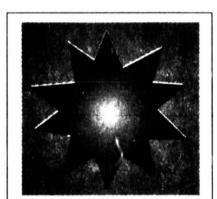




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#### Community T'giving Service Tuesday night **PAMPA**

Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a special communitywide Thanksgiving Service beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. This year's meeting will be under the leadership of Paul Nachtigall. Speakers will include Allen Snapp, Richard Stowers and Dr. Dan Powell. Congregational singing will be led by the Rev. and Mrs. Mike Moss, scripture reading by the Rev. Doug Yates and special prayer by the Rev. Jake Clemmens. The offering will go to the local Salvation Army and Good Sams. The services is free and open to the public. All are encouraged to attend.

#### Autopsy results awaited in death

Police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of Billy 'B.J.' Brittenham, 27, who died at his Pampa home Friday. Deputy Chief Terry Young said no foul play is suspected. See obituary on Page 2.

#### No Saturday Lotto winner

No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game. The ticket was worth an estimated \$10 (M) million. The numbers drawn were: 4-29-30-41-45-51. Wednesday's drawing will be worth an estimated \$14 (M) million.

- · Marie Belcher, 80, homemaker.
- Wardell Bonner, services pending.
- · Billy 'B.J.' Brittenham, 27,
- turck driver, welder. • John L. Rankin, 87, retired former owner of Culligan Water Conditioning.

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## Police capture fleeing suspect

Man charged with burglary looked at for more break-ins

**DAVID BOWSER** Staff Writers A Pampa man remained in Gray County jail today in lieu of

bonds totalling \$7,000 in comection with the burglary of a machine shop early Saturday Albert Dale Ponder, 40, 1009 Twitord, was arrested shortly

after midnight Friday near the Hughes Building and charged with burglary of a building, evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia. Deputy Pampa Police Chief Terry Young said today that offi-

cers were performing routine building checks Friday night when Pampa Police Lt. Fred Courtney discovered an possible break-in at Coe's Machine Shop, 115 E. Atchison, shortly

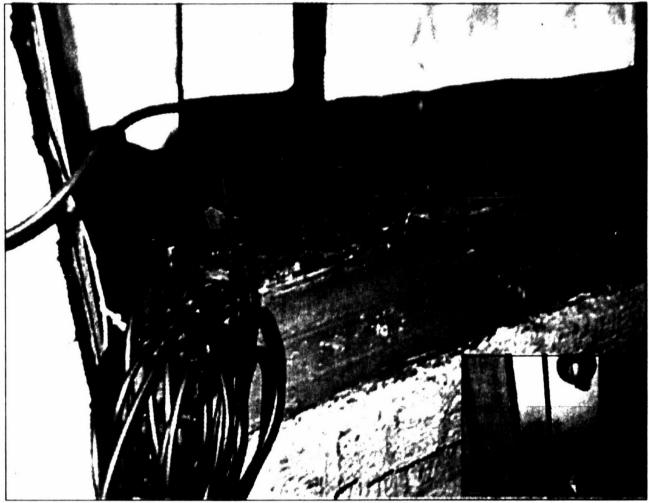
By DEE DEE LARAMORE and after midnight. While investigating, Courtney said he saw someone run from the building.

> A series of toot chases continued through the downtown area as the figure appeared and then disappeared in the shadows. An inter-agency manhunt was short-lived when Department of Public Safety Trooper Daiman lones and DPS Sgt. Don Cameron found Ponder behind the Hughes Building about 12:45 a.m. Saturday.

Officers said Ponder suffered minor cuts and had blood on his clothes. Young said the clothing was being dried so samples of blood could be taken to compare to blood found near a broken window at the machine shop.

Investigators also said what appeared to be a crack pipe was tound on Ponder.

(See BURGLARY, Page 2)



(Special photo by Vic Laramore)

Glass from this broken window at Coe's Machine Shop, 115 E. Atchison, alerted police to the break-in which led to the arrest of a 40-year-old Pampa man. Inset, blood smears the front door of the business where police saw the burglar run from the building when they stopped to investigate.

## Still time to check out bison exhibit at museum

**Managing Editor** 

A collection of unusual bison bones found on property of the Pantex Plant is on exhibit at the White Deer Land Museum.

Anne Davidson of the local museum said the exhibit has been well received by local residents the past two months.

"Many people have enjoyed seeing the exhibit and we've had quite a few coming in for that purpose," said Davidson. "We welcome school and youth groups to view this very interesting part of our history.

Davidson said the exhibit will remain at the

450 years old, and possibly as old as 1,250 years These bones not only tell a story of the animals,

but also the lives of the people and their culture. Bison, which are also referred to as buffalo, was the main source of meat for the prehistoric time in the Panhandle. As herd animals, they freely roamed the plains.

The bison are identified as an essential resource to the people living on the Llano Estacado. The animals helped to provide food, clothing and shelter in a land offering few natural comforts.

The traveling exhibit is composed of primarily rib bones of the bison. They were found by local museum through December and welcomes. Mike Kuck, a geologist at Pantex. He saw the area residents to visit to view the unusual piece—bones which were barely visible to the naked (See BISON, Page 2)

## **Ballot counting** resumes prior to court hearing

By EUN-KYUNG KIM **Associated Press Writer** 

The differences in Florida vote totals remained paper-thin Monday as attorneys for Al Gore and George W. Bush fought before the state's Supreme Court over a manual recount of punch ballots that could determine America's next president.

Republicans want to stop the hand recounts in three heavily Democratic counties. Democrats, looking for new votes to whittle down Bush's 930-vote lead, are pressing to have them included in the final official tally. About 6 million votes were cast overall in make-or-break Florida.

Gore spoke Monday from the White House via satellite to an annual family-policy conference he was to have attended at Tennessee's Vanderbilt University. "I appreciate this chance to speak to the Florida Supreme Court," he deadpanned. The forum was put off from last summer because of the campaign.

'We decided to move this one out of the heat of the election to late November," Gore said with a small, forced chuckle. "I just assumed by Nov. 20 the election would be over with. But I guess not."

Bush, the Texas governor, went to the Capitol in Austin for several hours of work Monday morning, breezing in with the words,

His brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, had his state's image in mind Monday morning. "Don't be left with the impression that because we can't count votes that we are not a progressive state," he said. (See **BALLOT**, Page 2)

### Woman tells police she stabbed assailant

A Pampa woman foiled an assailant early Sunday morning and sent him scampering with possible stab wounds.

A 35-year-old Pampa woman told police that a man broke through the front door of her home in the 1100 block of North Starkweather shortly—but unharmed. Police said they were looking for before 3 a.m. Sunday.

Armed with a screwdriver, the man tried to assault her, she said, but during a struggle she was able to take the screwdriver away from him and stab him with it several times.

Officers said the woman was apparently shaken an Hispanic man with possible stab injuries.

Skellytown volunteers vital to community



Skellytown is one of the highly-trained volunteer fire departments in the area. Much of their equipment has been donated by area companies.

### Department's 65th birthday celebrated

**Managing Editor** 

SKELLYTOWN — Skellytown, a small town in Carson County, is home to approximately 1,000 residents. The town is similar to most rural communities across the nation, as it depends on volunteers to provide fire protection and ambulance services.

Situated on Highway 152, it is 12 miles from Pampa in Gray County to the east and about 15 miles from Borger to the west. At one time Skelly Oil was a major employer in the area and many of the company's employees settled in the small community appropriately called Skellytown.

Beginning as a camp town during the oil boom of the mid-1920s, Skellytown endured and became a small community. It was not chartered until 1960. Long before the community government began, fire protection was identified as a need for the local residents. They formed a volunteer fire department in 1935 to provide protection for local residents and the surrounding area.

As the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating its 65th birthday this year, the firefighters are reflecting on the considerable growth and progress made through the years.

(See SKELLYTOWN, Page 2)



Chamber Board Luncheon November 21st Noon - RSVP At 669-3241

#### Services tomorrow

**BELCHER**, Marie — Graveside services, 10

a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. **BRITTENHAM**, Billy "B.J." — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery,

#### **Obituaries**

#### **MARIE BELCHER**

Marie Belcher, 80, of Pampa, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services

will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Beicher was born Sept. 4, 1920, at Kingfisher County, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1962. She married Ray Belcher on July 5, 1980, at Pampa.

She was a homemaker and a member of Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joseph Scot Parnell, in 1994; three brothers; and a

Survivors include her husband, Ray, of the home; a daughter, Rose Parnell of Pampa; twin sons, Walter and Melvin Batman, both of Pampa; a brother, Carl Huling of Turpin, Okla.; and three grandchildren

WARDELL BONNER

VALLEJO, Calif. — Wardell Bonner, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000. Services are pending in California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.J. and Garland Bonner; and two brothers, Henry Allen Bonner and Ronald Bonner.

Survivors include his wife, Deelee Bonner; five sons (four reside in California and one in Dallas); and a sister, Rose Mary Johnson.

BILLY 'B.J.' BRITTENHAM

Billy "B.J" Brittenham, 27, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.in. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of

Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Brittenham was born July 11, 1973, at Pampa. He was a truck driver and a welder. He married Jacklyn Vaughn in January of this year.

The couple was expecting a second child in

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Jacklyn, of the home; a daughter, Ashlynn Paige Brittenham, of the home; his parents, Dwayne and Debbie Barnes of Pampa; two sisters, Tisha Brittenham of Sapulpa, Okla., and Shelli Brandt of Pampa; a stepsister, Nicole Barnes of Pampa; a stepbrother, Jeremy Barnes of Amarillo; and his grandmother, Bonnie Young of Pampa.

JOHN L. RANKIN

John L. Rankin, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Rankin was born Dec. 3, 1912, at Mobeetie and graduated from Miami High School, serving as captain of the football team. He held a degree from West Texas State University and was captain of WTSU football team. He married Edith Stubbs on July 16, 1940, at Lubbock. He ownedoperated Culligan Water Conditioning from 1945 until retiring in 1981.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pampa Knife and Fork Club, Pampa Jaycees, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Rotary Club and the local draft board.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, enlisting in 1942

and serving until 1944. Survivors include his wife, Edith, of the home.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

#### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 18

A ladder, bucket and small shovel were reported found in the 2700 block of Beech.

About 100 feet of snow fence was reported stolen in the 1000 block of East 28th. A Groom woman reported an assault about

4:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1800 block of North Nelson. The report was turned over to juvenile authorities. Sunday, Nov. 19

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of Kingsmill about 9:15 p.m. Sunday.

A Pampa woman reported that a man broke into her home and attacked her with a screwdriver about 2:50 a.m. Sunday.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1100 block of terrace shortly after midnight Sunday. A burglary was reported at the Moose Lodge,

401 E. Brown, about 11:30 p.m. Sunday. A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner.

#### **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Saturday, Nov. 18 Albert Dale Ponder, 40, 1009 Twiford, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building, evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia. See story on Page 1.

Sunday, Nov. 19 Coleta Marie Dawkins, 40, of Amarillo, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Terri Lynn Hysmith, 29, of Borger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Nov. 18

7:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony. 4:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Perry Lefors Airport to transfer a flight team to PRMC

to pick up a patient then returned to the airport. 7:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Faulkner and transported one to PRMC. Sunday, Nov. 19 3:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa

Nursing Center and transported one to PRMC. 5:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center to and transported one to Baptist 11:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to Veteran's Administration Medical Center. 2 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200

block of Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

### **Stocks**

The following grain quotations are		Columbia/HCA41 5/16	dn 3/8
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron80 5/16	dn 1 3/16
		Halliburton37 5/8	up 7/16
Wheat	2.55	KMI44 1/4	up I
Milo	3.33	Kerr McGee65 1/4	up 1/8
Com	3.63	Limited25 1/16	up 1/8
Soybeans	4.13	McDonald's33 1/8	dn 5/16
Ary teams	4.1.2	Exxon Mobil 91 7/16	up 1 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		New Atmos24 11/16	up 3/8
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		NOI32 3/16	up 1/16
		OKE41 7/8	dn 3/8
Occidental20 15/16	dn 3/16	Penney's10 3/4	dn 3/16
		Phillips61 11/16	NC
Fidelity Mageln	NA	Pioneer Nat 14.1/16	up 1/8
Puritan	NA	SLB76 15/16	up 9/16
		Tenneco 4 3/8	up 1/16
The following 9:30 a.m. N.	V Stock	Texaco	up 5/16
Market quotations are furni		Ultramar27 1/4	dn 1/2
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Wal-Mart48 1/4	dn 5/16
	dn 5/16	Williams41 3/16	dn 3/4
	up 1/16		
	up 3/16	New York Gold	265.75
Chevron	up 3/16	Silver	4.65
IR VICAL	dn 3/16	West Texas Crude	35.13

#### Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sunday, Nov. 19

p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a Lifestar standby at PRMC.

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# **Briefs**

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ANNUAL THANKSGIVING Dinner, Pampa Senior Citizen's Ctr., Tues. Nov. 21st, 10:45-12:45, \$5, members & guests. Call in take-out orders by 9 a.m. Tues. 21st, 669-7414.

THANKSGIVING Dinner, 422 N. West, noon until Everyone welcome.

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### **BALLOT**

A weekend tally of overseas absentee ballots stretched Bush's official lead. But uncompleted hand recounts over the weekend in Broward and Palm Beach counties cut Bush's lead to 834 votes as of midnight Sunday. The hand counting resumed Monday in those counties and started in Miami-Dade County.

Gore narrowly won the nationwide popular vote and holds a slight edge over Bush in the all-important Electoral College tally. But neither candidate will reach the required 270 electoral votes to be declared the nation's 43rd president without Florida's 25 electors.

On Monday, a circuit court judge turned down a request for a new election in Palm Beach County, where some voters complained that they were confused by the ballot and did not cast their votes for Gore as they had intended. Judge Jorge Labarga said he didn't have the authority to order another vote.

Prospects for an abrupt end to the election deadlock were highly uncertain; Gore's allies were not ruling out pressing ahead on other fronts if the state Supreme Court did not support them, and Democratic Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, who is close to the Gore campaign, said on the morning talk shows Monday that the state's entire vote should be counted again by hand.

"What we're trying to achieve here is an election that has credibility by the American people," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America." That credibility would likely be enhanced if all Florida voters had their ballots hand counted."

Sensitive to Republican charges that Democrats were systematically hallenging absentee ballots from military personnel overseas, Graham said military votes should not be discounted simply because they lacked

Election officials should "bend over backward" to have military votes count, he said on NBC's "Today Show." "The federal law provides that a postmark is not required for overseas stationed military personnel."

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BURGLARY

Police told the owner of the business, Ted Powers, that they had had a double shift working in the hopes of catching the person responsible for a string of burglaries in the area. Powers said it was the second time his business had been burglarized in recent weeks.

He said officers patrolling the area noticed the business was completely dark and when they stopped to investigate, they saw glass on the ground from the broken window. Powers said the electric meter to the building had been disconnect-

Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns set bond for Ponder at \$5,000 on a charge of burglary of a building, \$1,500 on a charge of evading arrest and \$500 on a charge of possession of drug para-

Officers said today that Ponder was being questioned in connection of a rash of burglaries that have plagued local businesses over the past sever-

Four new burglaries were reported Friday morn-

Officers were called to investigate break-ins at four local businesses early Friday including Eagle Radiator Shop, 516 W. Foster; Pampa Motor Company, 520 W. Foster; Post Office Service

Station, 123 S. Ballard; and Thomas Automotive,

217 E. Atchison.

Officer Scott LaRue said he was called to Post Office Service Station to investigate a burglary

early Friday. "(The suspects) broke the front window, reached in and took the cash register," LaRue said. "There

was about \$20 in the cash register." He said many other valuable items in the store were not taken.

Soon after, Thomas Automotive employees discovered someone had pried open the rear door of the business, located behind Post Office Service Station, LaRue said. Nothing was taken, however,

Reports were also received that Eagle Radiator had been broken into for the second time in the past few weeks, police said. Nothing was reported taken from the business in this burglary.

Pampa Motor Company was also broken into overnight, and \$50 to \$60 in cash and change taken, according to police.

LaRue said the burglaries appear to be similar to a number of recent burglaries, including one at Signal Fuels, 609 W. Brown, and Buzzy's Automotive, 1001 Randy Matson.

Among the similarities in the recent burglaries, officers said, was the electric meter being disabled on the buildings or electrical wires cut and the fact that often only a small amount of cash was taken while more valuable items were left behind.

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### **BISON**

eye in the ground on Oct. 8, 1996, in the northeastern corner of the Llano Estacado. He said he carefully began scraping the dirt away to determine what lay beneath it.

Kuck said a cattle trail indicated livestock repeatedly tromped a trail going to obtain water which wore the area down. Eventually, the bone was exposed which Kuck saw.

Kris Mitchell, a historical at Pantex, assisted Kuck in excavating the remainder of the bones.

After the two men dug a large area approximately three feet deep, they uncovered numerous rib bones which they took for preservation and analysis to Dr. Eileen Johnson at Texas Tech University. Johnson determined the bones are from a male bison estimated to be approximately eight years

Dr. Johnson said the find is significant and classified it as a "utility kill." Kuck explained the definition of a utility kill as one in which the hunters only took the parts of the bison which were easy to carry. He said the hunters left the rib areas of the animal because there was so much less meat on them in comparison to the forequarters and hindquarters of the animals.

The site of the discovery is only seven miles from where the Antelope Creek people have been determined to have lived during the same time frame, making it a strong possibility the hunters of the bison were from that area located on the Canadian River Breaks.

Anglo-American settlers moving west in the early 1800s almost brought the bison to extinction. The number of animals was reduced from several million to just a few hundred by 1890

Buffalo hunters often killed bison for their hides alone, leaving the meat to rot or be eaten by wild animals. Many millions were killed in an effort to reduce the Indian population who relied so heavily on these animals, both physically and spiritual-

The buffalo reach almost seven feet in height and weigh approximately 1,600 pounds.

When they are first born, their hair is a bright orange to brown which turns to a dark brown as they get older. The animals reach adult maturity at approximately six or seven years old, and live to around 20 years.

Bison are not considered an endangered species, and many ranchers on the Great Plains manage buffalo herds. There are about 90,000 bison in the United States and Canada today.

Davidson welcomes local and area residents to enjoy the exhibit while it is on display through December.

She said the 12 ft. museum Christmas Tree will soon be available for viewing by the public. Davidson said there will be other interesting exhibits announced soon.

Winter hours at the White Deer Land Museum located at 116 S. Cuyler in Pampa are Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Tours may be arranged and additional information acquired by contacting the museum, 669-8041.

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#### SKELLYTOWN

When the fire department began in 1935, the lone fire fighting truck was a winch truck equipped with a tank and pump to fight fires. Much has changed through the years.

The volunteer department made a major change in April 2000, when they separated from the City of Skellytown. Fire Chief Guy McKissick said the change was made in order for the fire department to become non-profit agency, and obtain grants to help provide equipment. It is currently one of the best-equipped fire departments in the area.

McKissick is very proud of the advances the fire department has made through the 20 years he has been part of the volunteer group.

"We've gotten our equipment a piece at a time," said McKissick. "It has taken a long time, but it has been steady."

"Located where we are, the majority of our fires are grassfires — at least 90 percent, that is," said McKissick. "So we have grass rigs." He and Assistant Fire Chief Vance Griffith agree that the grass rigs have paid for the buildings which house the numerous pieces of equipment. Griffith said he had been a fulltime fireman prior

to moving to Skellytown about 20 years ago. At that time, he said, the volunteer firemen only had enough bunker gear to outfit five firefighters. "The first five to arrive at the fire station to fight

a fire were the ones who got the good gear," said Griffith. Things have changed a lot since those days.

Today, professional fire fighting gear is available for all of the volunteer firefighters at the Skellytown Department. Due to the location of the community, SVFD con-

tracts with several counties to provide fire protection. Carson, Gray, Hutchinson, and Roberts counties pay the department to fight fires in their coun-

Several of the pieces of firefighting equipment are older than some of the firefighters, but are very well maintained by the volunteer fire fighters. Maintenance of the equipment is the key word,

according to both McKissick and Griffith. McKissick said the value of the firefighting trucks owned by the small town fire department is

\$340,000 with the building which houses the equipment valued at \$280,000. Building contents value totals \$120,000 and there \$50,000 worth of portable equipment, he said.

The newest piece of equipment is a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4 which was recently donated to the department by Duke Energy Field Services. The vehicle is a replacement vehicle and will be used as a command vehicle and for personnel transportation.

Southwestern Public Service donated a 1982 three-ton International 4x4 truck. It is used for rural structure fires and as a grass rig. A 1983 Chevrolet three-quarter ton truck was donated by Southwestern Bell Telephone. It is well-equipped with an air bag set, air packs, ventilation fans, high

angle rescue equipment and Jaws of Life. many ways
The volunteer firefighters obtained a 1983 Mac small town.

six-ton tanker from the Texas Forest Service. It has a 5,000 gallon tanker on it. Williams Energy paid for a tank to be built on a 1968 10-ton six wheel drive grass rig.
A 1987 one-half ton 4x4 was donated to the vol-

unteer group from Northern Natural Gas. McKissick said while much of the equipment has been replaced, Phillips Petroleum Company has donated many vehicles and equipment to the SVFD through the years.

The City of Fritch also donated two five-ton military trucks. He said those vehicles are sitting in reserve for the department to rig out.

Other vehicles and equipment include a 1966 Howe Municipal pumper, a 1985 one-ton Dodge 4x4, a 1986 Chevrolet 4x4 one-ton duely, a 1977 two-ton two-wheel drive grass rig.

Also included is a 1997 type three-wheel coach

ambulance which is manned by volunteers who have attained the required medical certifications. The 6666 Ranch which is in Carson County became a satellite fire department of Skellytown

Fire Department, and was able to acquire its own

fire equipment through the small town fire depart-Covering a 160-square-mile area, the ranch has a two-and-one-half ton 6x6 and a five-ton 6x6 tractor-trailer tanker which it has acquired through the

small town fire department. Volunteers are the backbone of the majority of fire departments across the state. The volunteers' coverage area is about 90 percent of the state of Texas, and 79 percent of the fire departments in the state are volunteer fire departments, said McKissick.

The firefighters are continually receiving training in firefighting. The 22 volunteer firefighters have received training in all types of fires, and recently participated with numerous other fire fighters across the area in extensive Basic Firefighters Certification training sponsored by Fritch Fire Department. More than 165 firefighters from throughout the Panhandle, including the eastern area of the Panhandle, participated in the training. The firefighters have seen a slowdown in the

grams. Griffith said the oilfield moving out has also caused a reduction in fires in the area. The local firefighters demonstrate their interest in the community in many other ways than fight-ing fires. When the possibility of tornadoes in the area exists in the area, the National Weather Service is in contact with Skellytown FD personnel as they

number of fires with the public education pro-

are experienced in weather watching. The volunteer personnel also help with the town's Angels on the Tree program in December as well as bring Santa Claus to the small community to visit with children. The firefighters also assist with the annual Easter Egg hunt and help sponsor the all-night drug-free party for the teens.

While their main function is to fight fires in and around the small community, the Skellytown fire fighters are working to help their community in many ways. Volunteering is still important in this

#### Weather focus

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## Calendar of events

#### PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call

669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Parenthood Planned Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering

26 counties in the panhandle. PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49. at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

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Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 6 month at Pampa Community Building.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more call information, Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the students at the end of February. at 669-4800:

#### PAS DANCE

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, Pampa Area Singles will not schedule a dance for November. The next dance will be Dec. 30. For more information, call 665-7059.

CPC LUNCHEON

Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepre- The Don and Sybil Harrington neurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Luby's FreshStart, a free two-week Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., smoking cessation support Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Jim Woodring, chief of Acquisitions and Materials Management, Veterans Affairs Medical Center. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

CCPC

College-Pampa Clarendon Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will hold "ABC Computer Class" from 1-3 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 27, 29 and Dec. 4 and 6 and "Quick TASP" at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. Cost of the computer class is \$40, and the registration deadline is Nov. 27. The fee for the TASP test, due at the time of testing, is \$29 and must be accompanied by two forms of ID including one photograph.

PDHG Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin, (806)

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Shepherd's Helping Hands is sponsoring "Breakfast with Santa" at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Dec. 2 in the parish hall of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning. Cost is \$8 per child and covers breakfast, a picture with Santa and a goodie bag. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Cora at Shepherd's Helping Hands, 665-9750.

**CANYON NATURE HIKES** 

The following nature hikes are scheduled from 2-5 p.m. at Palo office is open from 10 a.m.-4 Duro Canyon State Park: Nov. 18 and 25, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike, moderately difficult. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

SQUARE HOUSE MUSEUM Author Dean Downey will perform at 2 p.m., Nov. 18 at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Downey has published two cowboy poetry books and a children's book, "A Horse Named Lightening." The children's book will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

PDCSP PROGRAMS Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Interpretative Theater near Hackberry campground. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Nov. 25. For more information,

FPC EE CLASSES Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes: American Red Infant/Child CPR, Community First Aid (Nov. 4); "Retirement, Life Insurance and Disability Planning Money Management Seminar (Nov. 7-21); photogra-(Nov. 7-Dec. Improving Equipment p.m. the third Thursday of each Maintenance and Reliability (January). FPC is also offering FCC License Testing Nov. 9. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

> ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Novi 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in The Alzheimer's Support Group will continue its fourpart series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in Shepard's Nursing, 916 N. Crest Rd. November's program will be a panel discus-Pampa High School is seeking sion by health care providers. clubs, organizations, individu- The group meets the first Participants will receive a low-als or groups interested in Thursday of each month at cost self-exam mammogram establishing scholarships for Shepard's Crook Nursing. For and a breast health appraisal

SCIENCE SPECTRUM scholarships available to senior Science Spectrum, a non-profit Funding is available through museum for science education For more information, contact in Lubbock, is currently offer-Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey ing two educational films in its for assistance. All exams are by Omnimax Theatre — "Michael appointment only. For more Jordan to the Max" featuring information, call (806) 356-1905 Michael Jordan and "Mysteries or 1-800-377-4673. of Egypt" with actors Omar addition, the interactive travel-Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For The Contract Procurement more information, call (806) 745-2525.

FRESHSTART

Cancer Center will hold series sponsored by the cancer

center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673,

**PATHWAYS** 

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

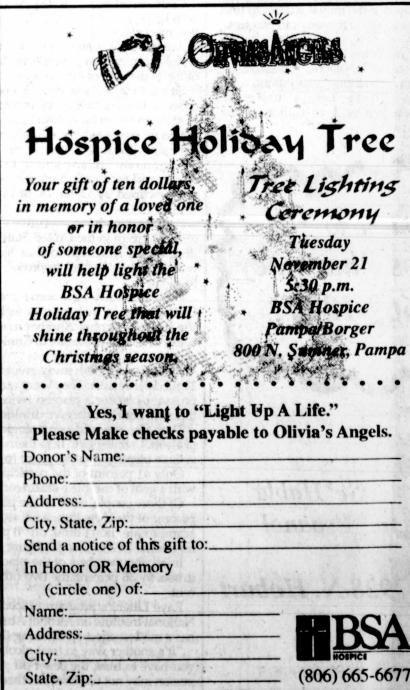
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-4 p.m., Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White Deer; (flu) 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. Skellytown School, Skellytown; 1-3 p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St., Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 13, Wheeler School,

> **HARRINGTON** CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Nov. 28, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. more information, call Dauna along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in self-examination. breast the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify

AREA AGENCY ON AGING Shariff and Kate Maberly. In Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking voluning exhibit "Whodunit? The teers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit resi-

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involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, exceltwo hours a week to the residents served by the Program Aide, at 1-800-642- (512) 470-0918. 6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

The program is open to seventh graders scoring in the upper 5 percent on sections of a nationally normed achievement teast. The deadline to apply is Nov. 1, 2000. For more information, call (919) 681-6980. SCHOOL-TO-CAREER **PROGRAM** 

lent problem-solving skills, Texas AFL-CIO has announced good relationships with older the "School to Careers" project people and the ability to devote for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about Ombudsman program. For the benefits of union-sponsored more information, contact Jeff apprenticeship training pro-Price, regional Ombudsman, or grams, contact the local Texas Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Workforce Commission or call

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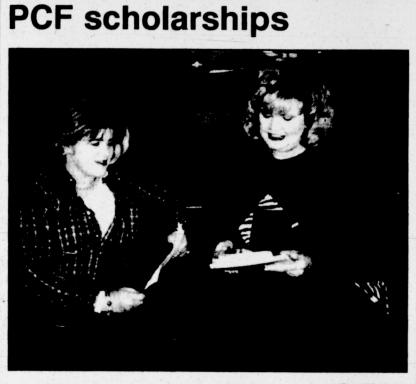
DUKE THP PROGRAM National Institute on Aging and Duke University is currently National Institutes of Health

dents of long-term care facilities conducting its 21st annual recently published a 36-page and help resolve complaints Talent Identification Program. booklet "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225.

American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIB-LING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

CASE Hosting a high school exchange student in August 2000 is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSIET listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types; retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various counties, ALL of whom speak English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce tollfree at 877-846-5848.

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Pampa each received Pampa Center Foundation

scholarships in the amount of \$500 for the fall semes-

ter. To be eligible for a PCF scholarship, a student

must enroll in 12 or more semester hours and main-

tain a 2.5 grade average a semester prior to applica-

tion. The scholarships are financed through Amarillo

Area Foundation. Applications are available at M.K.

Brown Academic Center, 1600 W. Kentucky, or from

counselors at local and area high schools.

Jody Smith, left, of White Deer and Denise Joiner of



## MEDICAL

## Healthbeat: Good housekeeping weapon in battle against asthma

**By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer** 

CLARKSVILLE, Md. (AP) — Scientists came into little Daniel Weiss' sunny suburban home armed with a special vacuum cleaner: The 7-year-old's bed, stuffed animal collection, even under the refrigerator - no place was spared in the hunt for dust.

The dust holds clues to Daniel's asthma — traces of substances that trigger allergic reactions that send him gasping to the emergency room. In a lab, researchers wash the finely grained dust with antibodies that stain those microscopic allergens bright green, to measure how much lurks in Daniel's home.

Scientists from Maryland to Michigan are studying humble house dust to find ways to reduce allergens that leave over half of America's 17.3 million asthma sufferers wheezing. They believe the hunt could prove key to fighting the nation's worsening asthma epi-

"It's the idea that something about home environments is responsible for the increasing prevalence, increasing severity, of asthma," explained Dr. Peyton Eggleston of Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University. "If we could change those home environments, could we reduce the asthma?"

That sounds like a no-brainer: Determine your allergies, cleanse away triggers and surely you'll feel better. Hordes of "anti-allergy" products claim to do just that. Yet aside from dust mite-resistant bed covers that are proven allergy aids, few of those unregulated products have been tested and some that have simply don't work, scientists say.

"We don't know the best way to remove allergens from the environment," and some are incredibly resistant to cleaning, says Dr. Darryl Zeldin of the National Institutes of Health, which is spending millions searching for solutions.

Now worsening news is spurring that hunt: Some 29 million Americans will suffer from asthma by 2020, predicts the nonprofit Pew Environmental Health Commission.

Already, asthma rates have more than doubled since 1980. The rise struck mostly the inner-city poor but also upper-income suburbanites. Genes haven't changed enough to explain it. So the answer must lie in our environment or lifestyle.

One popular theory: Fewer infants are exposed to enough risky year. germs to stimulate proper immune system development, so immune cells overreact to normally benign substances that build up in airtight, carpeted, high-humidity houses.

Smoking and secondhand smoke, air pollution, less breast-feeding and more premature babies born with delicate lungs also may play a

Yet although the respiratory disease kills 5,000 Americans a year and hospitalizes half a million, fewer than half the states track asthma cases to try to determine the culprits.

Whatever the underlying cause, can asthmatics keep enough allergens out of their homes day-to-day to truly reduce attacks? Scientists are testing what types of allergens dust mites, cockroaches, pet dander, mold or pollen - lurk in hundreds of homes. Then they are teaching families various cleaning methods as part of studies to see what works.

In inner-city Detroit, for example, 300 families just received free vacuum cleaners outfitted with special high-efficiency air filters known as HEPA to study if they help to keep allergens from becoming airborne.

One early disappointment: Six months after exterminating cockroaches from inner-city Baltimore homes, enough cockroach allergen still stuck to walls, floors and crevices to trigger asthma. Not even bleach eliminated it. And in Boston, professional cleaners scrubbed homes three times yet didn't get cockroach allergen below asthmainducing levels.

Then there are dust mites. NIH estimates 22 million homes have enough of the microscopic bugs in beds to trigger asthma, a good reason to use mite-blocking mattress covers. But removing carpets is the only sure way to eradicate mites there, seldom an option for the poor or renters. NIH recently discovered that steam cleaning kills mites, but it in turn can cause asthma-inducing fungus. So Zeldin is studying possible mite-killing carpet cleaners.

Such research is vital because some allergen cleansing is expensive and if it isn't worth it, we shouldn't do it," Eggleston said.

But some simple methods can help. Take Daniel Weiss. Cat dander is his worst allergy. Yet Eggleston's testing found lots of dander in Daniel's bedroom even though he doesn't own a cat - merely playing outdoors meant he tracked in dander from neighborhood cats.

Remedies: Although Daniel isn't allergic to dust mites, it turns out mite-proof mattress covers also block cat dander from getting into the mattress. Bedding is washed in hot water instead of more energy-saving warm water. Daniel wipes clingy allergens off bedroom walls with a damp cloth weekly, and stores dust-gathering toys in a drawer. Dust-magnet drapes and rugs were banished.

Daniel hasn't had a serious asthma attack since the changes last

"I didn't think I'd learn that much about cleaning," says Daniel's mother, Amy. "But having someone actually in your house makes a difference. ... Daniel is just so much healthier."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Lauran Neergaard covers health and medical issues for The Associated Press in Washington.

## Colorectal cancer medication boosts survival chances

By LINDA A. JOHNSON **Associated Press Writer** 

In the biggest advance against end-stage colorectal cancer in 40 years, researchers have found that combining a new drug with the standard ones can more effectively slow the cancer and pro-

long victims' lives slightly.

"We're starting to bring science to the point that it's breaking the scopies so poly and removed.

In the current that it's breaking the scopies so poly and removed. logjam in progress," said Dr. Leonard B. Saltz of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Zealand, 226 patients received New York.

approved by the Food and Drug plus irinotecan. Administration for treating patients with advanced, Stage IV colorectal cancer after standard drugs fail.

Because such advanced colorectal cancer is practically a death sentence, researchers led such mild side effects they never by Saltz tested irinotecan togeth- missed work. er with the standard drugs, fluorouracil and leucovorin.

increased average survival from 13 months to 15 months, and the share of patients whose tumors temporarily shrank went from 28 percent to 50 percent, compared with the standard treatment.

Far fewer patients suffered from two serious side effects one of them a life-threatening decrease in infection-fighting white blood cells.

"It is a big step forward in giv-ing patients a better chance for tumor shrinkage and longer survival," Saltz said.

the promising approach is now being tested in Stage III patients, or those whose way fluorouracil and leucovorin tumors have spread to nearby attack, "progress, albeit slight, lymph nodes but not to other has at last occurred in the treatorgans, as in Stage IV. . ment of patients will lead to colorectal cancer."

a greater number of people being cured," Saltz said.

The study appeared in New England Journal of Medicine.

this year, the FDA called the surgery to remove tumors in three-drug combination the standard against which future treatments should be tested, and many oncologists already are dard drugs. adopting it, Saltz said.

dard drug for colorectal cancer produce results within five years. since 1960; since the 1970s, leucovorin has been added to boost effectiveness fluorouracil's

Colorectal cancer is America's http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov

No. 2 cancer killer after lung cancer, claiming 56,000 lives annually. While its exact cause remains unclear, it involves alterations in many genes over years and changes in the colon wall that let precancerous polyps develop. Doctors advise people 50 and older to get regular colonoscopies so polyps can be detected

In the current study, conducted at dozens of sites in North America, Australia and New fluorouracil and leucovorin injec-The drug irinotecan, also tions, while 231 patients got peri-known as Camptosar, already is odic shots of those two drugs

> Besides surviving longer, patients in the three-drug group had a longer period when the tumors stopped growing or shrank: seven months versus four months. Many patients had

"We're talking about them living longer, living better, but ulti-The three-drug combination mately the treatment fails," Saltz

Patients over 65 fared the same as younger ones on the threedrug regimen - a key point because many doctors hesitate to treat elderly patients aggressive-

Irinotecan is as expensive as most new cancer drugs, roughly \$6,000 for a six-week course, but insurance companies routinely pay for it, Saltz said.

In an editorial accompanying the study, Dr. Robert J. Mayer of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Perhaps even more important, in Boston wrote that because three-drug irinotecan blocks reproduction of cancer cells differently than the . ment of patients with advanced

Saltz is now heading a National Cancer Institute study at hospitals across North America to determine whether After seeing the results earlier the three drugs, given after Stage III patients, can cure the more than the 65 percent now saved by surgery and the stan-

Saltz said the study of about Fluorouracil has been the stan- 1,200 Stage III patients should

http://www.nejm.org National Cancer Institute site:

### Study suggests smoking may be a factor in teen depression

ing the current thinking that says depressed people may smoke to feel The study found that teens who

smoked were about four times more likely to develop highly depressed symptoms during a ye 's time. The researchers speculated that

nicotine or other smoking byproducts may have a depressive effect on the central nervous system.

The study adds to a growing body of conflicting research on links between tobacco and the mind.

"The thing that bolsters the idea is depressant drugs are helpful in treating nicotine addiction," said Dr. Elizabeth Goodman, an adolescentmedicine specialist at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati who led the study.

nal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Other researchers have linked teen smoking with suicide, and smoking with depression in adults, but they disagree over whether tobacco use is a cause or merely a result of a depressed state.

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study Most people think that those who factors that may have prompted the who smoked a pack a day or more. suggests smoking may be a cause of tend to be depressed "self-medicate teens to start smoking, such as The researchers did not examine case, said Naomi Breslau, director of research at Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

> Breslau's own research also has suggested tobacco may somehow contribute to depression. She said that while the new findings do not prove smoking is a cause, they strongly support that theory.

"They find absolutely no evidence that depressive symptoms per se increase the risk for smoking" she said. "They do find very clear evidence in the other direction."

She added: "It's just one more that there is evidence that anti- adverse effect of smoking on The study relied not on doctors'

> diagnoses but on teen-agers' reports of having symptoms suggestive of The study analyzed data from

The study appears in a recent teens questioned in 1995 and 1996 in issue of Pediatrics, the monthly jour- a national study on adolescent health. It included 8,704 teens who were not initially depressed and 6,947 teens who were not initially

> Evidence suggesting depression was a cause rather than a result of smoking evaporated v en the researchers took into account other

in the previous month and those the case.

depression in teen-agers, contradict- by smoking. This is probably not the friends' use of tobacco and poor whether teens who smoked the nost were the most likely to develop Current smokers included those depression, but some of their other who smoked as little as one cigarette findings suggest that may have been

### Molecule reveals Alzheimer's plaques

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dy like compound that moves into the brain and pinpoints areas affected by Alzheimer's disease has been demonstrated in laboratory animal experiments, researchers say.

In a study appearing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine say they have made a molecule called BSB that in mice will link specifically with brain tissue affected by Alzheimer's

When injected in the bloodstream, the molecule travels to the brain and attaches itself to the diseased tissue. Researchers say the molecules is visible on medical imaging equipment. If the technique can be developed for human use, it would enable clinicians, for the first time, to see the extent of brain tissue affected by Alzheimer's

enable doctors to monitor the study.

effects of any new drugs developed to treat Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease involves the formation in the brain of a waxy substance called amyloid plaques. These plaques are thought to play role in the killing of neurons, the disease process in Alzheimer's. The plaques, however, cannot be

seen well on X-ray and other imag-ing equipment. This is one reason that Alzheimer's cannot be positively diagnosed except by autopsy.
The BSB molecule, if it can be made to work in humans, could change that. The molecule is small

enough to slip through the blood brain barrier, a natural filter that protects the brain, and has been shown in the mouse studies to find and attach to the amyloid plaques. A radioactive marker attached to

the molecule will make it possible to visualize plaque formation on clinical imaging equipment, said Dr. Virginia Lee, a university The molecule probe also would researcher and co-author of the

### **GOLDEN PHOENIX** CENTER The Golden Phoenix Center has been appointed the specific mission of improving the psychological health of senior adults who require short term psychiatric hospitalization. One Medical Plaza • Pampa, Texas 806-663-5570

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### Medicine shows promise in fight against alcoholism

CHICAGO (AP) — A drug widely used outside the United States to help keep alcoholics from drinking shows promise in its first American test, researchers report.

Acamprosate worked best in people who aimed to avoid alcohol entirely, rather than just cutting down, said researcher Barbara Mason of the University of Miami School of Medicine.

"It's not magic," she said. "It's not something a spouse can put in the coffee of the alcoholic in the morning and the problem will go away. It has to go hand-in-hand with having abstinence as your treatment goal." Mason presented the study's results at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

Acamprosate is now sold in Europe, South America, Asia and elsewhere, and more than a million people have taken it, Mason said. It is manufactured by Lipha s.a. of Lyon, France, which paid for the new

Dr. Anita Goodman, executive vice president of Lipha's clinical development group in the United States, said the company plans to get the drug on the American market "as soon as we can." That step, which would require federal approval, will take at least a year, she said

Doctors already have some drugs available to maintain abstinence. One, disulfiram, makes a user feel nauseous and otherwise sick if he or she also uses alcohol. Another medication, naltrexone, acts on brain circuitry to reduce the desire to drink. Acamprosate acts on different brain

Mason's six-month study involved 601 alcoholics who were treated at 21 medical centers. They were randomly assigned to take either acam-prosate tablets or a placebo twice a day, starting two to 10 days after

their last bout of excessive drinking.

They also received psychological treatment, education about effects of alcohol, strategies to help them cut down and quit drinking and exercises to identify what led them to drink.

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Only 41 percent of the participants, or 241 people, began the study with a goal of complete abstinence, Mason said.

Of those people, those on the placebo stayed away from alcohol on 58 percent of the days they were studied. Those taking 2 grams a day of acamprosate didn't drink on 70 percent of the days they were studied; for people on 3 grams, the figure was 73 percent.

In all, the members of the placebo group cut their weekly intake of drinks by 36 percent; the two other groups each reduced it by 40 percent.

Raye Litten, a program officer for medications development at the

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said acamprosate has a modest effect on drinking that's about the same as naltrecone.

"It's another way to treat alcoholism," he said. "The more weapons you have to treat, the better off you'll be, because what works for one person may not work for another."

# Spotlight on Pan

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

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Loyd Waters-Gold Coats, Neil & Mary Fulton-Silent Auction, June Beyer-Silent Auction Setup, Chuck White-Food & Drawing Tickets.

Doug Cooper-Bingo, Dale West-Auctioneer, Scott Hahn-Live Auction, Jimmy Stone-Banking.

Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce November Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 21st in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building Catered by Dos Caballeros Sponsored by BSA Hospice Hospitality Video "The Guest"

### What's up?

to be shown.

Christmas Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Chamber Style Show-Friday, December 1st at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Brown Civic Auditorium.

"Come Back to Christmas"-Saturday, December 2nd Victorian theme will be featured throughout Pampa. Downtown Cuyler Street will be blocked off with vendors, carolers, and carriage rides.

Chamber Prayer Breakfast-Tuesday, December 5th at 7 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building.

#### **New Members**

Advance Auto Parts, Hobart Street, Paul Carruth, manager. Grand Opening Dec. 1. KEFH 99.3 Radio Station, in Clarendon, Texas, Meinhart, general manager.

## Why Shop Pampa First?

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce proposes shopping Pampa first during the Christmas Season and throughout the year for the following reasons:

- 1. Statistics show that every dollar spent in a community turns over 5-to-6 times sparking economic growth.
- 2. Economic growth creates money for improvements in schools, police and fire departments, city streets, etc.
- 3. A need is created for business expansion and hiring of additional employees.
- The community becomes more attractive to potential new businesses which could add new jobs and increase spending.



Lots of bidding taking place at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce 2000 "Country Fair".



Mayor & Gold Coat Bob Neslage with his wife Sheila having Fun at the "Country Fair".



Chamber Chairman Paulette Kirksey and John Curry hard at work selling "Country Fair" drawing tickets.

Dear Members,

The "Country Fair" has once again come and gone. This year, as in past years, it was extremely successful with close to 500 people in attendance.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who worked so hard to make the "Country Fair" such a success this year. It literally takes dozens of volunteers weeks of hard work to pull off an event of this magnitude and the results affect the entire year because fully twenty five percent of our budget comes from the proceeds of

this one night. In appreciation we have listed on this page the "Country Fair" committee chairmen and we also want to thank the many additional volunteers that worked tire-

lessly in the committees to create a great evening for everyone involved. In addi-

tion, thanks to our Chamber Staff of Shirley Jernigan, Gwenda Watson and Lester

Lynch as they are vital to the success of the "Country Fair" each year. A special thank you to each individual, organization and business who so generously donated items to our silent and live auctions and to everyone who purchased a drawing ticket. Because of your generosity and desire to have a strong Chamber of Commerce in our community, we are able to promote business and

work toward an economically stronger Pampa. Thanks Again to everyone who contributed to the 2000 Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce "Country Fair".

Sincerely,

Clay Lice

Clay Rice President

> 2000 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORMS**

THEME: COME BACK TO CHRISTMAS

The parade will form Thursday evening, November 30th at the M. K. Brown Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Please enter the parking lot through the West entrance off of Surnner St. on the South side of building. If dropping someone off, please circle around and exit out the West exit on to Sumner St. on the North side of the M. K. Brown Auditorium. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

CANDY WILL NOT BE THROWN DURING THE PARADE. There will be a party at the Dr. V. E. von Brunow Park with Santa Claus and his elves handing out candy.

NO WHEELIE'S ARE ALLOWED. There will be only ONE Santa Claus.

Please fill out the form below and and return it to the Chamber office by no later than November 28, 2000. We look forward to your participation. ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S PARADE.

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## Parents' Bitter Breakup Is No **Occasion for Thanksgiving**

Abigail

SYNDICATED

COLUMNIST

presence of each other when

their feelings are still so volatile

would ruin the holiday for

everyone. It's time to establish

up to a full day of celebrating,

I suggest you have Thanksgiv-

ing dinner with one parent

and dessert with the other.

Next year, do the opposite. It

isn't the "family" celebration you wanted, but it's practical.

DEAR ABBY: The recent letters

you printed about transmitting

colds prompts my own. Last year, I

missed more than a week of work

and was sick for almost a month. It

was all because a few employees

repeatedly came to work sick. My

company lost many man-hours

during a season when the whole

crew was needed. All of it could

have been prevented by practicing

Some suggestions to help pre-

courtesy and common sense.

Since your husband is not

new traditions.

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Our parents, who were married 47 years, divorced six months ago. Mom and Dad now live on opposite sides of town. My brothers and I have been discussing how to celebrate the holidays as a family. I think Dad could probably tolerate being in the presence of Mom for a few hours, but Mom is so angry, she can't stand the sight of him. We kids want our children to celebrate as we always have - as one family.

I realize we could split Thanksgiving and spend half a day with each parent. However, we don't think that's fair to us and our children. My husband is recovering from a heart attack, and he will get too tired if he has to spend the whole day with that many people. I suppose he could slip off into the bedroom and rest, but how much rest can you get with people talking and kids running all over the place?

I would like for our parents to meet us in a restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner, either at noon or in the evening. I'm not sure Mom would agree to be in the same room with Dad, though. My oldest brother thinks it would be a disaster. Abby, do you have any sugges-

dilemma? THE CHILDREN **DEAR CHILDREN: Putting** your parents together now

would be like mixing fire and

ice. Forcing them to be in the

Horoscope

**TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 2000** 

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Work late.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\*\*\* \* Let others present their

points of view. You don't always have to

agree. Be direct in communication and

know what it is that you want. Develop

your own resources. Make inquiries.

Consider signing up for a course that will

draws another's attention. Avoid accept-

ing information from others, even if they

think it is correct. Seek out your

resources. Work closely with a partner.

\*\*\* Creativity spins with events.

Another's flirtatious ways might be most

appealing. Be careful not to mix work

and play, if you don't want repercussions

or games. Others present their points of

view quite clearly. You not only under-

stand, but you are able to incorporate

their ideas as well. Tonight: Enjoy your-

\*\* \* An associate brings up issues

that tap into your security needs. Though

Your enthusiasm about work

tions for handling this holiday

vent the spread of colds and flu: (1) Stay home when you're sick. another is coming from, you need to accept this person's ideas and opinions. You aren't changing him. Deal with your health and diet. Don't postpone a doc-

tor's appointment. Tonight: Pace your-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\* \* \* Extremes mark your commu-5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; nication. Realize that another means well. Do you really mind the distraction? Make calls. Reach out for another. Above all, do not stand on ceremony.

You find that flirtation stimulates your creativity and adds a more jovial quality to your life. Tonight: Off playing a favorite sport. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* \* \* Financial matters take time, but self about an expenditure and why you are doing it. A child or new friend AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

for a family member or your home. anything halfway. You could be unusual-Tonight: Mosey on home. You find that this person has many more LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) resources than you thought. Tonight: \*\*\* \* You go out of your way to short. Understand that what you hear make a difference. Understand more of might not be gospel. Tonight: Relax at a what is going on with someone who movie affects your day-to-day life. You might PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) not see eye to eye. That also might not be

cussion rolling and know that you don't not always agree with another, you come always have to agree with others. to a strong conclusion. Get together to Tonight: Out and about. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \* \* You might want to assume a low profile for the moment. Not everyone has Tonight: Togetherness works. to agree with you. Carefully consider BORN TODAY

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, rest, and drink plenty of fluids.

(2) If you can't afford to lose time, make sure to use a cough suppressant. A doctor or pharmacist can recommend the best one for you. A cough not covered can spread germs up to 15 feet away. When you must cough and cannot cover your mouth, bury your face in your arm or at least turn away from

(3) Use disposable tissues - and use them only once. Deposit them in a proper receptable, preferably a lined one so someone else doesn't have to touch them.

(4) Wash your hands at the beginning of breaks and before returning to work to help minimize spreading your illness.

Remember, too, that even the "hale and hardy" can meet an early death if a cold or flu slips unnoticed into pneumonia. I know I wouldn't want it on my conscience that I might have spread the "bug" that killed someone.

A FELLOW EMPLOYEE

DEAR FELLOW EMPLOYEE: Those are excellent suggestions. What you are promoting is consideration for others - and that applies during every season, not just the flu season.

discover that it's mutual. Tonight: Take a personal night. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* \* Tunderstand that a friend means well, even if he seems to be pushing you in a certain direction. Carefully review a decision that involves a friend or loved one. You decide that an expenditure just might be worth it. Review a decision. Tonight: Where your friends

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* \* You clearly mean well, but another might have a difficult time getting your message. A boss could be inordinately challenging, wanting what he needs - yesterday. Cater to him; don't cause yourself a problem. Take time help you. Tonight: Accept an invitation. you gain as a result. Don't delude your-thinking through decisions. Tonight: Bring extra work home, if need be.

delights you with his thoughtfulness. Be \*\*\* \* Make calls to someone open to more caring. Consider a purchase whose expertise you respect. Don't do ly sensitive. Remain directed about money and feelings. Do not sell yourself

\* \* \* One-on-one relating remains important, either. Make calls. Keep a dis- key to your success. Though you might discuss your long-term goals and desires. Choose to do nothing halfway. Your follow-through makes all the difference.

options that involve finances. Could you Philosopher Voltaire (1694), actress be spending money out of frustration Goldie Hawn (1945), baseball player you might not always understand where rather than need? Express caring. You Ken Griffey Jr. (1969)

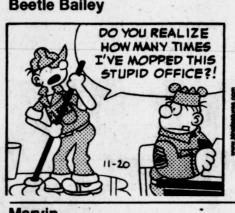
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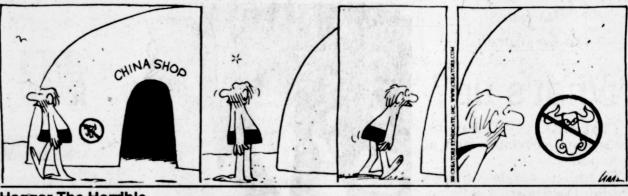
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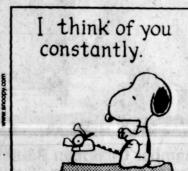


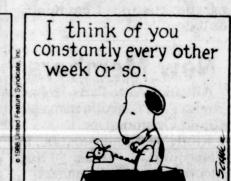


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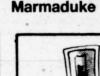
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"What's the dog catcher doing in our dog house?"

The Family Circus



"Mommy can write straight even when there are no lines on the paper.

## Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa lost to Hereford 27-22 in a 7th grade boys basketball game last

High scorer for Pampa was Colby Scott with 12 points. Eric Kingcade had 8 points and Ryan Torres 2.

In an 8th grade B game, Pampa won by a score of 32-24 over Hereford.

Janssen Eilenberger was high scorer with 14 points. Ricky Gattis had 8 points and Adam Brown 4.

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#### BASEBALL

**BRENHAM** — Lone Star Baseball-Softball will conduct an evaluation camp for both baseball and softball athletes Dec. 16-17 in Brenham.

Purpose of the camp is to educate the athlete and their parents on how to enhance the chances of playing baseball or softball beyond high school.

Each athlete will receive an evaluation of their talents and the information will be sent to all college coaches and pro organizations in a five-state area.

The camps are open to all athletes, freshmen through seniors.

For more information, call Frank Dorner at 281-469-

DENVER (AP) - The Colorado Rockies are tentatively scheduled to meet with Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez and his agent on Nov. 29 in Denver.

"We're very serious about it," said Josh Byrnes, the Rockies' assistant general manager. "We've got a chance to sit down with A-Rod face to face and tell him about the our team and the city. This is a major deal and we hope he buys into what we have here."

The Rockies also planned to fly to Houston on Nov. 28 to meet with left-handed pitcher Mike Hampton and his agent, Mark Rodgers.

Colorado's major hurdle for luring Rodriguez may be

In a meeting with agent Scott Boras two weeks ago, the Rockies were led to believe it would take a 12year, guaranteed deal at about \$20 million per year with no deferred money.

Clauses after the third and sixth seasons would ensure Rodriguez would remain the game's highest-paid player. There would be an escape clause after the seventh year. There are other hurdles,

"One thing we don't have here is a track record for winning," Byrnes said. "We hope A-Rod will look at our organization himself and see young players like Ben Petrick, Todd Walker, Todd Helton, Todd Hollandsworth and Juan Pierre.

"You put them with Jeff Cirillo and Larry Walker and that's a nucleus that should stay around a while. Our minor league system has a lot of young pitching including a couple who should be top-of-

the-rotation guys.

"And then the second thing is the offensive potential. ... You put A-Rod in there with Todd Helton and Larry Walker and that's a pretty fearsome trio."

The 25-year-old Rodriguez has averaged 42 homers, 122 RBIs while hitting .305 in his last three seasons.

To get Rodriguez, the Rockles would either move Neifi Perez to second base, or trade him for two quality pitchers.

### Groom advances

LEFORS - Groom's offense struck was potent on the ground and through the air as the Tigers downed Miami 40-26 last Friday night in a six-man bi-district

Groom running back Dewayne Gray rushed for four touchdowns and finished with 90 yards on nine carries. Quarterback Grant Weinheimer threw two touchdown passes, both to Clay Ritter.

Lucio Moreno scored three touchdowns for Miami, one on a 21-yard pass from Jimmy James. Derek Howard added another score on an 80-yard kickoff return.

Cody Bivins was Groom's leading rusher with 97 yards on 10 carries. Weinheimer completed 10 of 18 pass attempts for 225 yards.

Groom led at the half 22-12. Groom (11-0) advances to meet Lazbuddie at 7:30 Friday night in Silverton in the area round of the playoffs. Miami closes its season at 7-4.

### Woods wins for 10th time

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) -Tiger Woods won his 10th title of the year, shooting his third straight 65 for a three-stroke victory in the Johnnie Walker

Woods had a 25-under 263 total to break the tournament record of 268 set by South Africa's Ian Palmer in 1992. It also was Woods' lowest fourround score in relation to par, but it wasn't his lowest total he shot a 21-under 259 at the par-70 Firestone Country Club in the NEC Invitational this year.

Woods earned \$190,798 for his third victory in three events in his mother's native country. He won the 1997 Asian Honda Classic in Bangkok and the 1998 Johnnie Walker on Phuket

### Goal setup



Billy Hightower, who plays for the Duncan, Fraser & Bridges soccer team, is just seconds away from trapping a hard pass and setting up a two-touch shot on goal. The Pampa team played Perryton in a "friendly" soccer game recently in Perryton.

Pampa Soccer Association will hold its annual awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday in M.K. Brown

The ceremony will recognize all players who participated in the fall 2000 soccer season.

All players will receive a trophy. Special recognition, however, will be made to those teams who earned first and second places in their divisions.

"All interested parties, coaches, players and soccer nuts alike are invited to the celebration," said PSA recordkeeper- publicist Kim Peterson.

Soccer games resume March 17 with the spring 2001 season. Team practices begin the week of March 5.

"We hope to have all the participants back scoring goals again." Peterson said.

Others in Pampa's scoring column were Kirk George with 8, Adam Rodgers 7, Victor Brooks 7, Chad Platt 6, Jeff Lofton 3, and Max Simon 1.

Both the Pampa boys and girls teams play at Tascosa tonight with the girls contest starting at 6.

## It's Florida State vs. the computer

Bowden will sit in his favorite against Tennessee. easy chair and watch the rest of the season unfold on television.

Florida State has made its case. Whether the Seminoles play in the Orange Bowl for the Bowl my life, and I've been through Championship Series title is out of their hands.

"I think we deserve it," Bowden said Sunday. "But there, I'll have to accept."

over No. 7 Florida on Saturday night, the Seminoles stayed at No. 3 in the latest Associated Press poll, behind No. 2 Miami and No. 1 Oklahoma. The BCS standings come out Monday, and Florida State is projected to move ahead of Miami.

South Division with a 27-13 win over Texas Tech.

26-0, and coach Butch Davis felt they made their claim on the second spot in the BCS standings.

"They say we had to win by 20, and we did that (Saturday), Davis said. "I would be disappointed if we didn't stay second, especially with the tough stretch we've had. Every team we've played has had a winning

Still, the Seminoles looked every bit as title-worthy against the Gators.

The defense stifled Steve Spurrier's Fun 'N' Gun, holding it to a single touchdown. That was Florida's worst production in this rivalry since 1964, when Spurrier was the quarterback.

Snoop Minnis caught eight passes for 187 yards, running through a secondary that had been making plays and shutting down offenses in Southeastern Conference all sea-

Then there was Chris Weinke, the 28-year-old quarterback who overcame flu-like symptoms to throw for 353 yards and three touchdowns, and give his Heisman Trophy hopes a timely

That probably added to his legacy, added to any kind of East two weeks ago with their hopes we'd have for him for the win over South Carolina; the Heisman," Bowden said.

sat on the couch at home and experienced much the same thing he'll go through during the time win over No. 23 Mississippi next two weeks. He needed 'State. The SEC champion likely breaks to go his way and got will play in the Sugar Bowl.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — them when No. 3 UCLA and No. While the computers whir and 2 Kansas State each lost, sending spin, Florida State coach Bobby the Seminoles to the Fiesta Bowl

Some might view it as a tortur-

"It's not to me," Bowden said. "I've been through bad times in good times, and I've had enough of the bad to feel real good about where we are right now.

Among the games he'll have again, it's the computer, not peo- an eye on are Miami's season ple, and whatever it throws out finale against Boston College next week. The Sooners have With their convincing 30-7 win Oklahoma State next week, followed by a rematch with Kansas State in the Big 12 title game.

"It's going to be up to the computer," Bowden said. "I hope nobody gets in there and twists that thing around."

Elsewhere, four of the six auto-Oklahoma clinched the Big 12 matic berths to the four BCS outh Division with a 27-13 win games — Orange, Fiesta, Sugar, ver Texas Tech.

The Hurricanes beat Syracuse

Florida State (ACC), Miami (Big East), Purdue (Big Ten) and Washington (Pac-10). The Big 12 and SEC champions also receive automatic spots.

Among BCS game hopefuls as at-large teams are Notre Dame, Oregon State and Virginia Tech. One spot will go to No. 11 Notre Dame (8-2) if the Irish can beat USC next Saturday; the other appears to be a tossup between the Hokies (9-1) and Beavers (10-1). Virginia Tech plays Virginia next weekend.

The Rose Bowl will likely pit No. 14 Purdue (8-3) vs. No. 4 Washington (10-1).

Drew Brees threw for one TD and ran for another as Purdue beat Indiana 41-13 to win the Old Oaken Bucket and clinch its first trip to Pasadena in 34 years.

The Huskies, as Pac-10 cochamps, are Rose Bowl-bound for the first time since 1993 after a 51-3 victory over Washington State in the Apple Cup coupled with Oregon State's 23-13 win over Oregon in the Civil War.

The Southeastern Conference title game is set: Florida (9-2, 7-1) vs. No. 17 Auburn (9-2, 6-2) at the Georgia Dome on Dec. 2.

The Gators clinched the SEC Tigers secured their spot as West Just two seasons ago, Bowden winners with a 9-0 win at Alabama in the Iron Bowl, coupled with Arkansas' 17-10 over-

#### Lady Harvesters win opener HIGHLAND PARK — The the lead to 24 (53-29) at the end halftime. Pampa Lady Harvesters opened of three quarters.

the 2000-2001 basketball season Friday night with a 68-42 win over Highland Park.

Lindsey Narron had 15 points and Charity Nachtigall 13 to lead the Pampa attack. Alicia Ornelas scored 33

points for the losers, but the rest of her teammates had trouble with Pampa's tenacious defense. Others who scored for the

Lady Harvesters were Jennifer Lindsey with 9 points, Chasity Nachtigall 8, Ashlei Jordan 8, Ashley Derington 7, Calli Covalt 6 and Stephanie Cameron 2.

The Lady Harvesters led by 12 (37-25) at halftime and pushed

PLAINVIEW — The Pampa Harvesters dropped a 71-70 squeaker to Seminole in a boys' basketball opener Saturday in the Plainview High gym.

Pampa led by as many as nine points in the first half, and never trailed until the final seconds of

Eric Sheets topped Seminole in scoring with 32 points while Chris Espinoza chipped in 14.

Gary Alexander was the leading scorer for Pampa with 26 points. Kyle Francis followed

Pampa led by six (43-37) at

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## Missouri lets Smith go

than retire or resign.

Athletic director Mike Alden express an interest. said Sunday that he gave Smith the option to resign after a 28-24 Florida State offensive coach home loss to Kansas State on Mark Richt, Texas Christian Saturday finished a 3-8 season. It coach Dennis Franchione and was Missouri's second straight Southern Florida coach Jim losing season after two consecutive bowl appearances.

left on his contract, said after the game that he would not step down. He instead talked optimistically, saying he thought Missouri would have a "great team" next year and discussing recruiting priorities.

p.m. Saturday and informed him he planned to make a change.

"Coach Smith was very steadfast in saying, 'I'm not going to resign,"' Alden said Sunday. "And so I alerted him that we would be terminating his agree-

In a statement released by the school, Smith said he was given no reasons for the dismissal.

"I am very proud of what our program has accomplished," years (7-15); an uncompetitive showing during that period; what counts to this administra-deficiencies in the personal tion is only winning and losing."

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - ing to fill the position in 2-to-3 Larry Smith remained true to his weeks. None of the current word, choosing to be fired as assistant coaches are serious Missouri's football coach rather candidates for the job, although Alden said they are welcome to Speculation in Columbia has

Leavitt at the top of Alden's list. Head coaching or coordinator

Smith, who had three years experience isn't necessarily required, Alden said, although any coach would be expected to leave his current job immediately — even if that means missing a bowl appearance.

"When a person is committed to the University of Missouri, Alden met with Smith about 8 they are committed to m. Saturday and informed him Missouri," Alden said. "Not to the other place until such time as

they feel like coming here."
Smith was 33-46-1 in seven seasons at Missouri. His career record is 143-126-7 in 24 seasons, with previous stops at Tulane, Southern and Arizona

Alden listed four reasons why Smith was removed: a losing on is only winning and losing." development of players; poor Alden said he would move recruiting after the two bowl swiftly to find a new coach, hop- seasons.

## Races tighten in AFC East and NFC East Divisions

AP Football Writer

They're packed together at the top of the AFC East and NFC East heading toward the last month of the NFL season.

The AFC East race became a four-team jumble Sunday when first-place Miami fell to the New York Jets 20-3, Green Bay held off Indianapolis 26-24 and Buffalo beat Kansas City 21-17. other three teams are 7-4, with plenty of intradivision games 8) remaining.

in here and had to have this game," said Jets running back Bernie Parmalee, who rushed for two touchdowns in place of Curtis Martin, who left with a sore back.

In the NFC East, surprising Philadelphia moved on top by routing Arizona 34-9 while the New York Giants were falling at home to Detroit 31-21. The Eagles are 8-4, a half-game in front of the Giants. Washington (6-4) is at St. Louis on Monday night.

The wildest action Sunday came at Denver, where the Broncos rallied for a 38-37 victory that was San Diego's 11th in as many outings.

Also, it was Oakland 31, New Orleans 22; Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 10; Minnesota 31, Carolina 17; Tennessee 24, Cleveland 10; Baltimore 27, Dallas 0; Jacksonville 34, Pittsburgh 24; San Francisco 16, Atlanta 6; and New England 16, Cincinnati 13. Seattle is idle this week.

Jets 20, Dolphins 3

Host Miami lost quarterback Jay Fiedler to a pinched nerve in his neck on the opening play when he was sacked by Mo Lewis. The Dolphins also were without running back Lamar Smith (hamstring) for most of the day, and their offense sput-

Damon Huard was intercepted three times as the Jets, who rallied from a 30-7 deficit to beat the Dolphins 40-37 last month, never trailed in this one.

Packers 26, Colts 24

The elements and Brett Favre's toughness were too much for the visiting Colts.

Favre, playing on a sprained left foot that had him on crutches and in a cast last week, extended his NFL-record streak for quarterbacks to 136 starts. The Packers (5-6) ran up a 19-0 first-half lead on a cold, snowy day, then clinched it on Allen Rossum's 92-yard kickoff return with 4:16 left.

Ahman Green had 153 yards rushing for Green Bay. Bills 21, Chiefs 17

An efficient Rob Johnson, back in the starting lineup over Doug Flutie, threw two touchdown passes and got the go-ahead tions. score on a 12-yard, Flutie-like scramble.

Wide receiver Eric Moulds, who caught eight passes for 67 end zone to preserve the victory. to Tampa Bay. The Chiefs (5-6), at home for the a takeaway for a third straight return by Tony Parrish. game, the first time in franchise Vikings 31, Panthers 17 history they have gone that long without one.

Eagles 34, Cardinals 9

Philadelphia, which won eight Plummer from the game with bruised ribs and an injured

Donovan McNabb completed 25 of 34 passes for 217 yards, threw for one touchdown and

Jeremiah Trotter and Brian against the visiting Cardinals (3-

"To be in this position is some-"It felt good because we came thing special, something we all worked for," McNabb said. "A lot of people never expected us to be in this position. The sky is the limit for us. If we can continue to improve, big things are going to happen." Lions 31, Giants 21

> Special teams were awful for the host Giants. A blocked punt by Larry Foster and a 50-yard punt return by Desmond Howard set up scores for Detroit (7-4), which solidified its wildcard chances. Charlie Batch tied his career best with three touchdown passes and the defense Browns (3-9) on seven of its first his career best with three touchforced four turnovers.

> straight under new coach Gary Ellsworth gave the Browns a Moeller. The Giants (7-4) have lost two in a row at home to fall behind Philadelphia in the divi-

**Broncos 38, Chargers 37** 

Chargers, who blew a 17-point lead at Denver (7-4).

Gus Frerotte, in for the injured with a 5-yarder to Ed McCaffrey. for the winning TD with 1:33 left. But he also threw four interceptions, one returned 75 yards

five Denver turnovers into 27 Dilfer threw two touchdown points and Ryan Leaf had his best game, throwing for 311 yards and three touchdowns. Raiders 31, Saints 22

enough for New Orleans (7-4) to scored a career-high four touchbeat the AFC West leaders with- downs. Taylor had touchdown out Ricky Williams (broken runs of 25, 2 and 26 yards ankle). But the Saints also lost quarterback Jeff Blake in the first Taylor has five consecutive 100quarter with a broken foot and saw their six-game winning

streak snapped. Rich Gannon shook off five sacks to engineer three scoring drives and run for 57 yards for the Raiders (9-2). Oakland won for the first time in New Orleans since its 1981 Super Bowl victo-

Bears 13, Buccaneers 10

More cold weather woes for the Bucs, who have never won a game that started with a temperature below 40 degrees. This loss at Soldier Field dropped Tampa Bay (6-5) to 0-18 in such condi-

Paul Edinger kicked a 48-yard field goal with 10:02 left and fel- Patriots 16, Bengals 13 low rookie Brian Urlacher stopped the Bucs' late drive with yards and a touchdown, batted an interception as the Bears (3-8) away Elvis Grbac's pass into the ended a six-game losing streak

Chicago's lone touchdown first time in a month, didn't have came on a 38-yard interception

Daunte Culpepper was 22-ofgames in the last two seasons 29 for a career-high 357 yards combined, got eight sacks and and Randy Moss and Cris Carter knocked Arizona QB Jake each gained more than 100 yards in passes in the same game for the seventh time. Robert Smith rushed for 103 yards, including a 3-yard TD run. He also caught three passes for 70 yards, including a 53-yard screen pass for a

Moss became the second NFL The Dolphins are 8-3, while the Dawkins each had two sacks receiver to break the 1,000-yard barrier for each of his first three seasons. Moss has 58 catches for 1,026 yards.

Titans 24, Browns 10

Tennessee (9-2) became the first non-replacements team to win while committing seven turnovers since Pittsburgh in 1983. Eddie George ran for 134 yards and scored a career-high three touchdowns. George is 1 yard shy of becoming the fifth player to rush for at least 1,000 in each of his first five seasons.

Steve McNair was intercepted three times, and fumbled twice after being sacked. Tennessee, with only 16 turnovers through nine possessions. A 33-yard The Lions have won two interception return by Percy brief 7-0 lead.

Ravens 27, Cowboys 0

Another Baltimore's overpowering defense. The Ravens (8-4) have The losing continues for the blanked four opponents this season, the most since Pittsburgh got five in 1976.

Emmitt Smith was limited to Brian Griese, threw for a team- 48 yards rushing and Troy record 462 yards and five TDs, Aikman passed for only 138 yards as the Cowboys (4-7) were shut out for the first time in 152 games since Sept. 15, 1991.

Rookie Jamal Lewis ran for for a touchdown by Scott Turner. 187 yards, second most in The Chargers (0-11) converted Ravens history, while Trent

Jaguars 34, Steelers 24

Fred Taylor ran for 234 yards, the most against the Steelers (5-It would have been difficult 6) in their 67-year history, and

and a 16-yard scoring catch. yard games.

The Jaguars (4-7) converted four of the Steelers' five turnovers - three fumbles and two interceptions — into scores.

49ers 16, Falcons 6

At San Francisco, rookie Jason Webster returned an interception 70 yards for the game's only touchdown as the 49ers' improving young defense dominated Atlanta (3-9).

Charlie Garner had 135 total yards and Wade Richey kicked three field goals, but the 49ers (4-8) struggled to move the ball and racked up 85 yards in

Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal with three seconds remaining, his third of the game, gave the host Patriots (3-8) the win. The kick was set up by a pass interference call on the Bengals' Rodney Heath with 35 seconds

Cincinnati (2-9) was victim-The usual suspects catapulted ized by Terry Glenn's 11 recephost Minnesota (9-2) past tions for 129 yards.

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Oklahoma stays No. 1 in AP poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer

Far from perfect against Texas Tech, Oklahoma remains a nearperfect No. 1 in the AP poll.

The Sooners improved to 10-0 with a 27-13 victory over the Red Raiders on Saturday and collected 70 of the 71 first-place votes in The Associated Press Top 25 poll released Sunday.

Oklahoma won by two touchdowns, but coach Bob Stoops said his team made too many mistakes.

"Turnovers, dropping the ball, penalties, blocked kicks, those kind of things you can't have," Stoops said. "We need to get some work done this week if we're going to continue to push like we

Fiorida State, which completed over Florida, received the other first-place vote but was still No. 3 behind No. 2 Miami, a 26-0 winner over Syracuse on Saturday.

The Sooners, Hurricanes (9-1) and Seminoles (11-1) are 1-2-3 for Gators (9-2) fell from No. 4 to No.

clinched a Rose Bowl berth with a its title game.

51-3 victory over Washington 4 in balloting by the AP panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Oregon State (10-1), a 23-13 winplaces to No. 5. The Ducks (9-2) fell five places to No. 10.

Oklahoma, with games remaining against Oklahoma State and game, had 1,774 points; Miami Oregon. 1,681 points; and Florida State 1,645 points. Last week, the Seminoles trailed the Hurricanes by 61 points; this week the gap is 36 points.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top five were Oklahoma, Miami, Florida State, Washington and Virginia Tech.

The latest Bowl Championship Series standings, which determine who plays in a national title game its regular season with a 30-7 win in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3, will be released Monday. Oklahoma was expected to remain in first place with Florida State likely to jump past Miami and into second

The BCS standings use the AP the third week in a row. The media poll and the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, schedule strength and number of losses to Washington (10-1), which determine the top two teams for

The AP national champion is State, moved up two places to No. decided after the Orange Bowl, with voters selecting a final Top 25 to be released early Jan. 4. In the coaches poll, the winner of the ner over Oregon, jumped three Orange Bowl automatically is crowned champion.

Rounding out the Top 10 in the AP poll were No. 6 Virginia Tech, No. 7 Florida, No. 8 Kansas State, then Kansas State in the Big 12 title No. 9 Nebraska and No. 10

Notre Dame (8-2), with a 45-17 win over Rutgers, stayed put at No. 11, followed by No. 12 Texas, No. 13 TCU, No. 14 Purdue, No. 15 Clemson, No. 16 Michigan, No. 17 Auburn, No. 18 Georgia Tech, No. 19 Georgia and No. 20 Northwestern.

Ohio State, a 38-26 loser to Michigan, fell nine places to No. 21, followed by No. 22 Texas A&M, No. 23 Mississippi State, No. 24 LSU and No. 25 Tennessee.

LSU (7-3) is making its first appearance of the season in the Top 25, while Tennessee (7-3) returns for the first time since the Sept. 30 poll.

South Carolina (7-4), a 16-14 loser to Clemson, and Southern Mississippi (7-3), which lost to Cincinnati 27-24, dropped out of the rankings.

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By CHUCK SCHOFFNER **AP Sports Writer** 

that stayed the same Monday which had a major shake-up night. in the middle and two newcomers at the bottom.

No. 23 Xavier and No. 24 Carolina. Old Dominion is out of the Top 25 for the first time in five years.

Connecticut (1-0), which did not play last week, was a unanimous choice for the polls. The Huskies received all semifinals on Sunday. 40 first-place votes from the

DePaul, remained second Auburn. with 959 points. Duke (3-0) (3-0). Purdue will play No. 11

Georgia traded places and Wednesday night at Iowa, and sidelined by a torn ACL. Penn State (2-0) both were up two places.

been No. 1 in 22 consecutive to beat Virginia in the NIT final poll last season.

national media panel and had Texas Tech 13th, followed by son, is off to a 2-0 start behind Oregon, Mississippi State, Western Kentucky transfer Tennessee, which began the Virginia, Southwest Missouri Rachel Byars. Byars had 44 season with a 94-52 rout of State, Stanford, Wisconsin and points, 25 rebounds and eight

Connecticut is top choice in women's basketball

was third with 886 points, State, Xavier, Boston College State, Connecticut led a top four eight more than No. 4 Purdue and Vanderbilt held the final five places.

in The Associated Press Louisiana Tech in the finals of Oregon made the biggest women's basketball poll, the preseason NIT on Monday jump, going from 24th to 14th after starting the season with No. 5 Notre Dame and No. 6 victories over Wisconsin and North Carolina State. The were followed by Rutgers, Ducks proved they could win Boston College made their Iowa State, Penn State and without guard Shaquala week, lost to Buffalo and beat first appearance of the season, LSU. Iowa State, which does- Williams, the Pac-10 player of Syracuse, which had defeated replacing Old Dominion and n't open the season until the year last season. She's Old Dominion in two over-

Illinois, an 80-62 winner over Clem Xavier beat Louisiana Tech fell three Vanderbilt 64-60 in its only places to 11th after losing to game so far. The Musketeers Michigan, but the Lady have four starters back from a third straight week and has Techsters (3-1) bounced back 26-5 team that was 24th in the

Boston College, 17th in the Oklahoma was 12th and last poll of the 1999-2000 sea-

steals in victories over Illinois, North Carolina Tennessee Tech and Michigan

> Old Dominion, which had been 18th, lost its first two games and ended a string of 91 straight appearances in the poll. The last time ODU was unranked was the second poll of the 1995-96 season.

North Carolina, 22nd last

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## Insurance, consumer, hospital interests join on health care plan

By JANELLE CARTER **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six years after President Clinton's failed attempt to provide health insurance to all Americans, groups that battled relentlessly over the issue proposed a program Monday to cover millions of the nation's

"Political gridlock should no longer be an option in dealing with
America's uninsured epidemic,"
said Ron Pollack, executive director
said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, a liberal consumer group that backed Clinton's plan. His nemesis back then, the

plan, which relies on a combination premium match. of expanding Medicaid and other government programs for the poor government's health care program ance for their low-wage workers.

accomplished," said Chip Kahn, president of the association, which represents large insurance compa-

Once opposite poles on the issue, the two groups plus the American Hospital Association were unveiling a proposal they say could pro-vide coverage to more than half of the 43 million Americans who now gories. don't have any health insurance.

200 percent of the federal poverty level - or about \$28,300 for a family of three. Those are people less Health Insurance Association of likely to be offered health coverage America with its "Harry and Louise on the job and, even when they are, ads," agrees. It helped draft the joint they often can't afford the employee

and new tax incentives to encourfor the poor - would be expanded age businesses to buy private insurto cover parents and single adults who often are ineligible for cover-"In the past, every group interage. For instance, in two-thirds of ested in extending coverage to the the states, a parent who works full percent of the premiums for uninsured held out for their favorite time at \$5.15 an hour is considered employees would receive a tax

approach. As a result, nothing was ineligible for Medicaid due to high credit to pay all or part of the income. And in most states, childless adults are ineligible for Medicaid unless they are disabled.

"We've got essentially three dif-ferent classes of people. Kids are treated the best, parents consider-ably poorer and childless adults get virtually nothing," said Pollack.
"This proposal gets rid of cate-

The plan also would give states the option of providing coverage for parents and childless adults through programs like the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which was created in 1997 for children whose families earn too much to quality for traditional Medicaid.

In a nod to an idea long-backed by the health insurance industry, the plan proposes a non-refundable tax credit aimed at low-income workers who now reject employersponsored coverage because they can't afford the employee premium match. A business that now pays 70 percent of the premiums for ads.

remaining premium for its low-income workers.

The groups offered no cost estimate of their proposal, but it's sure to be in the billions of dollars annually. They described the plan as a framework that they hope will include other stakeholders as legislation is

developed.

Capitol Hill lawmakers were expected to get the proposal Monday. Leaders of Families USA and the health insurance group outlined the proposal in an article to be published in the January-February issue of Health Affairs.

The compromise is a drastic change from the bitter battles waged by two of the most visible foes in the health care debate.

Health The Insurance Association of America, which has pushed to preserve the current system of employer-based coverage, spent \$17 million in 1994 to run the now-famous "Harry and Louise"

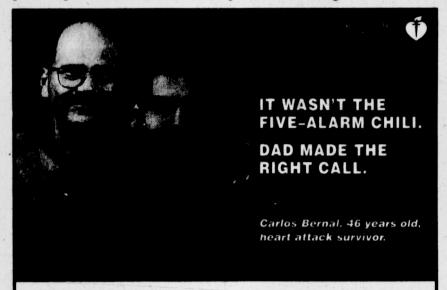
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would turn health care decisions over to government bureacrats, limit the choice of doctors and lead

to the rationing of care. strongly supported Clinton's health and no relation to the Families USA plan and has lobbied for new official. "Today we're happy to patient protections, include the prove them wrong."

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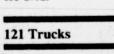
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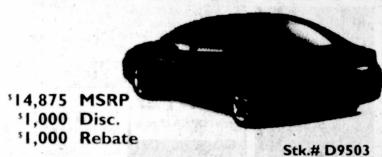


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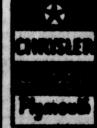
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