in our local phone

My sisters and I see red flags and have warned Mother. She ordered us to stay out of her life. Mother believes if she holds out long enough, Scott will leave Alice and come running to her. She believes everything he says.

This has caused a huge rift in our your fingers and pray. family. I know Mother doesn't want to be alone, but her desperate attempts to turn this "romance" into something lasting frighten me. She did give Scott an ultimatum about leaving Alice, which he did briefly, and then returned to her - but Mother continues to see him.

I don't understand why Mother isn't angry and has so little pride and self-respect. It has taken all my strength not to call Alice and tell her what is going on. Scott is taking advantage of two women.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Abby, am I way off base, or does this situation have all the makings of a disaster?

LOVE IS BLIND AND STUPID IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR LOVE IS BLIND: Your mother knows the risk she is taking. She is after a swinger with a serious "handicap." Sadly, even if she wins, she's going to wind up with a loser.

Please try not to judge her harshly. If you can, involve her in activities where she might meet someone eligible who shares her interests. Then cross

DEAR ABBY: I am married. I love my husband, but I kissed another man. I feel awful about this. It was crazy, but I enjoyed the momentary escape from reality. Any advice on how to deal with this? FEELING GUILTY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: What you did was impulsive, foolish and risky, and sent the wrong message to the man involved. Before it happens

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again — and you feel even worse — please schedule some sessions with a counselor to find out what made you vulnerable to this indiscretion.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are looking forward to entertaining in our home. Neither of us drinks alcohol, and we prefer not to have any in our home. Can you help us with an appropriate way to communicate that to our guests? T. TOTALLER IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR T.: Actions speak louder than words. An appropriate way to get your message

across is simply to serve a variety of tasty, non-alcoholic beverages at your gatherings. If one of your guests mentions it, don't hesitate to tell

that person exactly what you have told me. In your home, you make the rules.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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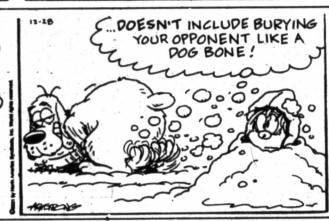


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FOOTBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Red Raider blitz is coming and Iowa's football team is ready for it. As ready as it can be; anyway.

The blitz is not an ice cream concoction sold in Lubbock. Nor is it the horde of Texas Tech fans who'll be here for the game, though that will be formidable. It's not a Bob Knight temper tantrum, either.

This is a defensive blitz, a tactic that Iowa expects the Red Raiders to employ frequently in the Alamo Bowl on Saturday. They'll bring a linebacker or two to rush the passer, sometimes a cornerback, sometimes a safety. Heck, they might even bring all three posi-

"It's going to be a challenge," fullback Jeremy Allen said. "They like to get you in third down and bring all types of blitzes and they do it well. We've really been working on that this week. It's going to be really important for us to pick those up."

OMISSION

PAMPA — Danielle Zuniga's name was omitted from a gymnastics article that was turned in to The Pampa News.

Danielle competed for the M.G. Flyers in a tumbling and trampoline meet earlier this month in Muleshoe. Entered in the 9-year-old division, Danielle won first in Level 4 trampoline and third in Level 5 tumbling.

The article appeared in the Dec. 23rd edition.

BASKETBALL

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Bob Knight has reached a settlement with a man who accused the Texas Tech basketball coach of pressuring him to lie about a 1999 hunting accident.

The Wisconsin State Journal reported Friday that the lawsuit was dismissed Thursday. Details of the settlement were not included in court documents, the newspaper said.

Catherine Rottier, a Madison attorney representing Knight, said the settlement was reached shortly before Christmas. She declined to reveal specifics of the out-of-court deal.

Thomas Mikunda of Exeland filed suit Aug. 6., claiming Knight pressured him to falsify details about the Oct. 12, 1999, hunting accident in northeastern Wisconsin. He claimed Knight negligently shot at a grouse, even though Mikunda was in the line of fire, hitting him in the back and shoulder.

Mikunda claims Knight then coerced him into backing his version of the accident to avoid problems with his coaching job at Indiana University, where the Hall of Fame coach spent 29 years before being fired in 2000.

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson was feeling pretty good about his reserves after the Dallas Mavericks beat the Chicago Bulls.

"I went into the game telling the team that I wasn't going to play anybody more than 30 minutes," Nelson said after winning his 999th game as an NBA coach. "I wanted my bench to supply the spark and win the game.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 of his 24 points in the first quarter, and reserve Eduardo Najera set career highs with 15 points and 14 rebounds as Dallas' backups combined for 42 points in an 89-74 victory Thursday night.

"I played solid," Najera said. "There was nothing fancy. I just did my job."

Dallas was forced to rely on its reserves even more because the Mavericks played the second half without No. 2 scorer Michael Finley and starting center Evan Eschmeyer, both sidelined by first-half injuries.

"We knew we had to be ready to play and take care of business," Nowitzki said.

Flashback

1965: First baseman Steve Molberg had two hits, including a 2run homer as Pampa defeated Lubbock High 3-2 in high school baseball action.

Winning pitcher was Jerry Garrison, who is 7-1 on the season.

'Horns, Huskies, try to get it right in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There's no this game. shortage of motivation for the No. 9 Texas and No. 21 Washington in the Holiday Bowl.

Both teams are coming off devastating losses, and the Longhorns have we did last year." the added burden of having lost last year's Holiday Bowl.

Going into tonight's game, some Longhorns admit they're still down about their 39-37 loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game on Dec. 1 that cost them a shot at playing Miami in the Rose Bowl.

"It was hard, but if you're going to be at Texas and play for championships, you're not going to win them all, and if you don't win one, I'm glad they're down," coach Mack Brown said. "If you ever get so losing's not important to you and it doesn't hurt you, then you shouldn't be playing sting of a 65-7 loss at No. 1 Miami on

"Last year in this Oregon game, they were crushed. And I think that's brought back some memories. We

Texas lost 35-30 to Oregon in last year's Holiday Bowl. Despite throwing four interceptions, Chris Simms still moved the Longhorns into position to win in the closing minutes, only to watch his receivers drop two passes in the end zone and another pass that might have been a touch-

Even though the Holiday Bowl might have the feel of a consolation prize, the Longhorns (10-2) can become just the fifth team in school history to win 11 games if they beat the Huskies (8-3).

Washington is trying to get over the

Major Applewhite, Texas' career don't want to leave here feeling like college game. He earned it after credit - he deflects it to his team- in January, but isn't thinking that far Simms in the Colorado game and

leading a rally that fell just short. gives us the best chance to win at that time, we put in the game, and our guys understand that," Brown said.

a former quarterback, knows what Applewhite brings.

"It is obvious when Major Chris Simms is going to play for a Idaho,

position, he knows how to shoulder know how painful it is. He's been passing leader who's backed up the blame associated with the posi-remarkable in his ability to just do it." Simms all season, will start his final tion, he knows how to deflect the replacing the turnover-plagued mates. That's why teammates obviously love playing for him."

Washington has an interesting situ-"We're just trying to treat it like ation at quarterback, where sophoany other position — the guy that more Cody Pickett has played most of the season with a separated throwing shoulder. Despite the injury, he set a school record with 455 yards passing Washington coach Rick Neuheisel, against Arizona on Oct. 20, and scored the winning touchdown on a 3yard run with 13 seconds left.

Pickett's toughness shouldn't come Applewhite goes in the game, the as a surprise. He's the son of former

"As his dad says, he just rubs a lit-

Applewhite knows how to play the amazed. I've had that injury and I

Pickett probably will have surgery

'We've got Texas," he said. "We've got to redeem ourselves from the Miami deal."

The Huskies committed seven turnovers against Miami, including Pickett's five interceptions.

"It was humiliating, the worst possible thing could happen," senior center Kyle Benn said. "It mars a good season. It happens. You want to make up for it, you want team lifts." Neuheisel said. "That's rodeo star Dee Pickett and was a to save face. ... We're concentratnot a knock on Chris Simms; I think rodeo cowboy himself growing up in ing on Texas, not on erasing Miami."

Said Brown: "They want to "The point of the matter is, Major tle dirt on it," Neuheisel said. "I'm prove that game was a freak."

Student Athletes



Pampa basketball players Matt Crow (left) and Dustin Johnson hit the books in the bleachers during a break at the Vernon Tournament earlier this month. The Harvesters are taking part in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock this weekend.

Pampa basketball teams drop tournament openers

LUBBOCK — El Paso Montwood held off 26) after three quarters. Pampa in the fourth quarter for a 42-40 win Thursday in first-round action of the Caprock

Leading scorers for Montwood were Angel Flores with 10 points and John Paul Zamarripa 9.

Chadd Platt led Pampa in scoring with 10 points, followed by James Silva 9.

The Harvesters trailed 28-20 at halftime, but trimmed the lead to 34-30 going into the fourth quarter.

However, the Rams were able to stay in front the rest of the way.

Other Harvesters who scored were Adam 22 points. Rodgers 7, Max Simon 6, Jon East 4, Matt Crow 3 and Seidrick Drew 1.

Pampa girls, entered in the Ardmore Holiday Festival, lost to Hugo, Okla. 46-35 in

Thursday's opening round. Tammy Allen led Hugo in scoring with 17 Bovina 77-21.

Lindsey Narron topped the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 13 points.

The Lady Harvesters trailed by only three

Valerie Velez and Stacey Johnson had 4 points each, while Jennie Waggoner had 3, Morgan White, Cali Covalt, Randa Morris 2, Jennifer Lindsey and Ashley Derington 2 each; Abbi Covalt 1.

SILVERTON — Pampa Academy Pacers are entered in the Silverton Hoot Out this

In the girls' division, Pampa dropped a 44-42 decision to Bovina.

Bovina's Becky Cantu led all scorers with

The Lady Pacers were leading by four (33-29) going into the fourth quarter.

Kendra Raber had 20 points and Erin Raber to 10 to lead the Lady Pacers. In the boys' division, the Pacers fell to

Raymond Chisom was high scorer for

Bovina with 20 points. Scoring leaders for Pampa were Coy Devoll

Alabama claims first bowl victory in four years

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Four right with 38 seconds left. years without a bowl win might not

Alabama, it was an eternity. drought thanks to a blocked punt, Andrew Zow's late touchdown and Thursday night's 14-13 Independence Bowl win.

"The win was something big for the seniors, and hopefully we'll cherish that," Zow said. "It's very important for this program and these seniors. It was something special for utes." Alabama because we haven't had a bowl victory in so long.

The Cyclones (7-5), in back-toback bowl games for the first time in 23 years, no longer take losing for granted.

probably a loser, anyway," coach Dan McCarney said. "It hurts a lot.

"Nobody's going to take away what we did this season. Slowly but surely, we've garnered a lot of respect for our program. We're building a program we can be proud

The Cyclones missed two fourthhad a blocked punt that set up Alabama's winning score.

47-yarder that floated inches to the Bacon's block.

"I thought it was good," seem so bad to Iowa State. To McCarney said. "The guy who has the best seat in the house said it was The Crimson Tide (7-5) ended that no good, so I have to trust his judg-

Zow lofted a 27-yard scoring toss Iowa State's field-goal troubles in to Terry Jones Jr. with 4:44 left, two plays after Waine Bacon blocked Yelk's punt. "Thank God, Terry Jones had long

fingernails," Alabama coach Dennis Franchione said. "It seemed like that ball was in the air for about 10 min-

Iowa State drove into field-goal range in the final minute. Yelk and his teammates began celebrating as his kick headed for the uprights, thinking the kick was going through.

Alabama picked up its fourth "If you accept losing, then you're straight victory despite a sputtering offense and Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace's 284 yards passing.

> "I don't know if we could have won a game like this at the beginning of the season, where we had to fight hard and it comes down to one play at the end," Franchione said.

It was the Tide's record 29th bowl win, but the first since a 17-14 victoquarter field goals, three overall, and ry over Michigan in the 1997 Outback Bowl.

The game turned when Shontua The final miss was Tony Yelk's Ray recovered the ball following

and the punter was right there in my tled for Yelk's 36-yard field goal. face," Bacon said. "I just put my hands up and blocked the ball."

Zow was 11-of-19 for 119 yards with an interception, and he rushed for an 8-yard score in the first half.

"Offensively, we would make a play and then back up and make a play then back up," Franchione said. 'We never got into any kind of rhythm."

Wallace was 25-of-42 and constantly put the Cyclones in scoring range to earn offensive MVP honors. Yelk hit a 36-yarder and a 41-

yarder, but missed from 25 in the

first half and from 40 and 47 yards in the fourth quarter. Iowa State, which outgained Alabama 456-269, took over from French Open. Another 11 years 2000 its own 9 after the Tide's final score. Wallace converted a 26-yard pass on

hit Lane Danielson on a 14-yarder on fourth down. Two incompletions and a delay of game halted the drive.

second-and-25 to Jack Whitver and

Iowa State's Ennis Haywood ran Ahmaad Galloway led Alabama award on Thursday. with 90 yards on 16 carries.

with Wallace's 39-yard pass to Craig after winning her first major title moved up to No. 1.

Woodley's 1-yard score, set up by Danielson's 33-yard reverse.

10 plays, capped when Zow faked an kick that went wide right.

Iowa State made it 10-0 with Joe

"I swam away from my blocker, Campbell to Alabama's 27, but set- option pitch and danced untouched into the end zone.

The Cyclones had first-and-goal from the 10 late in the half, but Alabama then drove 80 yards on wound up letting Yelk try a 25-yard

Capriati is named Associated **Press Female Athlete of Year**

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

When Jennifer Capriati was just out of eighth grade, she reached the semifinals of her first Grand and broadcasters to top Venus Slam tournament — the 1990 would pass before she reached a major final.

She didn't waste any time completing her remarkable resurgence in 2001, winning the Australian and French Opens and taking a brief turn at No. 1

Capriati's impressive rebound for 135 yards on 20 carries against a from career crisis to the top of tendefense that allowed opponents just nis earned her The Associated 48 yards on their last 59 rushes. Press Female Athlete of the Year back from everything that's hap-

"I'm no longer going to doubt

this year. "If I can come home with a Grand Slam, now I know anything is possible.' She received 37 first-place votes

and 157 points from sports writers

Williams, also the runner-up in Williams had 26 first-place votes and 120 points, and Annika Sorenstam was third with 94

3-2-1 basis. Capriati won three titles and reached four other finals, posting a 56-14 match record, including 24-2 in Grand Slam tourneys.

points. Points were awarded on a

"I am proud to be able to come pened in my life, and just to enjoy tennis and play this well,' The Cyclones opened the game myself in anything," Capriati said Capriati said in October, when she

Georgia Tech captures Seattle Bowl

SEATTLE (AP) — If former Florida State and then having their Dallas Cowboys coach and Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Gailey gets the Georgia Tech job, the Yellow Jackets players will be disappointed. They want to keep

interim coach Mac McWhorter. They chanted "We want Mac! We want Mac!" on Thursday as they accepted the inaugural Seattle Bowl trophy following their 24-14 victory over No. 11 Stanford.

"My intentions are to remain at Georgia Tech," McWhorter said.

But Georgia Tech could make Gailey its new coach when the team returns to Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets negotiated with Gailey this

McWhorter coached Georgia Tech in the Seattle Bowl after George O'Leary left the Yellow Jackets Dec. 9 to become the head coach at Notre Dame. O'Leary resigned five days later because of

inaccuracies on his resume. After losing their final two regular-season games to Georgia and

coach resign, the Yellow Jackets were determined to finish the season on a positive note. "There had been so much nega-

tive attention given to this team,' quarterback George Godsey said. We pulled together. We wanted to salvage this season. McWhorter, O'Leary's assistant head coach and offensive line coach,

appreciated the support his players

"That makes you feel good," he said. "There's a mutual respect for our players and this staff. Had we lost, they probably would have cheered. 'We don't want Mac!""

Godsey passed for 266 yards and a touchdown, Kelly Campbell scored twice and the defense made a goalline stand in the first quarter as Georgia Tech finished its season 8-5. Campbell's second touchdown

was a 2-yard run with 1:29 left, seal-

ing the victory in front of a crowd of 30,144 at Safeco Field. That capped a 13-play, 63-yard drive. "When the play was called, I knew then that I was going to score," Campbell said. "I got the ball and there was nothing in front of me but the end zone.'

Stanford (9-3) closed to 17-14 with 11:39 remaining when backup quarterback Chris Lewis threw a 4yard touchdown pass to Teyo Johnson, then added a 2-point conversion pass.

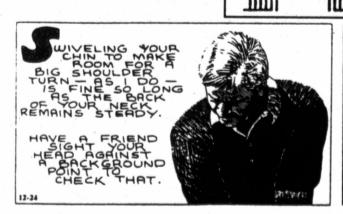
Georgia Tech's defense set the tone on the game's first drive, stopping Stanford three times at the 1.

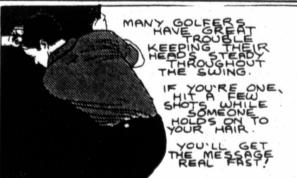
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Bush grants permanent normal trade relations with China

By CHRISTOPHER NEWTON **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The ailing U.S. business sector hailed President Bush's decision to grant normal trade status to China, saying it will take the gamble out of dealing with the communist nation and emerging economic powerhouse.

Boeing Co., which ventured into China on the heels of President Nixon's historic 1972 visit, took the news as a bright spot in an otherwise dreary

"It means that everyone can have confidence that tomorrow, next week or five years from now, we can all do fair business with China," said Fred Kelley, a spokesman for the Chicagobased aircraft maker.

The new trade status takes effect Jan. 1, Bush said Thursday in the announcement released in Crawford, Texas, where he is vacationing at his ranch.

The United States has struggled over China's trade status for almost a quarter-century, with factions of both political parties arguing that the Beijing needed to improve its human

Nuclear rivals at loggerheads

NEW DELHI, India (AP) -Indian and Pakistani troops shelled each other in disputed Kashmir overnight, sending villagers fleeing for safety and convincing many that war was getting

The shelling, which broke up two days of relative calm, came after the nuclear-armed rivals on Thursday exchanged diplomatic and economic sanctions seen as the toughest since they last fought a war in 1971.

The latest surge in tension erupted after a Dec. 13 suicide attack on India's parliament that left nine Indians and five attackers dead. India accused Pakistan of supporting the attackers. Pakistan denied

The armies fired mortars at each other for five hours Thursday night in the Poonch sector along the cease-fire line that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan, an Indian army official said on condition of anonymity.

He said there was also intermittent small arms fire across the border, but that the exchanges died down Friday morning. There was no immediate comment from

Villagers in the Indian-ruled portion of Kashmir fled their homes with cots, clothes and fears that India and Pakistan will go to war for the fourth time since they became independent from Britain and were separated in 1947.

'The war is about to break out,' said Sumitra Devi, an elderly woman sheltering with her sons and grandsons at a dilapidated school at Koota in Jammu-Kashmir state.

Devi's house was demolished in the 1971 war with Pakistan, and she said she was already packed Thursday when soldiers came to her village, Mangoo Chak, and told people to evacuate.

The Indian army told some 5,000 people in 17 villages in Kashmir to leave their homes within 36 hours, officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Friday. The army had already warned about 10,000 people in 24 villages near the Pakistani border to move.

Tens of thousands of soldiers, squadrons of fighter jets, artillery and ballistic missiles face each other along the 1,100-mile border that reaches from the Himalayas in the north to the Arabian Sea in the south. Both sides say they don't want war, but each says it is ready.

"There is no measuring scale that we have to say how near or how far we are to war," Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh said Thursday night. "I will just say this: Don't worry. We are ready."

government Pakistani spokesman, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, responded in kind. "We have the capacity to react and retaliate in all conceivable ways,'

India and Pakistan traded sanctions Thursday, each ordering half of the other's embassy staffs sent home and announcing bans on overflights by the other's national

airlines. The Bush administration urged the leaders of the two countries, which both possess nuclear weapons, to come to an understanding at a South Asia summit next week in Nepal. "They need to resolve their differences through dialogue," State Department spokesman Philip Reeker said.

ush's proclamation formally lifts restrictions on China imposed by the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the Trade Act of 1974. The amendment, initially aimed at the former Soviet Union's restrictions against Jewish emigration, withholds normal trade relations with communist states that restrict emigration.

American business brought on Arab Emirates. by normal trade relations.

permanent status to China con- adviser for AOL Time Warner. tingent upon its entry into the

rights record before normal trade World Trade Organization. was considered. But supporters China's application was accepted argued that China would be bet- formally at the WTO's annual ter influenced by an influx of meeting last month in the United

"We desperately need to bring That, and the acknowledgment China into the fold and stop havthat China could soon have a ing silly spats that keep our relaproduction ability that rivals the tionship off track," said Richard United States, brought the issue Daisly, a professor of foreign trade and economics at Congress last year granted the Vanderbilt University and an

"Every step China has ever

people. We must continue to this year when the crew of a show them that opening up to crashed U.S. spy plane was held the world has benefit," Daisly for a short time in China.

Bush called the trade proclamation the "final step in normalizing U.S.-China trade relations" and said it would open up the vast Chinese markets to billions of dollars in American goods.

a thorn in Boeing's side for years. "Stability is key in our business," he said. "We must look 18 to 24 months ahead in terms of building parts, planes and servicing them. It has been difficult

for China to make such agreements when they don't know if they would have an export license the following year or whether the United States would allow the planes to be deliv-

Some economists said the deci- emigration.

made toward opening up its sion reflects a need to repair the society has come because it has country's relationship with sought economic benefits for its. China, after the incident earlier

"We may not like China and Bush may like communism even less, but the day is coming when any product will be manufactured in China more cheaply than anywhere else," said Chalmers Johnson, a former pro-Kelley said China's status was fessor of economics at the University of California, Berkley. "We are merely reacting in a way that will hopefully benefit us. ... You can't fight the tide."

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Since 1980, China has enjoyed temporary normal trade relations with the United States under annual presidential waivers of the law. But each waiver has triggered debates in Congress over China's record on human rights and weapons proliferation abuses.

The last one occurred in July, when the House voted 259-169 to approve Bush's waiver this year, the last that will be neces-

Former President Clinton, at odds with many in his own party, started the process of moving China toward permanent trade status, which provides the same low tariffs that many other countries pay.

China and the United States reached an agreement, as part of China's WTO entry, that will lower China's tariffs on U.S. goods and open up its service sector to American companies.

China's tariffs on U.S.-made goods are to fall from an overall average of 25 percent to 9 percent by 2005. Duties on America's primary farm products are to drop from 31 percent to 14 percent.

On the Net: U.S. Embassy in Beijing page on announcement: http://www.usembassychina.org.cn/

Levy mystery still titillates

WASHINGTON (AP) - No suspects. No telltale clues. Not even a trace of Chandra Levy has surfaced in the baffling case of the missing federal intern.

Nearly eight months after the 24-year-old disappeared in Washington, police are no closer to finding her, despite the avalanche of publicity the case has received because of Levy's link to Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif.

"No new developments to report, let's put it that way," Sgt. Joe Gentile, a police spokesman, said last week.

Two police detectives and an FBI agent who specializes in difficult cases remain assigned to the investigation, considerably less manpower than the scores of officers pressed into service last summer to scour Washington parks and buildings.

Levy's parents, Dr. Robert and Susan Levy of Modesto, Calif., asked as far back as June that police treat the disappearance as a crime, which might have allowed police to be more aggressive in questioning people in their search for clues. Gentile, however, said the case remains a missing person investigation because there is no evidence of a

"We know they're still working on it and we hope they'll be able to help us solve it, to find Chandra, hopefully alive," Levy's father said in a telephone interview. "Or if not, to find out

Susan Levy described the mys-

Billy Martin, the Levys' Washington lawyer, said Levy most likely was the victim of a "well-planned kidnapping and removal."

Had Levy been the victim of a random attack, Martin believes that her body probably would have been found by now. Police also probably would have found some physical evidence — blood, for instance — in or near her apartment.

'It's highly unusual for no evidence of Chandra or her whereabouts to turn up, which leads us to conclude that Chandra has met with some professional or professionals who have removed

Levy lost her job as an intern at the Bureau of Prisons in late April. She was last seen April 30 at a gym near her apartment. Police believe she spent the morning of May 1 surfing the Internet. Her parents received an e-mail from her that day that discussed airplane fares for her planned trip home to receive a graduate degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

views with friends, neighbors, co-workers, employees at the gym she frequented and Condit have shed little light on what might have happened to her.

Several days elapsed before keys were missing.

Pampa Middle School art show



Students in Mr. Jordan's art classes at Pampa Middle School recently hosted an Art Show. Some of the winners included: (back row) Kristopher Boyd, second place, Life-like Picture; Dean Brown, special award, Drawing; (front row) Matt Martinez, fourth place, Black and White Acrylic; Megan Robinson, first place, Colored Tempera Painting; Heather Dalrymple, first place, Colored Acrylic Painting, and second place, Paper Mache Mask; Amber Brown, first place, Mosaic Picture Star; and Jesse Finney, second place, Life-like picture.

OPEC ministers confirm 6 percent cut in crude production

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — After more than a month of uncertainty, OPEC confirmed cut Friday, oil markets had given mixed sig- \$25 (a barrel). This is what is expected now," from its daily crude production in an effort to

firm up sagging oil prices. Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed in an emergency meeting to cut their official output by 6 percent beginning Jan. 1. The cuts

are to last for at least six months, OPEC officials told a news conference. OPEC decided to proceed with the cuts such as Russia and Norway promised reciprocal cuts that were smaller than expected. OPEC, which has already reduced its official production by 3.5 million barrels a day this

year, is weary of doing so only to see produc-

ers outside the group increase their market

share as a result. The issue came to a head this autumn as the weakening world economy, together with the uncertainty caused by the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, dragged down prices some 30 percent.

The price of Brent crude contracts for London. February contracts of light, sweet largest and most influential member. crude fell 37 cents Thursday to \$20.90 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

OPEC's benchmark crude price averaged even though rival, independent producers \$18.68 a barrel Thursday, the most recent day for which information was compiled.

Rilwanu Lukman, Nigeria's presidential adviser on petroleum, said the cut would be "more than enough" to lift OPEC's benchmark price to \$22 a barrel — the group's min-

imum target price. However, some member countries questioned whether the combined reduction in OPEC and non-OPEC supplies would be sufficient to restore OPEC's benchmark to its desired range of \$22 to \$28 a barrel.

"We hope that prices will stabilize within and drive prices down."

Prior to the formal announcement of the reasonable limits, meaning between \$20 and Friday it would slash 1.5 million barrels a day nals as OPEC was putting the final touches Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Al Naimi told on the production cut it agreed to last month. reporters just before the meeting began.

> 'But nothing guarantees the stability of a February delivery rose 29 cents to \$20.63 a certain price because the price, at the end of barrel, after jumping by \$1 Thursday on the the day, is determined by market mecha-International Petroleum Exchange in nisms," he said. Saudi Árabia is OPEC's Although OPEC agreed in November to

reduce production, it made its decision conditional on a reciprocal decrease of 500,000 barrels a day in output from major oil producers outside the group. Its leaders worked hard to persuade Russia, in particular, to make significant cuts, to the point of issuing veiled threats about triggering a price war if Russian companies refused to cooperate.

"If we are going to take action to help prices recover, then it's in their own interest to come along with us," said Lukman, who has been chosen to serve next year as OPEC's president. "It doesn't make sense for people to produce more oil than the market needs

Japan's unemployment hits record high for third month, reaches 5.5 percent

November, as Japan continued to shed jobs in traditionally strong sectors including manufacturing and construction, the government said

Unable to pull itself out of a 10-year downturn, Japan has slipped into its third recession in a decade. Joblessness has been passing hurdles since July, when it hit 5 percent — then the highest since the government began keeping track in 1953. It rose to 5.3 percent in September and 5.4 percent in October.

The unemployment problem is expected to drag on for months, if not years, as Japan gropes to find new sources for growth while reining in old-style public works spending to slow a ballooning public deficit.

The nation can no longer count on exports to drive growth. Hit by the global slowdown that has worsened since Sept. 11, Japanese companies are seeing profits slide and resorting to layoffs that were shunned in a corporate culture based on worker loyalty and job stability.

'Japan's system of lifetime employment is no longer holding up in

TOKYO (AP) — Unemployment hit a record high of 5.5 percent in these global times," said Ken-ichi Imai, chairman of the Stanford Japan Center in Kyoto. "The pain is going to grow."

Japan needs to address emerging social needs in medicine, education

and welfare to make it easier to create new businesses such as day care and health care for working families, Imai said. Yasuo Fukuda, the top government spokesman, said growing unemployment underlined the costs of the reforms being tackled by Prime

Minister Junichiro Koizumi. "In a way, it is unavoidable," he told reporters. "We will do our best

The number of unemployed people in Japan totaled 3.5 million in November, up by 410,000 people, or 13 percent, from the same month a year ago. In seasonally adjusted terms, the number of jobless rose 3 percent to 3.7 million in November from 3.6 million in October.

Masato Chino, director of the Labor Force Statistics Office, said unemployment was growing for heads of households and people aged

what happened." tery as "a living hell."

every trace of her," said Martin, a former federal prosecutor.

Her trail ends there, and inter-

Levy's parents called police and Condit, their congressman, to say she was missing. When police searched her apartment a few days later, they found her wallet, computer and luggage. Only her Polici

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3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** New possibilities break open if

you are receptive. Be open to someone

around your home life. Your anger comes

out with someone at a distance. Don't

trigger over news. Tonight: Nestle in at

This Week: Give up worrying about a

- you'll christen the New Year well

anyway. News this week shakes you up.

fruitful. You're working on the same

wavelength as someone else. Don't walk

away from changes or an opportunity,

even it means a little shake-up.

Understand a friend better through talks

This week: All eyes turn to you for direc-

Wednesday. Do everything 100 percent.

** Your finances need a hard look.

gance and someone's confrontation. Tonight: A force to reckoned with.

Think in terms of positive changes. A This week: Handle last-minute details on sionally.

that encourage you to let go of what no This week: Remain light and easy with

This week: Your theme song right now SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

longer works. Don't let news aggravate those around you for the next few days. BORN TODAY

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

months, you will see developments occur Year.

will be indulge and indulge some more.

and sharing. Tonight: Out and about.

Relax. Use your skills.

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catch up on news and maybe work.

necessary, especially those revolving tonight. You cheerlead the New Year in CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

last-minute change of plans on Monday does Lady Opportunity this morning. than you anticipated. Express yourself

*** Morning conversations prove ferent needs. Tonight: Follow a loved self, and you might be whistling away

sparkle. Now the world is your oyster!

tion, be it for play or work. You won't look at a situation as if you have so many situations. A friend could cost you some ** Pressure builds. You could also

** Your finances need a hard look.
You realize this after a morning extravathe window. Listen to someone's advice.

but before you know it, others have you out and about. Intimacy and closeness

demanding. Do a better job of listening. Year's Eve is just up your alley. You're *** Your high energy delights a

Don't strut your stuff. Play it low-key. On a winning streak. Slow down on loved one. You could romp away; how-

Tonight: Expenses add up.

This week: You raise Cain starting on New Year's Eve. You won't retreat on New Year's Eve. You won't retreat on ** * * Gather a fuller perspective what is going on with this person. Your

any matter this week. You'll only come through becoming an even better listener. what is going on with this person. Tour efforts draw the result you wish. See

* * * You're going to change direc- out-of control again. How's that for a res- This week: You're full of fun as the week

tions. Think in terms of making your life olution? Express your playfulness more begins. Don't worry so much. In fact, better. In one week, one month and six often. Tonight: Start partying in the New make that your New Year's resolution.

you. Flow with it. Tonight: Detach from Exciting developments mark the end of Guitarist Bo Diddley (1928), baseball

you want and clear out the excess. Slow actions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

partner or associate could be overly Monday. You might even work. New PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

or, perhaps, to where changes might be This week: The moon enters your sign Wednesday night.

normal. Maybe.

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** Your instincts serve you well. front. Direct your anger correctly. Don't

You know what you want, and you're get into a situation where you swat the

bound and determined to get just that. If cat because the dog ran away. Expect

you move too quickly, you'll hit a wall of long-term implications if you do.

obstacles. Stalk like a lion. Observe your Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

prey (objective) and decide what would This week: Follow the music this New

be best to do. Tonight: Remember, time Year's. Get into the intensity of a rela-

and won't stop until you must. Late ★★★ You sense changes in the wind

Wednesday or Thursday you return to involving a partnership. Today's eclipse

*** Your friends surround you, as single, your status could change faster

Charge into what you want then, because and talk about your needs. Tonight:

lunar eclipse will impact your circle of This week: Someone makes an offer that

friends over the next year. Flex with dif- is too good to be true. Find out for your-

mind tonight. Still, somehow you do ** Work through a problem and deal

manage to relax. Wednesday night you with others directly. You might need to

opportunities. Understand exactly what money Tonight: High energy marks your

down, because you could be slightly This week. You might not have plans,

Grab an opportunity to travel or just take what a difference you make. Tonight:

off for a few days. Don't let spending get Where the action is.

This week: You might have a lot on your AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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Before our baby was born last month, our 3-year-old daughter, April, was thrilled about having a new brother or sister. Now, however, she shows signs of jealousy, sucking her thumb sullenly when I nurse the baby and getting very loud and silly when friends drop by. Please suggest some ways I can ease her through this period of adjustment.

Your daughter is revealing a "textbook" reaction to the invasion that has occurred in her private kingdom. It is typical for such a preschooler to throw temper tantrums, wet the bed, suck her thumb, mess her pants, hold tightly to Mama, talk "baby talk," etc. Since the baby gets all the attention by being helpless, the older child will often try to "out-baby the baby," behaving in immature ways form an earlier stage of development. That pattern seems to be occurring with your little girl. Here's what I would suggest:

1. Bring her feelings out in the open and help her verbalize them. When she is acting silly in front of adults, take her in your arms and say, "What's the matter, April? Do you need some attention today/" Gradually, a child can be taught to use similar words when she feels excluded or rejected. "I need some attention, Dad. Will you play with me?" By verbalizing her feelings, you also help her understand herself better.

2. Don't let infantile behavior succeed. If she cries when the baby sitter arrives, leave her anyway. A temper tantrum can be greeted by firmness. However, reveal little anger and displeasure, remembering that the entire episode is motivated by a threat to your love.

3. Meet her needs in ways that grant status to her for being older. Take her to the park, making it clear that the baby is too little to go; talk "up" to her about the things she can do that the baby can't-she can use the bathroom instead of her pants, for example. Let her help take care of the baby so she will feel she is part of the family process.

Beyond these corrective steps, give your daughter some time to adjust to her new situation. Even though it stresses her today, she should profit from the realization that she does not sit at the center of the universe.

In recent months, there have been two occasions where a woman at work has made a pass at me. I love my wife very deeply, have no interest in this lady, and have communicated this to her in no uncertain terms. Do you think I should share these incidents with my wife?

Yes, I do. First, because I believe the healthiest marriages are those that are open and honest on such matters. Second, because sharing important information is a step toward accountability in a situation that could prove dangerous. And third, because your wife should be your best friend with whom you discuss troubling circumstances an how they will be handled.

My only caution is that you be careful not to reveal these incidents in order to make your wife jealous or to use them to manipulate her. Some spouses seize an opportunity like this to play power games with a mate. Check out your motives carefully before you talk to your wife and share the experience as objectively as possible. She will appreciate you for it.

Finally, I urge you to continue to reject the advances of the lady in your office, regardless of how attractive she is or how flattering her interest in you may be. To pursue her may give your ego a ride now, but only pain and sorrow lie down the road-for her and for you.

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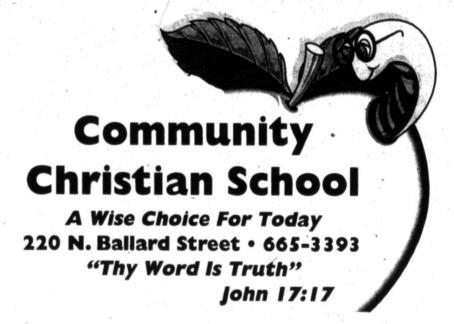
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