

Tom Williams, 9 , and his sister Patty, 7 , decided to earn extra money this year so they could adopt two "Angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. They're shown with a few of the pre-
County approves DA's budget hike

## Police continue investigation of teenager's death




Hispanic man wanted in assault

 Ernesto Cruz, 43, 1022 E. Cruz with the bat.
Jordan, told police he Jordan, told police he drove up
in front of his brotherding house to police reports,
at 421 N. Faulkner shortly after identified the attacker
only as an Hispanic man.

## Daily Record

Services tomorrow GRISHAM, Weldon E.- Memorial servies, 1
P. m .. First United Methodist Church, Panhandie.
MADDOX, Lula Victoria - Graveside ser-共

Obituaries

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|  | Sheriff's Off |
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| ago. She had been a Pampa resident since 1957. She was also preceded in death by a step-son, |  |
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| NELDON E. GRISHAM <br> PANHANDLE - Weldon E. Grisham, 57, died |  |
| Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church |  |
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| with the Rev. Kathryn Buren officiating. Burial will |  |
| Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle. Mr. Grisham was born at DeLeon, Texas, and |  |
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| He was member of first United Methodisthhurh and fanme Micaskey Veterans of Forign |  |
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| Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, of the home |  |
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| Survivors include a son, Henry W. Gruben ofPampa; a sister, Gladys West of Lubbock; two |  |
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| Gruben of Houston; and a great-granddaughter |  |
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| The faminy refuusests memorials be to First Bappist Church in Spur or to a favorite charity |  |
| Spur tic a lant hadDox <br> Lula Victoria Maddox, 87, of Pampa, died |  |
| lay, Dec. 3,2000 . Graveside services will be at |  |
| with Michael Gibson, evangelist with Westside |  |
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| Mrs Maddox was bor Feb. 25,1913 , in lackCounty, Texas. She moved to floydada in in 1925 ina | Stock |
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| been a asesident of Pampa Nursing Center for the |  |
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| The family requests memorials be to PamNursing Center, 1321 N. Kertucky, Pampa |  |
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Couple free on bond after weekend brawl AA Pampa cupple were free on time and charged with public that started in the e 500 block of
bonds today totalling $\$$ st,500 in intoxication and disorderly oon- Powell Friday night connection with a fight Friday duct-language. right. Banks, was arrested about 10:45 disorderty conduct and public Feazel, 6 , 533 Poweli, when p.m. Friday and charged with intoxication charges at $\$ 300$ on Randall Williams arrived.
disorderty conduct - language, each charge. He set bond on Timothy Don Remington, 24 ,
disorderly conduct - fighting, Randall Williams for the criminal 719 E. Browning, also arrived isorderly conduct - fighting, public intoxication, criminal tres- trespass and resisting arrest about the same time
pass and resisting arrest.
Janet Williams, 46, 916 s. charges at $\$ 1500$ each. $\quad$ Pampa police said today that between Williams a fight broke out Banks, was arrested at the same the charges resulted from a fight in front of Feazel's house
Pampa sportscaster remains extremely critical today
Well-known sportscaster Phil induced coma, and his condition Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
ondagin remained in extremely is touch-and-go, said personnel Sehorn said he suffered a Londagin remained in extremely is touch-and-go, said personnel Sehorn said he suffered a sec-
critical condition in an Amarillo at KGRO/KOMX.
ond heart attack on Nov. 27 along oospital this morning according He suffered a heart attack on with blood clots and an infection. General Manager Darrell Sehorn. surgery on Nov. 20. He was dis- Londagin is in ICU and on a res Londagin is in a medically- charged Nov. 24 from Northwest pirator

Police report
The Pampa Police Department reported the fol ing at 7 a.m. today.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block
Sowell. Saturday, Dec.
Diving
Naida Circle
Criminal mischief was ras reported shortly before S.m in the 30 book or TYME A Pampa teenagers was arrested about 1:30
m. on charges of possession of less than two unces of marijuana.
An aggravated as An aggravated assault was reported A gas drive off was reported about 9
Allsups in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

## Sheriff's Office

## Ambulance

10:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa
egional Medical Center (PRMC) and transport-

Pampa Fireman Jason Jackson climbs a ladder to a install smoke detector. Fire Chief Kim Powell
and Pampa Firefighters Association President Tim Wald organizations to get smoke detectors in local homes. Pampa Firefighters Association purchased 54 detectors while the PFD personnel is installing them.

## COUNTY

## CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

He said the contracts save the counties from Center the ment will replace her on the personnel committee Reappointed to the White Deer Land Museum
while Bill Bradley will fill the vacancy on the West
Advisory Board were Jean Duncan, Donna Burger Texas Rural Counties Association. Advisory Board were Jean Duncan, Donna Burger Commission members approved adding

Sherman County to the list of eight counties which $\begin{gathered}\text { Permission was granted for county commission } \\ \text { Precinct One employees to assist the City of Lefors }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { have contracted with Gray County in an interlocal } \\ \text { agreement for mental health services. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Precinct One employees to assist the City of Lefors } \\ \text { in a street project contingent upon an agreement to }\end{array} \\ \text { release Gray County and Precinct One of liability. }\end{array}$ | County Judge Richard Peet told commissioners | $\begin{array}{l}\text { release Gray County and Precinct One of liability. } \\ \text { The central Gray County community asked the }\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | the area counties have contracted with Gray county's assistance in hauling in road surface

County to hear mental cases in connection with materials and in spreading the materials on the

## ANGELS

## For six weeks, Tom and his lit

 tle sister have been earningmoney so they could adopt an
"Angel." They money so they could adopt an
"Angel." They accomplished
their goal this week them earning $\$ 38$ to spend on the

## NTINUED FROM PAGE ON <br> pelling tests and another $\$ 5$ for bringing home a good report <br> The two siblings proudly display the gifts they've gotten for heir "Angels" - Rock \& Roll Zoe card. usually, spend my money their "Angels"-Rock \& Roll Zoe right away," Tom contessed. "I I toys, house shoes, and brightly colored clothing. right away," Tom confessed. "I and brightly colored clothing. ike to go to Hastings and buy a They agree they want to earn voney next year to adopt more." money n, video game." Paty told her school class Angels. Patty told her school class Angels. about her project, she said, and nore kids in her class are talking what Christmas is more kids in hert class are talking about," Tom said. "II's about giv- about adopting "Angels," too. ing, not about getting"

## City Briefs

Patty, the more practical one,
said they also picked babie because they felt their money
could buy more for them.
To earn their money
To earn their money, Tom and PRIVATE BOOTH open at A FUND for Ashley Roe has Patty, students at Lamar PRIVATE BOOTH open at A FUND for Ashley Ree has
Elementary helped thei mesther Elementary, helped their mother
clean offices after school and at night for $\$ 5$ each time they
Don't drink and drive When you celebrate,
choose a designated choose a designated driver

Weather focus PAMPA - Mostly sunny thi ftternoon with highs around 50 .
Northwest to north winds in 20 mph . Tonight, mostly clear 20 mph . Tonight, mostly clear
with lows in the middle 20 s .
Light and variable winds. Light and variable winds.
Tuesday, partly sunny with
Thighs 485 . highs 48 to 52 . South winds 10 to
20 mph . Tuesday night, becoming mostly cloudy with, a 20 per-
cent chance of light snow late.


STATEWIDE - A foggy, rainy I

Consumer groups want national database to find auto lemons

By NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The trouble began soon after Vicki and Joe Parisi bought their used car in
1994. The radio would go out. The power windows stopped working. The gas gauge incorrectly read
sed empty.
Soon, the 1993 sedan needed a brake job, ransmission repairs and major front end work
Then came the last straw: The car died while the Parisis traveled in the fast lane of a busy Ohio When th
.5, couple investigated
they discovered
The automaker did the car was a repair work and manufacturer had
bhipped it to Ohio
bought back from shipped it to Ohio, which at the time did ing but does notamp dealership now. The title in its name, effec ively erasing the lemon stamp.

No one knows how many repurchases all the
manufactures make, in part because different state
laws make it hard to track buybacks. States have different definitions for a lemon, require varying offer different ways for consumers to seek compen sation.
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In the Parisis' case, they successfully sued the out of business, after they refused to take the car Some private companies, for a fee, will search a
vehicle's history, but their data can be vehicle's history, but their data can be incomplete
because of the differing state requirements. Phil Nowicki, a consultant on lemon laws who
used to head Florida's Lemon Law Aritra Program, estimates that about 75,000 of the rout ly 45 million used vehicles sold every year in the United States have been repurchased by the manu-
facturer under a lemon law decisi facturer under a lemon law decision or settlement.
He believes few consumers are aware they have bought a repurchase vehicle.
"Id say compared to two or three years ago, the
别 industry has improved to some degree," Nowicki
said. "But you get cars that are moved across state said. But you get cars that are moved across state
lines. I would say for the most part it isn't meant to
defraind anybody, $t^{\prime}$ 's juist the nature of tine busidefraud anybody, nt's just the nature of the busi-
ness."
Under the system proposed by the consumer
groups, a used car buyer could check the vehicle's identification number on an Internet databasase to
find out if the manufacturer had bought back the find out if the manufacturer had bought back the
vehicle from an unsatisfied customer. The groups vehicle from an unsatisfied customer. The groups
would like each search to be free or cost no more than perhaps $\$ 2$.
The groups, including CARS, Consumer Action,
the Consumer Federation Citizen, and the U.S. Public Interest Research
Group, also want a permanent label affixed to the car identifying it as a "lemon law buyback." Auto industry groups say that while they sup-
port full disclosure of a vehicle's history, they object to labeling every buyback as a lemon. John Whately, a lawyer for the Alliance Automobile Manufacturers, said automakers sometimes repurchase vehicles to make unsatis-
fied customers happy, not because there is defect. "Those shouldn't be branded as lemons," he said. "I won't pretend that those are the majority of
vehicles bought back, but they shouldn't all be branded as a lemon."
shipped it to ing but does now. The dealership got a new title in
its name, effectively erasing the lemon stamp. Consumer advocates say this "'lemonon laundering'
is widespread a claim the auto industry denies, and is widespread, a claim the auto industry denies, and
want the Federal Trade Commission to require that
automakers tell "If you are going to put your family in this car
and travel at 70 mph down the road you want to know if there is a history of problems," said Rosemary Shahan, founder of Consumers for Auto
Reliability and Safety, a Sacramento, Calif.-based group working to improve lemon laws.
The FTC will wait to review the proposal before commenting, agency spokesman Mitch Katz said. The KTC held hearings.on lemons four years ago
The Kate
at the request of the consumer groups, but has not

## Delta pilots refuse to fly overtime hours

 ATLANTA (AP) - Delta Air and thousands of customers tions. Unions for both airlinesLines confirmed Sunday it was affected," Delta spokeswoman have denied the allegations. Lines confirmed Sunday it was affected," Delta spoke
forced to cancel almost 300 flights Jackie Pate said Sunday.
this weekend because pilots Pate said there were a his weekend because pilots
refused to work overtime as conrefused to work overtime as con-
tract talks continued between their union and the carrier. The Atlanta-based airline, the
third largest in the US, has bien in negotiations with the pilot in negotiations
since November president of flight operations, ine corded message Saturdays, in a Deta pilots' hotline, said the airine was experiencing "signififcant the no-overtime campaign, but $\begin{array}{cll}\text { line was experiencing significant } & \text { the no-overtime campaign, but } \\ \text { disruptions to our schedule." } & \text { said under their contract the } \\ \text { He said Delta canceled } 67 & \text { pilots can decide individually }\end{array}$ expected 80 on Sunday due to officials did not immediately expected 8 on Sunday due to officials did not immediately
crew shortages. Bushy said Delta return phone calls seeking com-
normally operates 2,700 flights a day and on a normal day fewer han two flights are canceled due "What we'ves had happen this
weekend is hundreds of flights cancellations on Sunday due to canceliations on Sunday due to
snow in the Southeast, but did not
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have any numbers.
Many of Delta's 9,400 pit Many of Delta's 9,400 pilots
have been declining to sign up for ave been declining to sign up for
voluntary overtime assignments voluntary overtime arsignments
since Delta and the Air Line Pilots Association began talks on a new ALPA offricials la
ALPA officials have told pilots ment Sunday
United Airlines and Northwest Airlines also have recently com-
plained of job actions by workers involved in contract negotiations
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Christ nue a hearing into Northwest's legations that a slowdown by ction's fourth escalating as the lers the Christmas travel season Last week, United, the counan largest carrier, canceled more w. Airline officials say United mechanics are deffying a Nov. 17
ederal court order forbidding an organized work slowdown. y overtime hours to staff some Delta's pilots continue to refuse to work overtime, it could cause aid. ${ }^{\text {.W }}$. sider what our options are, includHouston Fire Department introducing special emergency crew HOUSTON (AP) - Some of the city's most seri-
ous emergencies will draw a new emergency team
along with the usual fire department crews $\begin{gathered}\text { Termed "a major philosophical shift," Persse } \\ \text { said will } \\ \text { medic }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ous emergencies will draw a new emergency team } & \begin{array}{l}\text { said it will ultimately "increase the level of para } \\ \text { along with the usual fire department crews. } \\ \text { medic protection in each neighborhood." }\end{array} \\ \text { The Houston Fire Department Emergency } \\ \text { In October, former Fire Chief Lester Tyra }\end{array}$ The Houston Fire Department Emergency In October, former Fire Chief Lester Tyra
Medical Service, beginning Monday, will send an resigned after an outside audit identified staffing Medical Service, beginning Monday, will send an resigned after an outside audit identified starkng
additional vehicle - staffed with paramedics - deficiencies, and "serious issues of managerial on some of its worst calls. The new program is the first recommendation in a recently released audit to be implemented by the embattled department.
Dispatchers will also send an ambulance staffed by emergency medical technicians, with the goal
of freeing up paramedics trained to provide by emergency medical technicians, with the goal
of freeing up paramedics trained to provide
advanced care whenever 911 calls turn out to be minor.
"This is a good move for the department to
make," Dr. David Persse, EMS medical director,
told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. Brown was expected to name a permanent replace ment early next year.
Tyra's resignation followed the firings of three firefighters over accusations of failing to provide
adequate care. Two firefighters also died while battling a blaze.
The audit ci
he audit cited other areas of concern, including told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and between management and the rank-and-file. }\end{aligned}$

## Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
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Pampa Nursing Center raffle


Pampa Nursing Center will raffle a quilt Dec. 6 in an effort to raise funds for a Christmas party for center residents. Tickets are $\$ 1$ per chance. For more informaMaria Sirles, Misty Murack.

## Assembly of solar wings interrupted

 SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - NASA offi- wing. He continued to send comm nds and even-cials were assessing their options early Monday
tually freed the stuck pin.
The right wing's deployment delighted Norieg to finish unfurling the international space station's newly attached set of powerful solar and panels.
The debut of the $\$ 600$ million solar wings was "Ah, it looks beautiful," Noriega exclaimed.
incomplete as only the right panel was deployed
It toore power to the station," Tanner said. 14 minutes for the first fol Sunday. Although the right wing has started generSunday. Although the right wing has started gener-
ating electricity, some of its tension cables appeared Engineers are trying to figure out if this will be a
problem in unfurling the left wing and if that can be probe Monday or should be delayed until Tuesday done Monday or should be delayed until Tuesday,
when astronauts on the space shuttle Endeavour
conduct their second of three spacewalks during conduct their second of three spacewalks during
this mission. "Since we are in a good, safe posture, there's no "Since we are in a good, safe posture, there's no
eason to be in a big hurry and deploy the other reason to be in a big hurry and deploy the othe
blanket until we absolutely understand what we saw, or what we're looking at right now," lead
flight director Bill Reeves said. The crew of Endeavour was to have a light
schedule of activities Monday after a busy day of construction work.
During a $71 / 2$-hour spacewalk, astronauts
Carlos Noriega and Joe Tanner helped attach the truss containing the solar wings to spach
 wing's unfurling didn't proceed after comman- make the space station whe of the frightest objects der brent Jett Jr. entered computer commands in the night sky.
A computer software problem prevented the watts at peak power solar panels to generate 65 kiloA computer software problem prevented the watts at peak power-four times what currently is pro-
latches and retention pins on the wings to open so duced by the small Russian-built solar wings already on New panels could be deployed.
New software was sent up, and Jett was able to a enency could not launch its Desteny stricty, the space

## Isolated North Dakota burgs open groceries

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) Once a week, in the name of com-
munity service, Laurie Stenson
drives drives to a town about 40 miles away to buy bread. She travels
about 35 miles to another town to pick up other groceries. Some distributor on a nearby highway Stenson manages Drucker's Gewneral Soccery, a community
owned grond, N.D that opened in mid-November. "I don't know anything about a grocery store," she said with a laugh. "But the community has
been very good at supporting been very good at supporting
you when you need it, giving a helping hand."
Community groceries are
popping up in small towns
across North Dakota in an effort ocross Nure that staples such as bread, eggs and milk are conve-
niently available to locals Privately run groceries are
falling by the wayside as rural falling by the wayside as rural
towns lose population and as
residents seek lower prices in residents see
bigger cities.
bigger cities.
Tom Woo
Tom Woodmansee, president
of the North Dakota Grocers Association, said that in his 19 years on the job, the number of groceries in the state has fallen
from around 500 to about 350 "People in our rural commu nities don't understand that if they don't support their local
merchants ... they're going to be gone; and once they' re gone they
say, 'Oh, what are we going to do now? ${ }^{\prime \prime \prime \prime}$ ' Woodmansee said. The southeastern North
Dakota town of Forbes faced that dilemma 25 years ago. A volun-
teer board sought out grant money, set up a nonprofit organization, hired a minager
started The People's Stote.

## CINEMA 4 <br> 665-7141

Volunteers unl
ven help make some of the food a farmer who heads Ted Wolff, teer board.
Last year, the store in the town f 50 people made a $\$ 300$ profit.
Denise Bickel, who manages community grocery in the town of Tuttle, says her store is defiof
nitely
prise
n. "We make enough to pay our
"Wills, and if we do make a profit bills, and if we do make a profit
it goes back into the business, boes that's not much"" Bickel said, which Tuttle Community Store, which has operated for 15 years,
got a $\$ 479,000$ grant from the
U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. Department of Agriculture
three years ago to put up a new

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## Medical

## Eye surgery as fast-growing industry warrants caution

By JOHN NOLAN
Associated Press Writer


Doctors hope to make old hearts young with new cells

## o 1.4 million Americans may undergo the surgery this year, up from <br> 10,000 in 1997. Prices range from $\$ 499$ to $\$ 2,500$ per eye.

## Artificial discs offer hope for bad backs

## NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Five choose to receive the artificial

 weeks after surgery to implant an disc. After Isaza's first fiveartificial disc in her spine, Randy
patients a computer will decide
who Conway went camping. She and her husband and children rode It was the first time in a year that Conway had been able to
swim. It had been many months since she had ridden - and much longer since she had been able to pain afterward.
Conway, of St. Amant, is among the first people in this country to test products offering new hope to
people who otherwise would need a much more extensive operation to fuse two veriebrae togeth-
Had Conway's spine been
fused, she would have had to spend she would have had to
six bed, with total of six months for total recovery. Some people with artificial
discs have gone back to work after discs have gone back to work afte
as little as two weeks. "It's exciting," Dr. Terrence Piper, an orthopedic surgeon in St.
Louis, said atter examining the Conway's back and talking people at the company booth a the North American Spine Society's meeting in New Orleans
"Very exciting." answered Dr Richard Guyer of the Texas Back Institute, lead US. investigator on tests of the SB Charite disc prosthesis.
That disc, made by the German That disc, made by the German has been used in Europe for about 10 years, but is still being tested in che United States. Another artifi-
cial disc, made by ial disc, made by DePu
AcroMed, has been through pre AcroMed, has been through pre
liminary tests in Australia and the
United Kingdom, and will begin Minary tests in Australia and the
United Kingdom, and will begin
cinical trials next year there and in clinical trials next y
the United States.
Several other companies ar resting replacements for the disc's
shock absorber - the nucleus. It can leak out through the cartilage
ring around it into the spina canal, where it causes pain by pushing on nerves.
Thar was Conways problem. Painkilers and exercise wil
help most people with a slippes disc or degenerative disc disease But about 10 percent need surgery
because the more conservative because the more conservative
treatments just don't work. treatments just dont work.
Operations include cutting ou all or part of the nucleus, removing the entire disc and replacing the disc with a bone graft to fuse Another surgeon had removed
Conway's bad disc, but the pain returned, said Dr. George Isaza the surgeon who implanted her
artificial disc. She was able to
AIDS-related skin cancer spread through kissing

who gets the disc and who gets spinal fusion.
In addition to
time, fusion can increase stress on the rest of the spine ing nearby discs over time. Doctors hope that the movement eliminate that problem discs may IIt's extraordinarily promising. But there's extraordinary promise in a lot of medicine," Dr. Michael Gordon of Newport Beach, Calif., after presentations about artificial discs and an artificial nucleus. "But there are very significant
nsolved problems," he said nsolved problems," he said.
Reliable insertion. Long-term stability and wear of the implants. What do you do when they get
infected? What do you do when they get loose? How do you get how is the body going to respond to wear debris?" The operation against which
artificial discs are being tested is fusion with a "cage" to keep the vertebrae the right distance apart and hold the graft in place while
new bone grows around it. They used to fuse hips and "They used to fuse hips and
knees. Now it's considered almost barbaric - a last resort. The spine's kind of behind. It's a more complicated joint," said Philip
Williams, a research and development manager for Stryker Howmedica Osteonics of
Rutherford, N.J. Rutherford, N.J.
Williams presented a paper on artificial nucleus. Its main conclusion: The nucleus should be
tried in people Those tests will tried in people. Those tests will ing to be more specific.
On the Net:
North Amer North American Spine Society: http://www.spine.org/
American Academy Orthopedic Surgeons information
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http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/category.cfm?topcategorySpine http://medlineplus.nim.nih.gov medlineplus/slippeddisk.html
American Association of Neurological
of surgeons and
Neurological Surgeons: http://www.neurourgery.org/ body replacement
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her skin cancer

GOLDEN PHOENIX CENTER

The Golden Phoenix Center has been appointed the spee ific mission of improving the pyychologica
healit of senior adults who recouire short terme 806-663-5570
P A M P A


928 N. Hobart

## Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
pa Area Literary Council office is open fro Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10
a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, a.m. -4 p.m.
call $665-2331$.

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on more information, call $669-3988$.
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domes-
tic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call $669-1131$ or crime victims. PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas
Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 Panhandie is changing its hours. It is now open from Ave., \#175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for
an appointment, call $665-2291$. Planned Parenthood is an appointment, call $665-2291$. Planned Parenthood is
a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.
PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR Lovett Menarial Library will sponsor a pre-school
story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beonn 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 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will
met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday
Pampa Community Building.
Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m. -12 a.m. and
$1-4$ p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are 1-4 p.m.,. Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are
scheduled from $7: 30-10: 30$ p.m., Dec. 11-12 in scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in
Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, ( 806 ) $874-$
5074 .

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing schol-
arships for high school seniors. The scholarships can arships for high school seniors. The scholarships can
be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of
February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.
WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, will feature Jan extensive around-the-world Nat welvity collection by Jan Ragsdale as well as a galiery exhibit by artist john
Darby, both of Pampa. A Victorian Curistmas tree will
also be on display and complete tours of the mus also be on display and complete tours of the museum will be conducted throughout the Christmas and
New Year's holidays. To schedule a tour, call 669 8041. WDLM is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Tree donations are accepted.
AMERICAN FAMILY RADIO KAXH/American Family Radio, 90.9 FM, will host a
variety of Christmas specials throughout December variety of Christmas specials throughout December
beginning nightly at $7: 05 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. for the entire family to

HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK
High Plains Food Bank is seeking donations this holi-
day season. For more information, call (806) $374-8562$
day season. For more information, call (806) $374-8$
PROCUREMENT CENTER TRAINIS
Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Contract Procurement Center will sponsor a free half-day train
ing session by the Texas Department ing session by the Texas Department of
Transportation from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec 6 at PRPC's Board Room, 415 W . 8 th Ave., A marillo For more information or to RSVP, Edmond Esparza,
CPC coordinator, (806) $372-2281$ or e-mai eesparza@prpc.cog.tx.us Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host an open house from $1-4$ p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7 at
the chapter office at 108 N . Russell. The event is free and open to the public.
A Pampa Area Singles dance is sce
A Pampa Area Singles dance is scheduled Dec. 30 . For

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Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky,
will hold "Ouick TASP" at 9 a.m. Wednesdan The fee for the TASP test, due at the time of testing, is including one photograph. RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses this month: First Aid, 3-7
p. m., Dec. 5 , ARC office, 108 N. Russeli; CPR class, 5-
9 p.m., Dec. 12 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 699-7121.
RUSHING WIND
Rusking Wind Emmaus will sponsor "Christmas at
Waka" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Waka Christian Waka" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Waka Christian praise and worship service in the chapel. Families and Triends are welcome and a nursery will be provided. the event at 4:30 p.m. PDHG
Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting, location, or more information, call Becky Martin, (806)
$358-2765$. TRAIN SHOW
Amarillo Model Railroad Association will hold its
annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginannual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show begin-
ning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. $24-26$ and Dec. $25-31$ as well as $5-8$ raffle off a $4^{\prime} \times 8^{\prime} \mathrm{HO}$-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. christmas Eve. Admission is $\$ 1$ for adults and 50 . CANYON NATURE HIK̇ES
The following nature hikes are scheduled at Palo Duro Canyon State Park: $2-5$ p.m., Dec. 9 and 23 ,
Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5 -mile hike, moderately difficult, and $2-4$ p.m., Dec. 30 ,
Sunflower Trail. Participants should gunflower Trail. Participants should bring water and
good walking shoes. The walks will include discus-
more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49
Dillard's seventh arnual fund-raiser, "Make
Christmas Magic and Help a Child," will benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in communities it sererves ear's project is an all-new CD and cassette featuring holiday music now on sale at 345 cassette featurning nationwide. All profits from the CD/cassette will benefit Rorald McDonald House
QUICK TASP
Frank Phillips College in Borger will conduct a Quick Trank Philips College in Borger will conduct a Quick campus. Participants may register on-site. Students
who took the test in August are not eligible to to who took the test in August are not eligible to take the
test this month but must wait until January . For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext.
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721. PDCSP PROGRAMS

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of
evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star
evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star
Interpretative Theater near Hackberry campground. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Caritters," 7-
2227, ext. 49 .
FPC EXDED
Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the follow
ing extended education classes: PC Upgrade clowss,
Dec. 4-14; Concealed Hand Fec. 4-14; Concealed Handgun Course, Dec. 12-13
For more information, (806) $274-5311$ or $1-800-687-$ 2056, ext. 777 . ADOPT-A-SEA TURTLE
Adopt a sea turtle for some one you love this holiday
season. For a tax-deductible $\$ 25$, the Sea Turtle season. For a tax-deductible $\$ 25$, the Sea Turtle the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corp., will
send participants a personalized color sea turtle adop send participants a personalized color sea turtle adop tion certificate, a sea turtle fact sheet, colorful decal
and magnet and a subscription to the organization's quarterly newsletter, all in a special folder. For more information, call 1-800-678-7853 or visit www.ccetur-
tle.org. on the Internet. e.org. on the Internet.
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP The Alzheimer's Support Group will continue its
four-part series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in cour-part series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in
Shepard's Nursing, 916 N. Crest Rd. November's Shepard's sursing, 916 N . Crest Rd. November's proproviders. The group meets the first Thursday of each
month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 66500356 .
SCIENCE SPECTUUM
Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science ducation in Lubbock, is currently offering several ducational films in its Omnimax Theatre- "Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan;
"Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Shariff and Kate Maberly; and "Gold Fever," a history of mining laking the viewer on a voyage of abandoned mines addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the Texas Guaranteed TG WEBSITE
Tudent
revamped its "Adventures in Education" website
located at http::/www.adventuresineducation org or http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middlle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children pre-
pare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation pare for college. IG is a pubic nonprofit corporation lions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help,
families and students realize their educational and career dreams. FRESHSTART
FRESHSTART
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation
support series sponsor support series sponsored by the cancer center and the
American Cancer Society American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays
and Tuesdays, Nov. $6-14$. For more information, all and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those
who have lost a loved one, from $1: 30-3 \mathrm{pm}$. who have lost a loved one, from $1: 30-3$ p.m. Tuesdays
throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806). $359-4673$, ext. 23 or Stan
McKeever at (806) $359-4673$, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1 McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio,
diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (perdiphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (per-
tussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chicksenpox (varicellap). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The
TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9 a.m. 12 noon and 1 4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W.
Kentucky; $12-4$ p.m., Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian Kentucky; $12-4$ p.m.1 1-3 p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School,
 White Deer; (flu) 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 7, Skellytown School, Skellytown; $1-3$ p.m., Nov. 9, Illinois St.,
Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 13, Wheeler School, Wheeler. HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcomHemphill County Hospinal, Canadian; Dec. 15, First

United Methodist Church Eduation | Hnited Methodist Gosprch Educational Building, 201 |
| :--- | E. Foster, Pampa; Dec. 26, Family Care Center, 1010 S .

Main, Shamrock and Parkview Hospital, 901 S . Sweetwater, Wheeler. Participants will receive a lowcost self-exam mammogram and a breast health
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tered nurse in breast self-examinations Funding is tered nurse in breast self-examinations Funding is Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams
are by appoistment only. For more information, call are by appointment only. For more information, call
(806) $356-1905$

## BASKETBALL

Date
December 5
December 7-9
December 7-9

Opponent
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Vernon Tournament Dumas JV Tournament

Site
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JV Varsity
6:00
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Monday December 4

## Holidays Lose Their Cheer On Couple's Fixed Income

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half-sister in 16 years, his reac-
tion to her was understandable.
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the girl. It's possible his reac-
tion had something to do with
guilt rather than preferene.
Take it slowly, and you might
find you and your half-sister
have a lot in common.
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## Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 2000 by Jacqueline bigar
 do. Think about a pivotal question. know it you have a brainstorming ses-
Tonight: Close your door and complete a
sion. Your ingnuity and sensitivity
direct you in the right direction

 Garfield


Beetle Bailey


Marvin




Peanuts


Blondie


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Sports

Notebook BASKETBALL

MIAMI - Fort Elliott boys and Hedley girls are the
champions of the Tomahawk champio Fort Elliott, unbeaten at 8 0 rolled to a $64-35$ win
Saturday over Hartley in the boys finals.
Nathan Hefley led a bal anced scoring attack for the Cougars with 13 points. Kade Junior Newman 11 . Leading by one (11-10), the Cougars broke away from
Hartley in the second Hartley in the second quarter
or a 12 -point lead (32-20) at halftime.
K. Ford had 14 points for
Hartley. Hartley.
Ine girls division
Hed 37 for the championship. Lauren Hill had 13 points
and Rebecca Howard 10 for Hedley.
Candace Bohr had 13
points and Amanda Conrad
12 to lead
GOLF
THOUSAND OAKS,
Calif. (AP) - Davis Love III
Calif. (AP) - Davis Love III
was hungry for any type of victory. He got one, and a $\$ 1$
million paycheck Although the Williams World Challenge is a made dor-ighted to win it, overcom-
digy frontrunners Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia by shoot ing an 8 -under 64 on Sunday
Woods shot 69 to shots back in second, and
Garcia had a 73 for third, five shots behind Love. 'It's nice to win since it's was not a 150 -man field, but
it was a good field. There was the added tension when guys
like Sergio and Tiger are leadwon on the tour in more than kratyears.
NStarting the final round at
Sherwood Country Club four shots behind Garcia and
three back of Woods. Love who also had a 64 on Friday inished at 22 -under 266.
Woods finish third at 17 Love's putts were falling something that didn't go his round 71 .
ered around par for the fina day, Love birdied three hole
on the front then made a 5 footer for birdie to move in front for good on No. 10. He sank a 10-foot eagle
putt on the par-5 No. 11 ,
added birdies with a 2 -footer added birdies with a 2 -footer
at No. 13 and a 10 -footer at
No. 15 , then parred out to wrap up a bogey-free round.
1p said yesterday that
Davis was playing well but not making any putts, so 1
knew that he would be there. But Ididn't really expect him who had held or shared the ead with Woods since shoot ing a 65 the first day and a 64
the second. he second. the tour includig the 1997 PGA Championship. He Wopes the win in the Williams World Challenge, which had
an elite field of 12 players, is a sign of a comeback.
"Hopefully this will over to next year," he said. Woods, like Garcia, wasn "At least I made it interest ing with a few birdies, bu Davis just had it going,"
Woods said. "He has been playing well, and he will be able to get over that hump.
"He able go get
"He shothing."
Although Love was close final 18 holes, he was mostly overlooked since Garcia and Woods were
leaderboard.
the course Saturday that it he, course Saturday that it
was a two-man race in the fans' minds. I said, 'T'II jus
play with Freddie and have play with Freddie and hav
some fun,"' said Love, wh was pained with Fred
Couples in the next-to-las wospme to go off. 68 to finish 12 under.

## Buccaneers send Cowboys to ninth loss

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| nday to key Tampa Bay's 27-7 | show what |  | third | "He was unbelievable," |
| ctory over the Dallas | Dunn, who scored on a 70 -yard | make any plays | I'm not going to give a foot- | defensiv |
| wboys will silence skeptics, |  |  | ball 101 clas | id |
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|  | m | Emmitt Smith rushed for 80 | and throw interceptions, you |  |
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## Turner is fired

$=$ roster in NFL history, was fired
Monday as coach of the Washington Redskins.
Turner was dismissed by owner Dan Snyder one day abt
a $9-7$ loss to the New York Giants. It was the Redskins' fourth loss
In five games and third trait in five games and third straight
at home, and it moved a team with Super Bowl aspirations prefrom the playoff race.
Passing game coordinato
Terry Robiskie was named the Terry Robiskie was named the
coach for the rest of the season Turner, hired as a first-time
head head coach by late owner Jack
Kent Cooke in 1994, was third in seniority among NFL coache
behind behind Tennesee's Jeff Fisher. But
and
Turner's Turner's record was only 49-59-1
including $8-21-1$ in games decid ed by three points or fewer. Turner took six years to get the
Redskins to the playoffs. That
came came last season, when
Washington won the NFC East
with a 10-6 record and defeated with a i0-6 record and defeated
Detroit in the first round of the postseason
Turner, 48 , earned a reputation as a master offensive strategis
with the Dalics Cowboys, where with the Dalus Cowboys, where
he was the offensive coordinator
for two Super Bowl teams in the for two Super Bowl teams in the
early 1990s. Some of his game plans in
masterful masterful, but his lack of com
munication skills and his inabil ty to keep players focused al
motivated led to his downfall Then season, the stakes becam
higher when Snyder spent mil
lions on players, including Deio
San lions on players, including Deio
Sanders, Bruce Smith, Jeff George
Mark Mark Carrier, draft picks LaVa
Arrington and Chris Samuels and
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Rhodes. But those additions were not enough to ove
the kicking game
Snyder also signed running
back Stephen Davis to the mos back
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ry and tested the limits of fan
dever devotion by charging admission
to watch practices at training camp. The total player payroll of
salaries and bonuses for the se son is about $\$ 100$ million
Immediately Immediately it was apparent
that the Redskins mirrored that the Redskins mirrored the York Rangers, two other teams
that essentill that essentially failed to buy a
championship. Ego bruising championship. Ego bruising
amoong the big names wasn't a amiong the big names wass
problem; overconfidence was.
A narrow season A narrow season-opening vic-
tory over Carolina was followed
by a losses to Detroit by a losses to Detroit and injury-
riddled Dallas. A five-game winrinded alreak followed, but the only
ning diminant victories came against
the Giants the Giants and Jacksonville
Jaguars. A loss to lowly Arizona Jaguars. A loss to lowly Arizona
followed by a victory on the road at Super Bowl champion St. Louis exemplified the team's fickle nature, then back-to-back home losses to division chailengers
Philadelphia and the Giants did in Turner.
Injuries
Three starters wed the offense season and several other played
hurt, and the reconstltuted sive line had its worst day
Sunday.


Wheeler's Jim Verden was voted District -1-1A coach of the year after guiding the Mustangs to the regional round of the Class $1 A$ playoffs. Verden, a Mustangs native, finished his sixth season as the

NFL has record-setting day on the ground


Defending champs fall in Lake Meredith Basketball Classic

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Is a 'kiss-and-cry' area the next BCS tweak? Ry, mite


## It's official: OU vs. Florida State in BCS title game

## By RICHARD ROS AP Football Writer

Oklahoma Not only are the Sooners play-

ing for their first national championship since 1985, they get to
do it in one of their favorite games - the Orange Bowl.
"Oklahoma traditionaly played extremely well in the Orange Bowl," Sooners coach
Bob Stoops said Sunday. "Our players understand that Orange Bowl, and you can bet
we'tl watch a bunch of those highlights." Of Oklahoma's five national
titles, three were clinched Orange Bowl victories; the other fect records, but without playing
in a bowl game. The Sooners are 11-5 in Orange Bowls.
This time, Oklahoma (12-0) goes against No. 3 Florida State
(11-1) in the Orange Bowl, the
Bowl Championship Series' des ignated title game, on Jan. 3 . While the Sooners are back in
the championship chase, Florida State seems to be in the mix every
year - no matter what system college football uses.
For the fourth time in the five
seasons, the Seminoles will play with the nationan l titles on thill play
thanks to Sunday's final BCS standings, which rated them sec-
ond behind Oklahoma but ahead of Miami (10-1), which beat
Florida State $27-24$ on Oct Ihis feel lucky, but the thing is season ever started," Florida
State coach Bobby Bowden said
of the system of ratin of the system of rating teams
using polls, computers, schedule strength and losses. "The formu-
la spit this thing out that it was The matchup creates the possiThe AP media poll and the coach-
es' poll have Oklahoma and Miami ranked 1-2. If Flomida State
beats Oklahoma and Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan.
2, there's a chance for co-champi-
ons. AP poll's sports writers
The And broadcasters vote independently of the BCS, but the coach-
es' poll crowns the Orange Bowl "If that happens, then that will be what it is," BCS coordinator
John Swoffrd said. "The BCS
doesn't eliminate tha We've known that all along. It happening."
Bowden understands he could share the title this season.
'It's No. viv. No. 2 in the BCS and if we were to beat Oklahom.
then I think we should be No. 1

## Spurs look like '99 championship team

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Dunch Dovid obinson and
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 Elliot 19 and Robinoson ons Spurs fe mead the sundana as sine
sirzies $97-79$ on sunday Duncen, the first sundyy purs player grabbed 10 rebounds soron his 14 th
 Spurs coach Geregg Popowich

 Duncan missed last Postseason missed and yar's surgery on his left knee
Eliot hit
five
3 -pointers and Rooinson chiped in with h11
oints, nine boards and fout blocked shots.

## Elliott is working his way back fter undergoing a kidney trans-

 plant last year. He had suffered ven years."Just physically I feel a lot beter than I felt in the last six or er now than I felt at 25 years old: The Spurs have been stri ling from the field this season保 no player shooting over 50 8 into Sunday's game. But peole seem to overlook the contri-
in the nation in the BCS," he said.
"But that probably won't happen
in the AP unless Florida beats in the AP unless Florida beats
Miami., Steam did its best to reach the its own backyard. Instead, the Hurricanes will renew their rivalry with Florida ( $10-2$ ) in the lagt played in 1987. 2. The teams "Regardless of how it turned out, it can't take anything away
from our great season", Davis said. "We had some great games,
against Florida State and the Virginia Tech. We've won nine in
row and did everything we a row and did everything we
think we could have."
Stoops doesn't have to explain
how his team landed where it
did debate on gus," he said. "For month, I'm glad I certainly don't
have to defend our position." have to defend our position."
In the final BCS standings,
Oklahoma had 3.30 points, 5orida State 5.37 and Miami,
5. The clinching category for the Seminoles was computer
rankings, where the Seminoles had a 1.28 -point edge over the Last year, the BCS matched
unbeatens Florida State against
Virginia Tech, which wer Virginia Tech, which against
ranked 1-2 in both polls, in the
Sugar Bowl. The Seminoles won Sugar Bowl. The Seminoles won 46-29 victory.
In the 1998 season, Florida
tate lost to Tonne State lost to Tennessee in the
Fiesta Bowl - the BC' first the game - and the 'Noless were
beaten by Florida in the Sugar Bowl after the ' 96 season.
The rest of the bowl pairings
were finalized Sunday In the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, it's
No. 5 Oregon State (10-1) vs. No. 10 Notre Dame ( ${ }^{\text {(2-2), putting the }}$ schools in a BCS game for the
first time, and leaving No. 6
Virginia Tech (10-1) with a G̣ator Bowl date (10-1) with a Gator
Bo. 16 Clemson (9-2).
"This game is big for us," Irish
coach Bob Davie said. "Usually coach Bob Davie said. "Usually you play a ball game, you feel
like it's a reward for your footbll
team. I have a different feeling team. I have a different feeling
about this football game. I think
we're a team that's improving", we're a team that's improving."
The Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 has been set for weeks -it's No. 4
Washington (10-1) vs. No. 14 Washington (10-1) vs. No. 14
Purdue (8-3). It was the Huskies who hand-
ed the Hurricanes their only loss of the season, $34-29$ on Sept. 9.
And coach Rick Neuheisel says if Ani coach hick a claim on No. 1 when
the bowls are finished, so does the bowls are finished, so does
his team.
"I tend to favor those who kind play," Neuheisel said. "It's not
that I have a problem with Butch's stance, there's certainly
an argument to be made. If they an argument to be made. If they
have an argument, so do we." Each team playing in a BCS game receives $\$ 13.5$ million, but
only Notre Dame, an indepenonly Notre Dame, an independent, keeps all the money. The onference mpembers.
Find For Oregon State, a trip to the
iesta Bowl came a day iesta Bowl came a day after
coach Dennis Erickson signed a coach Dennis Erickson signed a amid reports he was betng
wooed by Southern California. wooed by Southern California.
"People nationally recognize "People nationally recognize who we are, know what kind of a kind of a program we're developg," Erickson said. 'And getting
in this bowl really tops it off." Earlier in the week, Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen threatened to pull his league out
of the BCS if the Beavers were overlooked.
But Fiesta Bowl officials mainained his comments had no "We selected Oregon State because they deserved it and won it on the field of battle," The president John Junker said. The other bowl matchups: Citrus (Jan. 1): Michigan vs.
uburn Cotton (Jan. 1): Tennessee,vs. Gansas State
Gator (Jan. 1): Virginia Tech vs.
(lemson Olemson Outback (Jan. 1): Ohio State vs.
South Carolina Independence (Dec. 31): Texas Independence (Dec. 31).
A\&M vs. Mississippi State
Silicon Valley Silicon Valley (Dec. 31): Fresno
State vs. Air Force State vs. Air Force
Alamo (Dec. 30): Nebraska vs. Northwestern
Holiday (Dec. 29): Texas vs. Liberty (Dec. 29): Colorado Pate vs. Louisville
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## most consistent performer at falling," said Grizzlies point both ends of the court," guard Mike Bibby, who shot just Pophe sind

Poph ends of the court,"
Popatich said. "He's one of the guards the toughest guy every
night and it's amazing that nobody notices." helped hold Rahim to 16 points of AbdurRahim to 16 points on 6 -for-16 "Sean is a monster," Robinson
said. "He's one of the best shoot-
ers around But ers around. But our game is
inside-out. Our big guys have to
make shots, and that's been Packers beat tough so, far. We've got to pick
thatup
Duncan scored 14 of his 30 Bears, 28-6 Duncan scored 14 of his 30
points in the third quarter, as the points in the third quarter, as the
Spurs outscored Vancouver 35 23. He finished shooting 14 of 22
and San Antonio as a team and San Antonio as a team shot
54.7 percent.
iI still missed a couple shot
that I feel I can make on
that I feel I I can make on a consis-
tent basis," Duncan said. "So tent basis," Duncan said. "So
once I get those back, Ill feel a lot Elliott scored 14 of his 19 Elliott scored 14 of his 19
points, and four of his five 3-
pointers, in the second half pointers, in the second half.
"Guys, the longer they stay in the league, tend to become better
shooters," Popovich said. shooters, Popovich sald.
"Sean's always been a scorer. And now he's really confident in
his 3 . And he likes it becauce it his 3 And he likes it because it
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3-of-11 with nine points and six
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overall advantage over the
Grizzlies, including the last 13 Grizzlies, including the last 13 Antonio against Vancouver. San games in Vancouver. $\ldots$
Vancouver shot 38.8 percent in games.

CHICAGO (AP) - Brett Favre
at Soldier Field proved to be an unbeatable combination for the Green Bay Pac
Chicago Bears.
Favre reached 3,000 yards passing for a ninth straight season, from 1984.92, and was 19-of-31
passing Sunday night to lead the ackers past the Bears, $28-6$. Green Bay ( $6-7$ ) kept it slim playoff hopes alive by winning its eventh straight game at Soldier
Field. The Packers haven't lost in Chicago sincers 1993 .
$\qquad$ ears' secondary Green Bay's defense throttled Chicago's ane mice offense that has mustered
one touchdown in the last 18 in 11 games. and you juat have to let it start

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Eyes on election and uncertain future, Congress returns

WASHINGTON (AP) - The presidential transition
is the first order of business as Congress returns from
a three-week recess to confront lingering disputes a three-week recess to confront lingering disputes
with the current president and uncertainty about the next one.
A House Government Reform subcommittee called a hearing Monday on the refusal of the Genera Services Administration to release $\$ 5.3$ million in transition funds to either Republican George W. Bush or
Democrat AI Gore because it's still uncertain which will be sworn in as president.
Reps. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., and Jim Kolbe, RAriz., sent a letter to the head of the GSA last week
saying the money should be given immediately Bush, and that failure to do so could impede a smooth handover of power from the Clinton administration. Beyond the hearing, lawmakers were returning this week to a legislative schedule that provides few clues
as to how they will end the ninth lame-duck session of the past half-century.
Congress has yet to complete work on four of the 13 spending bills that must be passed to operate the fed
eral government in the fiscal year that began Oct eral government in the fiscal year that began ct.
Most conspicuous among them is a $\$ 350$ billion measure for labor, health and education programs that contains many of the educational priorities of the outgoing
Republican Republican congressional leaders and the White
House were close to reaching agreement before the House were close to reaching agreement before the
Not. 7 election but were sidetracked by peripheral issues. Those included GOP opposition to perw work-


Mexican rebel leader says he's ready to leave jungle, seek peace MEXICO CITY (AP) - Even Vicente Fox, who becameMexico's
before he completed his victory lap $\left.\begin{array}{r}\text { Zapatista leader Subcomandante }\end{array}\right)$ around the country, Mexico's new on Friday, made immediate over- while hestill distrusted Fox, his fight-
president sconed another major vic-
tures to the Zapatista rebels in south- ers were ready to return to peace president scored another major vic- tures to the Zapatista rebels in south- ers were ready to return to peace
tory, bringing the country's most err Chiapas state, whose 1994 rebel- talks. He even said he would travel lamous rebel group back to the nego- lion had been a thorn in the govern- to MexicoCity personally to push for
men's side ever since.
Tiger cub to have open heart surgery in Houston TYLER, Texas (AP) - Five-month-old Karma is
preparing to undergo open-heart surgery on Saturday
to save his life.
No ordinary patient, the tiger cub is thought to be the first of his species to have surgery that corrects a congenital heart defect. And the groundbreaking proce-
dure will be done in a human facility - Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Heart bypass surgery to allow surgeons to correct
congenital heart defects in children is routine", said Dr Sonya Gordon of the Texas A\&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. "However, the procedure on a 45 -pound tiger may create some unique challenges
since it hasn't been done before."

Children's Hospital and the A\&M veterinary school -
aims to correct a heart defect that is common in aims to correct a hea
"He has a big hole inside the heart and there is
obstruction of a pathway of blood to the lungs" Dr obstruction of a pathway of blood to the lungs," D Charles Fraser, chief of cardiac surgery at Texas
Children's Hospital, said in Monday's editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.
"We are going to close "We are going to close the hole and fix the pathway
so blood can get to the lungs more readily"
"he Thod can get to the lungs more readily""
The cat will stay at the hospital overnight, then be The cat will stay at the hospital overnight, then be
transported to Texas A\&M Universiy College of Veterinary Medicine. Karma is expected to spend three
to five days there in the intensive care unit. Doctors
 Zapatista army has accepted return- Now I come to gay thanks frongour
ing to trust and joy, and today I tell you I "We'll try to meet the conditions
put on us so this dialogue can begin
as soon as possible," he said, "and we as soon as possible," he said, "and we Mexican-American leaders, with
leave behind this conflict and we can pledged to travel to the U.S. border start a true process of human devel-- pledged to travel to the U.S. border
opment and economic development returning home for the holidays to in Chiapas."
Fox celebrated his Friday inaugu- bevide an example of how he
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## with a threeday tour of the coun-

## He attended rallies in southern

 Oaxaca, northern Monterrey, cen-tral Metepec and western Guadalajara, where he was regaled
Sunday night with mariachis and
folkloric dancers in a celebration

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss, and
Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., are expected to Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., are expected to
discuss how to deal with what could be the first even
split between the two parties in their chamber in split betw
Daschle has stressed that if the Senate breakdown is
50-50. Democrats should get half the seats on commit tees and a larger say in the legislative agenda-
Republicans would still be in nominal control Republicans would still be in nominal control of the able to cast tie-breaking votes as Senate president. The eight Democrats - including first lady Hillary
Rodham Clinton, D-N. Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. - and two Republicans
elected to their first Senate terms last month will begin orientation sessions Tuesday. The same day, House GOP leaders will listen to
members hoping to become chairman of committees and subcommittees. Republicans imposed a six-year term limit on those positions when they won contro
of the House in 1994, leading to a scramble this yea for leadership of Banking, Armed Services,
International Relations, Ways and Means and other major panels.
One of the few new pieces of legislation that could
make it to the House floor in the lame-duck session is an election-related bill making military absentee bal-
lots valid even if they lack postmarks or technical problems. The measure, offered by Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz.
is an outgrowth of the dispute in Florida over the dis
qualification of some votes mailed by troops serving qualification of some votes mailed by troops serving
overseas.

Plan to fill quarry raises concerns

Charles Hammond points to the spot in the Granite Rail Quarry where he believes the body of his
missing daughter has been hidden for five years.
Though authorities insist her body isn't here, remains steadfast in his convic-
is especially now that time The 240 -foot deep quarry is
being drained, and by midDecember workers will begin fill
ing it with 825,000 tons of dirt
from Boston's massive highway project. leave this family in total distress and agony and pain," said
Hammond, 47, who believes his daughter Karen was killed and The plan is to turn the quarry
into a park commemoration into a park commemorating its
history. City officials say fill the quarry is a cost-effective way
to get rid of a public safety hazIn the last 20 years, three peoered from the quarry.
"We have seen the last young
person die in that quarry," Mayor
James Sheets said ames Sheets said.
Some local historians and
nvironmentalists environmentalists join
Hammond in opposing the Metropolitan
Commission's District quarry, but for different reasons. cessfully sued to stall the unsuc until an environmental stud could be done. They fear sedi-
ment from the tons of fill will wash into two nearby streams. Others are concerned about
the quarry's historical impor
In the early 1800 s, Quincy was famous for the granite in its Blue
Hills, and Granite Rail was known for the high quality of it stone. Granite Rail got its name
that from the railway built in 1826 to
transport stone to the Neponset

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