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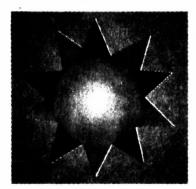
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#### PISD board to hear reports at meeting Tuesday, Dec. 21

Pampa Independent School District Board of trustees will receive the AEIS Annual Performance report/drug tree school evaluation report during a public hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Carver Center Board Conference Room, 321 W. Albert.

Other items on the agenda for the meeting will be consideration of the district financial audit for 1999-2000, change in fixed asset capitalization limit, consideration of campus performance objectives 2001, and tax refund per agreed judgment.

Consideration of personnel positions is also listed on the agenda. The administrative report will include discussion on campus tundraisers, an update on Worth the Wait, a review of property and casualty policy coverage, reports on district evaluation initiative and facilities. The facilities report will include a major project update and central warehouse/freezer.

An update will be given on a level II school board training sersion at 6 p.m. to be held at the Pampa ISD Computer lab at the Mann Support Center at 400 N. Faulkner. A Pampa High School Student Leader recognition reception in the PHS Library which will precede the Jan. 18 Board Meeting will also be discussed.

David Luedecke, 35, 1983 Pampa High School gradu-

Carl Totty Cantrell, 79, World War II veteran. Loyd E. 'Gene' Cooper, 71,

three-time Texas Golden Glove Champion.

Jiles Stephen Burdette, 64, retired lawyer, Civil War buff.

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### Pampa man, 35, dies in motorcycle wreck

dent near Lubbock early Saturday morning will be Tuesday morning at Central Baptist Church in

David Luedecke, 35, 2206 Hamilton, was killed about 1:30 a.m. Saturday when his motorcycle flipped on a road at Buffalo Springs Lake east of Lubbock.

Officers said Luedecke and Korey Coats, 21, of Levelland, were on their way to visit friends in the early hours of Saturday morning when Luedecke locked the brakes on his motorcycle, lost control

Buffalo Springs Lake Chief of Police Billy Chandler said today that the investigation into the accident was still in progress.

Chandler said Coats was following Luedecke at the time of the accident. Coats told police he hit his brakes and swerved to miss Luedecke. Coats lost control of his motorcycle and hit some trees. Officials said Coats suffered only minor injuries.

"They were just about two doors down from their destination," Chandler said.

The police chief said Coats told them Luedecke appeared to have hit his brakes to avoid striking a Luedecke; his parents, Ralph and Cindy Abbott of small animal scurrying across the road in front of

Luedecke was airlifted by helicopter to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Chandler said a preliminary autopsy report Pampa.

BUFFALO SPRINGS LAKE – Services for a 35- indicated Luedecke died of massive head injuries. year-old Pampa man killed in a motorcycle acci- Chandler said Luedecke hit the pavement. The police chief said it is unclear yet whether the motorcycle landed on top of him.

Coats was released from the Lubbock hospital after being treated for minor injuries.

Neither man was wearing a helmet, officers said. Chandler said today that his officer was awaiting the results of the final autopsy. He said it would be from four to six weeks before he got the

blood and toxicology reports. Services for Mr. Luedecke will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

A Pampa native, Mr. Luedecke graduated from Pampa High School in 1983 and from Amarillo College in 2000. He worked for Robert Knowles Chrysler Dodge. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

Mr. Luedecke is survived by one son, Aric Pampa; a sister, Mechelle Abbott of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and April Luedecke of Elmwood, N.J.; grandparents, Frances Lam and Richard and Ruth Abbott; two aunts and an uncle, Sue Abbott and Nancy and Billy Brown, all of

### Artist in the making



Alvssva F. Seitz, daughter of Margaret Seitz of Pampa, may just be an artist in the making. Here she displays her winning artwork and a certificate for \$50 in Pampa Bucks she received for being judged the best in of all the entries in The Pampa News' Christmas Coloring Contest.

### Holiday economy remains strong



Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop shows Ed Trimble a watch as Trimble does his holiday shopping in downtown Pampa Monday. Many local businesses are offering expanded hours during the last week of Christmas shopping.

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Only six shopping days left until Christmas, and Pampa businesses are offering a wide selection of items to choose from for local shoppers.

The 2000 shopping season is getting mixed reviews from Pampa businesses. Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop in downtown Pampa said the holiday shopping season has been better than last year.

"It's been good, real good. We had a good year last year, but this year is even better than last year," said Rheams. "Pampans are shopping in Pampa."

Downtown shoppers can really get in the holiday spirit as Christmas music is played for all to hear from Tarpley's Music

Richard Spence of Tarpley's said the local business offers a wide selection of instruments for the holiday season as well as Karaoke tapes and sheet music. He said he expects their business to really pick up this week.

Dunlap's manager Christy Parker remains optimistic about the local holiday shopping sea-

son. She said the local department store has been extremely busy, and she expects the last week before Christmas to be even busier.

"It's busy. We're having a really successful holiday season," said Parker.

She said their most popular items have been lava and aqua lamps, Doc Martin boots, luggage and animal prints.

"People seem to be shopping locally, and we really need them to stay in Pampa to shop," said Parker. "They can get at least 90 percent of their shopping completed in Pampa." Kathryn Phillips, manager of

Bealls, said business has been quite good. She said the recent cold weather has increased the demand for cold weather clothing and associated items. "The Christmas shopping is

just going great," said Phillips. "We're really selling the items for cold weather— sweaters, coats, any winter wearing apparel. This cold spell really increased our sales in that area."

Phillips added the sales on the small scooters have been strong,

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### Freezing weather could disrupt natural gas used for electricity

By DAVID BOWSER **Staff Writer** 

AMARILLO - Some experts say a wintry blast could freeze the moisture in natural gas pipelines, disrupting the supply of fuel increasingly used to fire power plants in Texas, but the director of a panhandle petroleum organization said it is unlikely to cause problems here.

"Most of our lines are well insulated and they're buried," said H. Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association. "Where you get a freeze lock is when the line exits the ground. Sometimes there's a loop. That loop can be there for a variety of reasons, to get condensates out of the line, to run tests on the line, but even those loops are very well insulated."

It hasn't been bitterly cold enough in the Texas Panhandle in recent years for a line to

"Now you get some stoppages at meters and so forth or where a small line comes off a big line, but itis a matter going out and clearing it out," Hughes says.

A chemical is run through the line to thaw "It's not that big a deal for us," Hughes

But he added that it could be a problem for oil and gas fields to the south in Central Texas where the lines are almost on the surface of the ground.

"I've had old-timers tell me that it can affect gas production for the state by as much as 40 percent," said Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews.

The threat posed by pipeline-freezing conditions in South or East Texas could be greater because of the state's growing reliance on natural gas to generate electrici-

Most new and under-construction power plants burn natural gas, with no ability to burn other types of fuel. In the past, most of the state's electricity was generated by other sources, and even the gas-fired plants could burn other fuel as a backup.

"They did that because they had an understanding of what happens in Texas when it gets cold," Matthews told The Dallas Morning News.

A deep freeze across Texas hits big gas fields in Webb and Zapata counties to the south where wells and lines aren't protected as well as equipment farther north, Matthews said. The result, he said, is that about every 10 years a freeze in South Texas curtails gas production.

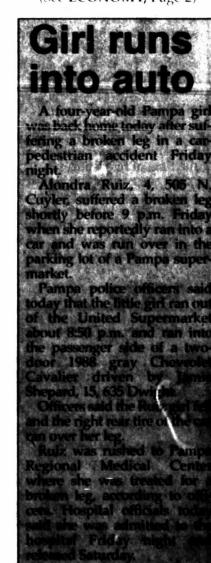
Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said problems with frozen condensation inside a pipeline are rare and usually limited to smaller lines used by smaller gas-transmission line usually occur on small lines, not the lines of major producers.

"It's got to be really, really cold, down in the teens or the single digits, and it has to stay there for some time, at least a couple of hours," said Burns, who added that he doesn't expect service disruptions.

"There's a possibility that natural gas pipelines will freeze up because of condensate in the lines," says Hughes, "but that's not a problem around here.

Although many modern gas-fired power plants can't switch to other fuels, those with mole than one supply pipeline are less vul

(See FREEZING, Page 2)



### Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

CANTRELL, Carl Totty — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

COOPER, Loyd E. "Gene" — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, San Antonio.

**LUEDECKE**, David — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

### **Obituaries**

**JILES STEPHEN BURDETTE** 

TROPHY CLUB — Jiles Stephen Burdette, 64, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2000, at Baylor Hospital Irving. Private funeral services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Martin Thompson Funeral Home of

Mr. Burdette was born Feb. 20, 1936, at Olean, N.Y., and graduated from high school at Pampa in 1953. After attending Stanford University for a year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army for two years. Following his discharge, he earned a law degree from the University of Texas Law School at Austin and established a private practice for several years prior to joining Shenandoah Oil Corporation in Fort Worth.

He was an avid Civil War buff and after retiring became skilled in photography.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Burdette, of Trophy Club; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sarah Coppell; a daughter, Kelli Burdette Allen of Granbury; a stepson, Darin Dickey of Trophy Club; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Tara and Jeff Price of Dallas; a brother and sisterin-law, Carer and Ellie Burdette of Fort Worth: several grandchildren, Aaron and Drew Allen of Weatherford and Christine Burdette of Coppell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association or to American Cancer Society. **CARL TOTTY CANTRELL** 

Carl Totty Cantrell, 79, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m.

Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Childress, and Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of



Mr. Cantrell was born Feb. 18, 1921, at Miami, Texas. He was a lifetime resi-

dent of Roberts and Gray Counties. He married Vaneta Gray on Feb. 14, 1986, at Pampa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He had served on the carrier aircraft units 5 and 65, based out of San Francisco, Calif., as a flight captain. He had retired from the U.S. Postal Service on Jan. 1, 1973.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife. Vaneta, of the home: three sons and daughters-in-law, C.E. and Karen Cantrell of San Antonio, Paul and Carol Cantrell of Staten Island, N.Y., and Ron and Jean Gray of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and a great-grand-

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis Ave., Pampa, TX 79065; to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or to The American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852. LOYD E. 'GENE' COOPER

SAN ANTONIO - Loyd E. "Gene" Cooper, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will be in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Mission Park Funeral Chapels of San Antonio.

Mr. Cooper was born June 28, 1929, at Borger, to William Hansford Cooper and Eula Stanley Cooper. He graduated from Lefors High School in 1947 and attended North Texas State University on a basketball scholarship. He was inducted into the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1983 and is the top ranked boxer in the history of the panhandle area, amassing a record of 231 wins and nine losses along the way to earning three Texas Golden Glove State Championships and world-wide military championships.

After retiring from the rink, Mr. Cooper coached the U.S. Pan American Games Boxing Team, the U.S. National Boxing Team and the 1972 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team as an Air Force master sergeant.

Following retirement, he was an active entrepreneur, establishing a number of businesses in San Antonio in which he remained involved until

the time of his death. He was preceded in death by a daughter,

Kimberly; and by a brother, Theodore.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Erika Cooper; two sons, Anthony Cooper of Dallas and Christopher Cooper of Austin; and a brother, William Cooper of Austin.

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### **Obituaries (cont.)**

**DAVID LUEDECKE** 

David Luedecke, 35, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2000, at Lubbock. Services will be at 10



a.m. Tuesday in Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Luedecke was

born June 29, 1965, at Pampa and was a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School. He graduated from Amarillo College in 2000 with an associate degree in instrumentation. He worked for Robert Knowles Chrysler-Dodge.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church

and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Survivors include a son, Aric Luedecke of Pampa; his parents, Ralph and Cindy Abbott of Pampa; a sister, Mechelle Abbott of Lubbock; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and April Luedecke of Elmwood Park, N.J.; his grandparents, Frances Lam and Richard and Ruth Abbott, all of Pampa; his aunts and uncles, Sue Abbott and Nancy and Billy Brown, all of Pampa; a niece and nephew, Brenna Luedecke and Cameron Luedecke of New Hampshire; special friends, Michelle Russell, Keisha Childress, Aaron Childress, Mike Hiebert, Junior Winkleblack and Brandon Strawn; and several cousins.

### Police report

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

Saturday, Dec. 16

An abandoned car with Washington license plates in the 1100 block of Neel Road was

Forrest Gilchrist, 18, of 2600 N. Hobart A-7, reported that a Playstation and games, valued at \$310, were taken from his apartment.

A simple assault involving a domestic dispute was reported in the 600 block of North West. Jared Hoover, 21, 1826 N. Nelson, reported the

passenger window shattered on his black Roy Denman, 60, 2701 N. Comanche, reported

\$700 worth of damage to an Airstream Travel Trailer at 720 N. Banks. A check for \$399 drawn on a closed account was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

An \$18.61 gas drive-off on Friday was reported at Allsups, 1900 N. Hobart. Billy Ann Tucker, 63, reported the theft of pre-

scription drugs. The Art Emporium, 115 N. Cuyler, reported harassing telephone calls.

There was an unattended death of a 93-year-old man at 736 N. Zimmers.

A theft of \$12 in cash was reported by C.L.

Winbourne, 64, 1121 S. Sumner. Sunday, Dec. 17

Ramona Ann Heiskell, 46, 1928 N. Christy, reported \$450 worth of speakers and an amplifier stolen from her car in the 1900 block of Christy. Beer was reported stolen from Allsups Convenience Store at 140 S. Starkweather.

### Accidents

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

Friday, Dec. 15 A four-year-old girl ran into the side of a car

Friday night in the parking lot at United Supermarket. She suffered a broken leg. Saturday, Dec. 16

Police were looking for a maroon two-door car today in connection with a hit and run at a Pampa convenience store Saturday night. Officers said the car hit a fuel **pump**.

### **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Dec. 16

Zachary Scott Guthrie, 17, rural Gray County, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Tena Lynn Dennis, 39, 2406 Navajo, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Donald Dwayne Johnson, 50, no address given was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft under \$50.

Leo Thomas Samuel III, 43, 415 Elm, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

### **Ambulance**

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today,

Saturday, Dec. 16 3:21 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Coffee on a medical assist. No one was 6:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). Sunday, Dec. 17 10:54 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400

block of North Gray and transported one to 4:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2300

block of Alcock. No one was transported. 6:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette. No one was transported. 9:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville. No one was transported

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**ECONOMY** David Hurd of Brown Shoe Fit said his business at his downtown store is down from last year, but he hopes to see a surge during the week before

Texas Rose Steakhouse on Perryton Parkway is maintaining a good business during the holiday season as many holiday shoppers enjoy eating out, said General Manager Brian McGraw.

thought it would be," said McGraw. "It's been consistently steady."

Businesses across the country are reporting declining sales this holiday season, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Merchants are blaming a slowing economy and stock market volatility for a slow-down on consumer spending.

Online shopping from customers wanting to avoid the projected crowds of holiday shoppers is "Our business has been better than what we also being blamed for a decline at the retail stores.

### Electoral College casts votes; electors sticking to promises

**By ROBERT TANNER Associated Press Writer** 

The Electoral College began casting what should be the final votes for president today, with members honoring their pledges tors. and Tennessee - Vice President Florida also cast all of its 25 votes for Bush.

As all 538 electors gather in their respective states to cast college could upset the results.

In pledged electoral votes, President-elect Bush holds a votes, it would throw the election watch. to the U.S. House. If three do, it would give the election to Gore.

aged any switchers during a on Monday.

"Al Gore and I don't expect any electoral votes," Lieberman ers have criticized the tactic. said. He wouldn't say whether they would accept such a victory, think it would be doomed to fail-

Indiana's 12 votes, Mississippi's seven votes, and South way to win the presidency." Carolina's eight votes.

Illinois' 22 votes, Vermont's three

Congress in early January. Tennessee's 20-minute meeting city council champers.

Gov. Don Sundquist's cell phone hour or less. rang with a call from Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, color. who was returning a call. After the meeting, an audience of 80 cheered and applauded the elec-

GOP electors say they're stick-Al Gore's home state – giving its ing to their promises. "I wouldn't 11 votes to President-elect consider it," said Jane Ham, a George W. Bush. All-important Bush elector from Nevada. "I'd have to be completely lacking in Thomas P. Giblin Jr., chairman of integrity."

In the last several weeks, an email, letter and phone campaign their votes, the party faithful has sought to persuade some dition that started over 200 years promise no surprises, although Bush electors to switch, because ago." there remains a slim chance the he lost the popular vote even an electoral-vote victory.

GOP officials nationwide disscant lead over Gore, 271-267. If missed the campaign, but some heart," said Joyce Savocchio, a two Bush electors switch their electors said they were keeping Gore elector from Erie, Pa.

"The Republicans are nervous," said Howard Lamb, a Sen. Joe Lieberman discour-ged any switchers during a "They're even going to bring us Bush elector. "I'm happy. I'm sat-'thank-you" tour in Connecticut in the day before, put us up in hotel and feed us dinner."

And though some Democrats any surprises. We've certainly have encouraged the wooing of while others - Minnesota, New renounced any effort to change so-called "faithless electors," oth-"I think it's unrealistic and I

laughing and saying: "It's too ure," said New York elector unlikely to think about." Judith Hope, the state Bush got Arkansas's six votes, Democratic Party chairwoman, "and I think it would be a bad

The meetings themselves vary Gore and Lieberman got from state to state: some in small offices, others in the grandeur of state's charter was hidden during the legislative chambers. Alaska colonial times. The numbers won't be official- electors meet at an Anchorage ly tallied until a joint session of library, while electors in the to state and federal officials, with was interrupted briefly when meetings are wrapped up in an Congress.

Other sessions feature local

North Carolina will bring in a high school color guard, while in Montana a student will sing the national anthem. In Alabama, people in costume will be dressed like James Madison and Benjamin Franklin.

"It's a historic moment," said the Democratic State Committee in New Jersey, which went heavily for Gore. "It's part of the tra-

For many electors, their votes while winning enough states for will mark the end of a very emotional campaign.

"I go down there with a heavy

The way it has turned out doesn't leave me a sense of exultation," added Chuck Clay, chairisfied. There'll be time for party-

ing at the inauguration. Votes are public in most states, York, Indiana and Washington, for example - conduct a secret ballot, though the results are

made public. New York's ballots are slipped Judith Hope, the state into a 16-pound mahogany box with a brass latch, from which they're later removed and read out-loud. In Connecticut, they're placed in a wooden box made from the oak tree where the

Afterward, the results are sent District of Columbia gather in the final national count set for Jan. 5 during a joint session of

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### **FREEZING**

Although many modern gas-fired power plants can't switch to other fuels, those with more than one supply pipeline are less vulnerable to a deep freeze, said Ralph Killian, a senior vice president at

Dallas. Still, Killian said, he likes the backup of an alternative source of fuel for those bitterly cold

"Utility operators have always known that many winters — not every winter, but many winters they would be put in a position where for maybe two or three days they would be forced to burn fuel power plant builder Panda Energy International of oil so they could service their customers," he said.

### Mexican volcano spits ash, vapor

MEXICO CITY (AP) - After a day of little activ- two years. ity. Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano spat incandesvapor Sunday while scientists urged residents to stay away, uncertain of what the mountain will do

A dome of lava has formed at the base of the Saturday after one of its most active weeks in more than a mile high.

Comparing the volcano to a blocked pressure cent fragments and a towering plume of ash and cooker, scientists are concerned that the building pressure could trigger a strong eruption, possibly throwing rocks and other debris for several miles.

After several hours of low-level earthquakes, the volcano belched fragments that flew just 17,886-foot volcano, causing pressure to build up under a mile from its crater early Sunday, folinside and slowing the volcano's eruptions lowed by bursts of ash and steam - including one

### City Briefs

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BABY'S 1ST Christmas Deadline Has Been Extended to Dec. 20th, 12 noon, due to bad weather. Happy Holidays from The Pampa News

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### Weather focus

PAMPA - Mostly sunny and windy today with highs around 40. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts, dimin-ishing to 10 to 20 mph late. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 14 to 19. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs 49 to 54. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Tuesday night, increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of light snow or rain. Highs around 39. High Sunday was 47 and the overnight

STATEWIDE - A new cold

front brought strong, gusty northerly to northwesterly at 15 winds to West and North Texas on Monday, with a wintry mix of precipitation expected later this

The dry front's advance followed a high-pressure system that pushed east into the southeastern states. The front early Monday stretched along a line from Wichita Falls through Abilene to Marfa.

Early-morning readings ranged from the 30s to 60s. Extremes were 33 degrees at Wink and 64 at Brownsville.

Other readings included 36 degrees at Paris and Hondo and

Winds behind the front were where.

to 25 mph, gusting to about 40 mph. Ahead of the system, winds were southerly at 10 to 15 mph.

Wind advisories were posted by the National Weather Service for South Central and Southeast

Some sprinkles could develop in Southeast Texas.

Highs through Tuesday should range from the 30s to 50s in the north and west to 60s and 70s along the Rio Grande, with gusty

northerly winds.

Lows overnight were expected to reach near 10 degrees in the northern Panhandle, teens in the South Plains and 20s to 30s else-

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### **Tag-Along Friend Consider** Herself Part of the Family

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Nancy" and I have known each other for three years. She's a nice person and I cherish her friendship. The problem is she always invites herself to go with me to family functions.

When I tell her I'm going home for the weekend to visit my parents, she says, "I'll ride along with you." She comes home with me for Christmas, Thanksgiving and family birthdays. I am afraid to mention this constant "tagging along" to Nancy because she grew up in several foster homes and never had a real family. I would never want Nancy to feel I'm turning my back on her like she says everyone else

Abby, am I being selfish? How can I spend some alone time with my family without hurting Nancy's

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STUCK IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUCK: Perhaps the reason "everyone else" has "turned their back" on Nancy is because they didn't have the courage to explain to her that they felt encroached upon. She must be told. Doing so is not selfish; it will prevent your resentment from building to the point where Nancy is rejected once again. Explain as kindly as possible that although she's welcome to accompany you on some occasions, you need time alone with your family. It's the truth - and saying so shouldn't make you feel guilty because you're not excommunicating

Abigail

her; you're creating healthy boundaries.

I am the mother of the children who receive very little from Grandma. I have looked into the sad eyes of my children when we visit their cousins who have been showered with expensive gifts from Grandma. It is always the daughter's children who are favored. I have friends who are in exactly the same situation, so I know I'm not imagining this. I realize some grandmothers are

fair to all their grandchildren, but I am sorry to say that they are the

I hope this letter will cause the grandmothers who are guilty of this kind of favoritism to change their ways. Most children don't "need" anything - but they are hurt when their cousins always get the peaches and they get the pits.

> Thanks for listening. YOUR SON'S WIFE

DEAR ABBY: Until now, I never believed in psychics or receiving "visions" while sleeping, but I had a dream before the presidential election that the winner would have six letters in his first name and four letters in his last.

Dreams really do come true! (I wish I'd put a bet on it.)

JACK ANSPACH. VIRGINIA BEACH

DEAR JACK: This time you had a surefire winner. However, when it comes to betting, it's better to do it with your eyes open.

\*\*\* \* Keep talking with friends. Express yourself in a caring moment. You say what you think, activating communication between you and a friend. Express your understanding. Let an important relationship heat up. Share \* \* \* \* Speak your mind. Let others your feelings. Tonight: Aim for what you

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Listen to a loved one and get responds. You draw the reactions you feedback. You find answers by looking within. Brainstorm with a boss or somemarks your decisions. Intensity and cre- one you think is in the know. Be more aware of how you project yourself. A purchase that's geared to help you professionally might be perfect. Tonight:

keep you overwhelmed. Your nerves are \*\*\* Your smile touches others. You might not be ready for what another reveals, but at the same time you could be delighted. Think through a decision involving som thing that's key to your happiness. You might opt to revamp a friendship. Tonight: Finish up all your cards and packages.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\* \* \* Close relating brings the results you dream of. Continue revising your thinking about a boss or an older parent. Listen to this person, as your interests remain primary to him as well. A family member backs you. Share your fears, and you'll find help moving through a problem. Tonight: Opt for closeness.

importance of another. Tonight: Take a Cabaret singer Edith Piaf (1915), anthropologist Richard Leakey (1944), actress Amy Locane (1971)

Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago you printed a letter to grandmothers from "Your Son's Wife." I saved that letter. It is as appropriate today as it was then. Please print it again. My in-laws need to see it. ANOTHER SON'S WIFE IN IOWA

DEAR WIFE: You're wel-

come. Read on:

DEAR GRANDMOTHERS: Please don't play favorites. If you buy a gift for your daughter's children, please buy something of equal value for your son's children. These children are cousins, and cousins play together. When they see the expensive toys, books and clothing that Grandma has given their cousins, they become jealous because Grandma has never given them such grand gifts. She gives them cheap little trinkets — or nothing at all.









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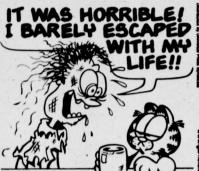






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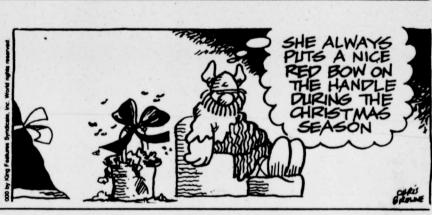






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### **Blondie**





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### Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 19, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\* ★ ★ ★ ★ Unexpected developments toss you into chaos. Build on strengths. Remain confident and sure of yourself. Your imagination leads you in new directions. Your softer side emerges when you walk in another's footsteps. A loved one expresses his caring in a meaningful way. Tonight: Let others voice their opinions. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Carefully pace yourself. You taut. You use the unexpected to your benhave a lot of work to do. Some unexpected news steers you in a new direction. Think twice about information a partner shares. Good feelings come out between you and a business associate. Take your time enjoying the office interchange.

Tonight: Easy does it. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\* \* \* ★ You need to understand what is going on with a child or loved one. Be want your inquisitive self, and news might jolt you in a new direction. Someone goes to extraordinary lengths to be heard loud and clear. Again, add that extra sparkle to the holidays. Tonight: Play the night

away CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Sometimes you get down to basics and come to new understandings.

demonstrate the strength of a work relationship. Say what you mean, and another will respond most easily. Your ability to work as a team makes you a winner. Tonight: Happy at home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

know where you are coming from. Somehow, the way you see another makes a difference in how this person anticipate. Unexpected communication ativity mix. Talk about feelings. Tonight: Treat another well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Expenses go overboard. You might want to think through a decision. You rethink a situation emotionally and reverse gears. Your work and errands AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

efit. Tonight: Clear out gifts. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* \* Beam in more of what you

want. Your sense of humor lightens up a loved one. Think through a decision involving loved ones and children. Take a long lunch break and finish your shopping. Speak your mind in a way that another can hear. Tonight: Whatever you

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\* \* \* A family member acts in a wild and unprecedented manner. Realize that you need to understand someone better. Be indulgent, and another will blossom. You find financial answers. Listen to a great idea. You can't minimize the BORN TODAY night off.

### Right now you have an opportunity to SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH **ACROSS** 40 Waters, in 1 Christmas France 41 Christmas 5 Hearty symbol dish DOWN 9 Antenna alterna 1 Writer Gordimer tive 10 In the 2 - dictum 3 Christmas know 12 Take helpers

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### MEDICAL

### Advisers recommend approval of new breast cancer treatment

By LAURAN NEERGAARD **AP Medical Writer** 

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A large international study found a drug called Femara may fight advanced breast cancer a little better than today's top treatment, prompting government advisers Wednesday to recommend approving the pill as a first-line

The move signals a possible shift in care of late-stage breast cancer, as a new class of drugs becomes poised to challenge the longtime standard therapy, the drug tamoxifen.

The new study provides "fairly compelling data" that Femara "is at least equivalent to tamoxifen and possibly superior," said Dr. George Sledge, an Indiana University cancer expert and adviser to the Food and Drug Administration.

In a study of 907 postmenopausal women with advanced breast cancer, Femara provided a median of 3.6 more months before tumors worsened than did tamoxifen. That is a meaningful amount of time for this late-stage cancer, letting women postpone consideration of more toxic chemotherapy, experts note.

Overall, the risk of disease worsening was 30 percent less among Femara patients than tamoxifen patients, FDA medical officers concluded. The study is continuing to see if Femara or tamoxifen helped women live longer.

Still, the FDA's scientific advisers voted unanimously Wednesday that Femara, known chemically as letrozole, should be approved as a first-line therapy for metastatic breast cancer, the kind that has spread through the body.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. already sells Femara as a backup for when tamoxifen fails. But if the FDA upgrades the drug, Femara will be poised to challenge tamoxifen and a second drug, Arimidex, in hopes of becoming the most used therapy for these very sick women.

The FDA is not bound by its advisers' recommendations but typically follows them.

Estrogen fuels the growth of about half of all breast cancers, especially those in older women. Tamoxifen, the top hormonal treatment for estrogen-fueled tumors, is given to almost all such U.S. patients after surgery to help prevent breast tumors from

In addition, when breast cancer returns and spreads, tamoxifen is the top treatment to stall tumor growth and buy women some time. It prevents estrogen from linking up to a receptor on the surface of cancer cells.

At issue now is a new class of cancer drugs called aromatase inhibitors, which work by blocking production of estrogen. They are used mostly when tamoxifen fails.

One drug, AstraZeneca's Arimidex, recently won approval as a first-line option for advanced cancer when studies found it equivalent to tamoxifen, FDA said. Now the larger Novartisfunded study suggests competitor Femara actually might be more effective than tamoxifen for metastatic disease.

While it is unclear if one aromatase inhibitor is better than the other, studies of both drugs against advanced cancer "suggest standards of care may be shifting now to use this class of compounds first," said FDA adviser Dr. Kathy Albain, a Loyola University oncologist.

But there is no data to show if aromatase inhibitors should be used against earlier stage cancer, she said. Those studies are

Some FDA advisers did question the Femara study because most of the patients were from Russia and China; only 100 Americans were included. FDA officials visited Russia to check on data and say they have no reason to believe results from other countries skewed the study.

In fact, one FDA adviser said the study shows Americans may benefit more from Femara because they are more likely than women abroad to have used tamoxifen after initial cancer

Thus, when their cancer returned and spread years later, a new round of tamoxifen was far less likely to help them — 8 percent of such patients responded to tamoxifen vs. 29 percent who responded to Femara.

On the Net:

Food and Drug Administration site: http://www.fda.gov/ Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. information on Femara: http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/product/pi/pdf/femara.

National Cancer Institute information on breat cancer: http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/cancer-types/breast-

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### New leukemia drug heralded as proof research headed in right direction

By COLLEEN VALLES **Associated Press Writer** 

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A leukemia drug that brought cancer into remission in most patients in clinical trials is generating extraordinary excitement among cancer specialists and patients as a gentler, more effective treatment that may mean cancer researchers are on the right track.

"This drug is a major breakthrough. It will change the way we treat patients with CML," said Dr. Hagop Kantarjian, who oversees trials of the drug at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in

In manufacturer-financed clinical trials, more than 90 percent of patients in the first phase of chronic myeloid leukemia saw their cancer go into remission within the first six months of taking the pill, according to result presented at the American Society of Hematology convention.

The drug also appears to be effective in patients in more advanced phases. A study of patients in the second phase of the disease showed more than 90 percent responded positively to treatment, and in 63 percent, the cancer went into remission. The trials involved 530 first-phase and 230 second-phase

The success of early trials of Novartis AG-manufactured drug STI-571, or Glivec, has propelled researchers to test the drug on almost 3,000 patients around the world; CML affects about 10,000 adults each year.

Anyone diagnosed with leukemia should make every effort to get the new pill, said Edward Benz, president of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School, who was not involved in the research.

This is not a miracle drug," he said, but it is a model for future cancer study because it targets the cause of the disease without damaging other cells.

CML, caused by an abnormal protein that is the product of an

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### Researchers uncover possible new culprit in heart disease

**Associated Press Writer** 

Researchers have pinpointed an enzyme in the blood that could one day join high cholesterol as another strong predictor of heart

Several lifestyle factors, such as smoking and obesity, point to a heightened risk of heart disease. High levels of some blood substances, like the bad form of cholesterol, already help predict who will develop heart problems. However, researchers estimate that only half of the overall risk can be

estimated from known factors. If the new findings are confirmed, the enzyme, known as phospholipase A2, could take its place as a separate, strong predictor of a healthy person's risk of heart disease, researchers said.

"It would be very useful, because what we want to prevent is the all-important first heart attack," said molecular biochemist Colin MacPhee, one of the study's authors. "Once you've had one, your risk is greater."

Phospholipase A2 is still not fully understood. It appears to evidence of the role of inflammabreak down fat, may promote tion in heart disease.

inflammation and possibly contributes to the buildup of clogging deposits inside blood vessels.

The study, which was directed at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in Scotland, was published in The New England Journal of Medicine. The researchers analyzed the

enzyme in 580 men who had suffered serious heart trouble, mostly heart attacks. They were compared with 1,160 other men with no such history. The top fifth of the men with the highest enzyme levels had twice the risk of those who ranked in the bottom fifth. Biochemist Chris Packard, who

led the study, said the enzyme may provide "a new focus for efforts to better identify and manage patients at risk of heart attack."

The search for such warning signs is important because about 60 million Americans suffer from some kind of cardiovascular illness: It leads all diseases in killing about 950,000 a year.

Dr. Paul Ridker, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said the findings, combined with the results of a second study in the journal, add to the

of white blood cells in the body, which can interfere with the functioning of other organs. Glivec blocks a signal that protein sends out and effectively prevents the abnormal growth and production of other cancer-

abnormal chromosome, leads to a huge increase in the number

"The whole of cancer research has been to identify the differences between cancer cells and normal cells. That's been the goal of cancer research and here it is," said Brian Druker, an Oregon Health Sciences University researcher who was the drug's principal developer. "I view it as a new era of cancer

Researchers chose CML because they knew about the abnormal chromosome and its abnormal protein. They are hoping to transfer the model - targeting a specific abnormality with minimal effect on healthy tissue - to other cancers, but first they must isolate those cancers' causes.

therapeutics. It's the most effective treatment we know of for CML."

Bone marrow transplants are the only proven way of curing leukemia, but these procedures carry a mortality rate of up to 40 percent, and are only successful in 55 to 65 percent of cases. Other drugs are used to maintain the health of leukemia patients, but don't decrease the number of white blood cells or help make the blood normal again.

The current common treatment for CML is interferon, which can prolong a leukemia patient's life by up to two years, but with side effects that cause about 20 percent of patients to stop

Glivec has been studied on humans for only about two years, so how long it will prolong a patient's life is not yet known. But it has few side effects, and only about 2 percent of patients stop using it because of those side effects.

The drug is expected to hit the market in June, and clinical trials will continue, studying such things as the drug's long-term

In the meantime, patients who hope to receive the treatment have to join a clinical trial. Those in the first phase of the disease are put on a waiting list, while patients in more advanced stages are added to clinical trials, Druker said.

Carol Stuckey, a 50-year-old mother of two from West Linn, Ore., was diagnosed with CML seven years ago and was close to being in the final phase of the disease, when a patient only has months to live.

She has been on STI-571 since December 1999, and said the treatment has helped her lead a normal life. She said she sometimes has leg cramps or puffy eyes since starting to take Glivec, but that those are minimal side effects compared to the lack of energy she was experiencing.

"The main thing is that I got my life back," she said. "I have energy again. Just prior to taking the medication, I was totally drained. Within two weeks of taking STI, I had wonderful energy. I went Christmas shopping."

On the Net: Society Hematology: http://www.hematology.org Novartis: http://www.novartis.com

### Studies show hepatitis drug more effective, longer-lasting

By STEPHANIE NANO **Associated Press Writer** 

A new, longer-lasting version of the standard drug for hepatitis C is much more effective in treating the liver disease, two studies show.

drugs available to treat it are not very effective and can have serious side effects, including depression.

Standard treatment for the bloodalpha or a combination of interferon

and another antiviral drug, ribavirin.
Two studies, sponsored by drug
maker Hottmann-La Koche Inc., tested its modified form of interferon, called Pegasys, against its standard interferon, Roferon-A. The findings in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine show the new version to be significantly better at eliminating the virus. "This is a major advance in the

treatment of patients with hepatitis C from the prospective of a better response rate," said Dr. Raymond S. Koff of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, who was not involved in the research.

In the larger study, Pegasys was tested at 36 centers outside the United States between 1997 and 1999. Five hundred thirty-one patients received either regular interferon or Pegasys for 48 weeks.

Pegasys was twice as effective, the researchers said. All signs of the virus of patients.

disappeared in 39 percent of the Pegasys group versus 19 percent for the regular interferon group.

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"We hoped to have some achievement but that you can double the response rate was really a good surprise," said one of the researchers, Dr. About 4 million Americans are Stefan Zeuzem of the University of infected with hepatitis C, which Frankfurt. Zeuzem has worked as a causes liver inflammation and can consultant for Hoffmann-La Roche lead to cirrhosis and cancer. The and other drug companies, as have some of the other researchers.

Zeuzem said Pegasys was also tolerated better and had fewer side effects — typically flu-like sympborne virus is injections of interferon torns. Because it is longer-lasting, it requires only one injection a week instead of three.

The second, smaller study tested two different doses of Pegasys against Roferon-A on 271 harder-totreat hepatitis C patients with cirrhosis at 30 centers in the United States and elsewhere. The response rate was 30 percent in the high-dose Pegasys group; 15 percent for lowerdose Pegasys and 8 percent for

Zeuzem said the next step is combining Pegasys with ribavirin, which boosts the effectiveness of interferon. Tests are under way on the combina-

Hoffmann-La Roche has applied for Food and Drug Administration approval to sell Pegasys. Schering-Plough Corp. is also seeking FDA approval of a similar modified inter-

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### Anger-prone more likely to suffer attacks

DALLAS (AP) - People who are highly anger-prone are nearly three times more likely to have heart attacks than those who aren't, according to researchers who studied nearly 13,000

The connection held true even after researchers took into account other major risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity.

"The implications of our study are that anger could potentially lead to heart attacks, especially among middle-aged men and women with normal blood pressure," said Janice Williams, an epidemiologist in Atlanta who led the study while at the University of North Carolina.

Previous studies have shown that stress hormones constrict blood vessels and may trigger a blockage in the arteries. The study adds to previous research showing a link between heart health and depression, hostility and other emotions.

The latest findings appear in a recent issue of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

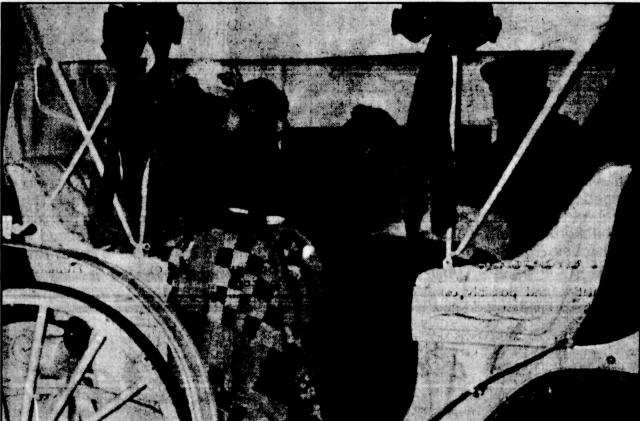
## Spótlight on Panga

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce



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Chase Roach and RaeLynn Gatlin of Tarpley Music Co., Marie Mason and Shanna Baker of The Coffee Shop, Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop and Bryce and Brent Stater of Amarillo Carriage enjoy the evening during "Comeback to Christmas, on Saturday, Dec. 2.



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Jim and Gaye Hondrich ready for a carriage ride with Bill and Karen Bridges (left-right) in downtown Pampa during "Comeback to Christmas."

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Kathy Cota, Nelda Cotham, Christi Bowles, and Di Di Kirkland of The Texas Workforce Commission for their work on the Chamber Christmas Treasure Hunt.

### **New Members:**

On Eagle's Wings, 109 N. Cuyler, Carol Martin, owner. Jim's Little Texan, 725 N. Hobart, Jim Bruton, owner.

Merry Christmas, Pampa!



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore

Advanced Auto Parts staff and Pampa Greater Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats gather in front of the new Advance Auto Parts store for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the store's recent Grand Opening celebration. The new store is located in the 700 block of North Hobart Street.

Dear Members

What a tremendous year 2000 has been for the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, our members and our community. Throughout the year we worked to build and promote business growth in Pampa and the surrounding area.

We began the year with our annual banquet naming John Curry-Citizen of the Year, Roy Sparkman-Citizen Emeritus, Wanetta Hill-Woman of the Year, John Warner-Man of the Year and Rebecca Nolte and Lacy Plunk-Students of the year. This was a great kickoff to the new year with much more to

In March we had the first of our wonderful quarterly Prayer Breakfasts which blessed those in attendance as well as the entire city. Greg Brown was in charge of these breakfasts and he did an outstanding job in developing the format and inviting eloquent ministers to speak and pray. Late in March we held our Boat, Travel and Recreation Show followed by the remarkably successful Dairy Festival and Business Expo in June. These two events allowed our businesses and nonprofit organizations to display their offerings and provide information to the public. In July we were privileged to once again host the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament welcoming over 100 people to town for their nearly week long stay. By August we were gearing up for what would be another extremely successful "Country Fair" in October. However, we were not through as we still had the holiday events to look forward to. The Christmas Parade and Santa Party were absolutely spectacular this year due to the participation of over forty parade entries and a great turnout by the public which we are very grateful for. The parade was followed up by a very classy Chamber Style Show and a cold but fun "Come Back to Christmas" event downtown which featured merchants dressed up in Victorian Style clothes and horse drawn carriage rides on our brick streets.

Each month the Chamber luncheons brought such a positive and informative message to those in attendance. We are so thankful to our members for their support of the luncheons as we averaged over 100 in attendance each month. The meals, catered by Chamber members, was always outstanding and our speakers were equally as impressive.

Our Chamber committees worked tirelessly throughout the year. The Retail Committee, chaired by Bob Marx, once again sponsored the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament, developed numerous promotions such as Treasure Hunts and put together special advertising campaigns. What a year it has been for the Chamber Tourism Committee co-chaired by John Forister and Charles Henry. Pampa was selected by the Texas Department of Economic Development Tourism Division to take part in it's Texas Branded Community Tourism Development pilot program which will be completed in 2001 by the Tourism Committee. This will open up invaluable tourism development opportunities for Pampa in the future. This committee also "arrested" two bus loads of Texas Tourism counselors and took part in the Texas Tourism Trade Show in Amarillo earlier this year, just to mention a few of their activities of the past year. Our Chamber Membership Committee, chaired by June Beyer, continued their important work in the development and retention of members. A membership drive is on tap for early 2001 to further strengthen our growth and community support. In addition, the Gold Coats, ever ready to be of service, participated in over fifty functions and events this year. 2000 Gold Coat President Dr. Joe L. Lowry, M.D. and members of this Chamber organization continued what has been almost forty years of service.

I have touched on many highlights from 2000 but space does not allow for me to mention the many other special events and the dedication of all who worked so hard to make this year so special. I do want to take this opportunity to thank Chamber Chairman Paulette Kirksey and her staff for all of the support, energy, creative ideas and hard work they so generously put into making 2000 a truly magical year. In addition, the Chamber Staff and I welcome Chuck White as 2001 Chamber Chairman. We look forward to working with Chuck over the next twelve months.

In closing, please keep in mind that by continuing to work together, we will see an even brighter future unfold for our community.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice President

Greater Pampa Area
Chamber of Commerce
December Luncheon will be
Tuesday, December 19th
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and P.I.S.D. Superintendent



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from Pampa Chamber of Commerce



(Special photo)

Santa and two of his helpers, Pampa High School cheerleaders Kelleen Ebel and Chelsea McCullough, get ready to hand out lots of candy-filled stockings after the Chamber Christmas Parade on Nov. 30.

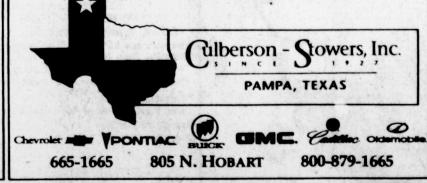


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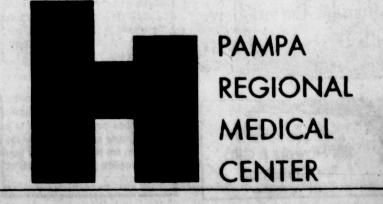
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### Calendar of events

#### PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information,

#### CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

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

#### TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-

#### PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

#### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

#### PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will

met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building. PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "East of the Mountain" by David Guterson. Visitors are welcome.

#### PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

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

#### WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, will feature an extensive around-the-world Nativity collection by

will also be on display and complete tours of the museum will be conducted throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. To schedule a tour, call 669-8041. WDLM is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Tree donations are accepted.

#### **AMÉRICAN FAMILY RADIÓ**

KAXH/American Family Radio, 90.9 FM, will host a variety of Christmas specials throughout December beginning nightly at 7:05 p.m. for the entire family to

#### HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK

High Plains Food Bank is seeking donations this holiday season. For more information, call (806) 374-8562.

#### **CMBC HOLIDAY HEROES**

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold its Holiday Heroes program Dec. 15-30 at the blood center located at 1915 Coulter Drive in Amarillo. During the program, the center will open especially for "heroes" from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Each participants will receive a Holiday Heroes T-Shirt. Regular hours resume Dec. 18. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by children and adults throughout the panhandle. CMBC takes appointments from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 358-4563.

#### PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a New Year's Eve dance from 8-11 p.m. Dec. 30 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

#### MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA

The Third Annual Miss Top of Texas Area Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 27 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Prior to the Miss Top of Texas Pageant, a junior pageant will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 in FPC auditorium for young women between the ages of 2-17. The Miss Top of Texas competition is a preliminary to the Miss Texas Pageant to be held in July 2001 at Fort Worth. Eligibility requirements: Participants must be between the ages of 17 and 24; must be at least a senior in high school; and must currently attend or plan to attend college. The winner will receive a \$250 cash scholarship, a \$250 wardrobe allowance, official crown and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Texas Pageant. Titles for the junior pageant are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Young Jan Ragsdale as well as a gallery exhibit by artist John
Darby, both of Pampa. A Victorian Christmas tree
Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Young
Miss. The winner will compete in the Miss Teen

Texas Pageant slated in July at Fort Worth. Teens must be between the ages of 13-17. The Teen title-holder will receive a \$100 cash scholarship, official crown and her entry fee to Miss Teen Texas. For more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804.

#### TRAIN SHOW

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

#### SANTA'S SECRET VILLAGE

A sleigh-load of Christmas activities designed to keep children and parents happily entertained is available free of charge at www.northpole.com on the World Wide Web. This holiday website — "Santa's Secret Village" — includes: Karoake, a Christmas-only radio station, new games and an "elf-run" weather station with updated North Pole weather reports.

#### **CANYON NATURE HIKES**

The following nature hikes are scheduled at Palo Duro Canyon State Park: 2-5 p.m., Dec. 9 and 23, Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail, 2.5-mile hike, moderately difficult; and 2-4 p.m., Dec. 30, Sunflower Trail. Participants should bring water and good walking shoes. The walks will include discussions on geology, history, wildlife and plants. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

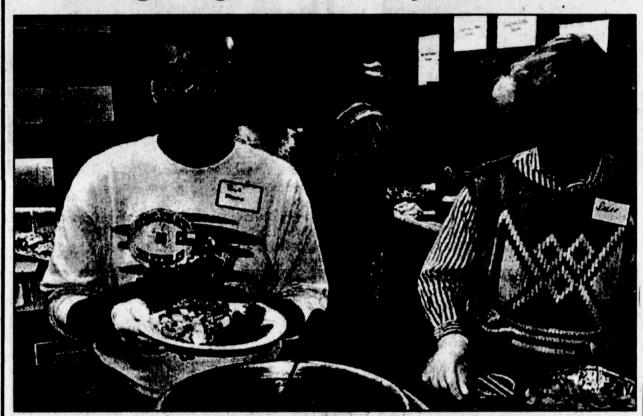
#### CD PROGRAM

Dillard's seventh annual fund-raiser, "Make Christmas Magic and Help a Child," will benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in communities it serves cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six including Amarillo and Lubbock. This focus of this year's project is an all-new CD and cassette featuring holiday music now on sale at 345 Dillard's stores nationwide. All profits from the CD/cassette will benefit Ronald McDonald House.

#### PDCSP PROGRAMS

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host a series of evening programs throughout the month at Lone Star Interpretative Theater near Hackberry campground. Topics and dates are as follows: "Canyon Critters," 7-8 p.m., Nov. 25. For more information, call (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

### **Thanksgiving Community Dinner**



Salvation Army Advisory Board Chairman Bob Marx and volunteer Sarah Schlewitz helped serve the Salvation Army's First Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The meal was prepared by newest Salvation Army Home League member JoAnn Franklin (in background, left). Volunteer Eldon Nichols (background, right) helps with food in the kitchen. The Salvation Army served over 100 Thanksgiving dinners to needy residents of Pampa and Gray County thanks to the caring donations of others.

### **Drilling Intentions**

#### Intentions to Drill

Burnett, 1337' from North & 12000 MCF, rock pressure 7010, 1334' from West line, Sec. pay 13254-13277, TD 13496', 67,5,1&GN (BHL: 2309' from PBTD 13402', tops: Gr. Wash HEMPHILL (CAST Upper

Co., #1 Newton, 1320' from 7/8" tbg. - depth set 12108', pkr South & 1400' from West line, set 12108' — API# 42 211 32431 Sec. 180,41,H&GC, PD 12000'. Amended Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHAN-DLE) WO Operating Co., #2 McConnell, 660' from North & 330' from West line, Sec. 65,4,I&GN, PD 2800'. Amended to change well location. Replacement

HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) SNW Operating Co., #C-4 Lewis, 1919' from South & 2640' from East line, Sec. 40,3,T&NO, PD 3250'. Amended to change well

### Gas Well Completions HEMPHILL (WEST CANADI-

AN Upper Morrow) Sundown Energy, Inc., #2-136 Lisbeth, 1650' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 136, 42, H&TC, elev. 2390 gr, spud 8-24-00, drlg. compl 9-14-00, tested 11-14-00, potential 1162 MCF, rock pressure 3712, pay 10200-10230, TD 10415', PBTD 10303', tops: Douglas 6550, Up. Morrow 10200, 8 5/8" csg. 2495' (1630 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 10401' (245 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 101443', pkr set 101443' — API# 42 211 32427

HEMPHILL (S.E. MENDOTA Upper Morrow) Chevron USA, Inc., #9071 A.A. Ross, 2150' from North & 2570' from East line,

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Sec. 71, A-2, H&GN, elev. 2726 gr, CARSON (WEST PANHAN- spud 6-24-00, drlg. compl 9-8-DLE) Conoco, Inc., #A83H 00, tested 11-21-00, potential South & 1274' from West line of 10722, Morrow Shale 12752, Up. Sec.) PD 2700'. Horizontal well Morrow Sand 13264, 9 5/8" csg. 12770' (540 ac) 4 1/2" liner - top Morrow) Amoco Production 12242', bottom 13496' (130 sx) 2

> ROBERTS (LIPS Morrow) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1-A Courson-Lips '136', 1250' from North & West line, Sec. 136,C,G&M, elev. 2680 gr, spud 10-5-00, drlg. compl 10-21-00, tested 11-16-00, potential 1160 MCF, rock pressure 1364, pay 8320-8330, TD 8454', PBTD 8370', tops: KC 6448, Marmaton 7200, Cherokee 7475, Atoka 7980, Novi 8022, Up. Morrow 8310', 8 5/8" csg. 1911' (940 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 8454' (300 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. - depth set 8318' — API# 42 393 31473

### **Plugged Wells**

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W.O. Operating Co., Schaffer Ranch, Sec. 68,4,1&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Texaco E&P, for the following wells: #291, 2640' from South & 330'

from East Lease line, spud 8-2-94, plugged 11-22-00, TD 3262'

#293, 495' from North & 1320' from West Lease line, spud 8-21-94, plugged 11-27-00, TD 3189'

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W.O. Operating Co., #294 Schaffer Ranch, 990' from North & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. 85,4,I&GN, spud 9-14-94,

plugged 11-17-00, TD 3264' (oil) - Form 1 in Texaco E&P

(PANHANDLE) GRAY Questa Energy Corp., Sin Pope, Sec. 173,3,1&GN (oil) — for the following wells:

#3 330' from South & East ease line, spud unknown, plugged 12-2-00, TD 3355' -

#5, 990' from South & 330' from East Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 11-30-00, TD

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADI-AN Douglas) Questa Energy Corp., #1 Anvil Park, 467' from South & 1863' from East Lease line, Sec. 182,41,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 10-31-00, TD 7122' (gas)

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Arrington CJM, Inc., Gates, Sec. 2,F,H&GN (dry) - for the following wells: #1, 5117' from North & 3241'

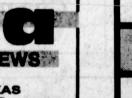
from West Lease line, spud 10-7-00, plugged 10-12-00 TD 2315'

#1A, 5117' from North & 3266' from West Lease line, spud 10-14-00, plugged 11-4-00, TD 9150'

WHEELER (WHEELER-PAN N.W. Hunton) Helmerich & Payne, Inc., #1 Pletcher, 1500' from North & 500' from East Lease line, Sec. 53, A-8, H&GN, spud 11-28-77, plugged 11-15-00, TD 15150' (gas) -

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### SPORTS

### **Notebook**

BASKETBALL

BRISCOE - Fort Elliott swept McLean in basketball games played last weekend. Fort Elliott boys improved to 13-1 with an 81-41 victory over the Tigers.

Nathan Hefley had 18 points and Junior Newman 17 to lead the Cougars attack.

Shane Estes tossed in 20 points to lead the Tigers in scoring. Randy Floyd followed with 6.

Fort Elliott won the girls' contest 56-32.

Kenzie Watkins had 12 points and Tamera Hartline 11 for Fort Elliott.

Shaley Steel's 11 points led McLean. Nikki Hefley followed with 9.

Thursday, Dec. 21 Girls' basketball: Pampa at Dumas, 6 p.m. Boys' basketball: Pampa at Dumas, 7:30 p.m.

#### **FOOTBALL**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -About 20 University of Minnesota students, mostly football players, have been interviewed for an investigation into possible theft and illegal use of a university calling card code, the school's top lawyer said.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Georgia Southern beat top-ranked Montana 27-25 Saturday for a secondstraight Division I-AA championship.

The Eagles now have won a record six championships.

#### HOCKEY

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) -It was not a happy homecoming for the Dallas Stars.

They failed to convert four power plays, couldn't score at all against a goalie they traded away after last season, and allowed an expansion team to record its most lopsided victory.

Manny Fernandez stopped 24 shots for his second shutout of the season and Darby Hendrickson scored twice as the Minnesota Wild beat Dallas 6-0 Sunday.

A record crowd of 18,834 watched the Stars return to the state where they played until the franchise moved to Dallas in 1993.

Before this game, the fans very excited," Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire said. "We could feel it in the locker room. And the fact that we scored got them excited, too. We could sense how much the fans wanted us to win this one."

In Sunday's only other NHL game, Anaheim beat Tampa Bay 3-1 for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

"The fans were a big part of this, and the team had been looking forward to this game for a few weeks now," the Wild's Hendrickson said. "You knew that it was going to be exciting, but we knew we couldn't be too aggressive and emotional.

The Stars hadn't been shut out since a 1-0 loss against the Carolina on Nov. 20,

Fernandez was with Dallas last season as Ed Belfour's backup.

"Manny made some big second and third saves, but it was an easy night," said Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock. "This game was over in the first period."

The Wild scored twice in less than a minute in the opening period. Jeff Nielsen made it 1-0 with a slap shot from the top of the left face-off circle. On the next shift, Ladislav Benysek's low shot from along the boards hit the stick of Wild forward Marian Gaborik and deflected into the upper right corner of the net with 10 minutes gone.

Minnesota's Peter Bartos scored 11:42 into the second period, intercepting Brett Hull's clearing attempt and firing it into the upper left corner of the goal.

### Slay delivers Christian message at banquet

double-leg takedown.

Off the wrestling mat, his favorite move is telling youngsters about Jesus Christ through the internet and personal appearances.

That was Slay's message as he presented his Greater Gold program Saturday night at The Pampa Takedown Club banquet in Calvary Baptist Church.

"I want to reach kids with the Christian message. Medals don't mean anything without Christ in your life," said Slay, the 2000 Olympics gold medal winner from Amarillo.

Slay and life-long friend Brandon Brown, Amarillo businessman, have set up a website Greater Gold.com . urged area youngsters, and not just athletes, to check out the webside.

"The greatest gold you can possibly have is Jesus Christ. We can't all be an Olympic champion, but we can all have a dream. It's all about doing your best and letting God take care of the rest."

The 25-year-old Slay became the first Texan to

on resting on his laurels. family, friends and the was sponsored by The

wrestling mat, Brandon medal in an individual just a small piece of me," us who we are." Slay's favorite move is a sport, but he doesn't plan Slay said. "There's my Slay's Pampa appearance wrestlers ages 5 to 15.

PAMPA - On the ever win an Olympic gold doesn't define my life. It's sports. That's what makes part of their fundraising

"Winning the gold medal comradery I've had in Pampa Takedown Club as



Olympic champion Brandon Slay watches as Austin Ferrar and Dallon Poole (back to camera) wrestle at The Pampa Takedown Club. Waiting his turn is Carlos Guyman (standing). Slay was in Pampa on Saturday for a wrestling clinic and banquet.

efforts. The club is for

Slay has five ingredients for success: 1. Time and commitment. 2. Hard work. (Nothing works unless you do.) 3. Believing in yourself. (To achieve you have to believe it.) 4. Do it day to day, yeararound. 5. The fifth thing is to use the strengths God has blessed you with to the best of your ability. We are all made in different shapes, sizes and colors. We have to figure out what. are strengths are.

"Greater Gold is not about making as much money as you can, it's about doing the best job you can do and enjoy what you're doing," Slay said. "What gives us piece of mind is changing people's lives. That's what our ministry is all about. We want everybody to learn about the Greater Gold."

Saturday morning, Slay conducted a clinic at the Takedown Club's gym. Slay said he plans on spending the next year setting up his website and appearing at wrestling clinics, camps and schools around the Amarillo area.

### Utah women join poll that has same top five

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER **AP Sports Writer** 

Press women's basketball poll, Connecticut, which has not Texas and Florida, followed by Monday night. from last week.

midst of final exams, it was a light week for games. Connecticut (7-0), which did not play at all, was a unanimous choice at No. 1 for the seventh time in as many polls and was followed by Tennessee (9-0), Notre Dame (8-0), Georgia (7-2) and Iowa State (8-

week.

joined the poll at No. 25, its first same.

appearance since the week of Texas Tech remained at No. 11 game and are holding oppo- at 11.1.

which had Connecticut leading had a game closer than 24 North Carolina State, Offensively, the Utes do what spots. Mississippi State moved a top five that was unchanged points this season, received all Southwest Missouri State, they need to get by. Seven play- up three places after decisive 40 first-place votes from a Mississippi With most schools in the national media panel and had Oklahoma. 1,000 points.

> 30 more than Notre Dame. It the Top 25. was a week of contrasts for score the final 12 points of the poll. game to beat then-No. 15 Stanford 63-58.

Notre Dame and Georgia also moved up one spot each and 23rd. Oregon, which had been did not play during the past were followed by Purdue, as high as 10th, also lost to Utah (9-0), which leads the Purdue fell two spots after los- straight losses after a 4-0 start. nation in scoring defense and ing to LSU. Auburn and Defense has carried Utah all field goal percentage defense, Louisiana Tech stayed the season. The Utes are giving up

Xavier, Vanderbilt, Oregon, Tennessee had 959 points — Wisconsin and Utah completed

Virginia (7-3), which did not Tennessee, which routed play last week, dropped out Memphis and then needed to after being 25th in the previous

Utah came into the Top 25 off No. 6 Duke and No. 7 Rutgers which tumbled from 14th to Auburn and Louisiana Tech. Texas Tech and now has three

an average of 46.9 points a

March 3, 1998. The Utes were in and LSU went from 20th to 12th nents to 32.3 percent shooting. the Top 25 for nine weeks that for the biggest jump within the Only one team has scored in the which features national scoring Utah was the lone newcomer season, the only time in school poll. Penn State was tied with 60s on Utah, which plays at leader Jackie Stiles, jumped Monday in The Associated history they have been ranked. LSU, and then came Stanford, unbeaten Oregon State on three places to 18th after beat-

game, led by Kristina Andersen Lafayette and Howard.

Southwest Missouri State, ing Oklahoma, which fell three ers average at least six points a victories over Louisiana-

### Odessa tops Harvesters

basketball Saturday.

The loss gave the Harvesters a 63-48 victory over Oregon, a 9-6 record. Odessa improved

Pampa led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind 38-27 going into halftime.

Brian Sutherland had 15

the Broncos. Gary Alexander finished with Gametime is 7:30.

ODESSA — Odessa claimed 22 points for the Harvesters. an 86-56 win over Pampa in a Adam Rodgers and Victor game Brooks followed with 9 points

> Pampa trailed by 23 (62-39) going into the fourth quarter.

Others with points for Pampa were Kyle Francis with 6, Max Simon 4, Kirk George 2, Dustin Johnson 2 and Tanner Hucks 2.

The Harvesters travel to points and Gary Williams 10 for Dumas to open District 3-4A play Thursday

### Owens breaks 50-year-old mark for pass receptions

By The Associated Press

Terrell Owens made history on a day when only the New York Giants could wrap up a playoff berth.

Owens broke a 50-year-old record Sunday, catching 20 passes for 283 yards and a touchdown as San Francisco shut out Chicago 17-0 in what could be Jerry's Rice's last home game with the

Owens' 20 catches surpassed Tom Fears' record 18 with the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 3, 1950, against Green Bay. Owens also broke Rice's franchise record of 16 receptions set against the Los

Angeles Rams in 1994.
"What I did by no means overabout his mentor. "He's been a big part of my success."

While Miami and the New York Jets missed opportunities to clinch the postseason, the Giants rallied from 13 points down to win 17-13 at Dallas and win the NFC East.

New Orleans all but wrapped up its first playoff bid since 1992 with a 23-7 win over Atlanta at the Superdome. Only a tie in Monday night's game between St. Louis and Tampa Bay — there has not been a tie in the NFL since 1997 can prevent the Saints from reach- Francisco's first play.

teams that go 3-13, then have won seven catches for 74 yards. The their 34-year history.

er and really become a family, the was over. way they feed off one another,

Edgerrin James ran for 112 yards as Indianapolis averted look back on these memories." elimination and left Miami on the brink of another late-season collapse with a 20-13 win.

7 victory at the Meadowlands.

And Minnesota missed a chance offense past midfield. to wrap up home-field advantage in the NFC, losing its second straight game, 33-28 to Green Bay. In other games, it was Kansas shadows No. 80," Owens said City 20, Denver 7; Tennessee 24, Cleveland 0; Baltimore 13, Arizona 7; Cincinnati 17, Jacksonville 14; New England 13, Buffalo 10, in overtime; and Carolina 30, San Diego 22.

Philadelphia was off this week. On Saturday, Seattle stopped Oakland 27-24 and Pittsburgh beat Washington 24-3.

### 49ers 17, Bears 0

After Jerry Rice's daughter sang the national anthem, the NFL's most prolific pass catcher made a 25-yard reception on San

"I don't know of too many board all day, Rice finished with earn the fifth playoff berth in

10 games to this point this sea- crowd saluted him throughout the son," coach Jim Haslett said. "The game with chants of "Jerry! Jerry!" way these guys have stuck togeth- and he took a victory lap after it

"This is home. It will always be that's the biggest thing I'm proud home," said Rice, who is expected to be released because of salary cap constraints. "I will always

Jeff Garcia was 36-of-44 for 402 yards and two touchdowns. Greg Clark caught a short scoring pass Detroit kept its postseason on the first drive for the 49ers (6hopes alive and severely damaged 9), and Owens added a 27-yard those of the Jets with a sloppy 10- scoring catch in the third quarter.

The Bears (4-11) never got their

### Giants 17, Cowboys 13

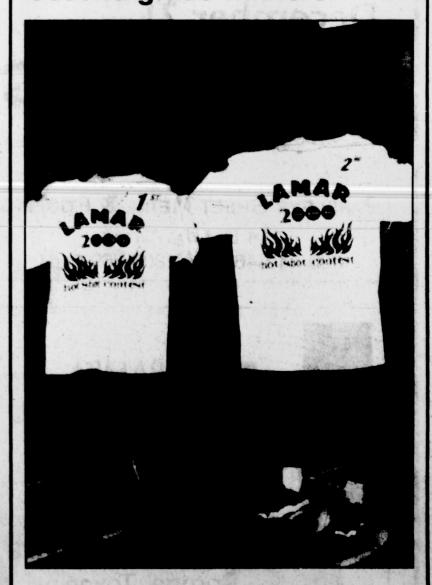
Kerry Collins threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, and an interception by Emmanuel McDaniel set up an 8yard TD run by Tiki Barber for New York.

The Giants (11-4) won for the fourth straight time since coach Jim Fassel guaranteed they were going to the playoffs. New York can clinch the NFC's top seed with a victory Saturday at home against Jacksonville.

#### The Cowboys fell to 5-10. Saints 23, Falcons 7

Aaron Brooks, making just his fourth NFL start, completed 24 of 35 passes for 285 yards for New Orleans.

### Second-grade winners



Second-graders Kylee Wyatt of Travis and Aubrei Dowdy of Lamar show the t-shirts they won at this year's Lamar 2000 Hot Shot Contest. Kylee was first and Audrei placed second.

### Giants rally to beat the Cowboys, 17-13

Tiki Barber got finished talking against Jacksonville. at halftime, there was little else that needed to be said to the New York Giants.

His team down by 13 at halftime, Barber reminded his teammates that for all they had the third and fourth quarters," accomplished this season, they hadn't come from behind to win Emmitt Smith. "They played

a game. While it took a while for his message to sink in, New York scored the last 17 points Sunday night, including Barber's goahead 13-yard touchdown run

"He did as much to keep this body did," Giants quarterback in the second half. Kerry Collins said. "Tiki is a big- "We knew wha time player and a big-time leader."

and along the sideline untouched into the end zone. Brad Daluiso's extra point made done little right offensively. it 14-13.

The Giants had remained scoreless even after Barber's with a blocked field goal, its first halftime talk and starting their missed kick in 11 games, and first drives of the second half at they punted on every other drive the Dallas 27 and Dallas 10 after in the half. Dallas went ahead 13fumble recoveries. New York 0 on Smith's 1-yard run and field was stopped by Daluiso's second missed field goal of the game Seder. and Phillippi Sparks' intercep-

"We squandered a lot of opportunities in the third quarter, but kept fighting," Barber said

from behind," he said.

tage throughout the postseason had 46 yards on 24 carries.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When with a win at home Saturday

Not to mention they are 7-1 on the road, their best record away from home since they were 7-2 in

"We made some mistakes in said Cowboys running back

Which is something Dallas (5-10) didn't do in the second half.

Cowboys defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban was ejected for kicking a Giants lineman, and with 8:15 left, to win 17-13 at offensive lineman Erik Williams Dallas and clinch the NFC East nearly got tossed. Dallas had four personal fouls - three for unnecessary roughness and one team poised and focused as any- for unsportsmanlike conduct -

'We knew what we had at stake, and eventually they ended eader." up folding," said receiver Barber's TD came on the first Armani Toomer, whose 33-yard play after Emmanuel McDaniel TD catch from Kerry Collins intercepted a short pass. Barber finally got the Giants on the sprinted around the right side board with 2:29 left in the third quarter.

Until then, the Giants had Especially in the first half.

New York's first drive ended goals of, 47 and 43 yards by Tim

"This was two different games. We came out with a lot of juice in the first half, but we didn't carry it through the second," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said.

"People told us that we could- Notes: Barber ran 20 times for 80 n't win the big game, that we yards and caught four passes for couldn't win back-to-back 47 yards. That gives him 1,932 games, that we couldn't win on yards this season, breaking the the road, that we couldn't come team's all-purpose record of 1,807 set by David Meggett in The Giants (11-4) won for the 1989. ... The Giants are 12-2 in fourth straight time since coach December games under Fassel.... Jim Fassel guaranteed they were New York swept the season going to the playoffs. They series from Dallas for the first sealed their first berth since 1997, time since 1997. ... Smith, coming and could earn homefield advan- off his best game in two years,

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Tennessee 24, Cleveland 0 New England 13, Buffalo 10, OT Cincinnati 17, Jacksonville 14 Tennessee 24, Cleveland 0 Green Bay 33, Minnesota 28 San Francisco 17, Chicago 0 Indianapolis 20, Miami 13 Baltimore 13, Arizona 7 N.Y. Giants 17, Dallas 13 Open: Philadelphia Monday's Game St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 12:30 p.m. San Francisco at Denver, 4:15 p.m. Buffalo at Seattle, 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 Kansas City at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Miami at New England, 1 p.m. Miami at New England, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4:05 p.m. Minnesota at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m. Carolina at Oakland, 4:15 p.m. Open: Cleveland Monday, Dec. 25

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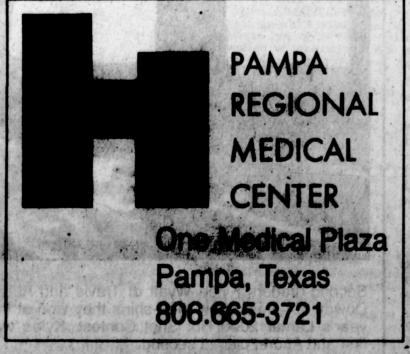
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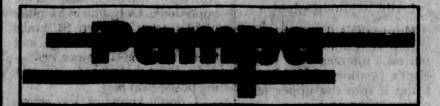
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Haaga said.

### In Midwest, mid-Atlantic, workers are hot commo

the Midwest and into the mid-Atlantic, states are trying to plug holes in their labor pools.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack is pursuing an aggressive campaign to recruit new immigrants to fill jobs left vacant, in part, by retirees. Ohio and Pennsylvania are among the states trying to combat the "brain drain," the departure of highly educated students for more attractive jobs in other

In an economy with low unemployment, workers are hot commodities.

"We need more workers. We need all levels of jobs, and levels of people within those jobs," said Harold Bowman, a project coordinator for Vilsack's Iowa 2010 plan, which seeks an additional 310,000 workers by the end of the decade.

New workers are especially welcome across America's heartland and into Pennsylvania, where growth forecasts of the working age population - people ages 16 to 64 — are lower than fast-growing states in the West.

Among the findings of a report that reviewed the latest Census Bureau population estimates from 1999 and projections for 2015:

-West Virginia (1 percent) and

WASHINGTON (AP) - Across Michigan (less than 1 percent) are tion is forecast to rise by 3 percent. Nevada and California also are of people who leave one state for the only two states where the working age population is estimated to drop.

—lowa's working age popula- Hawaii (27 percent). Arizona, increased immigration and shifts group studying population trends.

having the greatest gains, led by percent or more. New Mexico (29 percent) and

falling tree limbs and slowed work.

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people, McCloud said.

This growth comes from Bureau, the nonprofit research

-Western states are projected as expected to show increases of 20 another, said John Haaga, an analyst at the Population Reference

Generally older populations reaching retirement age and more mobile workers in their 20s and 30s are slowing growth rates in the mid-Atlantic and Midwest, he

"Those states are not getting particularly large shares of immigrants, and they've been losing domestic migrants. People are most likely to leave in their 20s,

and settle down around age 35,"

When Dan Sadosky, 34, left Toledo, Ohio, in 1989, he likened his hometown's economy to a "sinking ship." His outlook has changed since returning to the Toledo area in 1996 after attending college in Columbus, Ohio.

He opened a software development company and has joined other businesses in trying to keep well-educated students from leav-

When I moved back and I brought the business with me, much of the support and infrastructure I found in other towns I did not find here," Sadosky said.

As part of the area's "Foundation for the Future" program, Sadosky and others try to retain students through internships and other efforts.

### Thousands of East Texans may be without power for weeks

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of East Texas residents left in the cold homes before even colder weather sets in, McCloud said. by winter storms may not have electricity for weeks, utility company officials said Sunday.

Although power companies expect to complete repairs of main lines this week, many homes damaged by ice storms Tuesday and Wednesday must be rewired by a licensed electrician before they can be connected, said Scott McCloud, spokesman for Columbus, Ohio-based AEP-Southwestern Electric Power, which serves much of the region. He said the electric utilities are not responsible for damage to the wiring of indi-

Some in the area have faced house fires from candles and gas used to heat and light their homes, said Rand E. Morgan, executive director of East Texas-Piney Woods chapter of the American Red Cross in Longview, which is responsible for seven of the 14 counties affected by the storm. About 15 fires had been reported by Sunday.

An elderly Longview couple was hospitalized with second-degree burns Sunday after they entered their blazing home in an attempt to save their pet dog, Morgan said.

Destructive storms have blanketed the nation for days, killing 12 and injuring 50 in weekend tornadoes in Alabama, killing nine and leaving 126,000 without power in Arkansas, and 19,000 without electricity in

In Texas, the worst ice storms hit an area extending from Tyler, about 70 miles east of Dallas, along a corridor eastward for about 80 miles to the Louisiana border, and northward about 100 miles to the Arkansas border.

Regionwide, about 25,000 people still didn't have power Sunday, officials estimated, not including an uncounted number of rural and small-

town residents served by utility cooperatives.

The American Red Cross set up five shelters as temperatures dipped into the 20s over the weekend, but only a handful of people took advan-Those without power need to determine if they need to rewire their tage of them, Morgan said.

"People can't just sit at home waiting for us to hook the power up,"

McCloud said. "When a tree falls across the line running from the pole to

the house, if it has pulled at the house and exposed wiring, we can't ener-

He said homeowners can tell if their house must be rewired by exam-

"People need to get on an electrician's waiting list as soon as possible,"

In weekend repair work, the company halved the number of its cus-

tomers' homes without power, he said, from about 32,000 Saturday to

about 15,000 Sunday, despite high winds that endangered workers with

He has bumped back the day he expects most customers to have

Part of downtown Marshall lost power over the weekend as power

lines crashed again, McCloud said. Of the nine Texas towns without

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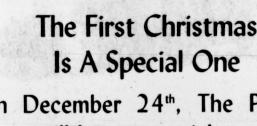
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F3349B	1998 CHRYSLER SEBRING Auto, A/C, Loaded, 29XXX Miles	\$15,99500

### **SPORT UTILITIES** VANS

4x4, Red/Black Top, 6XXX Miles	12,995
1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4x4, Leather, 4 Door	\$13,99500
1998 FORD EXPLORER 2 Door, 4x4, 30XXX miles	\$15,99500
1997 CHEVY TAHOE 2 Door, Auto, A/C, 4x4	\$17,99500
2001 FORD EXCURSION 9XXX Miles, Like New	\$27,99500
	1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4x4, Leather, 4 Door  1998 FORD EYPLORER 2 Door, 4x4, 30XXX miles  1997 CHEVY TAHOE 2 Door, Auto, A/C, 4x4  2001 FORD EXCURSION

### **TRUCKS**

P139	1996 DODGE RAM 3/4 Ton, X/C, 54XXX Miles	\$17,99500
P140	1997 DODGE RAM 1/2 Ton, X/C, 4x4, 39XXX Miles	\$18,99500
P126	1996 DODGE RAM 3/4 Ton, X/C, 56XXX Miles	\$19,995 <sup>00</sup>
P116	1998 GMC SIERRA 1/2 Ton 4x4, X/C, 27XXX Miles	\$21,99500
P135A	2000 FORD F150 1/2 Ton, X/C, 7XXX Miles	\$22,99500

### 2001 RANGER a month AC, AM/FM



### 2001 F150 SPORT

AC, CD



### 2001 F150 SUPER CAB a month

Auto, AC, CD, **Captain Chairs** 

MSRP \$24,290



### **2000 F250 SUPER DUTY**

a month 4x4, Power Stroke, Super Cab

MSRP '34,080



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