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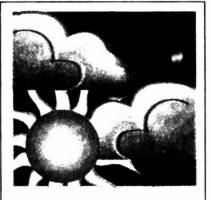
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High today lower 50s Low tonight 30 For weather details see Page 2

Police check weekend mishap

Pampa police were today investigating a one-vehicle roll-over during the weekend.

Steven Stamps, 20, 600 N. Dwight, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center Saturday evening, police said, with injuries suffered when his pickup rolled in the cul-de-sac at Naida Circle. Hospital officials said Stamps was released following treatment for minor injuries.

Officers said they were called to the scene of the accident shortly before 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Investigators said the pickup was found upside down. Officers said there appeared to have been several people in the pickup at the time of the accident. Stamps, whom police identified as the driver of the pickup, was the only injury reported.

UT receives \$6 million gift

AUSTIN (AP) - A Dallasinvestment firm has given the University of Texas at Austin \$6 million to create a center for the study of private equity investing, the school announced Monday.

The new center will be named the Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Center for Private Equity Finance, after the firm that gave the money to the university.

Since its formation in 1989, Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc. has completed or currently has pending more than 330 acquisitions with a total capital value of approximately \$44 billion.

• Bill Frank Blake, 72, retired co-owner U-Drop Inn Cafe.

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DA-elect meets with law officers

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

31st District Attorney-Elect Rick Roach and law enforcement officers from throughout the Judicial District are getting prepared to work together closely the next four years.

Roach said all leaders of the area law enforcement agencies sat down with him last week to get acquainted while discussing what their expectations are of each department. The meeting was organized by Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland and Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

"This was a very productive meeting," said Roach. "I was interested in finding out what I need to do for them to make

their jobs easier when I assume the District Attorney position and they were asking me what they needed to do for me. It was very positive.

Both Chief Morris and Sheriff Copeland also used the word "productive" to describe the meeting.

"It was an attempt as a group, regardless of politics, to see how we could best serve our respective communities," Morris said. "It was to establish lines of communication. (Roach) wanted to know what he could do to help us do our jobs."

"It was a chance to discuss what we need (from the DA) and what he needs (from law enforcement) and what everybody needs for the good of the people,"

Copeland said.

"The area departments are all interested in coordinating efforts as far as drug interdiction. Local and area law enforcement agencies estimate at least 90 percent of their cases are directly, or indirectly, connected to drugs."

DA-elect Rick Roach

deal for the next four years," the sheriff added. "He's trying to develop a spirit of

Roach said the primary concern voiced by all agency department heads is a local drug problem.

"The area departments are all interested "It has the potential of being a good in coordinating efforts as far as drug

interdiction," said Roach. Local and area law enforcement agencies estimate at least 90 percent of their cases are directly, or indirectly, connected to drugs," said

He said the consensus is the need to work closely together with the Panhandle (See DA, Page 2)

High-speed chase ends in DWI arrest, marijuana charge

A White Deer man was in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$2,000 following a high-speed chase down U.S. 60 Monday

Arthur Ray Short, 39, of 912 Jackson in White Deer, was arrested about 9:30 p.m. Monday and charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Pampa police today said Lt. Charlie Love was in the parking lot of a west side convenience store Monday night when a motorist pulled up next to him and complained that she had almost been hit by another motorist driving in the wrong lane. The woman said a brown vehicle, traveling west in the east bound lane of Wilks almost

Lt. Love drove west on U.S. Highway 60, pulling up behind a vehicle matching the description the woman had given him at the stop light at U.S. 60 and Price Road.

Love said he turned on his emergency lights to pull the driver over when the light changed and the car sped away. Love continued to follow the car, turning on his siren along with the flashing lights. (See CHASE, Page 2)

Tulia ISD to appeal drug testing ruling

Associated Press Writer

TULIA, Texas (AP) — Tulia Independent School District board members voted unanimously Tuesday to appeal a federal judge's ruling that its drug testing policy is unconstitutional. "We need to appeal," said Tulia Superintendent Mike Vineyard.

"It needs to be settled at an appellate level."

Vinyard said U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson, who ruled last week that Tulia ISD's "mandatory random, suspicionless drug testing" violates the Fourth Amendment, used the wrong standard to make her ruling.

"Other circuit court opinion in cases similar to ours have upheld similar drug-testing programs. In our opinion, she (Robinson) used the wrong standard to determine a need for our program," he said. While not sure of a date, Vinyard said the appeal would be filed

(See **TULIA**, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Nativity scenes from across the world reflecting the cultural diversity are on exhibit at the local White Deer Land Museum from 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, through Jan. 6. The scenes are part of a collection owned by Pam Ragsdale of Pampa.

Nativity scenes on display

Managing Editor

An extraordinary collection of nativity scenes at the local museum will delight the youngest child while the oldest visitors will fully discern

Scores of nativity scenes from across the world are part of the impressive collection owned by Jan Ragsdale of Pampa. The local woman has between 130 and 140 nativity scenes in her col-

exhibits that we've had here," said Anne Davidson, Director of the White Deer Land Museum. She said it is one of the largest collections of museum quality nativity scenes in the Panhandle area.

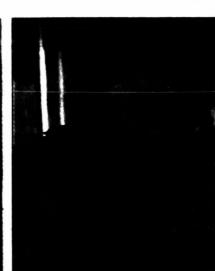
"We hope all local people will take advantage of the opportunity to see it before the holidays are over," said Davidson. "It will enrich your Christmas experience and you'll be glad that you took the time to see it.'

(See NATIVITY, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What do you want for Christmas?



goodwill toward men." --Judy Robertson



for my family."

--Cindy and Bill a Scully Year."



a merry Christmas and prosperous

--Edwina Johnson

"Peace on Earth and "Health and happiness "For everyone to have "For our health to be "Everybody" restored."

-- Agnes Brumfield

happy."



--Sherry Davis



Retail Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 2000 At 8:30 A.M. In The Nona Payne Room

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BLAKE, Bill Frank — 2 p.m., Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

BILL FRANK BLAKE

SHAMROCK - Bill Frank Blake, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Christian Fellowship Church with Joe G. Jernigan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Blake was born at Shamrock and graduated from Shamrock High School, later attending West Texas State College and serving in the United States Calvary and Air Force.

He married Velma Scheffer in 1983 at Houston. He retired as sales and distribution representative with John Sexton Company and returned to Shamrock in 1985, owning-operating, along with his wife, the U-Drop Inn Cafe of Shamrock from

He belonged to Calvary Christian Fellowship Church and American Legion DeShazo-George

Survivors include his wife, Velma; a daughter, Kelly Mitrowski of League City; a son, Jake Blake of Palestine; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

Correction

In an article on Page 2 of the Dec. 4 edition, the last sentence incorrectly stated that "... a fight broke out between Williams and Browning in front of Feazel's house." The sentence should have read "... a fight broke out between Williams and Remington..." We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Carson County

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 27 through Dec. 3 Currently, nine persons are incara cerated in the Carson County Jail and 11 additional prisoners are being held in other jurisdic-

Nov. 27-Dec. 3 Cecil Williams, 49, Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Ricky Roberts, 33, Pampa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated - first offense. Robert Kinkade, 43, Lubbock, was arrested for

driving while intoxicated - first offense. Tracie Kinkade, 33, Lubbock, was arrested for

public intoxication.

Potter County warrants.

Dusty Nobles, 20, Amarillo, was arrested on

Police report

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

Monday, Dec. 4

Criminal mischief was reported at Ammons Roofing and Construction in the 400 block of West Foster.

A White Deer man was arrested for driving while intoxicated. (See Page 1)

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Dec. 4 Arthur Ray Short, 39, White Deer, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and pos-

session of marijuana under two ounces. Michael J. Hoeffner, 30, Star Motel, was arrested on a fugitive warrant out of Kansas.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Dec. 4

12:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky Acres and transported one to PRMC. 4:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Spearman.

4:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Snyder and Fields on a motor vehicle accident and transported two to PRMC.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 2

11:50 a.m. - Four units and 12 firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 100 block of West Kingsmill. A central heat unit apparently overheated, causing heavy smoke. No fire was 8:37 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to the 400 block of South Naida on a motor vehicle collision. 9:04 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a medical assist in the 600 block of 10:53 p.m. - One unit and one firefighter

responded to the 2100 block of North Christy on an investigation. The nature of the investigation was not listed on the fire report. Sunday, Dec. 3

4:47 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to the 1300-block of West Kentucky on a medical assist:

8:20 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar helicopter stand-by.

Monday, Dec. 4

2:33 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at the Northgate Inn, north of Pampa on Texas 70. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

4:14 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide call in the 300 block of Ann to stand-by until Energas employ-

Emergency numbers

Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	
Water	669-5830

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CHASE

Officers said the car reached speeds of 80 miles an hour and hit the edge of the road several times before pulling over near the Cabot Corporation-Carbon Black Division. Love reported that the driving was erratic.

Short was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. As he was being booked into the Gray County jail, officers said, authorities reported finding a small amount of marijuana on him.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Short at \$1,000 on a charge of driving while intoxicated and \$1,000 on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

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NATIVITY

Ragsdale began her fascinating collection over 20 years ago with one nativity, she said. Nativity scenes from Slavacia, Bangladesh, Africa, Mexico, Ireland, Poland, Viet Nam, Germany, Spain, Philippines, Peru, Haiti, Belgium and the United States are included.

Some of the exhibits reenacting the birth of Jesus are very elaborate, others are quite primitive. Some are small and others are quite large, but all are as different as the culture they represent.

These pieces were made from many varied materials. Among them are pewter, wood, brass, straw, resin, felt, clay, birchbark, shells, coconut, corn husk, plaster, soapstone and ebony.

The White Deer Land Museum is especially inviting school groups to view this amazing collection because it is educational as well as very beautiful, said Davidson.

"We are expecting a great response to this display," said Davidson.

The display may be viewed in

Hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday the Holland Wing at 112 S. through Sunday. Davidson said Cuyler through Jan. 6, which is museum donations for this exhibit will be appreciated.

Murder prompts two-state search for Okla. suspect SAYRE, Okla. - Law enforce- authorities said. The third per-

searching today for an Oklahoma authorities. man wanted in connection with a murder here Monday.

Officers were looking for a 1990 red over white over red Chevrolet pickup with Oklahoma license plates that was reported stolen early today from a home in Sayre. Authorities believe it might be driven by Arthur Lee Puckett Jr., 45, who is wanted in connection with a shooting Monday in rural Beckham County that left one that four people were shot. One man dead and a woman seriously injured. Another person was hos-pitalized with gunshot wounds.

Charles Page was killed by a gunshot to the head, Beckham County officers said today. Norma Carkin was seriously wounded when she was shot were heading up the search with a 12 gauge shotgun, today.

ment officers in two states were son was not identified by

A warrant has been issued for Puckett, also known as Artie Puckett, a Beckham County resident, for first degree murder and for shooting with intent to kill.

Officers said a man kicked in a door of a farm house near Delhi, Okla, about nine miles south of Sayre, early Monday morning and shot at least three people. There is an unconfirmed report was killed.

OSBI officers said they were called about 5:30 a.m. Monday. Beckham County Sheriff's deputies, Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

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Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force in the fight against drugs. Roach said the program is basically cost-free for the local agencies and their taxpayers.

DA

Efforts for a more expeditious and efficient operation of the District Attorney's office were discussed as well as several past cases which have been dismissed. Roach said he told the law enforcement officers he will evaluate the cases they are concerned about when he takes office.

Past frustrations were discussed by officers, said Roach. He said they discussed how to alleviate concerns. He said one of the solutions discussed by the group was a centralized file location.

This is a really good group of men," said Roach.

"I am very impressed with their professionalism." He said he assured the group he will be available . to them at all times. "I will be a hands-on District Attorney as I said in my campaign and will be a

fulltime prosecutor," said Roach.

Participating in the meeting were Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson, Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams, Hemphill County Sheriff Dean Butcher, Roberts County Sheriff-Elect Dana Miller, and Sheriff Copeland of Gray County.

Also participating were Texas Ranger Henderson, Pampa District Department of Public Safety Sgt. Don Cameron, Pampa Police Department Deputy Chief Terry Young, Shamrock Police Chief Joe Daniels and Pampa Chief Morris.

Staff Writer Dee Dee Laramore contributed to



Area law enforcement leaders met with incoming District Attorney Rick Roach recently. They are, from left: Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, Shamrock Police Chief Joe Daniels, District Attorney-Elect Roach, Sgt. Gary Henderson of the Texas Rangers, Sgt. Don Cameron of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Roberts County Sheriff Dana Miller, Hemphill County Sheriff Charles Butcher, Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris, Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams, and **Lipscomb County Sheriff James Roberts.**

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TULIA

The Tulia policy requires all students in grades 7-12 who participate in extracurricular activiput on hold pending the outcome of the appeal, Vinyard said.

In 1997, Tulia High School student Hollister Gardner, then a strainht-A student and now a college senior at Angelo State University, sued alleging the diswas violating Constitutional rights by forcing him to submit to a drug test in order to participate in the National Honor Society.

His father, Gary Gardner, the only school board member to vote against the policy in October 1996, says Robinson's ruling shows his son was right, even though the court pointed out he no longer attends Tulia schools.

"We're kind of walking on air right now. We did pretty good," Gardner said of his son, who sued and represented himself in court. "I only stood 5-(feet)-4 when this thing got started. Now, after seeing what my boy demonstrated, I stand a good 6-6.

"We think this ruling is going to make some of these hick towns super tense. It will make them think twice about what they are doing.'

Gardner said he knows the ruling is far from the end of the bat-To keep the case from becom-

ing moot, Gardner's niece and nephew - Molly and Colby Gardner - who are both younger than Hollister, have been added to the lawsuit. "Hollister's passed the wand to

his younger cousin and she will pass it on to her younger brother to keep the suit alive if they decide to appeal," Gardner said. "When Molly graduates they can't just rule it moot again. We'll just keep adding cousins and inaws to keep the thing alive." Vinyard is just as steadfast in

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, areas of low

clouds and fog until mid morn-

ing otherwise partly sunny with highs in the lower 50s. South

winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight,

becoming mostly cloudy with

flurries possible late. Breezy

with lows around 30. Winds

becoming north 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. Wednesday, flurries possible early otherwise becoming mostly sunny. Breezy with highs around 45. North

winds 15 to 25 mph with higher

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STATEWIDE - A new cold

front will bring much lower day-

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his belief that there is nothing Vernonia."

wrong with the district's policy,

ties to submit to drug testing. The course," the superintendent said. Liberties Union on behalf of his policy covers about 80 percent of "I had thought maybe after leav- 13-year-old son Brady in March. the student body, but has been ing it in place for so long, that Tannahill said the Tulia decision feel like our policy has been ben- in his case. eficial. The number of positive its desired effect as a deterrent."

The policy may be a deterrent, Panhandle. but according to Robinson, the case in Vernonia, Ore., don't hold

not all students involved in sis extracurricular activities.

rebellion and athletes were lead- abuse counseling. ers of the drug culture. The deciany way resembles that in activities.

Robinson's ruling was weldespite the judge's ruling. comed by Lockney resident - "I'm somewhat surprised at Larry Tannahill, who sued along , comed by Lockney resident the ruling, and disappointed of with the American Civil

Lockney is about 34 miles tests has gone down each year, southeast of Tulia, which lies which indicates to us it is having 'about midway between Lubbock and Amarillo in the Texas.

Tannahill's lawsuit alleges district's arguments, based on a Lockney's mandatory, acrossthe-board drug testing policy has violated Brady's constitu-Robinson points out in her tional rights by punishing him opinion that the Oregon case as if he tested positive based on ... applied only to student athletes his refusal to submit to urinaly-

Brady's punishment consisted. She added that the Supreme of a 21-day suspension from ... Court upheld random drug test- extracurricular activities, at least ing in Oregon because "a large three days' in-school suspension . part of the student body was in and three sessions of substance in

However, after the lawsuit sion was based in part on the was filed, the district voted to increased risk of sports-related lessen the punishment for refusinjuries. There is no contention ing the testing to only include : that the situation in Tulia ISD in suspension from extracurricular,

City Briefs

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time temperatures across Texas

on Tuesday, with some rainfall

Fog and cloudiness developed

in much of North and West Texas

overnight, except for the far west

and Big Bend where clear skies

Readings included 37 degrees

at Port Arthur and 51 degrees at

Winds were mostly light and variable, the National Weather

predicted.

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Service said.

MONDAY MADNESS! Join us for lunch on Mondays, our " Salad & Sandwich Buffet only \$4.59 thru Dec. Order your turkeys & hams today! Clint & Sons !. Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart, 665-2825. Happy Holidays!!

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Forecasters predicted a slight

chance of light rain in northern

sections of the state as well as a

chance of rain in the northeast

and east. By midweek, the front should bring cooler and windier conditions as it moves through the

Patchy fog also shrouded parts of Southwest Texas. Daytime highs were expected

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PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month more information or if you need a ride all Sharon

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day -noon 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Center, 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially ext. 567 or visit www.ayusa.org/usagermanyscholinvites the public to attend. Singers and musicians arship on the World Wide Web. from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently and instrumental presentations.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. Over 10 churches are involved in presenting the annual event which is communities worldwide. For a limited time, donafree and open to the public.

SANTA HELPERS

Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany, the 1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondayunteer program during the Christmas season. The 'a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call volunteers are calling themselves "Santa's Little 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on Helpers" and are available to help wrap presents, decorate homes (indoors and outdoors), remove

MIP CLASSES

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 College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806)

SINGLES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Christian Church of Amarillo will host an area-Haves and Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. smoke-free. For tickets or for more information, call tion, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673. Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at the church, (806) 353-6615.

FRANK PHILLIPS

ter break at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 and will reopen at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 8. ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

FORT WORTH — The 2001

Southwestern Exposition and

Livestock Show is scheduled to

hold its 105th annual 17-day

Jun. 19-Feb.

Performances of the World's

Original Indoor Rodeo will fea-

ture a variety of special enter-

tainment, led by Charro Jerry

Diaz with his riding and roping

skills. Joining him will be the

famed Folklorico Dancers.

Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For fur- Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving ther information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B 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.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For A Winter Photography Workshop is in the offing at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. Participants will need their own camera, film, note pad and snacks. The workshop will be conducted both inside and outside and will not we canceled due to inclement weather. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/TCP members and of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 455-1492. PALO DURO PROGRAMS

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. evening programs throughout the month at Lone daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the Star Interpretive Theater near Hackberry. Topics and dates are as follows: "Birdwatching," (Panhandle Bird Club), 8:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dec. 7; "Canyon Chat," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 9; "Starwalk," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 23; "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Dec. 30. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant Women's Support Group for Child Management scheduled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

AYUSA Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Academic Year in the U.S.A. International, a nonprofit student exchange program, invites high school students to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarship, a full scholarship for one year to study in Germany. Deadline for application is Dec. 1. For more information, call 1-800-727-4540,

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Pampa Ministerial Alliance will hold its Annual Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and tions will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. In an effort to raise funds for its Summer For more information, call the church office at 665-German Club at Pampa High is organizing a vol- Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

decorations and much more. For more information The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will or to schedule "Santa's Little Helpers," contact hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education sup-Jamie Greene, PHS German Club sponsor, at 669- port group sponsored by the cancer center and the 4800 (PHS) or at 665-8850 (home). Donations are American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 6 and 27, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United Methodist Church The Singles Ministry at Paramount Terrace Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Dec. 26, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance and Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, from 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Dec. 31 in Amarillo Civic Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-Center Grand Plaza. Music will be by Sharla Lee exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is avail-Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a guest able through the Texas Department of Health for speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline to purchase Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All tickets is Dec. 22. The event will be alcohol- and exams are by appointment only. For more informa-

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protec-Frank Phillips College in Borger will close for win-tion against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at desa four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off ignated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help

Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday overview of the disease. Topics will include: amount charged will be based on family income American International Youth Student Exchange and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 12-4 p.m., Nov. 27, City Hall, Canadian; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 6, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 7, Methodist Church, White students are screened and have spending money 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,

FAMILY CHRONICLE

Family Chronicle magazine is seeking genealogy success stories. The publication plans to collect a "1,000 brickwall solutions" for inclusion in a special publication of the same name. Stories can range from 50 to 800 words. Submissions should be mailed to: "Brickwall Solutions" Family Chronicle, information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 Box 1201, Lewiston, NY 14092.

FREE BOOKLET

is offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more informa-

www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet.

Program is seeking host families for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

COAF WEBSITE

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recentlylaunched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as call (202) 595-1031 or visit information for teachers, social workers and oth-

Salvation Army Red Kettle



Salvation Army Lt. Dolores Watts watches as State Representative Warren Chisum was the first person to put money in the Red Kettle as the program kicked off last week in Pampa. Chisum spoke to the crowd assembled for the kickoff of the annual Salvation Army-sponsored fund drive.

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary School Leah Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart. recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

SECOND GRADE A Honor Roll

Payton Alvey, Olin Boyd, Karina Cabrales, Trent Carter, Brandon Chairez, Travis Chester, Haley Copeland, Rejoice Duggan, Katie Dunham, Dylan Ellis, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Holly Gage, Lynsie Guyer, Dwight Hamlin, Paige Hargus, Emily Hart, Lara Heersema, Paige Holt.

Joey Johnson, Matt Kelley, Ashley Kettenring, Dillon Kyle, Sheridan Little, Evan McElwain, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Jonathan Polasek, Canaan Rhoads, Brenden Rice, Shanda Roberts, Aaron Silva, Alex Smith, Kaysha Spence, Koby Starnes, Cameron Wall, Ty Youree, Danielle

Zuniga. AB Honor Roll

Molly Darling, Thomas Fuston, Alex Housden, Gavin Jimenez, Sadie O'Brien, Dane Pereira, Tyler Rabel, Jacob Rios, Ryan Stoffle.

THIRD GRADE A Honor Roll

Michael Adams, Ethan Addy, Erin Buck, Michael Clark, Rylan Clark, Cheyanne Collins, Damon Dennis, Samantha Finney, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Susanne Kane, Eric Lewis, Mary McKay, Ashlyn McNeely, Samantha Pearson, Kelly Stoffle, Lauren Sutherland.

Caitlyn Tanner, Rebecca Taylor, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Whitney Wade, Caitlin Walker, Chris Walker, Kelsey Wallum, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Shelbie Watson, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams,

CINEMA 4 MOVIE HOTLINE

AB Honor Roll

Michelle Burke, Ryan Conner, Garrett Fatheree, Haylea Harper, Christian Hinkle, Zachery Organ, Tye Powell.

FÓURTH GRADE A Honor Roll

Kathy Aler, Paege Alvey, Gage Carruth, Kendra Clarkson, Shannon Clay, Tabbitha Courter, Lauren Couts, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell, Kamie Doughty, Kelby Doughty, Libby Dyson, Cole Guyer, Christa Holt, Tanner Jean, Brittany Klein.

Courtney Linn, Taylor Little, Will McKay, Shelby Needham, April Silva, Matthew Smith, Chandler Talley, Hilary Thomas, Lindsey Tomaschik, Casey Trimble, Chelsea Wallin, Coleby West, Madison Wilson, Zachary Winborne, Jeremy Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll

Tucker Brown, Victoria Campbell, Olivia Chairez, Krista Ferguson, Eric Freelan, Mikah Howard, Nicholas Riley, Jack Ware, Whitney Webster, Abby

FIFTH GRADE A Honor Roll

Layce Beesley, Chaire Boyd, Colby Copeland, Jimmy Craig, Colden Fortenberry, Nicole Heersema, Kailee Intemann, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara, Logan McDonald, Shealyn McGahen, Lindsey Riley, Texi Schaeffer, Garnett Schafer, Sarah Smith, Mark Stone, Briana Wallum, Joe Whiteley, Kelli Willson.

AB Honor Roll

Cory Anderson, Stephanie Hasskarl, Kenny Hightower, Monica Schepp, Krista Shults, Brittany Tomaschik, Gregory Wariner.



There also will be a tribute to the Native American, plus an international trick riding troupe

Fort Worth Stock Show to hold 105th run

at each performance. Other rodeo highlights will include: The running of the GMC Truck Canadian Chuck Wagon Races in three dirt-flying heats. Individual wagons are sponsored by Kroger, AT&T, Star-Telegram, Reata

Restaurant, James Wood Motors and Chase Bank. Also Rodeo fans will witness the Fort Worth Calf Scramble where area youngsters vie for scholarship grants. The Coors Cowtown Cutting Contest will feature talented riders showing welltrained horses.

TXU Electric & Gas will present "Planet Agriculture," an free interactive educational feature. Coordinated by the Texas Farm Bureau, the exhibit shows how agriculture impacts daily

Additional entertaining and educational activities will include the TexasBank Western Roundup Sho v, scheduled nightly in Watt Arena. The show is free to visitors and offers a reflection of the heritage of a by-gone era. Returning events are the Kroger Petting Zoo, the FFA Children's Barnyard, and the Barn Tours

program under sponsorship of Barnmaster.

More than 900 cowboys and cowgirls, including current and past champions, will vie for rodeo honors. Total premiums and purse money for the livestock show and rodeo will exceed \$800,000. With a livestock show entry list of more than 22,000 head of outstanding animals, judging arenas will be active each day.

Tickets go on sale Dec. 4 and are available for \$18 each for Friday night and all weekend performances and \$16 for Monday-Thursday nights and Monday-Friday matinees. December box office hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Expanded hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets may be ordered by phone at (817) 877-2410. Mail orders are available by writing P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, TX 76101-0150. Each order should include \$4 extra per order for postage and handling.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Longview News-Journal on teen drinking:

The disclosure of Gov. George W. Bush's arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol ought to send a message to teens who hope to have successful futures. Such incidents can come back to haunt you.

Bush was 30 at the time this happened, but he acknowledges that he drank as a youth in college and thats what deserves more focus.

The effects of teen drinking can be bizarre. In Bradenton, Fla., a teen-age driver who was seriously injured in a traffic accident is suing the city because a police officer failed to prevent him from driving drunk minutes before the crash. The teen says that officers who had found him at a 1999 disturbance told him todrive home. He crashed his car minutes later, rupturing his aorta. Law enforcement officers do no favors by letting teens get away with drinking.

In Ann Arbor, a University of Michigan engineering student died Monday after celebrating his 21st birthday with 20 shots of scotch in 10 minutes, according to police. His blood-alcohol level was 0.39 percent, nearly four times the legal limit for dri-

In another recent case, the parents of a University of Texas at Austin student who died of alcohol poisoning reached a \$2 million settlement with the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and 11 of its members. A lawsuit still is pending against five other fraternity members.

At Towson University in Maryland, a student turned 21 and went to a bar with friends to celebrate. She drank eight shots of liquor in a little more than an hour, and the 29-year-old acquaintenance who took her home raped her after she passed out. Despite the publicity about date-rape drugs, alcohol is still the most common substance used in such incidents

In 1998, Texas led the nation with 1,792 traffic fatalities in which some level of alcohol was involved, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Studies show that about one-half of teen highway fatalities involve alcohol.

Texas lowered the legal blood-alcohol level to 0.08 percent on Sept. 1, 1999 and Department of Public Safety troopers made 22,032 arrests from Sept. 1, 1999, the day the law went into effect, through May. Thats an increase of 2,766 arrests over the 19,266 made from September 1998 to May 1999, and the numbers do not reflect arrests made by law enforcement agencies other than the DPS.

The alcohol stings conducted in September by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Longview Police Department show that it is relatively easy for minors to obtain alcoholic beverages. Seventeen store employees were caught selling alcohol to teens.

Theres a need to keep the pressure on throughout our region. It is tragic when a teen dies or suffers debilitating injuries for illegally drinking alcohol. There are excellent programs and courses for teens who are caught in the Longview community. Thats why there must be a zero tolerance for teen drinking.

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White House readies for 'big' move

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - On Inauguration Day, in a frenzied but carefully choreographed four hours, Bill and Hillary Clinton and their household goods down to toothbrushes will be moved out of the White House.

As the inaugural parade rolls by outside, a new presidential family will be moved in, right up to stocking the pantry with their favorite foods and snacks.

Standing at the intersection of incoming and outgoing streams of furniture and crates, watching as teams of workers empty closets of one president's pinstripes and fill them with another's, will be Gary Walters, a 30-year White House veteran whose title of chief usher is an inheritance from the 19th century.

The move is wrenching for all concerned and Walters, 53, has commonsense rules, starting with Walters. the obvious "Don't panic!" and ending with the catchall, "Be prepared for anything!"

This year's move is made more difficult by the long uncertainty over the identity of the new

this chaotic political season the staff is "blind to Emotional farewells, however, are OK - even

The emotional strain cannot be exaggerated; this staff has literally lived with the outgoing fam-

ily for four to eight years," Walters said. By late afternoon, when the new first couple walk from the inaugural reviewing stand on

Pennsylvania Avenue, Walters will be waiting at the North Portico.

He is the mainspring of the professional staff that makes the White House a precision instrument for the president and first lady who live

Both a big-picture and a detail person, Walters manages a historic house that is at once national family home and a museum filled with treasures viewed by more than a million people a year.

At a recent conference on White House history, former presidential press secretary Marlon ets Fitzwater described him this way:

"If you have to wake the president and tell him Iraq has fired a Scud missile at Israel, you call Gary Walters. If you want to know where they put Gorbachev's coat, you call Gary Walters. And if you want to know if the president is awake and in a bad mood, you call Gary

"And by the way," Fitzwater added, "he will tell you if the president is awake, but he won't tell you about the president's mood. He's a man who keeps confidences.

Walters is just the latest keeper of presidential But the chief usher's rules decree that even in confidences in a 200-year-old tradition that began when John Briesler, President John Adams' chief steward, arrived in the fall of 1800 to make the cold and barnlike house a home.

Inauguration Day is the supreme test. "There is no more complex or demanding time," Walters said at the conference, sponsored by the White of House Historical Association.

this or any election the staff remains loyal and write everything on a pad of paper."

committed to the comfort of the outgoing first family until noon on Inauguration Day.

But after that is rule is, "We will adopt the new family's routine, and not the other way around." The move begins when the new and old first families leave together for the Capitol, shortly

before noon on Jan. 20. Pre-positioned moving vans move up to the symbol, presidential office, ceremonial arena, South Portico. Teams of workers move furniture and boxes in – and out. Upstairs there are packers and unpackers. Teams of "placers" position new furniture and hang clothes in newly emptied clos-

> The two aims, Walters said, are that "the departing family be as much at home on inaugural morning as is humanly possible" and that "the new first family comes into a White House which has been transformed into their home.'

> That means "their clothes in the closets, not in boxes," he said. "Their furniture in the place they have designated and even their favorite foods and snacks in the pantry."

> One of the most important activities of the day, Walters said, is the preparation of an inventory of everything the new first family brings to the White House with them.

> 'We need to know what they bring with them so that when they depart they take everything that belongs to them and nothing that belongs to the government," Walters said.

It all has to be done in four hours.

I get to answer all the questions and be a kind traffic cop," Walters said.

Eight years ago this was an amazing feat," he He explained that regardless of the outcome of said. "I had lost my voice to laryngitis and had to

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2000. There are 26 days left in

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date: In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William

and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Kinderhook, N.Y.

re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president. In 1848, President Polk triggered

Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna,

In 1792, George Washington was

Austria, at age 35.

the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming Prohibition came to an end as Utah that gold had been discovered in California.

Disney was born in Chicago.

In 1932, German physicist Albert instein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation In 1782, the first native U.S. presi- of Labor and the Congress of dent, Martin Van Buren, was born in Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first In 1791, composer Wolfgang president, George Meany.

"Pioneer Venus 1," orbiting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet.

GOP speaker of the House in four decades. Ten years ago: President Bush, on In 1901, movie producer Walt a visit to Argentina, said he was "not

optimistic" that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would withdraw from Kuwait without a fight.

Five years ago: In the first hint of movement at the budget talks, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders said they were preparing a seven-year budget-balpresident Roh Tae-woo, four aides 66.

In 1978, the American space probe and a dozen top businessmen were indicted in a bribes-for-favors scan-

One year ago: AFL-CIO chief John In 1994, jubilant Republicans Sweeney welcomed the collapse of chose Newt Gingrich to be the first World Trade Organization talks in Seattle and the failure to agree on a new round of negotiations, telling CBS' "Face the Nation," "No deal is better than a bad deal." Cuban! President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-yearold Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba

within 72 hours. Birthdays: Today's Senate President Pro Tempore Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., is 98. Singer Little ancing plan. Former South Korean Richard is 68. Author Joan Didion is

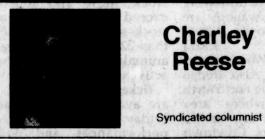
So what do the Palestinians want?

You're probably wondering what is it these Palestinians over there want. Well, even if you aren't wondering about it, I'll tell you anyway: They want the same thing the Founding Fathers of this country wanted — freedom. You see, in 1967, Israel fought a war with

Syria, Jordan and Egypt and won it right handily in about six days. In the process, Israel occupied the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. The West Bank and East Jerusalem had been illegally annexed by Jordan, which never asked the Palestinians what their wishes were. Gaza was controlled by Egypt, which likewise never asked the Palestinians what their wishes were.

For the past 33 years, these Palestinians have lived under Israeli military occupation. Israel has no legal claim to any of their territory, including East Jerusalem. The United Nations has passed a number of resolutions to that

Americans, of course, don't know what it's like to live under military occupation. Palestinians must at all times carry special identity cards. Their cars must have a special license tag. They effectively have no rights. Their land has been confiscated. Jewish settlements have been built on it. The Palestinians' houses have been demolished or blown up. Olive trees hundreds of years old have been buildozed. The Palestinians frequently are



placed under "closure," which means they cannot travel to get to their jobs. They often are placed under curfew, which means they cannot even leave their own houses for any rea-

Imagine being told that you and your family must remain indoors. Your children cannot go to school. You can't go to the grocery store or to the doctor. You can't do anything but sit inside your house until your foreign occupier gives you permission to leave. Often, when they protest these indignities, they are shot dead, and then even more stringent punishments are imposed. And on top of that, they were taxed - forced to pay for their own

In the past 40 days, 175 Pelestinians have been shot dead, and some 5,000 have been hospitalized with wounds. They have been shot by snipers — including 29 children under the

age of 15 — by machine guns, by tanks and by helicopters. A British journalist recently observed that if the Palestinians were black, the world would be united in denouncing Israel as a rogue state. Unfortunately for the Palestinians, they are white.

Moreover, the Israeli spin doctors are so skillful, and the Israeli lobby is so powerful, that they have managed to convince most Americans that Israel is the victim of aggression. In fact, more American sailors died on the USS Cole than Israelis have been killed in the past 40 days as of this writing. Apparently, Israelis define aggressors as 14-year-olds armed with slingshots. I think any man who can frame the face of a child in his telescopic sights and murder him is a filthy animal who doesn't deserve to walk on this earth.

I've heard many tragic stories of Jewish children being shot by soldiers during the Holocaust. I fail to see any difference between a Jewish child being shot and a Palestinian child being shot. I fail to see any difference in the children. I fail to see any difference in the soldiers.

Americans who fail to speak out against these crimes being committed against the Palestinians, with our money and with our government blocking any relief by the United Nations, are accessories to the crimes. Remember, there is a God. And, sooner or later, there is always justice.

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Gore will continue legal fight despite court setback

By DAVID ESPO **AP Political Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) ready to concede defeat, Al Gore is appealing his latest legal setback, a ruling that denied his urgent request for manual statewide victory.

N. Sanders Sauls, rejected the president's last stand.

Bush sought to convey the image of a man increasingly confident of victory. Aides said he would aimed, even before Sauls' court-CIA on Tuesday at the governor's mansion in Austin, Texas.

"I do believe that I have won this election," Bush said even well as a national television audibefore Sauls deflated the ence, Sauls ruled that the evi-Democratic hopes of a breakthrough in the long campaign. In gality, dishonesty, gross neglisomething of a softening in tone, Bush seemed eager to give Gore room to concede without undue counting processes" in the pressure.

The vice president, he said, is going to have to make the decisions that he thinks are necessary and I know he'll put - the interlike it would be in mine.'

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Gore lawyer Ron Klain, on very clear errors" which he pre-Florida Supreme Court.

America," is "to count those 14,000 votes that have been Democratic counties. uncounted or miscounted."

the facts of the case."

But Democrats were also looking out. at a Dec. 12 deadline for certify-

one short step away from calling Battered in the courts but not a special session to appoint electors loval to Bush.

Capitol for Tuesday morning "They won. We lost. We're meetings with lawmakers to appealing," Gore lawyer David rally the troops, and won expressions of support Monday sions of support Monday after a Florida circuit court judge, evening from the Democratic spokesman Craig Water leaders of the House and Senate vice president's legal arguments as well as a group of party mod-point by point. "We've moved erafes who had stayed in the something of a setback for Gore,

high court could well be the vice needed to ensure the most accurate count of the votes in While Gore struggled for sur- Florida," said Reps. Cal Dooley Sauls a few hours later. That was vival in the presidential race, of California and Jim Moran of

receive his first post-election room had cleared out in the wake intelligence briefing from the of his pivotal ruling Monday Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and

evening.
Speaking to a battery of topdollar lawyers for both sides as gence, improper influence, coercion or fraud in the balloting and Florida counties where Gore sought such recounts.

And he said that while the record shows voter error and/or less than total accuracy in regard tant in his decision making, just utilized in Dade and Palm Beach to the long-count election. counties, Gore failed to show a

The judge refused to sweep "What needs to be done," he counts of what Gore said were of time." said on ABC's "Good Morning missed votes that had been

ncounted or miscounted." Sauls' ruling was one of Sauls said he found no evi- numerous legal developments dence that counting those ballots during the day in an election that tive chief of staff, said the day's than at present. again would change the election has spawned more than 40 law- court rulings had buoyed the The result of that and other changes, Dyhrkopp being argued federal court. The suits by Bush Bush government. The winner of Florida's 25 elec-supporters ask that any Florida

Before Sauls' ruling Monday, view.

ing Florida electors before the the U.S. Supreme Court vacated Electoral College meets Dec. 18, a Nov. 21 Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Legislature was ruling that had extended the deadline for ballot recounting, to Gore's benefit.

The justices, in an unsigned, As yet, Gore offered no hint he unanimous ruling, sent the case might be near giving up his quest back "for further proceedings." for the White House. The vice Within a few hours, the state recounts in Florida and reaf- president dispatched running court called for written argufirmed George W. Bush's slender mate Joseph Lieberman to the ments from the two sides on the legal issues involved to be filed

"We do not ignore what they tell us," Florida Supreme Court spokesman Craig Waters said of the nation's highest court.

one step closer to having this background.

"Only the Florida Supreme and Gore advisers said the state's Court can provide the finality although his attorneys said it merely stopped the case in its tracks, and held out the promise although his attorneys said it of a later favorable ruling.

Not so the judgment issued by a major blow to the Gore campaign, and his lawyers did little to hide it.

Speaking from the bench, Sauls said county canvassing boards in Nassau counties all had acted within their discretion in tabulating votes.

He said there was "no authority under Florida law" for certifydence did not establish "any ille- ing an incomplete manual recount or for submitting returns after a deadline fixed by the state Supreme Court, a vindication of the actions of Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a GOP partisan who certified Bush the winner.

"I think whoever wins at the Florida Supreme Court, we'll accept that," Boies said, outlinests of the country will be impor- to the punch-card voting devices ing for the first time an end game

Democrats were glum, even "reasonable probability" that a though they heeded Gore's NBC's "Today" show, said recount would alter the request, to stay by his side until the Florida Supreme Court rules. Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.,

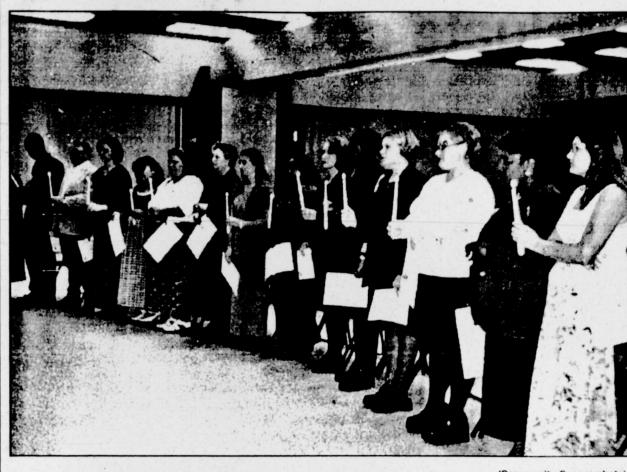
dicted would be reversed by the aside Bush's 537-vote certified said the case is "a legal issue that victory and begin courthouse at some point becomes an issue

rejected by machines in heavily knocked him down, but it didn't other areas. knock him out," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

day in Atlanta impetus to efforts

toral votes will take office on Jan. presidential election results quickly," once there is either a 20 as the nation's 43rd president. using hand recounts be thrown conclusive court ruling or a Gore deserve," he said. concession, Card said in an inter-

Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa Sorority recently held induction ceremonies for new members. Among those taking the pledge were (above) Sheldon Smart, Kelly Overstreet. Carolyn Muller, Francis Juarez, Melissa Krueger, Alicia Ingram, Misti Gleason, Teresa Davis, Jan Clark, Itayi Chinhamo, Holly Bradshaw, Vanessa Barbee, Ann Alexander and Jaime May.

Stamps going up penny from 33-to-34 cents Jan. 7

WASHINGTON (AP) — The price of sending a letter will go up a penny — to 34 cents — on Jan. 7.

The board of governors of the Postal Service set the date for the increase on Tuesday, accepting under protest the Postal Rate Commission's series of recommended prices.

We will implement the recommended decision, but are returning it to the commission for further consideration," said Board Chairman Einar V. Dyhrkopp.

While the independent rate commission agreed with the post office's requested 34-cent first-class "This was a punch that rate, it reduced the agency's proposed increases in

Under the rates recommended by the commission, a letter will cost 34 cents for the first ounce, but Andrew Card, Bush's prospec- the second ounce will cost 21 cents, a penny less

outcome but Klain said the suits, including two that were Republican camp and given new said, will not provide sufficient revenue for the

'We cannot accept a situation that threatens the "We'll be able to move pretty ability of this organization to provide the levels of service that the American people expect and

Postmaster General William Henderson said the cuts made by the rate commission reduced the post

office's planned contingency fund by \$1 billion. The post office is currently in arbitration with three of its largest labor unions and it expects to

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And at Tuesday's meeting, post office chief financial officer Richard J. Strasser Jr. reported the agency finished fiscal 2000 with a \$199 million loss.

The post office had been in the black for several years, but the request for a rate increase had been made in January in anticipation of a small loss in 2000 and a larger one in 2001.

Changing postage prices is a complex process beginning when the postal service sends a request to the rate commission. The commission then holds hearings and has 10 months to reply with a series of recommendations of its own.

The post office can then accept that set of rates, accept them under protest and ask for reconsideration or reject them. The postal governors can overrule the rate commission and impose their own rates, but only if they vote to do so unanimously.

Texas roundup

Condemned killer of 7-year-old set believe was the gunman in Monday's fatal for Tuesday execution; 38th this year shooting of rookie deputy Barrett Hill, 38. in Texas would set record

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Condemned killer Garry Dean Miller's historical footnote isn't likely to last long.

Miller, 33, scheduled to die Tuesday night for the rape-slaying of a 7-year-old West Texas girl 12 years ago, would become a record-setting 38th Texas inmate to be executed this year, topping the 1997 mark of 37.

Two more condemned killers, however, also have execution dates for this week and could close out the state's record lethal injection tally at 40 for the year 2000.

Texas carried out 35 executions last year. At least seven already are on the schedule for next year, including three in January.

Miller, a former bartender and laborer, was convicted and sentenced to die for the death of April Marie Wilson, who was raped, choked and fatally bludgeoned on the tailgate of a pickup truck, then had her body dragged by hang-ers through clumps of prickly pear before it was left in some brush in a cotton field in Jones County, northwest of Abilene.

"I've got no mercy for this guy," Jones County District Attorney Gary Brown said. "Too bad

they can't draw and quarter him."

Miller was believed to have been drinking heavily when he returned to his girlfriend's house in Merkel, about 15 miles west of Abilene, in the early morning hours of Nov. 11, 1988. April Wilson was the girlfriend's cousin, was staying at her house and was asleep on a couch when Miller arrived.

In a confession to authorities, Miller said he woke up the girl and asked if she wanted to go for a ride. In a cotton field to the north in Jones County, he raped her on the pickup tailgate, then choked her and hit her with an object he picked up from the ground.

Authorities arrest one, seek other suspects in deputy's slaying

HOUSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old Houston man was in custody Tuesday and authorities were hunting for as many as three others who may have been involved in the shooting death of a Harris County sheriff's deputy.

"We are talking to the acquaintances of the man we arrested and trying to find leads," Maj. Juan Jorge, who heads the sheriff's department detective division, said.

Jorge said authorities hoped to file capital murder charges against the suspect, who they

The man, whose name was being withheld, was arrested in Brenham, about 75 miles northwest of Houston, driving a car stolen from a woman accosted at gunpoint near the shooting scene, Jorge said.

Authorities said the man was carrying a .40caliber pistol, the same caliber as spent shells found at the scene, Jorge said. The man had a criminal history but Jorge did-

n't have details.

'All I know is we already had a picture of him," Jorge said.

The suspect was moved from Houston's Ben Taub Hospital to the Harris County Jail Monday after receiving treatment for a wounded hand.

Bush staff chief steps up work on transition

AUSTIN (AP) - The resumes keep rolling in, both from Republicans and Democrats, says the man overseeing much of the initial hiring for a George W. Bush presidency.

For every inquiry the Bush team puts out, says Andrew Card, roughly 20 unsolicited calls come in from those looking for work.

Card, Bush's choice for White House chief of

staff, said Monday's favorable court rulings could hasten the process of assembling a Bush administration.

Bush is poised to begin naming Cabinet and top White House spots, waiting for legal obstacles to be cleared, Card said.

Gore will continue legal fight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Battered in the courts but not ready to concede defeat, Al Gore is appealing his latest legal setback, a ruling that denied his urgent request for manual recounts in Florida and reaffirmed George W. Bush's slender statewide victory

"They won. We lost. We're appealing," Gore lawyer David Boies said succinctly on Monday after a Florida circuit court judge, N. Sanders Sauls, rejected the vice president's legal arguments point by point. "We've moved one step closer to having this resolved," the attorney added, and Gore advisers said the state's high court could well be the vice president's last stand.

While Gore struggled for survival in the presidential race, Bush sought to convey the image of a man increasingly confident of victory. Aides said he would receive his first post-election intelligence briefing from the CIA on Tuesday at the governor's mansion in Austin.

Police: O.J. Simpson involved in altercation with motorist

MIAMI (AP) — O.J. Simpson was involved in an altercation with another motorist who claimed the questioned Tuesday by Miami-Dade police. former football great grabbed his glasses and Pattinson could not be reached for comment; his scratched him, police said.

Jeffrey Pattinson, 55, told police that he saw a he wasn't there. black Lincoln Navigator drive past a stop sign late utility vehicle.

The Navigator stopped and its driver exited and walked toward the other car, Detective Rudy Espinosa said. The two men argued briefly, he said. Simpson then "reached inside the car and pulled the glasses off the victim's face, causing a small

"The victim went home and called police and was able to identify the driver of the black Navigator as Orenthal James Simpson," Espinosa

scratch on his face," Espinosa said.

Simpson called local television station WSVN and denied wrongdoing. He said he told Pattinson, charges "You got your bright lights on me, sitting on my heels. I've got two kids in this car, guy. What are you doing?"

Simpson said the man "said something else and I told him where could go with it and I got in my car and took my kids home."

Simpson has not been charged. He was to be wife, reached at their home Tuesday morning, said

In a nationally televised trial, Simpson was Monday in the suburban community of Kendall. acquitted of the June 1994 slayings of his ex-wife Pattinson said he "flicked his lights" at the sport Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald

Simpson moved to South Florida earlier this

In September, Simpson's sometimes girlfriend, Christie Prody, accused him of using a key to break into her Miami-Dade County home, erase a message on her answering machine and take a letter. She called police but did not press charges.

In May, police were called to a Miami hotel by security after Simpson and Prody got into a loud, late evening dispute where Prody allegedly slapped and kicked him. Simpson refused to press

In October 1999, police responded to a 911 call Simpson placed from Prody's house. According to a police report, Simpson said Prody had been on a cocaine binge. Simpson later called that a misunderstanding, and said he had placed the call about one of Prody's friends.



Booklet helps property owners evaluate cost of property taxes

W. Pat Bagley, chief appraiser about possible tax savings. for Gray County Appraisal Bagley noted that the p District, offers property owners phlet applies to property taxes a pamphlet called "Texas collected by all types of taxing Property Taxes: Taxpayer's units: counties, cities, school Remedies Responsibilities" to help them save on their property taxes.

Comptroller's office, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners

Dublished by the State Comptroller' s office, the pamexplains phlet how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Bagley noted that the pam-

& districts and special districts.

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemp-Published by the State tions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Bagley said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal resident. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their home on January 1 may file for a \$15,000 general homestead exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes, he said. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may quality for and city, he explained. an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

homeowners once they become 65 years old," Bagley stated. "State law provides that home-owners who turn 65 may apply the 65 or older exemption up to

during the year, rather than wait one year from the date they until the next January 1.

"Elderly homeowners' taxes that pay for public schools cannot increase above the total school tax amount on their home in the first year that they receive the 65-or-older homeowner exemption," Bagley continued. "But it may increase if homeowners improve or add to the house, such as adding a room or patio."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners, he added. If the surviving spouse of a 65-orolder homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling, he said. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other tax-ing units, such as the county

Bagley pointed out that homeowners age 65 or older do not "A tax freeze, or ceiling, for need to reapply for the exempschool taxes is a benefit for tion this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Homeowners turning

turned 65, owned the home, and lived in it as their principal residence, he explained. Only those who have never had the exemption must apply in 2000, he said.

Homeowners are also eligible for a \$3,000 general exemption for their county taxes because the county levies a tax for farmto-market roads or flood control, Bagley said.

The taxpayer pamphlet describes other available exemptions, he added, such as those for disabled veterans and other disabled persons.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural property owners, according to the pamphlet. The landowner must file a signed, sworn application with the chief appraiser by May 1. Owners of land receiving 1-d-1 appraisal do not need to reapply, the pamphlet states, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax renditions and exemptions,"

Bagley said. He said the "Remedies" pamphlet contains information about protesting to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB), as well. The ARB is a citizen board that hears taxpayer protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section of the pamphlet deals with how voters can petition for an election to reduce the amount of a tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Gray County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible tax relief," Bagley said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the Appraisal District office by May 1 and any protests by May 31 of this year."

"Taxpayers Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities" pamphlet is available at the Gray County Appraisal District office, 815 N. Sumner, in Pampa, or call (806) 665-0791 for more information.

Holiday scams prevalent on 'Net

The Better Business Bureau recently issued an international alert to consumers to beware of websites falsely advertising the availability of popular electronic games and related products.

Many times the items advertised are hard-to-get, much-sought after games or toys such as Sony Playstation2 products which have sold-out in stores across the nation. A number of complaints have been traced to two Canadian-based websites and the Canadian BBB reported receiving more than 20 calls a day concerning this scam.

"What's particularly alarming is the fact that purchasers were asked to fax a photocopy of the front and back of their credit cards to assure speedy delivery of their gifts. No legitimate business will request photocopies of your personal finan-cial information," said Janna Serrano Kiehl, executive director of the BBB serving the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Sony Entertainment Canada has advised the BBB any commercial website claiming to have "thou-sands of" Sony Playstation2 products for sale is making a bogus claim and Visa and MasterCard Canada are alerting their U.S. counterparts about the potential for credit card

During the holiday season, consumers are urged to be extremely cautious when evaluating advertisements for gifts and products known to be in short supply. The BBB advises Internet shop-

pers to do business with merchants they know or look for an on-line seal that signifies the merchant is affiliated with a reputable on-line consumer protection program like BBBOnline.

Popular electronic games and products are also being advertised through on-line classifieds and auctions. Consumers are cautioned to exercise similar care when evaluating the sales pitches of private sell-

"If you are considering purchasing a product from an individual who is selling goods via the Internet, your legal recourse may not be the same as against a business. Be wary of 'too good to be true' prices or deals, and if possible, pay with a credit card, using a secure browner to ensure the most secure browser, to ensure the most protection if something goes wrong," Kiehl concluded.

Rural lender exceeds \$5 billion in loan volume

AUSTIN - The Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest rural lending organization in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas, has exceeded \$5 billion in loan volume for the first time in its 83-year history.

The announcement highlighted the third quarter financial results of the Tenth District, which currently is composed of the Austinbased Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), 16 Federal Land Credit Associations and 12 Production Credit Associations.

Gross loan volume totaled \$5.063 billion at Sept. 30, 2000, a 5.5 percent increase from the \$4.798 billion loan volume reported at Dec. 31, 1999, with increases occurring in both the long-term mort-

gage portfolio and the short-term agricultural portfolio.

Long-term loan volume increased by \$139.7 million or 3.5 percent from year-end 1999 to the \$4.121 billion reported at Sept. 30, 2000. This increase is attributed primarily to competitive loan pricing, strong demand for real estate and generally strong economic

The short-term loan portfolio grew by \$125.7 million or 15.4 percent over the same period to total \$942.3 million at Sept. 30, 2000. A stronger cattle sector, expansion in the integrated processing and marketing business, and increases in point-of-sale financing and loan participation volume contributed to the increase in the shortterm loan portfolio.

"This spectacular growth in new loan business is partly a reflection of the relatively strong economy and improved livestock industry," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "But it is also the result of our lending associations' concerted efforts to provide new financing options to meet customers' needs."

The quality of the district's loan portfolio also improved during

the third quarter. At Sept. 30, 2000, overall acceptable credit quality was 97.5 percent, compared to 96.6 percent at Dec. 31, 1999.

Total high-risk asset volume decreased by \$16.3 million or 18.2 percent to \$73.3 million at Sept. 30, 2000, from \$89.6 million reported at year-end 1999. This was due largely to a \$15.4 million decrease in nonaccrual loans over the nine-month period.

District net income of \$23 million for the third quarter of 2000 was unchanged from the net income reported for the third quarter of 1999. Net income of \$64.8 million for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 2000, increased 3.5 percent from the \$62.6 million reported for the same period in 1999

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations are cooperatively owned by their customers, whose equity in the financing co-ops totaled \$1.044 billion at Sept. 30, 2000.

The combined assets of the bank and associations totaled \$5.548 billion at quarter-end. Together these lending institutions had nearly 56,000 loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural home owners and landowners in the Tenth District's five-state region.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$388 million and \$1.048 billion for the three and nine months ending Sept. 30, 2000, respectively. This compares with combined net income of \$342 million and \$934 million for the same periods last

SMC: Good things do come in big packages

MAITLAND, Fla. — Adopt-A-Manatee for someone special this holiday season and you'll see that good things do come in big packages. You can't bring the manatee home for the holidays, but Save the Manatee Club (SMC) will send an adoption certificate, a photo and biography of a manatee, and a personalized holiday gift card — all for a \$20 annual individual membership.

In addition, adoptive "parents" receive a newsletter that features updates on their manatee throughout the year, and a membership handbook featuring manatee photos and information. Proceeds from the Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward conservation efforts to protect endangered manatees and their habitat.

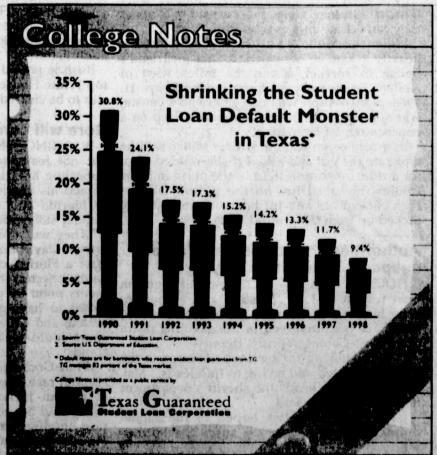
It's hard to resist the charm of these huge, slow-moving marine mammals with the whiskered snouts. Although they average about 10-feet in length and weigh about 1,000 pounds, manatees are gentle animals. Avid eaters of aquatic plants, they spend much of their time traveling, exploring and basking in warm waters.

Manatees can be found in shallow, slow-moving rivers, estuaries, saltwater bays, canals and coastal areas. A migrating species, manatees are concentrated primarily in Florida in the winter, but they can be found as far west as Louisiana and as far north as Virginia in the summer months. Unfortunately, manatees are listed as endangered and only about 2,600 remain in the U.S. today. Many manatee mortalities are human-related, and most human-related manatee mortalities occur from collisions with watercraft.

The Adopt-A-Manatee program is the primary source of funding for SMC, a nonprofit organization established in 1981 by U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and singer Jimmy Buffett. Funds, from the Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward education and public awareness programs, manatee research, rescue and rehabilitation efforts and lobbying and legal efforts to help protect manatees and their habitat. Historically, 88 percent of funds from the Adopt-A-Manatee program have gone directly to manatee programs, with only 12 percent going to SMC administra-

tive and fund-raising costs. SMC has three manatee adoption programs located in Florida. Twenty manatees who regularly winter at Blue Spring State Park in Orange City, Fla., have been chosen as adoptees. Blue Spring maintains a year-round temperature of 72 degrees and is a winter refuge for manatees who need warm water to survive.

For m re information on manatees, the Adopt-A-Manatee program, or for a free manatee protection tips packet for boaters, write Save the Manatee Club at: 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751 or call 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). You can also visit the SMC website on the Internet at: http://www.savethemanatee.org.



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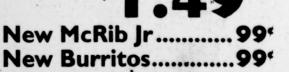
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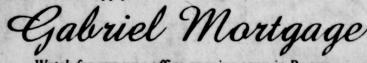




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Casual Fun of Rustic Cabin Is Spoiled by Formal Dining

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were thrilled when his 80-year-old parents decided to transfer ownership of their rustic family cabin to us. We have made many repairs and are responsible for its upkeep. We love it, and because we are teachers, we have the entire summer to enjoy it.

The problem is, my in-laws expect me to be the "perfect hostess" when they visit - even if they don't let us know in advance they are

coming. I am an excellent cook, but my mother-in-law expects me to serve full meals - meat, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. In addition, she expects me to put out butter knives, salad plates and linen napkins. She seems obsessed with the table setting and makes nasty remarks if I don't set the table to suit her. (She doesn't utter a peep when her daughter omits the butter knives

and extra plates!) The unannounced visits and fixation with meals have seriously damaged my relationship with my in-laws. This is not something I can discuss with them, because they are both elderly and set in their ways. I should add that the cottage has no dishwasher, so everything must be washed by hand in lake water,

which we pump in. Abby, I don't think formality should be the rule in a casual summer cottage. Sometimes a sandwich on a paper plate on the deck is just the ticket. I don't want to be a slave to the kitchen. I have serious pro-

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, 2000

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** * * Experience life through anoth-

er's perspective. Extremes punctuate, but

opportunities bloom. You could easily

become overloaded. Screen calls, rather

than losing your temper because of frus-

tration over too many distractions.

Tonight: You're in control, remember?

* * * You could easily see only the neg-

atives. Give up this kind of thinking and

consider other ways to handle a problem.

You see money going through your

checkbook as fast as a train leaves the

station. Stop the flow. Take your time.

Revamp your budget using creativity.

Tonight: Take time off to think and relax

* * * * * No one questions the strength

of your ideas. Instead, others wonder

what your limits are. Push easily comes

to shove with unexpected news. What

you thought was locked down proves to

be chaotic. You are optimistic and posi-

tive. Know that anything is possible.

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when to establish boundaries. Pressure

builds, and you might not be comfortable

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Tonight: Seek out friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)



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jects to work on and have only the

summer to accomplish them. My husband supports me in this, but he knows his parents are too old to change. Even if we tried discussing it with them, my mother-inlaw is hard of hearing, and they both seem to have memory prob-

lems. Any suggestions? PAPER CUPS ON CRYSTAL LAKE

DEAR PAPER CUPS: Since your in-laws have memory problems, make up a calendar showing the weeks you will be using the cabin. With a bright pen, circle the dates you would like them to visit. Consider posting your "lazy days" menu so there will be no surprises.

There are nice paper products on the market these days. Select the fanciest, most substantial paper plates and cups you can find, and use them when your in-laws visit. Then say to your mother-in-law, "Darling, I'll cook, but because you set such a lovely table, we'd like

you to be the official table-setter, please." If she refuses, then it's time to ignore their comments, regain control, and make the cabin your own rustic hideaway.

DEAR ABBY: I love the "random acts of kindness" letters that appear in your column from time to time. Here's mine:

My husband died at work five years ago, leaving me with two teen-age daughters. It was the week

before Thanksgiving.

My whole neighborhood took up collection for us - not just the immediate neighbors; I mean the entire neighborhood. In the ensuing weeks before Christmas, all the neighbor kids came to my home, raked the leaves, and even cleared away the dog droppings!

If that wasn't enough, we opened our front door at Christmas to find that gifts, plants, and cards with prayers had been left on our doorstep. I barely knew some of these neighbors, yet they were there for us when we needed them the most - right down to the littlest toddler. Needless to say, I'm never moving from here.

MARY IN SMITHTOWN, LONG ISLAND

DEAR MARY: The caring spirit of your neighbors is inspiring. However, I know the secret to having good neighbors is being one, and I suspect the outpouring of support you received was deserved.

with what you hear from a family member. Another's unexpected actions bring a different financial perspective. Brainstorm to find money answers. Tonight: Be nice. Don't push another's

buttons. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* * * * Get another perspective. Whether you ask or not, others will give you one. Though you could become frustrated with communication, stay focused. Understand limits with a loved one. Opportunity knocks in a most unexpected way. Tonight: Take off ASAP. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * Work with others. You could be discussing a joint gift. Someone might be making too many demands of you. options. Don't back off from a most unusual solution. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * * * You have high energy, and you need to direct it. If you are not careful, you could have a quarrel where you least expect it. Use your imagination and creativity. You come up with new ideas. Defer to another, and listen. Opportunity strikes when you least expect it. Tonight: Go along with another's plans. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ Channel your energy and frustrations into your work. By establishing what you need to do, you accomplish a lot. A partner might not agree with your Cabinet member Andrew Cuomo (1957). logic, but you can trust that he will come through. Curb a tendency to be selfner on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

* * * * Let your imagination meet your day's demands. Is there any way to streamline your work so you have more time to enjoy yourself? Respond to another's ideas as well. You might need to think before you leap into an agreement. Tonight: Relax by indulging in a favorite sport.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

* * * Don't let the speed of another's impulsiveness affect you. Stop and make your own decisions. Listen carefully to your sixth sense about finances and emotions. Dig into work and get the job done. Don't forget an important family member. Tonight: Screen calls.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** * Reach out for another. Share Career demands exceed your available your ideas, as wild and creative as you time. You feel pressured. Discuss can be. Keep communication flowing, with an eye to drawing out solutions Seek out experts to find workable solutions. Be clear. A misunderstanding bubbles up from out of nowhere. Tonight: Out and about

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

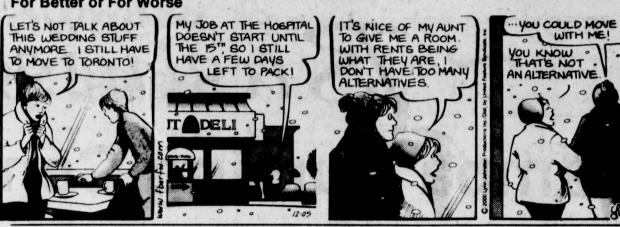
* * Be realistic about spending. Naiveté can only cause problems. Be realistic about bottom lines and longterm directions. Pressure builds with a partner who has a different set of expectations. Be as clear as possible with bosses and co-workers. Leave nothing to chance. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

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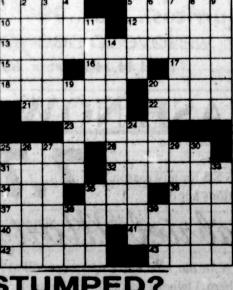
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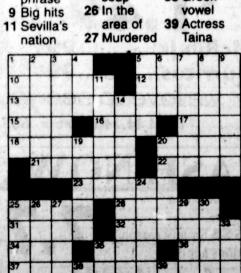




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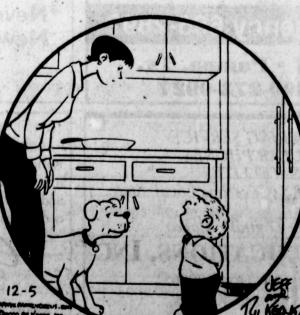


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SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

AMARILLO - Pampa improved its unbeaten record to 5-0 with a 72-27 win over Amarillo Tascosa in a 9th grade girls' basketball game Monday night.

Jennie Waggoner led Pampa scoring with 23 points while Stacey Johnson added

Pampa, leading 32-21 at halfime, held Tascosa to only two points in the third quarter. On the offensive end, Pampa scored 20 third-quarter points.

Others in the Pampa scoring column were Abbi Covalt 9. Denisse Solis 8. Tara Jordan 8, Jera Skinner 4, Nerissa Perry 4, K'Lee Ratzlaff 2 and Erika Skinner 2.

Pampa made good on 10 of 22 free throw attempts.

The Pampa freshmen are entered in the Dumas Sub-Varsity . Tournament Thursday through Friday. Their first game is at 11 a.m. Thursday against Clovis Gattis. The finals are Saturday at 3:30.

The next home game is Dec. 11 against Amarillo High, beginning at 6 p.m. LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

Plenette Pierson had 24 points and seven rebounds to lead No. 8 Texas Tech to a 80-56 victory over New Mexico on Monday night.

Tech (5-0) struggled through the first half and led by just seven points at halftime, 31-24.

The Lady Raiders took control of the game with 15:17 left in the second half on a 3-pointer by Candi White. Amber Tarr hit a 3-pointer a few seconds

Pierson then added another six points and White followed with another 3-pointer. A basket by Jia Perkins put Tech ahead 57-37

Molly McKinnon scored 16 points to lead New Mexico (5and Jordan Adams added

Tarr had 11 points for Tech, and White and Dionne Brown each had 10.

FOOTBALL

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) The Alabama Crimson Tide are closing one of the most painful chapters in the football program's history.

A new coaching regime, led by Dennis Franchione, stressed trust and a new attitude in its first meeting with the players Monday.

Everyone has a clean slate,' is the first thing he said," receiver Antonio Carter said. "He said they're going to bring this team together, and that was kind of a problem last year."

The team unraveled this year, with infighting on the coaching staff, injuries and consistency. Franchione, who turned around a struggling Texas Christian program in the last three seasons, is charged with restoring confidence and order to an Alabama team that finished 3-8.

Franchione, who signed a seven-year deal expected to be worth \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million, understands the two musts that go with coaching at Alabama: "Winning lots of games and beating Auburn." He also understands the Tide tradition, though he's only the second Alabama coach hired since the Bear Bryant era ended in 1982 without ties to the school.

"Anybody that knows me very well knows that I have a very deep love and passion for college football and the traditions that have carried on for so many years," said Franchione, 49, who led TCU to a 10-1 record this season. 'Any time you talk about tradition in college football, you're going to talk about the

University of Alabama." That tradition was driven home by the luminaries in attendance at his press conference Monday, including alums Bart Starr and Lee Roy Jordan and former coach Gene Stallings.

Franchione was accompanied by seven assistants who plan to come with him.

Mistakes dooming the Dallas defense

come up with the title for this give up 3,000 yards. season's highlight film:

ments."

The entire quote was about another franchise first. how that disastrous trio can (4-9) are proof.

250 yards rushing in five the previous five seasons. games this season. Three times, a single rusher has gone so fed up following a 27-7 loss who remained intact. over 200.

The Cowboys had only allowed two 200-yards rushers in the previous 40 years. This coaching staff. squad is the first in NFL histo-

already has set a franchise hauling. record — with three games to

Patroits

Drew Bledsoe and the New

Elvis Grbac's 19-yard pass to Kevin Lockett with 3:58 left.

Kansas City drove down to

the Patriots' 11-yard line but

had no timeouts and time

expired when Tony Gonzalez was tackled in the middle of the field after a 5-yard com-

In their other Monday night

game this season, the Patriots have up two touchdowns in the last 6:25 and lost to the

w York Jets 20-19 in Week

Two of the previous six Manday night games were desided on last-play field goels, but the Chiefs (5-8) fell short of ending a four-game lesing street with a last-play

They gave up two fumbles

after being just four all season and wasted Grbac's 81-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Alexander, who has three season catches of over 80 media in his career plus an 82-

analyzing the Dallas Cowboys' York Giants and Tennessee sometimes means how you er we have on the field has to had going in was the right latest defensive bomb, corner- could make the Cowboys the look at things. It means what be able to play the techniques plan. It just hasn't worked back Ryan McNeil may have fourth team in NFL history to your philosophy is. It means the way we want them played. out."

And, if things don't turn of things. "Miscues, missed assign- around, Dallas may allow When Campo was promotments and missed align- more yards on the ground than ed, he replaced himself with in the air, which would be secondary coach Mike

doom a team. These Cowboys rassed as I am disappointed," Dallas has allowed at least was the defensive coordinator outsiders were hired.

> Sunday to Tampa Bay that he talked about "significant attacking style on the line was changes" among the defensive scrapped after Staley and

ry to allow three in one season. about 30 minutes Monday, started collapsing again. By giving up 2,300 yards then said he expects there will Injuries have been part of the rushing this season, Dallas be more tweaking than over- problem, but definitely not all

go. Continued mistakes that there may be some role change," Campo said. "But it's

different players. It means a lot

Zimmer, one of his closest "I'm not as much embar- friends. In the reshuffling of the staff, several inexperienced said coach Dave Campo, who coaches were promoted and Linebackers coach George Team owner Jerry Jones was Edwards was the only one

Garner romped. The unit was Campo met with Jones for better for several weeks, then

"What he really meant was "The continuity of things did

IRVING, Texas (AP) — In against Washington, the New changes," Campo said. "That our responsibility that whoev- "I really feel that the plan we

Groom's Weinheimer is finalist

Groom quarterback Grant Dec. 16.

With Weinheimer at quarter- linebacker Dustin Speckles, back, the Tigers have logged a Panther Creek and running back 25-3 record the past two seasons. Albert Booker, Trent. quarterfinals this season.

threw 37 touchdown passes to Texas Football magazine has prego with the 30 he threw last sea- sented the Player of the Year son. His completion rate was award, and since 1985, Fox right around 57 percent.

will be selected by a panel of senior student in each classificastatewide media, then tion. Finalists this season were Net during halftime of the Class schools that field a football pro-5A, Division 1 Texas Bowl on gram.

Weinheimer is one of the finalists Other six-man finalists include for the Texas High School running back James Stocks, Football Player of the Year Grandfalls-Royalty; running back Jared Bowen, Highland;

Groom advanced to the six-man Hereford quarterback Cody state finals in 1999 and the state. Hodges is one of the finalists in

The 6-2, 195-pound senior Since 1972, Dave Campbell's Sports Net and Texas Football The Player of the Year awards have recognized the state's top announced live on Fox Sports chosen from nearly 1,200 high



Foreign exchange student Andrea Branchetti of Italy won the 100 freestyle for the Pampa girls' team in the swim dual last weekend with Amarillo High.

PHS swim teams split with AHS

Willie Griffin (500 freestyle) and Doug AHS Eskridge, Griffin and Amy Howard. Warren all won their individual events for the Harvesters. Eskridge and Matt Schoenrock and Clay David to win the 200 freestyle relay.

Misty Moman (100 but- and terfly) and Andrea Seminole.

PAMPA — Pampa split Branchetti (100 freestyle) a swim dual with were individual winners Amarillo High last week- in Pampa's 57-34 loss in end at the Pampa Youth the girls' meet. Moman and Community Center. and Branchetti were also on the 400 freestyle relay Pampa boys, led by team with Michael Eskridge (200 Stowers and Tamra individual medley), Henthorn which placed

"All the Pampa swim-Warren (100 backstroke), mers did a great job," 52-41, said Pampa head coach

Pampa also brought in 15 second-place finishes Warren teamed with and 11 third-place finishes in the dual

> The Pampa teams are entered in a meet Friday Saturday

Pampa Takedown Club competes in Amarillo meet

Brandon Slay will be here hang on Dec. 16 for clinic, banquet FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) -

England Patriots won't soon forget one of the season's least meaningful Monday night matchups. They got a rare victory, beating the Kansas City Chiefs, another team going nowhere, Colorado and Texas met in school level." 30-24. Bledsoe threw for a sea-Amarillo for the tournason-high 282 yards and Adam Vinatieri kicked three field

goals in New England's high-est-scoring game of the year. For a change, the Patriots held on at the end after the Chiefs cut the lead to 30-24 on The Takedown Club had approximately 25 wrestlers entered in the tournament.

"These kids did a great job," said Pampa coach Rick Brandon was in New York you," Urquhart said. Urquhart.

Zack Bradley in Division One took first place in his weight. Also competing were Stephen Botello, Trent Carter, Trevor Collins, Michael DeArman, Austin Farrar, Ryan Goldsmith, Goldsmith, Shane Christian Hinkle, Gavid Jimenez, Richard Leal, Joel Palmateer, Dallon Poole, Carlos "Chunk" Regalado, Farmer Schaeffer, Hondo Schaeffer, Cody Schiffman, Dakota Schiffman, Kyle Turner, Kasey Urquhart, Cameron Wall, Dylan Whitten, Matt Woodruff and Riley Woodruff.

Competing as Pampa's only high school wrestler was Joe Wilson, who placed fourth in the high school division.

"We are very proud of the program that these young men and women have built. Every wrestler that competed placed in the top 10," Urquhart said. "Some of the brackets had as many as 30 wrestlers in them. We

Recently, the Pampa have a great foundation to Takedown Club competed build a stellar wrestling in the Panhandle program on. We are ready Nationals. Wrestlers from to see our kids compete at New Mexico, Oklahoma, the middle school and high

> Urquhart said the young wrestlers are getting ready to welcome Olympic champion Brandon Slay, who is coming to Pampa for a clinic and banquet.

City to receive Sports Urguhart pointed out be able to come to Pampa. I wrestling. think that tells what kind of person he his," Urquhart

his "More Than Gold" on his "More Than Gold" Wrestling Clinic Dec. 16 in the Pampa Middle School gymnasium.

Illustrated's Male Athlete of that the Takedown Club is the Year award and he cut trying to teach the value of his trip short so he would hard work as well as

Following the clinic, there will be a banquet at Calvary Baptist Church Slay will be conducting where Slay will expound philosophy.

"We (the banquet) are lim-"The kids have earned ited to the first 150 people," their way by selling cookie added Urquhart. "All the dough. For those who sup- wrestlers will be selling ported these kids, we tickets. Thanks Pampa for "The kids are all excited. coaches want to thank the great show of sup-



Joe Wilson of the Pampa Takedown Club placed fourth in the high school divi-

Jones: Miles resigns from Dallas to be OSU coach

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — ference announcing his selection Les Miles has resigned his assis- has not been set. Dallas Cowboys and has accept- reporters who cover OSU footposition at Oklahoma State, Director Terry Don Phillips Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has would not confirm the move. confirmed.

An announcement on Miles, nent, Phillips said, "close." who was OSU's offensive coordinator in 1997, when the Cowboys went 8-4 and reached the Alamo Bowl, could be made on Wednesday, various print from Arizona State. and Oklahoma City-area broad-

Oklahoman for Tuesday's ediand will be a successful coach."

to be a college head coach, and I job at Arizona State University. know he had a very serious (passion) for Oklahoma State."

Jones of his intention to resign officials, Koetter cited Oregon and accept the OSU job. KWTV and Arizona State as schools whose best year at OSU was the and radio station WWLS, also that were very attractive to him. '97 season spent under Miles' reported on Monday that Miles OSU made an offer before tutelage. "Coach Miles can and radio station WWLS, also that were very attractive to him. was the choice, but a news con- Koetter visited Arizona State.

Asked if a decision was immi-

Last week, Boise State coach Dirk Koetter accepted the OSU job but rescinded his acceptance announced on Saturday. a day later and took an offer

Jones told The Daily negatively on OSU. the coach's reversal will reflect

"Dirk Koetter is an outstandtions that Miles had "everything ing coach and he's got an impecnd will be a successful coach." cable record regarding his hon-"We're sorry to lose him, but esty and integrity," Phillips he made a top contribution said. "Our research confirmed while he was here," Jones said: he is an outstanding man and "He's extremely well-qualified he's going to do an outstanding

Phillips said Koetter was always up-front about his fond-Oklahoma City TV station ness for Pacific 10 Conference KFOR reported that Miles told schools. In meetings with OSU

"But last week, he did tell us that he was coming," Phillips tant coaching position with the In a teleconference with said in the Tulsa World. "It was my understanding that there ed the head football coaching ball on Monday, Athletic were no conditions on coming. It was just an issue of working out the contract with his attor-

Koetter got a five-year, \$3.5 million deal to coach the Sun Devils. His selection was

Efforts to reach Miles for confirmation were unsuccessful on Phillips said he doesn't think Monday. Miles would replace Bob Simmons, who was fired in November after six seasons.

The 47-year-old would be a popular choice among some players. Last week, five Cowboys met with Phillips to describe the kind of coach they hoped he'd hire and used Miles as a model.

Senior quarterback Tony Lindsay, one of five players who met with Phillips, lit up when told Miles was the apparent

"That'll work," said Lindsay, bring a lot to the team."

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Alabama back among Top 25

By JIM O'CONNELL AP Basketball Writer

The way last season went for last season's final poll. Alabama, being ranked in the Top 25 wasn't even a consider-

season, the Crimson Tide pulled into the Associated Press college basketball poll for the first time in nearly three beat Illinois and Temple last

Alabama went 13-16 last sea- votes and 1,715 points from the son, coach Mark Gottfried's national media panel, 107 more second in Tuscaloosa. Four than Michigan State. starters returned from that of the nation's most highly sought-after recruits, starred in a sixth-man role.

On Monday, the Crimson Tide were back in the rankings for the first time since Dec. 24, 1997, at No. 23.

"I think it's good from the received one first-place vote. standpoint that our team gets some national exposure," remained fourth and fifth in Gottfried said. "When we're the rankings, while Tennessee building a program things like and Seton Hall each moved up this are always good, but we one place to sixth and seventh, feel like we have a long way to respectively.
go and a lot to accomplish." Florida moved up two places

return to the rankings with a ninth and Notre Dame jumped 107-61 victory over Grambling one spot to No. 10, the Fighting State on Monday night, the Irish's first Top Ten appearance third straight game the since the final poll of the 1985-Crimson Tide have reached 100 86 season. points. The last time they did that was the 1957-58 season.

This week's other newcomer Southern California, Syracuse, Illinois.

who has been away from coaching

It was a move in stark contrast

for three years.

still burning in a 57-year-old man City Chiefs.

was Iowa State (5-0), which North Carolina, Connecticut, came in at No. 25. The Cyclones were ranked sixth in

Duke, which beat two ranked teams last week, held the top spot for the second Just three games into this straight week, while Michigan eason, the Crimson Tide State moved up one spot to No.

> The Blue Devils (7-0), who after losing two games each peat Illinois and Temple last The Owls (4-3) lost 66-58 to week, received 59 first-place

The Spartans (5-0), who team, and Gerald Wallace, one received nine No. 1 votes, moved up one spot after beat-ing North Carolina and Da Illinois-Chicago last week.

Kansas (7-0) dropped from econd to third despite easily beating Middle Tennessee State and Illinois State in its only Marshall, which beat the Flyers

Stanford and Arizona

Alabama (4-0) celebrated the to eighth, while Illinois held

Wake Forest led the Second Ten and was followed by No. 7 Seton Hall is at No. 9

Former Texas coach hired by ASU

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In hir- n or colleges — Texas, Illinois and a burning desire to be back in ing John Mackovic, Arizona gam- and Wake Forest, as well as a four- college football and coaching

He was conference coach of the

"No one else offered the impec-

athletic director Jim Livengood

year in all three collegiate jobs.

bled that the competitive fires are year stint with the NFL's Kansas young people."

Mackovic has coached at three said. "John has a ton of passion few weeks.

of the Wildcats' archrivals at cable credentials that John offered

Arizona State, where the Sun for the well-being of student-ath-

Devils opted last weekend for 41- letes, football knowledge - not

year-old Dirk Koetter, a head just X's and O's, although he cer-coach for just three seasons at tainly knows about that," Arizona

Virginia, Cincinnati, Maryland and Oklahoma.

Arkansas, Utah, Alabama, St. John's and Iowa State rounded

out the Top 25.

Atlantic 10 members Temple and Dayton, 17th and 24th last week, fell out of the rankings

Miami (Ohio) and 93-68 to Duke, extending their losing streak to three games. The first loss in the streak was also to Duke, 63-61 in the championship game of the Preseason

Dayton (2-3) returned to the Top 25 last week for the first time since 1974, but losses to Classification and "Marshall" Mout the Flyers. games last week. The Jayhawks 67-65, is the only non-ranked received one first-place vote. team Dayton has played this

There are four games this week between ranked teams.

Michigan State plays host to No. 8 Florida on Wednesday in a rematch of last season's national championship game. Third-ranked Kansas is at No. 11 Wake Forest on Thursday. On Saturday, No. 5 Arizona playing for the first time with suspended preseason All-America center Loren Woods -is at No. 15 Connecticut, and

Orphan Miners happy to get a berth in the Humanitarian Bowl EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Association. "Now is the top-rated quarterback in

to be left out in the cold.

That was the philosophy of Moreno said he plans to Bowl in Boise, Idaho.

Miners Head Coach Gary said. Nord said he is "tickled to Humanitarian Bowl.

going to be disappointed in nation," he said.

Arkansas.

10,000 plus" fans to travel to 36th. the game, said Bob Stull, still think that we'll have a good following.

We have some good, strong, loyal fans."

Both teams have boasting rights. The Miners are cochampions with Texas Christian of the Western Athletic Conference. Boise State won its second straight Big West Conference last month.

The last time UTEP appeared in a bowl was the 1988 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., when Stull was head coach.

get really turned on in the Ammons 2. day or two because we haven't been to a bowl in so long," said Lou Moreno, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the UTEP Alumni Payton Baird, Heather Dildy, Lucus 1.

Better to play in the cold than time to really just get posi-

Miners officials and fans explore the possibility of 23.01 per-game average.

And Stull said he likes the mark. death" to play in the matchup with Boise State, Iumanitarian Bowl. which joins the WAC next going to be a humanitarian Bowl. "When it's your second year. "You have two of the affair," Nord said. bowl in 40 years, you're not most exciting offenses in the

Vegas Bowl in Nevada game. UTEP averages 32.27 because it is relatively close. points each game to rank UNLV, attractive to bowl offi- 22nd in the nation. The Vegas Bowl by beating offense, averaging 496.27 Hawaii and will face points per game, while the Miners averaged 407.45 "In Las Vegas, we could get yards per game and rank

State's UTEP Athletic Director. "I Hendricks is the NCAA's all in your mind."

passing efficiency (170.63), touchdown passes (35) and points responsible for with a

Monday, the day after they reserving a train car that The University of Texas-El received the news that Texas-El would pick up UTEP fans Paso's Rocky Perez holds the Paso (8-3) will play against along the way to Boise. "We country's eighth-best pass Boise State (9-2) in the Dec. 28th want to get a car and load it efficiency rating at 147.14, 26 Crucial.com/Humanitarian with people and just label it touchdown passes and is the 'Miners Express," he third in points responsible for with a 17.64 per-game

"It looks like, on paper, it's going to be a high-scoring

He said the Miners will have to block out the distracanything," he said.

Boise State has the countions of a bowl game so far Miners officials would have try's top scoring offense with from home and then they will Boise State has the countions of a bowl game so far preferred a berth in the Las an average 44.91 points per have to stop Boise State's passing game.

Nord, whose only losses this year came at the hands of cials as a true home team, Broncos are second in the Top 25 teams, believes his clinched a spot in the Las United States for total team can match up with any in the nation. And he's not worried about cold or snow.

"I think our kids are mature enough and tough enough not to let any conditions bother Bart them," Nord said. "I think it's

Canyon sweeps Pampa Middle School girls' teams

Canyon in 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball games last

The 8th grade A game saw Patriots with a final score of 84-

Chera Chevedo and Wendi score of 68-12. Miller had 7 points apiece to lead Pampa scorers.

"I think people are going to Winegeart 3 and Lindsey with 4 points each

CANYON - Pampa played Jerrica Timmons and Deidrea Warden 2 each.

Pampa A has a 2-1 record and Pampa B is 1-2. The Patriot 7th grade girls

Canyon race past the Lady did not fare any better against the talented Lady Eagles. Canyon ended up on top by a

Scoring for the Lady Patriots were Morgan Meharg, Jackie Brittany Adams had 4, Erin Gerber and Kylie Winegeart

Also in the 7th grade B game, Pampa also dropped the 8th Pampa lost by a score of 71-8. grade B game 42-17. Lauren Scoring for Pampa were Amy Boles had a team-high 6 points Youree with 3, Staci Novian 2, while Ashley Parker had 3, Ragan Meeks 2 and Ashlee

Players blame themselves, each other for Turner's demise

By JOSEPH WHITE **AP Sports Writer**

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Even as Norv Turner was taking the fall for the Washington Redskins' disappointing season, the players were pointing fingers at each other.

Turner was fired Monday and replaced by passing game coor-dinator Terry Robiskie. While the players agreed Robiskie will provide the motivational fire Turner lacked, they questioned why their teammates couldn't motivate themselves.

"Players make coaches look good, and players make coach-es look bad," cornerback Deion Sanders said. "I wish they could show the films publicly to show what I'm stressing. We need different players. It's talent, in certain areas, especially on special teams."

sibility when he had a bad game against Detroit this year, "I wish other players would

Norv's fault. I got my butt up. kicked," Sanders said.

was the kind of the coach who expected every player to have a professional work ethic without having to scream about the closing minutes. it. It was an assumption that can't be made in the NFL.

"Norv did not threaten players," Sims said. "Some guys took advantage of him."

Others players admitted their contribution to Turner's demise kicker has hurt Turner's teams in a season that began with Super Bowl aspirations. The Redskins, despite an NFL-record \$100 million roster, are 7-6 and have lost four of their last

"It's a somber moment,"

At the news conference Monday

to announce his hiring, Mackovic

said that as he watched 20 to 30

games a week on the big bank of

televisions at ESPN, the urge to

get back to coaching grew

He said he thought the Arizona

job was the best opening of the

many that were created in the last

but others aren't willing to do kicker Eddie Murray said. starters to knee injuries was 'Players feel like they've let a coach down. I feel bad for the come out and say, 'It's not coach. I didn't hold my end of it

Kickers were the first thing Guard Keith Sims said Turner on Turner's mind when he gave his farewell speech. In each of the last three losses, a kicker has missed a vital field goal in

"We came up short in each of those situations," Turner said. "The difference between winning and losing is not very big in this league."

The inability to find a regular since he cut Chip Lohmiller during the 1995 training camp. Turner has used five kickers this season. The latest, the 44year-old Murray, didn't have five. They probably need to win the leg to reach the goalpost

Sanders said he took respon- their last three to make the from 44 and 49 yards in the last two games.

The loss of three offensive also a setback this year, but the deeper problem was the players' lack of focus. Several veterans admitted last week that the team had been too caught up in its own Super Bowl expectations and was not concentrating on one game at a time.

It showed in unforced errors such as bad snaps, missed blocks and tackles and dropped balls. It seemed to be a different player every week, and the only thing they had in common was

"We just really needed to make a change," owner Dan Snyder said, "driven with what I call some serious leadership."

Robiskie can provide that. His motivational speeches are a highlight of the team meetings on Saturday night.

Tre Johnson said. "Terry's going to get things done. He's not anybody. He's going to be a lot more aggressive with how he coaches each individual on the team. He's a motivational guy."

A running back at LSU in the mid-1970s, Robiskie played three seasons with Oakland and two with Miami. He was an assistant with the Raiders from 1982-93 and was one of Turner's first hires with the Redskins in 1994.

"I don't want to compare my motivational skills to Norv Turner's, but I think depending on what the event is, I could motivate you if I had to," Robiskie said. "Everything I've ever done, I've done it through motivation."

Robiskie, 46, said he will call the plays on game day, as stands why it's necessar Turner did, and will shuffle the make a change right now."

"Terry is a catalyst," guard coaching staff so he won't have to spend as much time with the receivers. In his first move, he going to take any trash from fired special teams coach LeCharls McDaniel. He also said Jeff George will start as quarterback in Sunday's game at Dallas.

"Everybody is going to be under the microscope," Robiskie said. "My receivers know there are some things Terry Robiskie won't stand for. That won't change." Turner leaves with a 49-59-1

record and only one playoff appearance in seven seasons.

"I've obviously been put in a good position to have an opportunity to win," Turner said. "This team has a chance to be 10-6. That's a disappointment to me. There's part of me that would like to be a part of it. There's part of me that understands why it's necessary to

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Natural gas leak causes minor injuries; several homes evacuated

MONT BELVIEU, Texas (AP) — A natural gas pipeline that ruptured and exploded has forced evacuations of about 40 homes and vented hydrocarbon product into the air, with plane flights also rerouted around the area to prevent another blast.

Several minor injuries were reported Monday police Sgt. Keith Dougherty. night when the pipeline, owned by Channel "We don't know what cau

Industries Gas Co., exploded near Houston Raceway Park, close to the intersection of Farm-to-Market Roads 2354 and 565. The explosion sent rumblings as far as Baytown, more than 10 miles to the south. No fire resulted from the blast, said Baytown

"We don't know what caused the explosion," he

told The Baytown Sun in Tuesday's editions. Evacuated families sought temporary refuge at a nearby convenience store. One man said wall fixtures fell to the floor and windows rattled as if they

"I thought the whole plant had exploded," said the resident, who declined to be identified.

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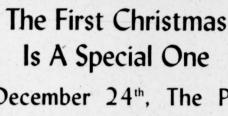
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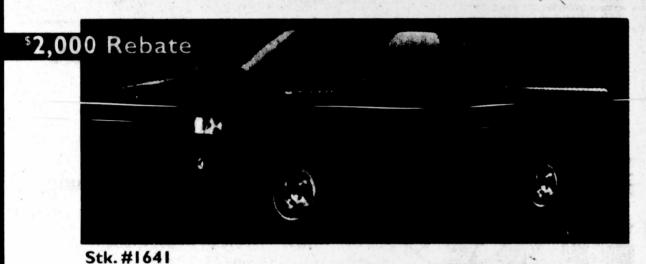
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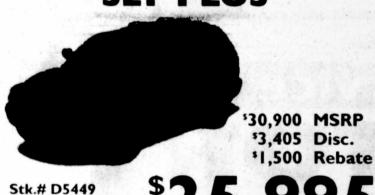
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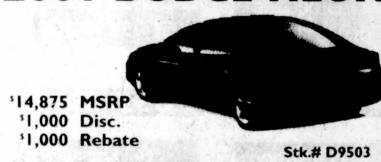


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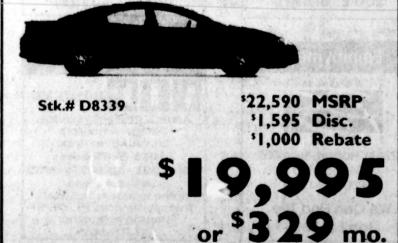
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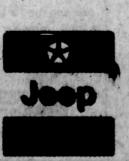
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