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Entries to the parade are free. To

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Categories include commercial and non-commércial, religious, classic cars, bicycles, horses, antique farm machinery,

and motorcycles/ four-wheelers. Certificates will be awarded

For safety reasons, no candy will be thrown from the floats.

However, Santa Claus and his elves will be guests of honor at

a party in the Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park at the southeast cor-

ner of Foster and Cuyler streets after the parade. Santa and his

enter, fill out a entry form available

to first place winners in each category.

elves will be handing out candy then.

Atchison where it will disband.

This year's parade will begin at NV 6:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot. The parade route travels south down Somerville Street and

marshal, Thursday, Nov. 30.

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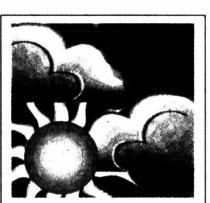
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#### Kingsmill-area RR crossing work set

PAMPA — A railroad crossing on U.S. Hwy. 60 near Kingsmill will be under construction next week, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. During the project, traffic will be narrowed to one lane in each direction at the crossing. The work should take five days, TxDOT officials say.

Betty Jane Blanda, 77,

homemaker

- · Nellie Mae Brown, 90,
- child care provider. · Charles Wayne Custer, 85, retired farmer, cow dog train-
- · Harold Oliver Hooker, 65, retired coach, teacher, administrator.
- · Freida Mae Griggs. 84, homemaker.
- Alvin Jordan, 92, retired employee of Borton Inc.

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# World is Santa?

Clue #6

Santa is getting hungry doing all this shopping. He decides to go to a buffet before he finishes his job.



# Courthouse decisions expected

# Restoration advisor seeks direction from commission

**By NANCY YOUNG** Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners Court will likely make courthouse restoration project decisions Friday when the commission meets at 9 a.m.

Placement of employees during the restoration process, bonding information from Southwest Securities and a contract with ArchiTexas will all be considered at meeting in the Gray County Courthouse.

John Kiehl, advisor on the project, told the commissioners court at the Nov. 14 meeting several decisions need to be made in order for the project to go for-

The Texas Historical Commission

awarded Gray County \$3.8 million several months ago for the restoration.

Kiehl said a key issue will be whether or not to borrow funds for the project. ArchiTexas presented several options about a year ago. A full-phase project is estimated to cost over \$5 million, according to the preservation architects.

The county commission needs to give a real clear direction on where the county is going with the restoration," said Kiehl. He urged the commissioners to be prepared to make decisions at the Dec. 1

"If we go with a full-phase project we need to make a list of decisions priority said Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

compile a time-line sequence and present it to them. He said he would keep commissioners aware of what is to take

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright, a proponent of offices remaining in the courthouse during the restoration, said, "The decision has not been made to evacuate the courthouse during the restoration. We may have six months.'

Wright said commissioners have been told by the preservation architects the restoration will take up to 18 months, or possibly longer. "There has to be some deadline or it will go on forever," he said. "I don't want to paint a gloomy picture— I just want to be realistic."

In other business commissioners will discuss and/or take action on:

• The Clyde Carruth Pavillion (bull barn) at the request of the Top O' Texas Livestock Association.

• An Interlocal Agreement with ing on intrabudget transfer requests.

Kiehl told the commissioners he would Sherman County in regard to mental health services.

• Appointments to the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board.

• A grant match for the sheriff's office and appointments to the West Texas

Rural Counties Association. A personnel policy committee will be considered.

• Fire contracts with several entities, health coverage reinsurance and premium structure.

• An application for the county to build neighborhood roads.

An invoice from Correction Security

• A request from the City of Lefors for county assistance from Precinct One.

• Insurance bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Friday in the Gray County Routine items to be Courtroom. considered include payment of bills and salaries, budget amendments as recommended by the county auditor, and act-



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Lt. Dolores Watts of the Pampa Salvation Army hangs Angel forms on a Christmas Tree. Over 450 Pampa children are awaiting adoption for Christmas. The Angel Trees are at Wayne's Western Wear, Wal-Mart, and The Pampa News.

# **Christmas without gifts?** Over 450 names on Angel Trees

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 

Christmas without presents — that is what the local Salvation Army wants to avoid for any Pampa children. They are asking for assistance from Pampa residents to ensure all children in Pampa receive a gift at Christmas.

Over 450 Angel forms have been placed on Christmas trees located at three local businesses to help Pampa-area children have a Merry Christmas. The number of children being assisted by the Salvation Army program has jumped 33 percent from 1999

Wayne's Western Wear, Wal-Mart and The Pampa News have the angel forms hanging on compared to 685 in 1999. Christmas Trees in their businesses.

Each angel form represents a child in the

Pampa-area who has a need for assistance to ensure a Merry Christmas.

Salvation Army Lt. Guy Watts said the number of children needing assistance has increased 33 percent over last Christmas. "In 1999, we assisted 351 children by our Angel Tree," said Watts, who moved to Pampa with his wife, Dolores, July 19. "This year we are helping 458

I'm not sure why the number has increased so much over last year as I wasn't here (in Pampa), except that we are assisting more children," Watts said.

Watts also said the Salvation Army in Pampa is assisting 843 total family members this year

Lt. Dolores Watts of the local Salvation Army (See ANGEL TREE, Page 2)

# Officials: man may have bled to death

LEFORS - An initial autopsy report indicates no evidence of foul play in the death of a 42-year-old Lefors man found in his home last

week, investigating officers said today. However, an official cause of death has not been determined while officials await results of toxicology tests, said David Russell, chief deputy of the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Lee Harold "Buffalo" Shea, Jr., was found dead at his home on Nov. 22 by his wife who had gone to his house to invite him to Thanksgiving dinner, Russell said. Mrs. Shea, a truck driver, had been gone on a road trip about 30 days, he said.

Authorities believe Shea, who had recently undergone back surgery, had been dead at least two weeks before he was discovered. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman pronounced him dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy, officials said.

Russell said Shea may have bled to death from complications of the back surgery. He said there was evidence of bleeding on a chair in the living room and in the bathroom of the home.

Shea, an IRI International employee, had moved to Lefors from

Pampa about six months ago.

# Lawsuits go on and on, and still no president

By DAVID ESPO **AP Political Writer** 

Lawsuits by the fistful, lawyers by the score, contested ballots by the thousands — and still no president-elect. That's the simple arithmetic of the 2000 race for the White House as Al Gore struggles to overcome George W. Bush's certified victo-

"The state of Florida has certified a vote count that is neither complete nor accurate," Gore said Tuesday as he appealed to the courts for a manual recount of 13,000 ballots and to the public for patience while he presses his unprecedented legal chal-That's not how the Bush high

another deadline" after losing each tally in Florida thus far, countered Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Texas governor. "Common sense does not allow it and the rights of the citizens of Florida to have their votes count do not allow it."

The battle for public opinion continued Wednesday, as it had ry in Florida three weeks after command saw it. Gore "pro- each of the 22 days since the

posed yet another count and yet election in the state that stands—tion," he said, adding he expectto settle the race.

An upbeat Gore, hoping to prevent public sentiment from shifting against him, appeared in a taped interview for the morning "Today" show on NBC and insisted his chances of winning

the presidency remain at 50-50. "I am not tortured over what ifs at all. And, in fact, I believe we are going to win this elec-

ed the legal battle to end by mid-December.

The Bush campaign did what it could to undermine the vice president's efforts. Asked if be believed Gore should concede, Bush's running mate, Dick Cheney, told CNN's Larry King, "If I were in his position, that's what I'd do.

(See LAWSUITS, Page 2)



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All the unwrapped gifts are to be returned by

Monday, Dec. 18, to assure the children get their special gift in time for Christmas.

Members of Altrusa will wrap the presents as soon as the gifts are returned to the Salvation

tions, or may be obtained by contacting Lt. Watts at

Additional information is at all Angel Tree loca-

Services tomorrow

**BROWN**, Nellie Mae — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

CUSTER, Charles Wayne — 10 a.m., United Methodist Church, Booker.

**HOOKER**, Harold Oliver — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Fritch. Graveside services, 4 p.m., "The Garden of Cross," Memorial Park Cemetery,

#### **Obituaries**

#### **BETTY JANE BLANDA**

Betty Jane Blanda, 77, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Blanda was born Feb. 24, 1923, at Merkel, Texas. She held a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She married Pete Blanda on Nov. 29, 1942, at Clovis, N.M.; he died Nov. 3, 2000.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty

Nan Blanda, in 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Heybach

The family requests memorials be to Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

#### **NELLIE MAE BROWN**

SAN ANTONIO — Nellie Mae Brown, 90, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with John Massie, minister of Alamo City Church of Christ of San Antonio, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Brown was born Feb. 21, 1910, at Siboney, Okla. She married Norman Brown in October of 1926 at Heston, Okla.; he'died in 1971: She moved to Pampa in 1953 and to Midland in 1975. She lived at Midland until relocating to San Antonio in June of 1981. She was a child care provider in Pampa and Midland.

She was a member of McArthur Park Church of Christ in San Antonio and formerly belonged to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in

She was preceded in death by six children. Survivors include four daughters, Nellie Ingram of Jenks, Okla., Darla Morgan of Coppell, Earlene Massie of San Antonio and Betty Byrom of Midland; five sons, Ray Brown of Houston, William Brown of Dickens, Byron Brown of Adair, Okla., Leonard Brown of Lubbock and children. Howard Brown of Louisville; three brothers, Ed Howard of Sentinel, Okla., Bert Howard of Pleasant Hope, Mo., and Nadie Howard of Police report Arlington; 45 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

#### **CHARLES WAYNE CUSTER** LOGAN, Okla. — Charles Wayne Custer, 85,

father of a Shamrock resident, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at Oklahoma City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in United Methodist Church in Booker with the Rev. Carl Thorell officiating. Burial will be in Heart Cemetery in Booker under the direction of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Born at Elmwood, Mr. Custer attended Lone Star Country School and went to high school at Balko. He married Georgia Ellen Tilton in 1936, at Beaver, Okla. He moved to a farm in Beaver County in 1936 and relocated to the Logan area in 1947, establishing a farming operation there with his wife. He also trained cow dogs.

He was president of Darrouzett Co-op Association for 20 years and served on the Beaver County Soil Conservation Board and the Oklahoma Economic Development Association.

He helped form Booker Equity and in 1977 was honored, along with his wife, as Beaver County Farm Bureau Family of the Year. In 1989, he had FFA's Texas Honorary Lone Star Degree conferred upon him.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia; three daughters, Elaine Balch of Hydro, Norma Laurie of Booker and Linda Ray of Shamrock; three sisters, Isabel Barnett of Perryton, Ruth Albin of Follett and Bernita Brower of Booker; two brothers, Desley Custer and Leslie Custer, both of Booker; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

#### FREIDA MAE GRIGGS

Freida Mae Griggs, 84, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev.

Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Griggs was born Aug. 26, 1916, at Augusta, Kan. She married Arthur Griggs on Dec. 21, 1935, at Newton, Kan.; he died in 1986. She

had been a Pampa resident since 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of First

Christi**a**n Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis

Griggs, in 1998. Survivors include a daughter, Susie Hall of Pampa; a son, Wayne Griggs; five grandchildren;

and six great-grandchildren. The family will be at 1800 Lynn in Pampa and requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

#### HAROLD OLIVER HOOKER

FRITCH — Harold Oliver Hooker, 65, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fritch Church of Christ with Richard Kasko, minister, and Howard Sweeny of Pampa officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in The Garden of Cross in Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo, Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Mr. Hooker was born July 31, 1935, at Mobeetie and graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1952. He married Margaret Morgan on Jan. 19, 1957, at Stinnett. He earned a bachelor of science degree in 1956 from West Texas State College and a master's in education degree in 1961. He also studied at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., the University of Ohio in Athens and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

He had been a Fritch area resident for 18 years and was a coach, teacher and administrator in Texas public schools for 38 years, serving as an educator in several area towns including Sanford, Booker, Pringle, Pampa, McLean Lefors, Dumas, Dalhart, Denver City, Rankin, Port Aransas and, on three different occasions, Sanford-Fritch.

He was baptized July 22, 1956, and belonged to Fritch Church of Christ. He was also a member of

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of the home; a daughter, Karmyn of Richmond, Va. two sons, Shannon of Sweeny and Koby of Amarillo; a brother, Jim Hooker of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-7448; or to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

#### ALVIN JORDAN

Alvin Jordan, 92, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov 28, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Jordan was born Sept. 14, 1908, in Marion

County, Ala. He married Edna Harris on Jan. 5, 1929, at Wellington. He worked for Borton Inc., building grain elevators, and was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Blanche Jordan, in 1939; and by a son, Bobby Jordan, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Edna, of the home, two daughters, Linda McPhillips of Conroe and Myrtle Carey of Pampa; a son, Charlie Jordan of Pittsburg, Texas; a sister, Alma Florence Gilreath of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grand-

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

#### Monday, Nov. 27 A found property report was made at Pampa

High School, 111 E. Harvester. Credit card abuse was report was made at the

police station, 201 E. Kingsmill. A burglary was reported in the 800 block of

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28 An unattended death was reported in the 2400

block of Mary Ellen. Pamela J. Woodruff, 38, 1523 Coffee, was arrested in the 600 block of West Worrell on municipal

warrants for illegal backing, displaying expired registration, failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility. Erika Wedgworth, 30, no address listed, was

arrested in the 900 block of South Dwight for driving while intoxicated - breath test refusal, and for violating the open container law.

#### Sheriff

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

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

A gas drive-off was reported at the Taylor Mart in Lefors. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a white pickup truck.

Elton Dixon, 40, Tulsa, Okla., was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for three Collin County warrants for issuing a bad check, a Collin County warrant for theft, and for no driver's license and no insurance

Charles Edward Broadbent, 43, 333 Baer, was arrested on a violation of probation.

#### Correction

Richard J. (Rick) Roach gained a total of 24 votes in the recount of ballots in the 31st District Attorney's race in the three counties whose votes were recounted instead of 19 reported in Monday, Nov. 27, 2000 edition of The Pampa

Roach received 16 additional votes in Hemphill County, seven additional votes in Lipscomb County and one additional vote in Roberts County.

Charles Kessie received ten additional votes in the recount with seven more votes in Hemphill and three more in Lipscomb. His count remained the same in Roberts County.

The count from the Nov. 7 in all five counties in the 31st Judicial District, including Wheeler and Gray counties whose votes were not recounted, was Roach, 6,842, and Kessie, 6,620. The vote count after the recount is Roach, 6,866, and Kessie, 6,630.

The Pampa News regrets the error.

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### ANGEL TREE

said the organization received applications from approximately 458 local children for Christmas 2000. over 200 families seeking assistance for a total of

·She said adoption of the angels from the Angel Trees means that once individuals or organizations have chosen their Angel, or Angels, then they purchase clothing items and a toy for that child.

The Angel forms list the child's first name, age gender, size of clothing. Also, a toy which the child would like to receive for Christmas is described.

Dad, uncle get jail in coach assault

tenced to 45 days in jail for attacking the boy's coach after a losing game. John Martinez, 34, and his brother, Anthony Martinez, 23, allegedly knocked Torrance South

relative enough playing time. The two pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault charges.

High School coach Brett Peabody to the ground last

Superior Court Judge Thomas P. Allen Jr. also Tuesday imposed the maximum one-year county jail sentence, to be suspended after serving 45 days.

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — The father and uncle He also imposed fines and three years' probation of a high school football player have each been sen- and ordered the two men to complete a year of anger management classes.

Peabody, 29, said he was knocked to the ground and repeatedly kicked and beaten after the team's loss to a rival high school.

"Both of them expressed regret for what they month and beat him when he refused to give their did," said Mory Struhl, the Martinez' attorney. "They just want to put it behind them now. They want to start the healing process for themselves and the school.'

The brothers were ordered back to court Jan. 22 to attend a restitution hearing for their victims and begin their jail sentence.

# Downey back at work after arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. was back on the "Ally McBeal" set Tuesday with possible drug charges facing him after a weekend arrest but resolved to keep fighting addiction, his publicist

"He's concentrating on work and himself," said spokesman Alan Nierob. "He's a recovering addict. Recovering addicts have relapses. He's working hard at his sobriety as he has for the last 18 months. Downey was arrested Saturday in Palm Springs

for investigation of drug possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance and committing a felony while free on bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in a Riverside County court Dec. 27. An anonymous 911 call led police investigators to

a room at the Merv Griffin's Resort Hotel and Givenchy Spa where they allegedly found Downey with cocaine and methamphetamine. The 35-year-old actor, who has admitted to a continuing fight against addiction, was released on bail

tion with a previous drug case. Downey made a quick comeback in Fox's "Ally McBeal," signed for the film "American Sweethearts" and agreed to play Hamlet on stage in

in August after serving a year in prison in connec-

January in a Mel Gibson-directed production. As the new love interest for "Ally McBeal" star Calista Flockhart, Downey had completed eight planned episodes and was signed to do two more after viewers and television critics agreed he was a

boost to the 4-year-old series. Fox and series producer David E. Kellev fully backed Downey's return to the series following his arrest, Nierob said.

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, Nov. 28

10:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen; no transport.

12:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville; no transport. 2:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West. 5:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

The network was supportive — but pragmatic in addressing the issue.

"We certainly hope he'll be part of it (the show) and if he is that will be wonderful, and if not we have Anne Heche coming in for three episodes" as a guest star, said Gail Berman, Fox's programming

"We certainly have our wishes and prayers with him but we have a television show to produce," Berman told a telephone news conference.

Downey's commitment to begin filming "American Sweethearts" in January would prevent him from continuing with "Ally McBeal" at this time, Nierob said.

#### Stocks

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Puritan 18.80	SLB68	dn 1 5/16		
	Tenneco4 1/4	up 1/16		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock	Texaco59 7/8	dn 1 9/16		
Market quotations are furnished by	Ultramar27 3/4	dn 7/16		
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart50 3/8	up 1 3/8		
BP Amoco48 15/16 dn 1	Williams37 1/8	dn 3 5/16		
Cabot24 11/16 up 1				
Cabot O&G21 1/2 dn 11/16	New York Gold	269.65		
Chevron84 dn   13/16	Silver	4.70		
Coca-Cola	West Texas Crude	34.35		

#### **Fires**

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

Tuesday, Nov. 28

10:08 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance in the 2400 block of Mary Ellen.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 1:04 a.m. - Two units and seven firefighters

responded to a false alarm at Pantex Laboratories, 1900 Carter.

# City Briefs

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\$300 REWARD for lost female cation. Around Optimist Park men's suits \$9.25. area on Nov. 23, 00. She is white w/brown spot on her back, & brown ears, wearing red collar. 665-7867 or 898-5390.

ADOPT AN Angel Programat the Pampa News Office, 403 W. Atchison. Come by, select an Angel, and make a child's Christmas brighter this year! Return unwrapped gifts by Mon. Dec. 18th. For more info. call Salvation Army, 665-7233

BE BRAVE! Give her a vacuum for Christmas! Draw for 15-40% off new vacuums. Top of Texas Vac & Sew, 407 W. Foster.

CAROUSEL EXPRESSIONS, Open House, Thurs. 2-8 p.m., door prizes & specials. 113 N. Cuyler.

COMET CLEANERS dry Sheltie puppy who needs medi-cleaning specials: dresses \$8.95,

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IMAGES WILL be open til 8 .m. Nov. 30th and Dec. 2nd, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091.

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Central Baptist Church, Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5th, 7 p.m. 665-1631.

#### Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds becoming south at 10 to 15 mph by afternoon. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 35. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. High yesterday 58; the overnight low 23.

STATEWIDE - A weak cold front moved across Central Texas early Wednesday, producing some fog in the area and prompting rainfall in southern parts of the state.

Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the front were affecting eastern

portions of South Texas.

The front stretched along a line from Texarkana through and Junction Waco Guadalupe Pass. Patches of light rain were east of a line from Fairfield to Corsicana to Canton, thunderstorms with Centerville.

Skies elsewhere were partly to mostly cloudy, with the exception of fog that reduced visibilities in south central sections. Fog was reported from

Texarkana to Waco and Austin into eastern sections of the state. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the lower 20s in the north and west to 60s in the

Extremes ranged from 21 High pressure was forecast to degrees at Dalhart to 69 at develop across West Texas and Corpus Christi Naval Air Station persist for the next several days.

south.

and Rockport.

Other readings include 46 degrees at Junction and 44

degrees at San Angelo.
Winds behind the front were mostly northerly and westerly at 5 to 15 mph. Ahead of the system, winds were from the south and east at less than 5 mph.

The cold front was expected to move off the Texas coast by early Thursday, 'bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms to the southeast and the Coastal Bend.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s to the 80s along the Rio Grande.

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from the 20s to 50s.

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# Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., (806) 874-2141. and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. will offer the following CPR courses during the Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, fund-7121. ed in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

story hour 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 669-5780.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will American General Career Distribution Group is make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

"Breakfast with Santa" at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Dec. 2 be postmarked by March 1, 2000. in the parish hall of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning. Cost is \$8 per child and The Texas Department of Health will be offering covers breakfast, a picture with Santa and a goodie bag. Space is limi | and reservations are encour-Helping Hands, 665-9750.

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TRAIN SHOW

Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six

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) 358-2765.

RED CROSS CLASSES

month of November: Community CPR and First Aid (includes adult, child and infant CPR) 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care Nov. 1, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; Community CPR class, 3-7 p.m., Nov. 14, at the ARC office; and Community CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Nov. 29 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-

MIP CLASSES

the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and assists people with epilepsy and their families. To Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving required. For more information, call the library at Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356. ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m., 5 Preregistration is required. For more information, p.m., Dec. 2 in the Community Center in Hereford. A limited number of booths are currently available for a \$10 rental fee. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or by calling (806) 364-0774.

AMERICAN GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

offering the American General Scholarship to eligible Texas high school seniors. To qualify, a student must place in the top half of their class academically (but not necessarily in the top 10 percent) and Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, Pampa Area present evidence of good character (two letters of Singles will not schedule a dance for November. recommendation are required: one from a high The next dance will be Dec. 30. For more informa- school official and the other from a community leader). Students will also be evaluated on extracurricular activities and community service. For more Shepherd's Helping Hands is sponsoring information, call (615) 320-3149. Applications must

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including aged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping For more information, call Cora at Shepherd's cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at des-Donley County Extension Office in Clarendon has ignated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount Extravaganza will be from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. charged will be based on family income and size, Saturday, Dec. 2, in First United Methodist Church, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be 420 S. Jefferson, in Clarendon. The event will offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, include: barnwood birdhouses, quilts, topiaries, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-4 p.m., computer generated notes and prints, candles, ster- Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3

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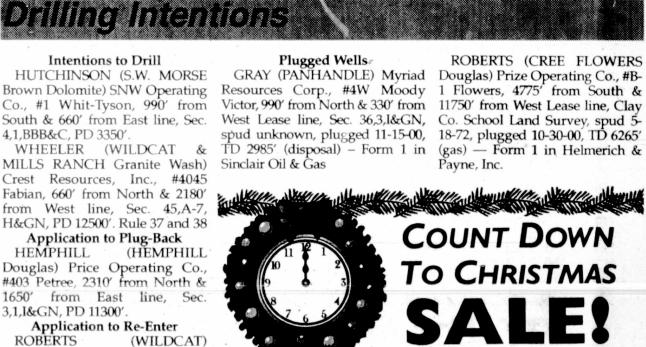
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p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White Deer; (flu) No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Skellytown School, those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual Skellytown; 1-3 p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St., Shamrock; wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to POWER WHEELCHAIRS the permanently disabled of any age. For more Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit

### 'Nutcracker'



Pampa Civic Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The annual production will be under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. The guest artists for this year are Cornel Crabtree and Dana Lewis and the soloist is Deanna McGill. Above: (Front, left-right) Mollie Baker of Canadian, Deanna McGill, Lauren Walters; (back) Anna Johnson, Melissa Moore, Maegan Wheeler.





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### October 100 Stock Index inches down

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office recently reported a dip in the Texas 100 Stock Index which fell slightly - by 0.9 points or 0.7 percent in October, to 127.1. In comparison, the Standard and Poor's 500 lost 0.5 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 3 percent.

Heading into the holiday season, many analysts are keeping an eye on the retail sector. The value of retail stocks fell 2.8 percent as retail sales remain sluggish nationally and many stores are now forecasting Christmas sales below last year's level.

Stock values in the energy sector dipped 0.9 percent, despite the record profits oil companies are reaping due to the high price of crude. Conoco (stock price down 1.2 percent) and Texaco (stock price up 12.5 percent) doubled their third quarter profits. Chevron USA's profits tripled, but its stock price fell 3.7 percent. Other energy sector companies whose stock prices rebounded from earlier losses include Lyondell Chemical Co. (up 21.7 percent), Dow Chemical Co., Inc. (up 22.8 percent) and DuPont (up 11 percent).

Entertainment and travel stocks rebounded 7.9 percent in October, after suffering recently from the effect of fuel prices on company costs. Only Bass PLC (Holiday Inn), Tricon Restaurants International (KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell) and Phoenix Restaurant Group (Black-Eyed Pea) saw declines in their stock prices.

Delta Air Lines Inc. reported decreased earnings because of high fuel prices, but the company's stock value rose 6.5 percent. Southwest Airlines Co.'s profits rose, and its stock also rose 17.5

High-tech stocks, which rose consistently during 1999 and the first half of 2000 fell 4.4 percent in October. The sector is now down 6.5 percent compared to a year ago. The biggest news in this sector is AT&T's decision to break up its four operating divisions into separate wireless, cable, and telephone/data transmistor, the nation's third largest sion companies.

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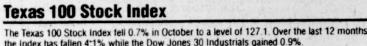
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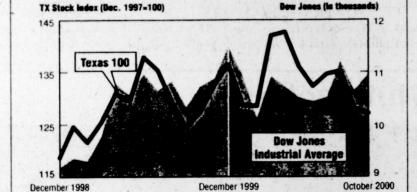
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International Paper Co.'s stock price rose 15.5 percent when the company announced it will close three mills to help reduce a worldwide surplus of copy machine

The monthly Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The index reflects the current value of one dollar invested in each of its component companies in December 1997. That investment would now

# U.S. panel says Illinois licensing program reduced road safety

the nation was jeopardized by Illinois' scandal- tions. plagued program for licensing commercial drivers, a federal panel concludes.

Among problems cited in the report by transportation experts was a belief by some Illinois state employees that "it was beneficial to their career to engage in fund raising" for elections.

Even if no pressure was brought to bear on similar activities, the perception that such activity was expected can create a climate conducive to fraud," the panel said.

As a result of that belief and other systemic reduced levels of highway safety" across the

Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater con-office. vened the panel in April in response to a two-year cial drivers license tests were fixed in exchange for bribes when Gov. George Ryan was secretary of state in Illinois.

The panel reviewed licensing in two states because of allegations drivers traveled to Florida to get fraudulent licenses that they exchanged for valid ones in Illinois. The panel ing process. interviewed managers, staff and test program hearing in Illinois.

The final report, obtained by The Associated ument why the Illinois program is vulnerable to the being retested. kind of abuse uncovered in the separate federal criminal probe.

mer inspector general, who is charged with cover- concluded.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Highway safety across ing up the corruption, and more than 30 convic-

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Ryan is not charged with any wrongdoing. But some \$170,000 in bribe money went into the

Citizens for Ryan campaign fund and his popular ty as governor has suffered as the scandal drags or . A statement from Ryan's office did not address

most of the specific complaints in the report. "The task force did a comprehensive review and employees to participate in fund raising and other made some important recommendations for how the system in Illinois can be improved," Ryan said.

The governor said he is already moving forward on the panel's key recommendation: banning political fund raising by state employees. Ryan issued weaknesses, according to the report, truckers were an executive order barring campaign solicitation able to obtain fraudulent licenses, which "led to and contributions for his campaign for the state employees under his control. Secretary of State Jesse White has instituted the same policy in his

The federal panel found that individual licensfederal investigation into allegations that commering facilities in Illinois generally operate without formal review or oversight from higher management; examiners are trained mostly on the job; scoring standards differ from one facility to another; there are limited procedures for validating an applicant's identify; and a single employee can walk an applicant through every stage of the licens-

The review was intended to help track down participants in both states, and held a public truckers with fraudulent licenses and get them off the nation's roads. The report said a comprehensive list has been generated and distributed to other Press and being released Wednesday, seeks to doc-states and that drivers with fraudulent licenses are

The issuance of CDLs (commercial drivers licenses) in Illinois and Florida not properly tested The criminal investigation has netted more than in compliance with federal and state standards led three dozen indictments, including of Ryan's for- to reduced levels of highway safety," the report

## Gulf War ailments and brain damage may be linked, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) - appeared to cause memory laps- said. "In this one battalion we

Dallas say magnetic imaging attacks and loss of balance. scans suggest specific abnormalities in the brains of some victims. damage was caused by exposure

Radiological Society of North nerve gas, anti-nerve gas tablets, America, the researchers present- pesticides and DEET-containing ed evidence from 22 sick veterans insect repellents. However, they showing lower-than-usual levels acknowledged there was no conof the chemical N-acetyl-aspar- clusive link. tate in their brain stems and basal Defense Department officials

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Researchers attempting to es, impaired sense of direction, think we've shown very strongly explain the mysterious ailments and depression, while damage to what the problem is. The big afflicting thousands of Gulf War the left basal ganglia seemed to remaining question is, is it true of veterans say new findings sup-cause general confusion, includ-all sick Gulf War veterans?" port their contention that brain ing difficulties understanding abnormalities could be the cause. instructions, reading, solving A team led by Dr. Robert problems and making decisions. Haley of the University of Texas Damage to the brain stem adies including memory loss, Southwestern Medical Center at accounts in part for vertigo

The said they believed the Last year at a meeting of the to combinations of low-level

At this year's meeting in the research, but the Pentagon Chicago on Monday, the same had previously criticized Haley's team showed that 12 of these vet- research, saying the study was

"We're the first ones to point

The Pentagon says an estimated 90,000 troops who served in the Gulf War complain of malanxiety, nausea, balance problems and chronic muscle and joint pain. But despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars on scores of studies, officials say they've found no scientific explanation for the illnesses.

The Institute of Medicine, which was asked by Congress to look into various studies of Gulf War illnesses reported had no immediate comment on September it could not find enough evidence to link the illnesses to any single cause.

Pentagon studies have looked erans with the worst symptoms too small and has not been repli- into pesticides, stress, depleted uranium, the toxic nerve agent sarin and vaccines the troops The researchers said that dam- out that our study only concerns were given as possible contribu-

### Play based on Shepard slaying comes to Laramie

hushed and somber hall, a play years ago. It opened Feb. 26 in about the brutal death of gay col-lege student Matthew Shepard made its Laramie debut about five miles from of the scene of the

The audience — some of whom appear in the drama as characters - cheered and gave a two-minute standing ovation Tuesday night after the perfor-mance of "The Laramie Project."

"Certain wounds attack so deep they con never fully heal but this certainly helps the healing a lot," said Matt Galloway, one of the last people to see Shepard

The play, produced by New York's Tectonic Theater Co., offers a vast array of characters based on interviews cast members and production staff conducted with residents after the University of

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - In a Wyoming student's beating two Denver and had its off-Broadway opening May 18 in New York.

"For such a difficult topic and subject it was so well done," said Susan Stoddard, a Laramie counselor. "I'm just so glad I was

Shepard is not a character in the play, but he is described and remembered from different angles by friends, teachers and acquaintances. Each of the eight actors portray multiple charac-

Actor Stephen Belber's animated portrayal of Galloway, a Laramie bartender, drew some of the loudest laughs. Most of the mood, however, was solemn, as the play took the audience through the events surrounding the crime and its effect on the city.

Galloway, who had seen the

play before, fidgeted in his seat at times during the performance. He said he has not yet grown accus-tomed to watching "himself."

"You see your mannerisms, your vocabulary," he said. "It's definitely getting more difficult."

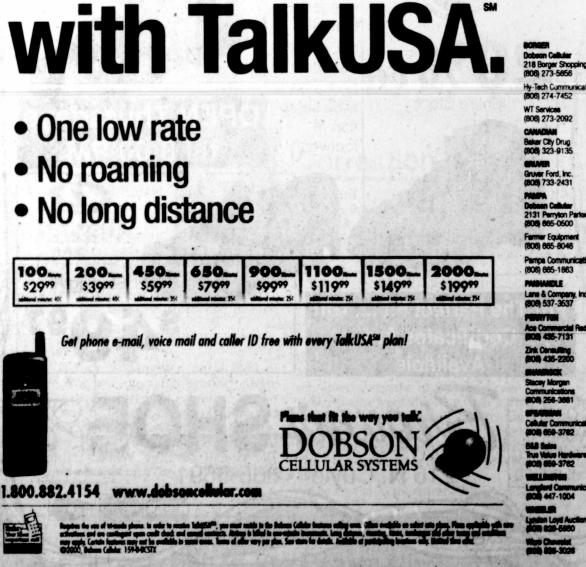
In October 1998, Shepard was beaten, tied to a fence in a prairie field and left to die. Two men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, are serving life sentences for the murder.

The attack, which spurred international condemnation and candlelight vigils, has been repeatedly referred to by President Clinton in urging Congress to pass legislation allowing federal authorities to investigate crimes based on sexual orientation.

The play is the culmination of more than 200 interviews conducted by New York playwright Moises Kaufman and his theater

troupe during six visits to Laramie. Actress Barbara Pitts, who portrays a lesbian university prolessor, a Muslim woman and a grandmother of one of Shepard's killers, said the cast has to strive to keep from becoming too emo-





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"We really think it's time to get on with the business of governing," Cheney said in the Tuesday night interview.

Neither Bush nor Gore can command an electoral college majority without Florida's 25 electoral votes. Bush was certified the winner by 537 votes on Sunday night, triggering Gore's appeal to the state courts.

"Seven days, starting tomorrow, for a full and accurate count of all the votes," the vice president said Tuesday, and when his lawyers failed to gain immediate approval in court for their timetable, they signaled a possible appeal to the state Supreme Court, perhaps as early as Wednesday. The state's electors must be chosen by Dec. 12.

At the same time the legal drama unfolded, a GOP-controlled legislative committee began discussion of a possible special session of the Florida Legislature to appoint a slate of electors.

Both sides talked of a presidential transition, although the General Services Administration has yet to turn over the keys to the suite of federal offices set aside for that purpose a few blocks from the White House. Bush has begun naming staff to help him prepare to take power, and said he intends to raise private funds to proceed.

But increasingly, the lawsuits filed by both sides generated a momentum of their own.

'There are cases pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Florida Supreme Court" and various lesser courts in Florida, Joseph Klock, a lawyer representing Secretary of State Katherine Harris told a judge in a Tallahassee courtroom on Tuesday.

"And we ... are party to every one," Klock said. "And we, your honor, do not have 500 lawyers." Supplying legal talent wasn't likely to be a problem for either Gore or Bush. "Both sides here have

a lot of lawyers," said David Boies, one of several attorneys the vice president brought into Florida to help represent his interests.

Even so, Boies didn't get far on Tuesday when he pressed Circuit Judge N. Saunders Sauls to order a manual recount immediately of 13,000 ballots from Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties where vot-

ing machines found no vote for president, either on Election Day or in a statewide machine recount.

The Gore campaign says the ballots never have been counted; Bush partisans argue they contained no valid vote for president, only for other races being contested on Nov. 7.

Sauls agreed to have thousands of questionable ballots and a sampling of voting machines brought to Tallahassee, but no more.

"I have no idea what we're going to do concerning ballots counting or not counting of ballots," he told a courtroom packed with attorneys, and set a hearing for Saturday.

That was more than Bush wanted, less than Gore sought, and Sauls observed wryly he was trying to be "equally unfair" to both sides.

When Sauls noted the earliest counting could start would be Saturday, three days after Gore's proposed timetable, Boies said that was "tantamount to denying substantive relief."

But lawyers for Bush said if there was to be a recount, it should include all votes cast in each of the contested counties, or perhaps all 6 million votes in Florida.

Outside Sauls' courtroom, the dispute churned

Both sides filed written arguments with the Supreme Court in Washington, set to hear arguments Friday on Bush's claim that the Florida Supreme Court erred when it granted Gore a deadline extension that gave a few Democratic counties more time to conduct manual recounts.

Gore's attorneys argued there was no role for the nation's high court.

"Principles of federalism counsel strongly against interference by this court," the vice president's legal team said in its brief.

And in a mirror image of the Florida situation. Republican concerns over Gore's narrow lead in New Mexico were holding up certification of election results there until Thursday while state officials considered reviewing the vote. State GOP officials said it was "highly unusual" that 10 percent of the ballots cast in Roosevelt County — about 570 ballots — contained no vote for president.

Gore led Bush by 483 votes of the 572,673 cast for the two in New Mexico, whose five electoral votes could not affect who wins the presidency.

# Woman gives birth to boy after attack

THORNWOOD, N.Y. (AP) — A nurse whose Mangialardi. lover allegedly stabbed her with a syringe in an attempt to abort her unborn child delivered a accused of second-degree assault and secondhealthy boy, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Joy Schepis, 31, worried about the baby's health after her married lover, Dr. Stephen Pack, injected her with a chemical that can trigger contractions ed to plead temporary insanity.

The 7-pound, 15-ounce baby born Tuesday had no apparent birth defects, said lawyer John April."

and cause birth defects.

Andrew Rubin, Pack's attorney, said the doctor "is in a much better state of mind than he was in

Pack, a doctor who lives in Chappaqua, is

He could face seven years in prison but is expect-

## Accidental hanging leaves pupil critical

NEW YORK (AP) — A high school student was in said. critical condition after an accident left him hanging from a noose in an art classroom.

Quentin Martin, 17, was apparently fooling around before class on Tuesday at The Door alterlesson over his head, and then lost his balance, they a prank gone awry."

Martin dangled a few inches off the ground while other students ran for help. A few minutes passed before he could be freed and taken to a hospital.

It did not appear that Martin was trying to kill native high school, police said. He climbed up on a himself, said Pamela McDonnell, a Board of pipe or baseboard, put a noose being used in an art Education spokeswoman. "It appears to have been

### Farm Bureau changes position on water

mers that seared crops and wilted lawns across the West Texas. state, farmers and ranchers are softening their opposition to groundwater regulations.

Houston and other drought-sticken cities recently lakes. forced to seek water sources outside their areas:

At the 67th annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau on Tuesday, members changed their position that underground water on privately owned

tricts to protect aquifers by regulating well drilling Tuesday.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - After four hot sum- and pumping. A few such districts already exist in

Local residents would decide whether to create a district and, if so, set its boundaries and elect board Rural communities are afraid their aquifers will members. The organization still does not want the slowly be depleted by San Antonio, Dallas, state to control groundwater as it does rivers and

> Members were expected to elect a new Farm Bureau president Wednesday, the last of the fourday meeting at the Arlington Convention Center.

Water preservation will be the organization's land should be controlled solely by the landowner. most important issue during the 2001 state legisla-The state's largest farm organization voted to tive session, Texas Agriculture Commissioner support creating groundwater conservation dis- Susan Combs told Farm Bureau members

### Ebola outbreak claims more victims

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Ugandan officials Monday, said Francis Omaswa, director general of recorded another death from the deadly Ebola virus in the southwest of the country Monday, while 14 others died from the highly contagious virus in the north, health officials said.

The Ebola outbreak originated in the town of Gulu, 225 miles north of Kampala, with the first of Gulu, including one death Saturday, said Dr. Imaan hundreds of victims showing symptoms in Mutyaba, a medical supervisor. Four others have September. Seventeen new cases were reported died of Ebola in the town of Mbarara.

health services. In all, 145 people have now died of the disease.

Authorities had hoped to keep the disease from spreading beyond Gulu. Since Nov. 12, four people have died in the town of Masindi, southwest of

# Cabin pressure loss is crash cause

cabin pressure and failure to and crashing near Aberdeen S.D. obtain oxygen incapacitated the plane, leading to the crash last windows were iced up. year that killed all six aboard the chartered Learjet.

was unable to say why the plane style plane it had to be activated on. lost pressure.

The probe was hampered by the short half-hour duration of the they have a minute or two to take The oxygen tank was empty cockpit voice recorder, Board action before they need oxygen. and its flow valve was open,

Chairman Jim Hall said. report," Hall said at the end of a the less likely they are to make the flight or was empty at takeoff. session in which board members right decision. questioned investigators about

what they had been able to learn. The accident happened Oct. 25, 1999 after Stewart's chartered Learjet 35 left Orlando, Fla., head- to determine if they failed. ed for Dallas.

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manually by the crew.

Aircraft systems investigator Kevin Pudwill told the board that some parts of the pressurization system were too badly damaged

He said a flow control valve was Flying at 23,000 feet, the pilot found turned off and that would acknowledged permission to have cut off the incoming warm

Robert Benzon, investigator in

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Loss of hours before running out of fuel could not be determined if the valve had been turned off before Military pilots sent to observe the flight, if the crew had turned it crew of golfer Payne Stewart's the craft reported that the cockpit off as part of switching to an emergency pressurization system The loss of cabin pressure could or it was off for some other reason. cause this, as well as the loss of Turning that valve off is part of the National enough oxygen to cause uncon-switch to the emergency pressure of Congress is getting a Coke and Transportation Safety Board sciousness. Emergency oxygen system, he said, but the emer- a smile. reached that conclusion Tuesday, it was available, but in the older- gency system had not been turned

Dr. Mitchell Garber, the board's mined why the crew didn't obtain plane's extensive damage, its lack medical officer, said many pilots emergency oxygen, since a backof a flight data recorder and the believe that when pressure fails up oxygen tank was in the plane.

All of us wish we had more onds, he said, and the longer the the investigators can't tell whether the world to sing

### Coke commercials given to Library of Congress

ATLANTA (AP) — The Library

Coca-Cola Co. is donating all He said it could not be deter- moting the sweet soft drink for America. preservation at the library. The gift is worth \$1 million.

The five-decade collection will include classics such as the 1971 "hilltop" ad, featuring the peace-Impairment begins within sec- Pudwill told the board. He said and-love ditty, "I'd like to teach answers than we have out of this crew waits to activate the oxygen the tank was used up during the heartwarmer that said, "Have a

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# Popular drug banned after links to women's deaths

By LAURAN NEERGAARD **AP Medical Writer** 

treatment for women suffering irritable bowel syndrome is being pulled off the market amid growing reports linking it to severe intestinal side effects, including some deaths.

Manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. withdrew Lotronex increasingly embattled Food and Drug Administration has had to deal with in 21/2 years.

The problem: Lotronex can cause serious side effects, including a life-threatening intestinal inflammation called patients needed parts of their intestines surgically

A review of FDA's records by The Associated Press indicates the agency knows of at least eight women who died with intestinal side effects while taking Lotronex.

The agency also says at least 70 additional cases of ischemic colitis or severe constipation probably were that IBS sufferers needed a new option. caused by Lotronex. Two-thirds of those women needed But within months, the FDA was re-

Manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. contends Lotronex is risky than some other big-selling medicines. But, saying it was under orders from FDA, the company announced Tuesday that it would cease distribution of Lotronex immediately and recall the drug from pharmacies. About 150,000

The FDA says it offered Glaxo an alternative to yanking WASHINGTON (AP) — A popular new prescription the drug from the market, but the company rejected that proposal.

Lotronex initially was welcomed as the first new therapy in decades for irritable bowel syndrome, a mysterious disorder that affects up to 15 percent of Americans, mostly on Tuesday, just nine months after it began selling the drug women. IBS is not life-threatening but can cause misery. It with great fanfare. It becomes the seventh banned drug the involves chronic or recurrent abdominal pain, the sudden them. and urgent need for a bowel movement and either frequent diarrhea, constipation or both.

In studies, Lotronex offered only modest relief to women whose main IBS symptom was diarrhea. It did not work for ischemic colitis, and constipation so severe that some men, and was declared downright dangerous for anyone with constipation.

The FDA warned when it approved Lotronex last February that it might cause serious side effects because four women in clinical trials suffered ischemic colitis. But the agency approved the drug anyway, saying the mild cases healed once the women stopped taking Lotronex and

But within months, the FDA was receiving numerous reports of increasingly serious reactions. By August, it ordered Glaxo to attach special safety warnings to every safe when used by the right patient, and calls it no more bottle of Lotronex sold, urging doctors not to prescribe it to patients with constipation or other risk factors and telling http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/irritablebowelwomen to stop using it at the first sign of trouble.

But just weeks later, FDA learned of the first death. "Hopefully the FDA will learn something from this," http://www.lotronex.com

people use Lotronex, and those with supplies remaining said Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group can contact Glaxo about a refund at 1-888-825-5249. Public Citizen, who has urged a ban for months. "They're saying, 'Let's bend over backwards and give the drug a chance.' They wind up causing deaths and injuries that clearly would have been prevented" by

stopping sales.
FDA officials, however, defend their decisions — and as of Tuesday still were reluctant to ban Lotronex because some doctors and patients insisted the drug greatly helped

At a Tuesday morning meeting, FDA gave Glaxo the option of restricting Lotronex sales to just a few women with severe IBS who are treated by specialists, said FDA's Dr. Victor Raczkowski. Such restricted sales are used with a few other risky drugs, such as thalidomide and Accutane,

notorious for causing birth defects.
Glaxo's chief medical officer Dr. Richard Kent called the option unworkable, and said FDA's response was then to order Lotronex banned. Raczkowski denies that, calling the withdrawal of the drug Glaxo's own decision.

Regardless, FDA should never have let Lotronex be sold, contends Wolfe, who said the drug was only mildly effective and that FDA ignored early warning signs of trouble.

On the Net:

National Library of Medicine info on IBS: syndrome.html

Wellcome Glaxo site Lotronex:

and the opposition Likud party raised May 1 and May 8 as possible election dates. In a new twist,

Likud leader Ariel Sharon said

Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if

LONDON (AP) — Madonna's

first concert in Britain in seven

years drew some nine million fans,

who tuned in over the Internet.

Only about 2,800 people were able

to see the concert in person

Tuesday night. The fans crammed inside London's Brixton Academy

for Madonna's performance fea-

turing her latest album, "Music." The 42-year-old singer said she

was warming up for a summer

world tour. During the show Madonna wore a T-shirt embla-

zoned with the name of her 3-

month-old son, Rocco Ritchie, on

the front. The back read "Lola," a

nickname for her 3-year-old daughter, Lourdes. According to Microsoft's MSN Web site, the

Internet audience for Madonna's

six-song, 29-minute performance was three times larger than an MSN Webcast of a Paul McCartney

Agassi saves some honor for the older generation

LISBON, Portugal (AP) —

Andre Agassi salvaged some respect for tennis' Old Guard.

The Masters Cup, the season-

ending tournament that brings

together the top eight players in the world, has been touted as the

"Battle of the Ages," a show-down between four young stars

and four members of the older

tennis generation. After Day 1,

the score is 2-1 for the New Guard. It would have been a

clean sweep, had Agassi, at 30 the oldest player in the field, not come from behind to leat Gustavo Kuerten 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 on

Tuesday. Coming off a three-

week layoff because of a hip injury, Agassi saved four break points before serving out the match against the 24-year-old

Brazilian. Pete Sampras was not successful in his comeback.

Sampras, idle for more than two

months because of injury, lost 7-5,

6-0 to Lleyton Hewitt, at 19 the

concert a year ago.

Madonna on the Internet

Barak issued an invitation.

## Task force favors lifting embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States should ease the Cuban embargo to help the island's transition to a post-Castro era and reduce chances of U.S. military intervention, a Council on Foreign Relations recommended Wednesday.

The task force urged that the United States eliminate travel restrictions to Cuba, allow regular commercial flights between the two nations and permit U.S. companies whose businesses were nationalized by Cuba to resolve their claims by entering into joint ventures in Cuba.

It also recommended increased U.S.-Cuban cooperation in fighting drugs, helping resolve the Colombian civil war and developing military-to-military contacts.

Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people, promote family reunification, address current and future matters of U.S. national security, promote labor rights and facilitate resolution of property claims and further expose Cuba to international norms and practices," the task force said in a report.

The report made no recommendation whether the United States should lift its 38-year-old embargo, which is aimed at pressuring democratic reforms on the communist-ruled island.

The 23-member task force, which includes liberals and conservatives, was co-chaired by Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, Democrats who held high-level State Department jobs Republican administrations.

The group's first report, issued two years ago, recommended expanded contacts between Americans and Cubans. A month later, President Clinton adopted many of its recommendations in announcing his "people-to-people" policy, which relaxed travel restrictions.

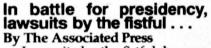
Some of the new recommendations may be more difficult to implement because they require legislation, not just executive orders.

To lift the travel ban, for example, Congress would have to reverse a vote it took in September. As part of a compromise easing restrictions on sales of food and medicine to Cuba, Congress prohibited U.S. financing of any sales and converted into law existing travel restrictions to Cuba.

The new report aims to build on the earlier one, seeking ways to promote peaceful democratic

The report said President Fidel Castro's communism will not survive him, and "many Cubans, including many who hold official positions, understand that a transition to a democratic and free-market Cuba is inevitable.'

It said chaos could erupt, however, if Castro should die or become incapacitated. Fighting could break out, and thousands of Cubans could attempt to flee, which could prompt demands



Lawsuits by the fistful, lawyers by the score, contested ballots by the thousands — and still no president-elect. That's the simple arithmetic of the 2000 race for the White House as Al Gore struggles to overcome George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida three weeks after Election Day. "The state of Florida has certified a vote count that is neither complete nor accurate," Gore said Tuesday as he appealed to the courts for a manual recount of 13,000 ballots and to the public for patience while he presses his unprecedented legal challenge. That's not how the Bush high command saw it. Gore "proposed yet another count and yet another deadline" after losing each tally in Florida thus far, countered Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Texas governor. "Common sense does not allow it and the rights of the citizens of Florida to have their votes count do not allow it."

### Movie style caravan to bring in the ballots

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - It might be a scene from a movie: A caravan of police cars escorting thousands of ballots, a voting booth and voting machine across Florida in the state's hotly contested presidential election. The judge assigned to decide whether there must be a recount of ballots in the legal skirmishing over whether George W. Bush or Albert Gore won the



Florida vote ordered the transfer even though he's not sure he will allow a recount. "I have no idea what we're going to do about ballot-counting or not counting," said Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls. "Perhaps we can bring the ballots here." He accepted an offer by the lawyer for Miami-Dade County to have county police drive approximately 10,000 disputed ballots about 400 miles to Tallahassee, the state capital. A Palm Beach attorney said he would make similar

PORT NECHES - Wheeler

native Kent Conwell is the fea-

tured author of Avalon Books

for the month of November on

its Internet website, www.aval-

onbooks.com. Conwell current-

ly resides in Port Neches,

17 years. Avalon Books pub-

lished his first western,

"Panhandle Gold," in 1991.

Since then, they have published

16 more of his westerns. Due

out this month is the most

recent, "Sidetrip to Sand Springs." Currently, they are

considering his 18th, "Friday's

Station," a story of the Pony

Express and stolen Confederate

gold set on the southern shores

Many of Conwell's westerns

have children as secondary

of Lake Tahoe.

Conwell has been writing for

arrangements for that county's midst of a bloody conflict with the 3,000 disputed ballots, and lawyers then suggested that a sample voting booth and voting machine be brought in as well. The judge said he liked that idea. Up until then, Sauls said the plethora of legal motions and dueling arguments were "like getting nibbled to death by a duck."

Barak takes a gamble new elections

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on his political future and on Mideast peacemaking — when he unexpectedly agreed to go along with the hard-line opposition's push for an early vote. In first contacts late Tuesday management times

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Publisher showcases work of western author and Wheeler-native Kent Conwell

adults can possibly weave."

In addition, several of the

novels are set in the Texas Panhandle where Conwell lived as a youth in Wheeler where he enjoyed a Huck Finn life with his boyhood chums, Jerry Lewis and Donald Oglesby. His father helped with the census in 1940, and according to stories handed down, the population was 848 counting 16 Indians camped near a creek on the outskirts of town.

Conwell graduated from high school at Amon Carter Riverside and Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. He received his master's degree in education from University in Beaumont and his Ph.D. from the University of North Texas in Denton. "At just how perceptive a Currently, he is director of child's innocence can be. It Career & Technology for the

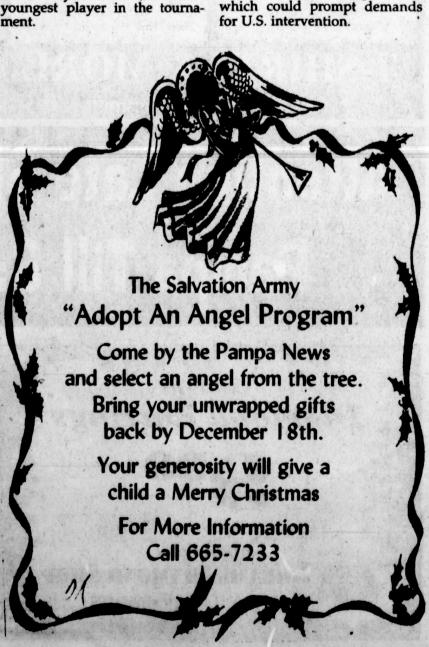


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# Archeologists unearth human bones at Fort St. Louis

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Texas Historical Commission archaeologists believe the bones belonged to two French settlers, and they hope the find helps complete the puzzle of Fort St. Louis — once a focal point in the struggle between France and Spain to dominate the New World.

"It's almost like a dream come true," said Kathleen Gilmore, a retired University of North Texas professor who has examined the site for three decades and wrote a book about its connections to Fort St. Louis

Although the swath of mosquito-

### New elections in offing in Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) - In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections, two years ahead of schedule.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak took a gamble Tuesday — on his political future and on Mideast peacemaking — when he unex-pectedly agreed to go along with the hard-line opposition's push for an early vote.

Party leaders were to meet again Wednesday to try to agree on a date for the elections.

In first contacts late Tuesday, representatives of Barak's One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party raised May 1 and May 8 as possible dates. Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said elections should be held as quickly as possible, "even before Passover." The Jewish holiday begins April 7. Barak had suggested he might seek more time, perhaps as much as nine months.

In a new twist, Sharon said Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if Barak issues an invitation. The early elections bill still faces two more readings, giving Barak several more weeks of political maneuvering.

However, it appeared unlikely that the prime minister would reverse himself after having rejected the idea of a broad coalition just a day earlier. Sharon has said he would only join the government if given veto powers over Barak's peace efforts, something the prime minister has said

he is unwilling to do. Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said he was still hopeful a peace accord can be reached before the Israeli elections and despite two months of violence that have killed more than 280 most of them people, Palestinians.

"Barak still has six months until the coming elections, and if he wants, he can stop his aggression and adopt a new policy that will enable him to go to his people with progress in the peace process," Shaath said.

Reaching a peace agreement with the Palestinians in the next few months was widely seen as Barak's only chance to get reelected. Recent polls have indicated that without an agreement in hand, he would be narrowly defeated by Sharon and trounced by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has been increasingly active in recent weeks.

"Ehud Barak is running in the election without a government ... and without a majority of the public," said Hanan Crystal, a political analyst. "He is running on one issue only, whether he is capable of reaching an agreement with Yasser Arafat by election day."

Barak's popularity plummeted in recent months. Barak, Israel's most decorated soldier, is being perceived by a growing number of Israelis as ineffective because he has been unable to stop the violence and has failed to make progress toward a peace deal.

Barak's minority government has been in peril since parliament returned from a lengthy recess more than three weeks

The push for early elections began in earnest Tuesday when the hard-line opposition presented five election bills for a vote. As the day progressed, it appeared increasingly likely the legislation would pass in its first reading.

Midway through what was shaping up as a lengthy debate, Barak unexpectedly announced that he was dropping his resistance to early elections. "I do not flinch from elections," Barak told parliament.

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — More infested coastal prairie alongside a pelvis — were discovered Now, 10 than 300 years after famed French Garcitas Creek and four miles by archaeologists who have been Texas by some historians since 1914, others weren't convinced until eight cannons were unearthed in 1996.

Directors of the \$1.8 million excavation project - financed with \$250,000 in state money and the rest possible descendants and then DNA testing to confirm the identities.

mine how the people died and what some of their habits were, such as what they ate.

Most of the yellowish-brown bones - a skull, arm and leg bones, Madame Barbier, though they have

upstream from Lavaca Bay has been excavating the site since October linked to the first European colony in 1999. A second skull was found this week in the same grave.

The extensive search on the Keeran Ranch — used otherwise for But locating human bones, a raising cattle and drilling oil — also Gilmore said, "is to fill in the tragic has turned up numerous artifacts including French and Spanish ceramics, a French coin, buttons, jewelry, musket balls and arrow points. The Keeran Ranch Trust, which in private donations - believe they owns the land, has given the commay be able to use records to locate mission until the end of next year to

continue digging.

Project directors say they've Scientists also will work to deter- already been able to narrow the possible identity of the second set of remains, based on records kept by the French and Spanish: They believe she was either Isabelle Talon or a

not been able to track down that ology confirming the historical record." On Christmas Eve 1688, long after La woman's first name or her husband's first name

"I'm excited about the discovery," said Paul C. Newfield III, a descendent of Talon who is a 58-year-old La. "I hope they are able to ascertain who these people were."

The jumbled bones were found packed in black gumbo clay, about 15 inches below the surface. Archaeologists have been spending several hours a day gingerly scraping with small bamboo sticks to reveal more and more bones and

Though they believe a cemetery with the bodies of at least 53 French settlers exists elsewhere on the site, project directors point to diaries kept by Spanish explorers who followed the French to the Texas coast for colony. Unable to calculate longitude information about the 2 1/2-foot by 2-foot grave.

The Spaniards described burying at least two, possibly three, people in a shallow grave.

What's exciting, said project director

belonged to a man who was proba-

bly in his late teens or early 20s, and who likely was left behind with 21 others to protect women and chilpetroleum landman from Metairie, dren when La Salle set off for

Project directors believe the second skull may have belonged to a woman since the Spaniards noted that a dress clung to one of the bodies they buried, said Jim Bruseth, the historical commission's archaeology division director.

The two people likely had been among 180 French colonists who arrived at Matagorda Bay in February 1685 with Rene Robert Cavelier, sieur de la Salle, who had intended to take them to the mouth of the Mississippi River to establish a and using a bad map, they ended up 400 miles off course.

La Salle went ahead and declared the land part of New France and set up a colony, but many settlers quickly died from disease or starvation or Mike Davis, is "this is a case of archae were killed by Karankawa Indians. said.

He said most of the bones Salle left for Canada, all but three of the remaining settlers were massacred by Indians.

The Spanish, who interrogated defectors from La Salle's crew in a furious effort to catch up to the French by finding Fort St. Louis, arrived four months later to find and bury at least

Two Spaniards described burying three bodies, while one said they buried two.

Though the two sides were enemies, the Spaniards — who returned to Fort St. Louis 30 years later to found Presidio La Bahia and begin their colonization of Texas believed they should bury the settlers because they also were Christian's, the historians said.

The archaeologists will continue to search for a third body. In the meantime, the remains found so far will be taken to the University of North Texas in Denton for study.

The find also should help in locating the French cemetery, which historians believe is nearby, Bruseth

# Consumer confidence declines in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer confidence fell in November to its lowest level in a year, and the nation's factories reported a sharp drop in demand in October - further signs of continued slowing in the once red-hot U.S. economy.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that orders for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 5.5 percent last month, led by a big decline in orders for airplanes and the biggest plunge in orders for primary metals in almost two years.

Meanwhile, the Conference Board reported in New York that its consumer confidence index slipped to 133.5 in November, its lowest reading since October 1999 and a significant decline from its record level of 144.7 registered in May.

Conference Board economist Lynn Franco said a nine-point drop in the index reading in just the past two months "underscores an anxiety about future economic conditions." She said it may reflect 'concern about the still-unresolved presidential election."

Private economists attributed the confidence downturn to a variety of factors they said are unsettling consumers as the Christmas shopping season gets under way in earnest.

"The election that never ends has still not ended, gasoline prices are sky high, heating costs are surging, and the stock market is wandering around as if it were lost," said Joel Naroff, chief economist of his own forecasting firm in Holland, Pa. "There is some real concern creeping into the consumer's thinking about the future."

Most analysts said, however, they doubt that the decline so far is enough to derail consumer spending during the all-important holiday sales season, especially since unemployment remains at a three-decade low of 3.9 percent.

"I don't think people are going to stop buying Christmas pre-sents just because they don't know who the president is going to be, but there is uncertainty out there," said Richard Yamarone, economist for Argus Research Corp. in New York.

Analysts said they also do not believe the drop in orders for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, represents a serious threat to the current record-breaking economic expansion, now in its 10th year. They predicted the Federal Reserve is still on track to achieving

its so-called soft landing, in which Fed increases in interest rates slow growth enough to keep inflation under control without bringing on recession.
"A soft landing isn't a painless landing," said Martin Regalia,

chief economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "There will be some pain in some sectors."

Regalia said some of that weakness is already being felt in interest-rate sensitive sectors of the economy such as autos and busi-"It's clear the economy has received several body blows going

into the fourth quarter that would indicate a slowing of the economy and capital spending," said Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The overall economy, which was speeding along at a 5.6 percent annual growth rate in the April-June quarter, slowed to a growth rate of just 2.7 percent from July to September.

The 5.5 percent decline in durable goods orders in October was the first drop since a 13.2 percent decrease in July. Orders had risen by 2.4 percent in September.

The \$12.1 billion decrease pushed total durable-goods orders down to \$209 billion. The decline was led by a sharp 15.8 percent drop in orders for transportation equipment, reflecting cuts in demand for aircraft and parts.

Both the drop in durable goods orders and consumer confidence

## Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas!



Jody and Ryan Roden visited Santa (Kenny Shirley) during open house at Dunlap's recently.





DEAR ABBY: The other day, a female co-worker and I were talking about friendship. She informed me that she prefers the company of men. When I asked her why, she said that women were small-minded and boring.

It saddened me to realize she has so little insight into human nature. The characteristics she shuns are individual personality traits, not qualities of gender.

Abby, I am profoundly pleased that during the past 50 years so many things have changed for the better for women. Nevertheless, when I consider how in the past mankind lost the contributions of an untold number of brilliant and wise women, it fills me with regret. Who knows what advances could have been made in this world of ours if half of the population hadn't been left out of the process?

My workmate's perception of her own gender may be understandable. given how few women have had the chance to contribute much outside their own homes - but I caution her and others who share her opinion to realize how small-minded these perceptions sound to those who have the wisdom to know bet-

TENNESSEE (MALE) FEMINIST

DEAR FEMINIST: From the tone of your co-worker's comments, she must be living in the 1950s. Women who make blanket accusations about their own gender to men in this day and

Horoscope

**THURSDAY, NOV. 30, 2000** 

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\*\*\* \* \* You're inspired, if not direct-

ed. Tap into your imagination, but also

use other sources. You find that, in gen-

eral, you have a lot of creativity and

dynamic energy. Work in a group rather

than one-on-one. Your words draw spec-

tacular reactions. Tonight: Where the

rather than pushing to have things your

way. With creativity and innovative

thinking, you come up with mutually

acceptable solutions. Brainstorm with

others. Ultimately, you come up with a

moneymaking idea. Try it out on another.

\*\* \* \* Relate one-on-one with oth-

ers. You care a lot about someone at a

distance. Don't sit on your feelings.

Don't daydream about this person; reach

out for him instead. Nothing is written in

stone, so be open to a special opportuni-

ty or person. Tonight: Do something

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Work late.

totally different.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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age often do it to be manipulative. Watch out for that one.

COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: This is an unusual "how we met" story. If you think it's worth printing, it would be a wonderful anniversary surprise for

Marie and Ed. Several years after my father died, my mother, Marie, invited my two sisters and me, and our husbands, on a seven-day cruise with her — her treat.

One night, we met a group of lovely young women from Min-neapolis, my Mom's hometown. A few days later, one of the women, Debbie, noticed that Mom was attractive and fun-loving - but alone. She said her husband's grandfather, Ed, was a widower, and she thought Ed and Marie would enjoy each other. She asked Mom if it would be OK to give Ed her phone number. Mom agreed.

When Debbie returned home, she gave Ed Mom's phone number and a snapshot of her that had been taken on the cruise. He called Mom,

comes out with clarity. Determine what

you want from another, especially

because he seems willing but could be

vague or diffuse energy in different

directions. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

\*\*\* \* Listen. Reach out and ask

questions. Reveal more of what you

need. You will find that your ability to

zero in works. You're especially strong

when working in groups or with many

people. Others look to you for leader-

\* \* \* \* You want to accomplish a lot

at work. Deal with work and health mat-

an enormous difference. Your sense of

working more from home, if possible.

\*\*\* \* Be more playful with those

you love. Sometimes you get too sucked

into the moment and into your problems.

Allow your kidlike side to come out. You

enjoy yourself wherever you are. Take

the time to study what you need to do to

make your life even better. Tonight: OK,

\* \* \* Make family a high priority -

not that you don't, anyway. Presently,

come out. Tonight: Be a socialite.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Tonight: Stroll on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

and they spoke on the phone for more than an hour. Among other things, they discovered they had both been happily married for more than 50 years. After that, they talked almost daily for the next couple of weeks.

They met in person on April Fool's three years ago. During the months that followed, they fell deeply in love. On Labor Day, Ed proposed, and he and Mom were married Thanksgiving weekend.

She was 76 and he was 79.

Mom and Ed will celebrate their third anniversary on Nov. 29. His family and ours are thrilled they are so happy. They're beautiful

**DELIGHTED DAUGHTERS** 

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* \* Confirm what you are hearing. Listen carefully to another. Express your caring side in a meaningful way. Confusion surrounds you on many levels. Maintain a sense of humor and make good decisions. Others want a lot from you. You give a lot, too. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \* \* Use special care financially. You

could easily make a mistake with another. What this person hears might be more ship. Let your effervescent personality like what he wants to hear. You need to clarify. By all means, avoid signing a document under the present planetary climate. Dig into work. Success follows your efforts. Tonight: Order in. ters head-on. You make waves, as well as

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\* \* \* \* Your personality draws othcaring emerges. You care about what you ers. Your dreamy ways intrigue another. do. Others are impressed. Consider Know more of what you want from a loved one. You make excellent choices that lead you in a new direction. Never underestimate the power of your personality. Zero in on what you want. Tonight: It's your call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\* \* Step back and listen. Confusion surrounds your thinking. This might be the result of your being so caught up in yourself. Your family and your home life develop into sources of solace. Discuss what it is you want. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. **BORN TODAY** 

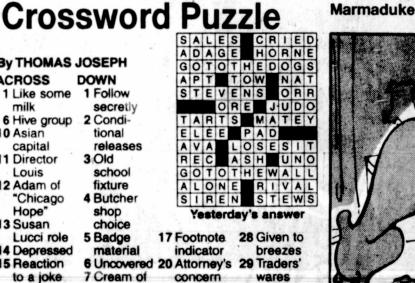
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another makes an effort toward you. Think about the possibilities that surround your domestic life. Listen carefully to someone who always comes to your

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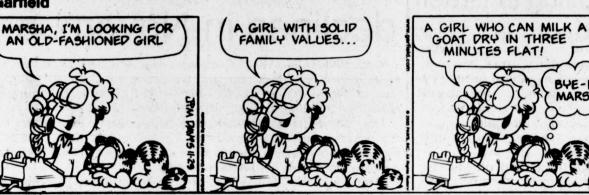
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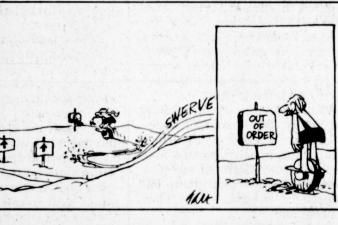
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# SPORTS

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN (AP) - Maurice Evans scored 23 points as Texas beat Texas-San Antonio 70-51 on Tuesday night.

The Longhorns (4-1) won despite 24 turnovers.

Texas' Chris Owens finished with a double-double, hitting eight of ten free throws to finish with 10 points and 11 rebounds. ames Thomas tied his career high with nine rebounds before halftime and finished with three points and 11 rebounds.

Brandon Mouton had 12 points for the Longhorns and Brian Boddicker added 11 on three-of-six 3-point shooting. Devin Brown led Texas-San

Antonio (1-3) with 15 points. The Roadrunners led 11-8 with 11:37 left in the first half, but the Longhorns scored 12 unanswered points to take the lead for good.

#### BASEBALL

**DENVER (AP)** — Working with sought-after free agents on two fronts, the Colorado Rockies made a pitch for Mike Hampton in Houston and Alex Rodriguez in Denver.

The Rockies even invited former Broncos quarterback John Elway to dinner with Rodriguez on Tuesday night. Club officials planned to meet at length with Rodriguez on Wednesday.

Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd, manager Buddy Bell and owners Charlie Monfort, Dick Monfort and Jerry McMorris met with Hampton, who pitched for the New York Mets last season near his offseason home.

Josh Byrnes, the Rockies' assistant general manager, said, "It wasn't really negotiation, just a meeting and an introductory session. We're ing to find out probably this week, in terms of our presentation and the people Mike Hampton and (agent) Mark Rodgers have met, if we make the final cut."

Byrnes and O'Dowd met earlier with Rodgers in Florida, and the Rockies expressed interest Hampton.

Rodgers said last week that Colorado was one of 10 clubs that Hampton was seriously interested in.

"Things went very well," Rodgers said Tuesday. "The Rockies made a strong presentation. Mike and his wife are very impressed."

Rodgers said he and Hampton were "not taking offers right now. We told teams not to make offers. We just want to hear their presentations."

According to published reports, the Rockies are prepared to offer Hampton an eight-year contract. Neither side has discussed money, but most teams in contention for Hampton hope to get him for \$10 million to \$13 million

per year. There have been reports that Hampton, who is 28 and went 37-14 the past two seasons, wants a six- to eightyear contract at \$13 million to

\$15 million per year.
Starting pitching is the Rockies' primary focus this offseason. The Rockies will meet with left-hander Denny Neagle on Thursday and were hopeful of getting together with right-hander Darren Dreifort next week.

Neagle lives just outside Denver in the community of Morrison.

The fact that the Rockies play in hitter-friendly Coors Field is an obstacle to signing any high-profile pitcher. Hampton, however, has gone 4-1 in five career appearances at Coors Field, is an avid outdoorsman and reportedly is intrigued about proving that

a pitcher can succeed there. The Rockies also entered the bidding for Rodriguez — only 25 and perhaps the most

coveted free-agent prize ever. Seattle has expressed an interest in re-signing Rodriguez, an All-Star short-

# Notebook Harvesters dominate Rebels again

proved to be a dominating force with 9. against the 5A Rebels.

to a 70-51 win over Tascosa on with a wrist injury. Tuesday night at McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa had defeated Tascosa 73-61 a week ago.

Pampa never trailed and led lead (35-18) at halftime. by as many as 15 points in the ened again.

and Gary Alexander 10 to lead points for Tascosa. the Harvesters in scoring.

Woodring scored 15 points each to lead the Rebels.

Also scoring for Pampa were Kyle Francis 9, Jon East 9, Victor Brooks 7, Kirk George 6, Chadd Platt 5, Jeff Lofton 4, Tanner Hucks 2, Dustin Johnson 2, Sedrick Drew 2 and Max Simon 2.

The Harvesters (2-2) got back on the winning track after drop-ping a 56-36 decision to times.

Frenship last weekend.

Stephanie Thiel tossed in 25

the Amarillo Tournament, attack while Jennifer Lindsey meeting El Paso Bel Air at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in first-round action.

PAMPA — Tascosa defeated the fourth quarter. Pampa 68-48 in girls' basketball action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

improved to 2-1. Class 4A Pampa is now 1-3. Lindsey Narron was the lead- 2.

PAMPA — Pampa certainly ing scorer for Pampa with 12 appears to have Tascosa's num-points and Kami Collins led ber. For the second time this Tascosa with 16 points. Narron season, the Class 4A Harvesters also led Pampa in rebounding

The Lady Harvesters were A dozen Harvesters made the without leading scorer Jennifer scoring column as Pampa rolled Lindsey, who was sidelined

> Pampa trailed by only four (17-13) at halftime, but Tascosa was able to open up a 17-point

Others scoring for the Lady first half, but the Rebels were Harvester were Chasity able to trim the lead to eight Nachtigall with 9, Cali Covalt 6, (36-28) at intermission. The Randa Morris 6, Ashley Harvesters, however, went on Derington 5, Ashlei Jordan 4, an 11-point run in the third Charity Nachtigall 4, Stephanie quarter and were never threat- Cameron 1 and Morgan White

Adam Rodgers had 12 points Sarah Podzemny chipped in 9

Pampa meets Canadian at Steve Jackson and Jimmy 7:45 Thursday night in the opening round of the Lake Meredith Tournament.

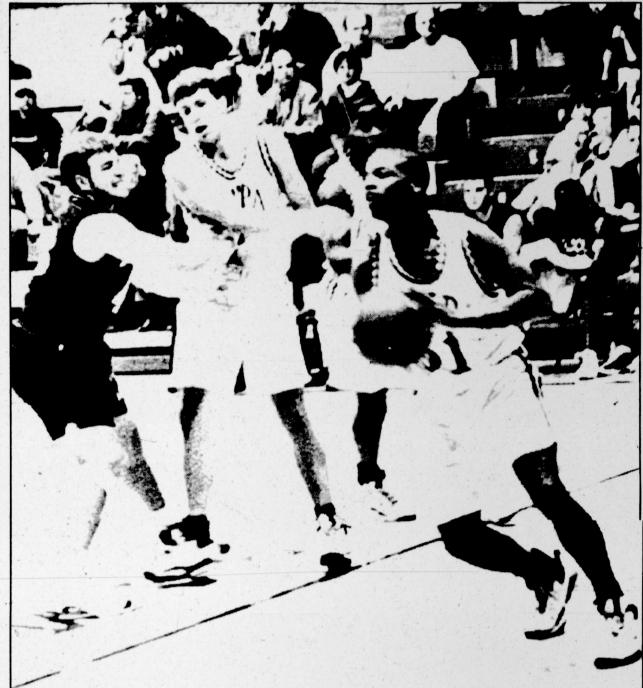
> CANYON - Pampa lost to Nazareth 68-64 in a game played last weekend at the West University Texas Fieldhouse. The contest was close all the

The Harvesters are entered in points to lead the Nazareth

Nazareth wasn't able to pull away until the final minute of

was high scorer for Pampa with

Lindsey Narron added 10 points for Pampa while Cali Covalt had 9, Charity Tascosa, a Class 5A school, Nachtigall 9, Ashley Derington



7, Morgan White 5, Chasity Pampa's Sedrick Drew controls a rebound against Tascosa in basketball action Nachtigall 4 and Ashlei Jordan last night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

# No. 1 Duke beats Illinois in ACC-Big Ten Challenge

By The Associated Press

patience is stretched as thin Northwestern 57-44 and Frank Williams led Illinois as top-ranked Duke's victory Iowa topped Georgia Tech (4-2) with 19 points, but had points.

LaVell Blanchard led traveled Monday to Las Michigan (2-2) with 13 Vegas to begin a two-week rehabilitation program. margins.

Jason Williams matched his career high with 23 points, and Mike Dunleavy had 21 as Duke beat No. 9 night in an ACC-Big Ten Challenge game Greensboro, N.C.

Four days earlier, the Blue State. Devils (6-0) edged No. 17 Temple by two points to win the Preseason NIT.

"People are going to come after us and be very physical with our team. We need to play a much more physical game," Krzyzewski said. Right now, we're not the team I thought we would

Duke was outrebounded 42-27, shot 7-of-25 from 3point range and didn't get a single point from its nonstarters.

The victory gave the Atlantic Coast Conference a 3-1 edge in the first four games against the Big Ten.

Groom is in

quarterfinals

GROOM - The Groom Tigers

The Tigers take on Highland at

Both teams have 12-0 records.

Highland is the No. 1 ranked six-

man team while Groom is ranked

Groom erupted for 36 points

against Lazbuddie in the second

quarter after leading 6-0 at the end

Groom's ground attack chalked

up 384 yards. DeWayne Gray

rushed for four touchdowns and

133 yards and Garrett Britten

rushed for two scores and 153 yards.

the air as Grant Weinheimer threw

touchdown passes to Cody Bivens

(32 yards) and Clay Ritter (13

yards). Bivens also rushed for two

Groom finished with 492 total

yards while Highland had 284.

The Tigers also scored through

after routing

are heading to the six-man state

Lazbuddie 69-28 last weekend.

7:30 Friday night in Slaton.

quarterfinals

of the first quarter.

opening-night victory.

On Wednesday, No. 6 Michigan State, No. 13 Wisconsin at Milwaukee,

Four other Top 25 teams were in action Tuesday night, with No. 16 Connecticut, No. 18 Utah, No. 20 Syracuse and No. 25 Arkansas all winning at home. Connecticut beat Brown 88-78, Utah routed Cardinal Stritch 93-47, Syracuse held off Colgate 73-65 and Arkansas beat Centenary 88-57.

Duke survived two turnovers in the final 1:31 after taking a 77-68 lead on Dunleavy's layup and 3pointer in a 30-second span.

"Thank goodness, 18 years ago we decided not to go zone," Krzyzewski said.

In the other games, No. 12 has been good to us over the Michigan State's 14-game five weeks to strengthen a Wake Forest beat Michigan years, and it was really good streak.

85-67 for the Big Ten's lone nine of his team's 26 turnovers.

"Duke is a great ball club, North Carolina is at No. 3 but Cory (Bradford) and I just turned the ball over too Illinois 78-77 on Tuesday Maryland plays No. 23 much," Williams said. "We're supposed to be one Purdue is at No. 21 Virginia, of the top backcourts in the and Minnesota is at Florida country. We've got to have more control than that."

> Illinois lost to a top-ranked team for the second time in six days. Then-No. 1 Arizona beat the Illini 79-76 in the title game of the Maui Invitational.

> "It's great to play these type of games, but enough is enough," coach Bill Self

No. 12 Wake Forest 71, Michigan 60

Robert O'Kelley scored 19 points as visiting Wake Forest rallied to beat Michigan.

The Demon Deacons (5-0) overcame an 11-point deficit early in the second half for their 10th straight victory, "Our man-to-man defense second in the nation to

No. 16 Connecticut 88, **Brown 78** 

Caron Butler has 21 points for Connecticut in his second game following a threegame suspension for an NCAA violation.

The freshman also had 12 rebounds, three steals and five assists, and Edmund Saunders added a careerhigh 20 points for the Huskies (4-1). Earl Hunt had 26 points for Brown (1-3), which scored 52 points in the second half.

No. 18 Utah 93, Cardinal Stritch 47

Kevin Bradley and Jeff as Utah won without coach the Razorbacks Rick Majerus.

Majerus will miss about Centenary (2-2) with 19.

surgically repaired knee. He

Assistant coach Dick Hunsaker directed the Utes (4-1) against Cardinal Stritch (5-3), an NAIA school from Milwaukee. No. 20 Syracuse 73, Colgate

Preston Shumpert and DeShaun Williams each scored 21 points as Syracuse (5-0) beat Colgate for the 35th straight time. Martin Marek had a career-high 17 points for Colgate (1-3).

No. 25 Arkansas 88, Centenary 57

Joe Johnson scored 19 points and Arkansas made 15 3-pointers against visiting Centenary. Brandon Johnsen each had 20 points Dean added 15 points for Ronnie McCollum led

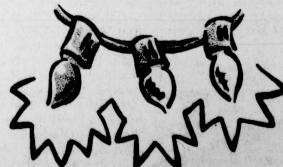
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(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's junior varsity girls' basketball team placed second in the Perryton JV Tournament earlier this month. Team members are (front row, from left) Lindsey Ledbetter, Kaily Richardson, Valerie Velez and Hollie Gattis; (middle) Crystal Parker; (back row, from left) Jeff Davis, Kim Conner, Carolyn Morse, Sara Blankenship, Casey Fisher, Jessica Leos and coach Gill. They beat Stinnett JV and Spearman JV and lost to Perryton JV in the finals.

# TCU's Franchione said he's had no contact from other schools

seems mentioned every time the talks about a new deal. list of college football coaching Franchione has five years vacancies grows, the Texas remaining on his contract at timetable or urgency in complet-Christian coach insists that he TCU. The new proposal includes ing a new deal with TCU. hasn't been contacted by any a substantial raise to \$1 million other schools.

Tuesday. "No, I'm not on my more years, through 2007. "Until an AD (arthetic director) Finley sparks Mavericks by Raptors Still, he's having a hard time given me an offer and there's winted to the standard of the standard

the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Franchione said without elabo- you've heard rumors." Dec. 20. Franchione said he is spending most of his time responding to a "situation getting further out of control by the minute.'

In the past week, Franchione's name has surfaced in some way for openings at Arizona State, Missouri, Alabama, USC and Maryland.

A spokesman for TCU athletic director Eric Hyman said Wednesday that Missouri athletic director Mike Alden, a close friend of Franchione's, had called about talking to the coach. No other schools had called, the spokesman said.

Franchione's mention as a potential candidate for so many jobs doesn't come as a surprise. Consider what he has accomplished at TCU.

The Horned Frogs were 1-10 and had a 10-game losing streak in 1997, the year before he arrived. They have since had three straight winning seasons and already won two bowl

The only job talks Franchione said he has had, however, are with Hyman about an extension of his current contract.

The last negotiation at TCU, after Franchione ended his first season at TCU with a win over hiring a coach, team owner Bob USC in the Sun Bowl, took more McNair said. than three weeks. The AD's

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — spokesman said Wednesday that rating. "I think we have good While Dennis Franchione's name the two sides continue to have faith on both sides. I'm not sit-

ting around worrying about it." The coach said there is no

Franchione certainly hasn't per year (only 14 college coaches ruled out listening to offers from

preparing for No. 13 TCU (10-1) some things we probably need to of it very real yet," Franchione to play Southern Mississippi in discuss and work on," said. "I've heard rumors and

### Will Davis be the Texans first head football coach?

Butch Davis says he is staying letic director Paul Dee on at Miami, ruling out the Alabama job as well as any other coaching position in college football.

He remains, though, one of several early candidates to become the first coach of Houston Texans, an NFL expansion team that begins play in

"I am not a candidate for the Alabama job at all," Davis said Bush Tuesday Intercontinental Airport in Houston before boarding a flight back to Miami. "I am staying at Miami. I am thrilled to death where I'm at. I've got a terrific job. We have a fabulous team coming back. We have a

great recruiting class." It is possible Davis would remain at Miami one more year and then accept the Texans job

Davis scheduled meetings know me."

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — with his players and Miami ath-Wednesday.

Davis, 49, is in his fourth year of a seven-year deal that pays him about \$900,000 annually. Dee has offered Davis a fiveyear extension that would pay him about \$1.3 million.

"My intent right now is to stay at the University of Miami," Davis said. "I've got a great job. I'm not interested in any other college job. I wasn't pursuing any NFL jobs to be honest with you.

"I've had a tremendous number of people around the country, both in and out of football, tell me if I got the opportunity I should definitely talk to Bob McNair.

"They told me he's a fabulous guy. Everybody is excited about him being in the NFL. He's everything people told me he was. He's unique and genuine. after the 2001 season. The They are going to interview Texans have set no deadline for other guys. This was an opportunity for me to get to know them and for them to get to

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nursing a leg injury, Dallas' Michael Finley stole the spotlight.

dunk midway through the ed him to wave his arms and scored just 2 in 21 minutes. first quarter jumpstarted a sluggish offense, then his long jumpers helped the Mavericks get ahead. His two baskets in the closing minutes sealed Dallas' 107-93 victory Tuesday night.

Finley scored a season-high 32 points as the Mavericks won for the fifth time in six games, continuing the second-best. start in franchise history. It was had not been on national TV since January 1998.

kind of slow, maybe because it Carter highlights. was a nationally televised game, but once we got those itters out of us and calmed down a bit, we started feeling it," Finley said.

strained tendon in his left backward under the basket. thigh. He had played 145

national television cameras ago, but will miss a second we didn't try to treat it differcame to Reunion Arena for the straight game Wednesday ent than any other game."

> Without him around to shout, "Let's go! Let's go!"

> each kept the lead at 10 points.

great exposure for a team that was broadcast throu out his guys being anxious." native country, too.

The Raptors had no choice. Del Curry started in place of match Finley leap for leap, the Carter and had nine points in But with Carter in Canada Raptors decided to take their 31 minutes, 11 more than his chances and let Finley shoot previous high this season. from the outside — especially Rookie Morris Peterson, comafter he ended Dallas' 0-for-9 ing off a career-best 18 points, Finley's scream-inducing start with a dunk that prompt- added 10 and Alvin Williams

> Corliss Williamson led the Finley buried three straight Raptors with 22 points and a jumpers in the first quarter season-high 10 rebounds. and four straight in the sec- Toronto had won three ond quarter. His layup and straight and three in a row on long jumper in the final 2:14 the road, but couldn't overcome 16 turnovers.

> 'We talked about not being Steve Nash added 21 points in a hurry, but then we'd see a and 10 assists. The cameras guy open and rush to get the provided double exposure for ball inside," coach Lenny the Canada native as the game Wilkens said. "That's just

Said guard Mark Jackson: He gave them plenty of "We're a veteran team and we "We started out of the box footage to replace the usual understood what we had to do. We just didn't do it."

He slid the ball nicely to Notes: Toronto forced just five Finley for the early dunk, turnovers and did not score pulled down a rebound with any points of them. ... The one arm in traffic, then set up Mavericks did not shoot a free Dirk Nowitzki for a 3-pointer throw the first 30 minutes, 54 Carter, the NBA's second- that put the Mavericks ahead seconds. ... Dallas is on the road leading scorer at 27.5 points for the first time and hit a for the next four and six of the game, remained in layup with a flip from his next eight. Coach-general man-Toronto for treatment on a knees, while falling down ager Don Nelson will miss Thursday's game in Portland "We did come out flat," he while undergoing a biopsy of straight games since coming said. "Maybe we were a little his swollen prostate.

# Missouri AD back on recruiting trail in search for new coach

Missouri athletic director Mike" abouts, Alden told the newspa-Alden insists he has no per that he was not in Columbia timetable for hiring a football and added that "you won't see coach, but with recruiting sea- me there for some time." son under way the program could fall behind if he doesn't move quickly.

Alden has been searching for a head coach since Larry Smith was fired hours after Missouri ended its 3-8 season Nov. 18 with a 28-24 loss to Kansas State.

Toledo football coach Gary Columbia campus on Tuesday, but was not offered the job, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - declined to identify his where-

The Kansas City Star reported that Alden interviewed Kevin Cosgrove, defensive coordinator at Wisconsin, in St. Louis on Tuesday afternoon. And the Star quoted Alden as saying it was probably true" that his former associate and longtime friend Dennis Franchione of Texas Christian is not in the running.

'I don't see that changing, Pinkel "briefly" visited the either," Alden said, saying that Franchione and his wife are

very happy at Texas Christian.
"I don't know what his Alden was back on the road other school," Alden said. "But

For his part, Franchione said he hadn't been talking to any-

body about another coaching "No, I haven't been contacted by anybody," he said. "No, I'm

not on my way to talk to some-He said his only talks have

five years to run. Besides Pinkel and Cosgrove, others reported under consideration for the Missouri job are Western Miehigan head coach Gary Darnell, Purdue offensive coordinator Jim Chaney and

Florida State offensive coordi-Alden has said the candidates

has not offered the job to any- able to find adequate replace- Alden's list, could still be in the

"There is a whole list of candily important that we address the substance issue rather than the sizzle issue right now. I think it been with TCU about extending is just as important that we have head coach. the substance over some type of his contract, which has another

Smith, 61, was 33-46-1 in seven years at Missouri. Alden cited Smith's poor recruiting after taking Missoust to consecutive bowl games in 1997 and 1998 as a reason for his dis-Jones and running back Devin Tuesday night. Although he TCU has been very good to reported so far generally reflect. West, graduated after the 1998 defensive coordinator Brent

While Alden maintains he dates out there who I think are feels no pressure to replace was no longer a candidate really good, solid football Smith immediately, coaches because he couldn't meet coaches," Alden said. "It is real-nationwide began contacting Alden's timetable to discuss the high school seniors this week, and Missouri falls a bit further behind every day it is without a

several other top-tier programs al title. for a new coach, including Arizona State, Arizona, Southern Cal, North Carolina and Maryland

"Other people want the people that we're talking to, and we never talked to him. missal. The two stars of the view that as a positive," Alden

his interests, but he added he season and Smith was never Venables, who had dropped off running.

Venables said last week he job. Oklahoma plays Kansas State Saturday in the Big 12 Championship game. If the Sooners win, they will play in Alden also is competing with the Orange Bowl for the nation-

"I have never spoken to him in my life," Alden said. "I'd like to thank him for some of the nice things I've seen that he's said about our program, but I've

"He, of course, doesn't want to talk until after the Big 12 championship game. I respect 1 Public Notice

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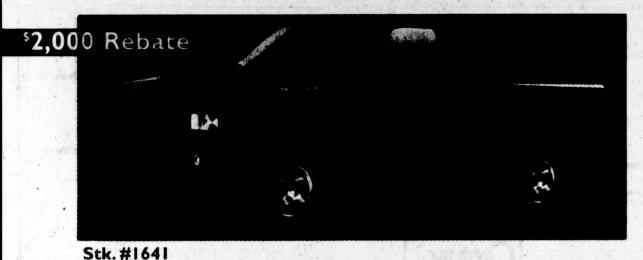
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