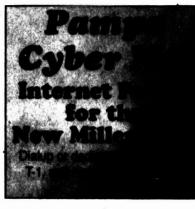


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ACT I announces winter dinner theatre

- ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will present its winter dinnertheater "Natalie Needs a Nightie" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 at its auditorium in the Pampa Mall. The event will get under way with a prime rib dinner to be catered by Clint and Sons at 6:30 p.m. followed by the actual production at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for the meal and \$7.50 for the show. For reservations or for more information, call Computers at 665-3266. Deadline to RSVP is two days prior to the show. The play is under the direction of Gary Hartman.

PHS open house set

PAMPA Pampa High School will host an Open House beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1. Students will be bringing home copies of their schedules.

Prison mess hall brawl ends after 2 1/2 hours

DILLEY (AP) - Black and Hispanic inmates brawled in a prison cafeteria and kitchen at breakfast early Tuesday before riot gear-clad officers subdued them with tear gas 21/2 hours later, officials said.

The disturbance involving some 125 to 150 inmates broke out at 3:47 a.m. at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Dolph Briscoe Unit near Dilley in Frio County, about 60 miles southwest of San Antonio.

About 50 prisoners took their fight from the eating area. into the kitchen, with some continuing to brawl and others throwing metal dishes.

Chester A. Lucas, 79, retired highway department employee

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Consumer confidence plunges

By ADAM GELLER **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence fell sharply in January to its lowest level in four years, driven down by growing fears of a recession, an industry group said Tuesday.

The Consumer Confidence Index dropped more than 14 points to 114.4, the lowest level since December 1996 when it was 114.2, the Conference Board reported.

The decline in confidence raises new worry about the fragility of the economy. with consumers decidedly more pessimistic about business and employment conditions, said Lynn Franco, director of

Research Center.

"Since apprehension leads to caution and cautious consumers spend less than the confident ones, confidence levels in February will be carefully watched," Franco said. "Further erosions in consumer confidence will create more serious concerns about the overall health of the

Economists noted that consumers continue to view the current situation in relatively favorable terms, with their doubts whether consumers act on those fears, of consumer confidence. observers said.

shows up also affecting spending," said Gary Thayer, chief economist with A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis

The Conference Board index is considered a key indicator because consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. The index compares results with its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

The new report will be watched particularly closely, since it follows remarks by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan focused on the future. The question is Greenspan emphasizing the importance

Greenspan said last week that whether "Historically, when we see confidence the economy dropped into recession points to 2,827.

the Conference Board's Consumer decline, we have to watch and see if it would be determined by how well consumer confidence holds up during the slowdown. For now, he said, he does not believe "the fabric of consumer confidence" has been shaken enough to bring on a recession

The Federal Open Market Committee, which includes Greenspan, opened a private two-day meeting Tuesday, and were expected to announce Wednesday whether to cut interest rates again to boost the economy.

The markets were mixed following the release of the report, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 9 points to 10,711 and the Nasdaq composite index off 10

Thefts, wrecks, oh my!

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

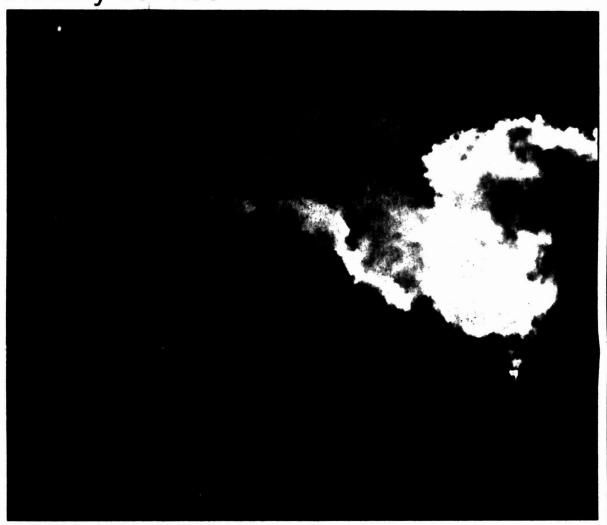
Pampa police were today investigating what appears to be the theft of three vehicles Sunday night, two of which were wrecked. They say a series of vehicle break-ins appear to be related.

Officers said a 1994 red Ford van belonging to Ronald Bennett Rogers, 64, 1915 Dogwood Lane, was apparently stolen late Sunday night.

Police said they were called the scene of a one vehicle wreck at the intersection of 17th and Dogwood about 1:30 a.m. Monday. Officers said the van was southbound on Dogwood when it struck a street sign, went airborne, hit the curb across the street, struck a yield sign and then a tree. The driver reportedly fled.

Officers and they were called to East 17th, across the street (See **THEFTS**, Page 2)

Steamy sunrise



The sun rising over the horizon in frigid morning temperatures turns steam rising from the Celanese Chemical Plant west of Pampa into golden swirls.

ice still wreaks havoc

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Area law enforcement officers were continuing to answer calls on weather-related wrecks

Pampa police reported at least four accidents Monday caused, at least in part, by weather conditions.

Sunshine Monday afternoon helped melt away much of the snow and ice on panhandle highways, but many roads in the region remained ice covered

this morning. Interstate 40 was mostly clear, although patches of ice were reported this morning. Several motorists were reported off in bar ditches along the interstate as it wends through southern Gray County: A school bus was reported stuck near Austin

School in Pampa this morning. Interstate 27 near Happy was partially blocked early today due to a jackknifed tractor-(See ICE, Page 2)

Treasury head says tax cut plan makes headway

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER **AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Tuesday he believes the Bush administration has close to "uniform agreement" with Congress on the need for an across-theboard tax cut. The size of the reduction is the full year, O'Neill said. the major unresolved issue, he said.

O'Neill said the administration is intensively trying to work out the mechanics of how to make President Bush's proposed 10-year \$1.6 trillion tax package retroactive to the first of the year.

A decision on whether this acceleration of the tax relief will be a part of the final proposal has not been made, he said.

maker down here and he is over there," O'Neill said, pointing from his Treasury office to the White House next door.

One issue to resolve is how to change

That would make the withholding reductions larger since they would not take effect until several months had passed. However, that could result in what would appear to be a tax increase uniform agreement that we should have a next year when withholding rates would be readjusted to be spread over a full 12

"The president hasn't decided to accel- involves millions of employers and more erate vet. There is only one decision- millions of individuals and it is something that you have to attend to really carefully," O'Neill told a small group of

reporters during a breakfast interview. O'Neill, who won widespread praise individual tax withholding rates to cover tor his successful turnaround of aluminum giant Alcoa, expressed a businessman's frustration about the length of time it takes in the political process to decide

such issues as a tax cut. "We now have what looks like pretty tax cut and that we should have marginal rate reductions and the question about how much, which is a legitimate ques-

"It is a complex, technical issue and it—tion. But once we have agreed to all of that, how long should it take to pass legislation, a week, two weeks, be generous, say six weeks." O'Neill said.

> The administration is expected to send its tax proposal to Congress next month along with the broad outlines of its budget proposal for 2002, the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1

> On other matters, O'Neill said he had a "useful first meeting" Monday with Horst Koehler, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, and Deputy IMF Director Stanley Fischer.

He suggested the Bush administration would be pushing for larger reforms at the institution

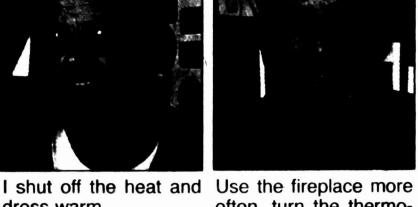
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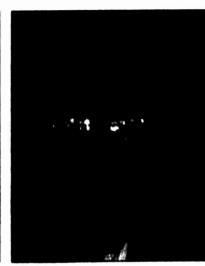


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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LUCAS, Chester A. "Chet" — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

ROGER DALE FLY

Roger Dale Fly, 58, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Nathan Hopson, pastor of Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. in Boise City Cemetery at Boise City, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Fly was born Oct. 21, 1942, at Madill, Okla. He married Wyvonne Williams on Nov. 15, 1962, at Dalhart. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1968. He owned and operated Roger's Body Shop in Pampa. He attended Hi-Land Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pampa. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisher-

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Fly, in 1964; his father, Riley Fly, in 1970; a brother, Gerald Fly, in 1979; and his mother, Margaret Fly, in 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Wyvonne, of the home; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Janie Madison of Amarillo and Rogena and Darin Rice and Tamara and Ivan Gutierrez, all of Pampa; a son, Lonnie Dale Fly of Pampa; two brothers, Jack Fly of North Bend, Wash., and Holly Fly of Logan, N.M.; four sisters, Laverda Richardson of Boise City, Okla., Corriene Philley and Jan Fly, both of Kingston, Okla., and June Walters of Canute, Okla.; four granddaughters, Tosha Rene Fly of Clarendon and Britteni Rice, Arin Rice and Olivia Chairez, all of Pampa; and two grandsons, Brandon Chairez and Reagan Lee Rice, both of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. CHESTER A. 'CHET' LUCAS

CANADIAN — Chester A. "Chet" Lucas, 79, a former Canadian resident, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at Lubbock. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Andy Taylor, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Sayre, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of

Mr. Lucas was born July 20, 1921, in Woodward County, Okla., to Earl and Jessie Springer Lucas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany

Mr. Lucas married Ernestine Derrick on Dec. 23, 1946, at Pampa; she died Sept. 20, 1980. Mr. Lucas moved to Canadian in 1946 from Harmon, Okla. He worked as a ranch-hand and was employed by Texas State Highway Department, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Lucas was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Canadian.

Survivors include a son, Rocky Lucas of Lake Ransom, Canyon, Texas; two sisters, Greta West of Vici, Okla., and Viola Miller of Woodward, Okla.; a brother, Elvin Lucas of Harmon; and three grandchildren, Krista Hughes of Pampa, Scott Lucas of Tahoka and Justin Lucas of Fort Campbell, Ky

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association.

Fires

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

Monday, Jan. 29

9:41 a.m. Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:24 a.m. – Three units and seven firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision on U.S. 60, four miles west of Celanese. The call was cancelled prior to arrival.

12:17 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to the 400 block of South Starkweather to wash down anti-freeze spilled in a motor vehi-

3:52 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 500 block of Starkweather.

Carson County Sheriff

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the tollowing arrests for the week of Jan. 22-28.

Jan. 22-28

Harris Schuster, 18, Amarillo, was arrested on DPS traffic warrants.

Cody Anglin, 19, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of marijuana more than two ounces and less than four ounces.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911

Police report

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

Monday, Jan. 29

Garland Walls, 57, 1909 Dogwood, reported \$420 worth of items taken from his vehicle.

Terry Lynn Garner, 44, 700 E. 17th, reported a stolen pickup, Samantha Jan Parks, 18, 1200 E. Darby, report-

ed \$70 worth of items taken from her vehicle. William Thomas Thompson, 54, reported someone broke into his vehicle, but nothing was

Ginger Kay Jones, 47, 1224 N. Christine, reported that a CD player, CDs and a radar detector, valued at \$300, were taken from her car.

Johnny Wayne Niccum, 63, 1300 E. Kingsmill, reported a can of de-icer and two hair brushes stolen from his vehicle. James T. Bolin, 70, 403 N. Somerville, reported

a \$200 boom box taken from his vehicle. Allsup's convenience store at 1025 W. Wilks reported a gas drive off of \$21.

A series of harassing phone calls were reported in the 1800 block of Alcock.

Accidents

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

Monday, Jan. 29

A 1989 Ford pickup driven by Reuben Jose Chavez, 16, 906 E. Gordon, was in collision with a parked 1994 Ford Van owned by Peter Bellcan, 1009 Terry, in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

A 1995 Ford pickup driven by John Henry Brookshire, 41, 945 Scott, was in collision with a vehicle driven by Tommy Dean Stilwell, 38, 1017 E. Foster, in the 500 block of West Cook. Brookshire was cited for backing without safety.

A 1994 Chevy Blazer driven by Tyler Wade Howard, 16, 2230 Lynn, was in collision with a 1995 GMC pickup driven by William Leo Shelton, 35, 2020 Coffee, in the 2200 block of Hobart. Howard was cited for failure to control speed.

A 1997 Ford pickup driven by Michael Longo, 45, 1308 Terrace, was in collision with Ramiro Ponce, 34, 1004 Frederic, in the 500 block of West Brown. Longo was cited for turning unsafely.

A 1994 Ford van belonging to Ronald Bennet Rogers, 1915 Dogwood, struck a tree at 17th and Dogwood. The driver fled. Police say the vehicle had been reported stolen.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Jan. 29

10:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Carson County CC and U.S. Highway 60 on a motor vehicle collision. No patient was found.

11:29 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

2:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to NWTH, Amarillo, and transferred one to PRMC.

7:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Craven. No one was transported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Jan. 29

Jose Martin Hernandez, 36, 1045 S. Neel Road, was arrested on charges of violating his proba-

tion and forgery by passing.

Bobby Lyn Swanson, 34, 924 S. Nelson, was arrested on charges of violating his probation

and driving while intoxicated, second offense. Richard C. Fleming, 29, 1925 N. Zimmers, was arrested on a warrant out of Randall County charging him with assault causing bodily injury.

Pamela Britton, 46, 1229 Darby, was arrested on a Borger warrant charging him with disorderly

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ICE

60 from U.S. Highway Panhandle to White Deer was covered with large patches of ice. From Kingsmill to Pampa, U.S. 60 was covered with a thick coat of ice. All four lanes of the highway, however, from Panhandle west to the Potter County line. was clear. U.S. 60 was covered with a thick layer of ice from the

Potter County line into Amarillo, expected to be interrupted as including Farm-to-Market Road 1912 from U.S. 60 to I-40.

U.S. 60 north out of Pampa to reportedly icy, but from the degree Roberts County/line to Canadian Thursday.

Hutchinson County was report- mid-40s. The forecast calls for 20 ed clear this morning but ice- to 30 mph winds today. Tonight's

covered in Gray County. A brief warming trend is degrees.

another front comes through. Wednesday's high is expected to be in the upper 30s with sunthe Roberts County line is shine. The forecast calls for 50 temperatures

The sky's over Pampa will be Texas Highway 152 in cloudy today with a high in the low is expected to reach 20

Harmonica workshop



Fourth graders at Austin Elementary recently participated in a harmonica workshop with Pat Stewart of St. Louis, Mo. The music classes were under the direction of Wanetta Hill, music teacher. Above, left-right: Cheyenne Shelton, Jacob Wichert and Rikki Beesley. Stewart is in the background with Krista Ferguson, Zachary Winborne, Kari Carter and J.R. Cabrales on his immediate left and right.

India earthquake toll climbs

ANIAR, India (AP) - Tents, quake zone near freezing. blankets and medical equipment earthquake dwindled to near zero and rescuers turned their attention to treating the sur-

Officials have counted more western cials estimated the final death toll India's defense minister estimated 100,000 may have died, with ings twice as many injured.

massive relief

In a rare gesture of cooperation hopes for pulling more survivors plane landed near the quake's from the wreckage of a massive epicenter Tuesday with relief, including 200 tents and 2,500 blankets. Friday's magnitude-7.9 quake

flattened two towns in India's Gujarat than 6,400 bodies so far and offi- Government officials have counted 6,444 dead and 16,557 injured could rise to 20,000 or more. but many bodies remain trapped in the ruins of collapsed build-

nighttime temperatures in the with 150,000 inhabitants, and ground."

Anjar, with 80,000 people.

"This is my personal assesspoured into India on Tuesday as between fierce rivals, a Pakistani ment," Fernandes told The Associated Press, acknowledging the difficulty of making accurate assessments. "I have been to those areas and I have seen it myself."

In Ahmedabad, Gujarat's comstate. mercial center, an international aid worker said the estimate could be correct.

"I really think one lakh is possible," Martin Kelsey, India program director for Save the wice as many injured. In the highest estimate from Children, said using the Indian The Red Cross launched a an Indian official, Defense term for 100,000. "This is one of operation Minister George Fernandes said the severest earthquakes in histo-Tuesday to towns devastated by Tuesday that the death toll ry. It is absolutely devastating, as the quake and appealed for \$16 could go as high as 100,000, cit- if villages had been hit by an. million in emergency aid. ing the high populations of the atomic bomb. Village after vil-Blankets were a priority, with two main cities destroyed: Bhuj, lage has been razed to the

Automatic enrollment now available to phone customers needing Lifeline.

Texas phone customers eligible TDHS will identify customers qualify for Lifeline. service under new rules recently tomer names to local phone com- toll charges for non-local calls. adopted by the Public Utility panies. Commission (PUC).

designed to extend Lifeline service to all eligible customers.

Under these rules the PUC will work with local telephone companies and the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) to establish the Lifeline Medicaid, Automatic Enrollment Program.

for local Lifeline rates can be who are eligible for Lifeline

The phone companies then eligibility requirements can get The rules are developed from will automatically enroll the cus- Link Up Service offering signifi-Senate Bill 560 passed in 1999 by tomers. The program is schedthe Texas Legislature. They are uled to begin operating March 1. Lifeline services offers a signif-

who are at or below 125 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

receiving Customers stamps, Supplemental Security Income, This includes giving TDHS a list low-income energy assistance ensuring electric and telephone; of local phone providers in the (LIHEAP) or federal public operations, services and rates are housing assistance automatically fair and reasonable.

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cant discounts on initial connec-; tions for local phone service. The rules also direct the PUC. icant discount on local telephone local phone companies and

costs for Texas phone customers TDHS to develop future outreach programs targeting poten-tial Lifeline and Link Up customers.

The PUC encourages competition and customer choice while!

vehicle Sunday night or early

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THEFTS

from where the van had been wrecked earlier, about 6 a.m.

Terry Lynn Garner, 44, 700 E. 17th Avenue, reported that his 1989 white Chevrolet pickup was missing. Garner said he last saw his pickup about 11 p.m. Sunday. When he got up shortly before 6 a.m. Monday, he walked outside, he told officers, and the truck

Officers said Garner's truck was found later Monday morning, undamaged, in the 1200 block of East Francis Avenue.

Authorities said a 1995 silver Lincoln Town Car, belonging to Joe Cree, 1819 Dogwood Lane, was found abandoned shortly before 8 a.m. Monday in a parking lot at the intersection of Kingsmill Avenue and Gillespie Street.

The Lincoln had been driven into a light stand in the middle of the parking lot, officers said. The front end was damaged.

Authorities said the car had apparently been stolen Sunday

night or early Monday morning. Police said the thefts of the three cars appears to be related. They said a series of car burglaries Sunday night may also be a part of the case. Garland Walls, 57, 1909 N.

Dogwood, told officers someone broke into his vehicle between 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday, taking more than \$400 in items, including a cell phone and leather gloves.

Samantha Jan Parks, 18, 1200 E. Darby, said a lady's watch and CDs valued at \$70 were taken from her vehicle between 3:30 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 a.m. William Thomas Thompson,

54, 1228 N. Christine, told officers someone broke into his vehicle between 3 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 a.m. Monday, but nothing vas taken.

Ginger Kay Jones, 47, 1224 N. Christine, said a CD player, CDs and a radar detector, all valued at about \$300, were taken from her

Monday morning. Johnny Wayne Niccum, 63,

1300 E. Kingsmill, said a can of de-icer and two hair brushes, valued at \$6, were taken from his vehicle.

James T. Bolin, 70, 403 N. Somerville, said a boom box radio was taken from his vehicle Sunday afternoon.

Briefs

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Today, windy with northwest winds 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts, diminishing this afternoon. Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. North winds around 10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night, clear and cold. Lows 15 to 20. Thursday, mostly sunny.

was 35 and the overnight low, 26. STATEWIDE winds settled in behind a retreating storm system Tuesday that left mostly clear to partly cloudy skies in its wake.

A few high clouds remained, mostly south and southwest of Abilene and the Dallas-Fort Worth area. More cloud cover developed over West and South Texas.

Early-morning temperatures hovered mainly in the 20s in the Panhandle to 50s in the south. Extremes ranged from 29 at Highs near 50. High Monday Amarillo to 53 at Dryden.

Other readings included 34 degrees at McLean and Pampa, 36 at Childress, 51 at Tyler and 65 at Presidio.

Winds were mostly out of the west and southwest at 10 to 20 mph, with occasional gusts and stronger conditions across parts of the Trans Pecos and through

the mountain passes. Much of the state was expect ed to be rain-free through the weekend.

Mostly clear skies were expect-

ed in North Texas. Daytime highs should reach the 50s to 60s.

~ Business Review ~

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Hiway Package Party beer in a large assortment of Shop, owned by Sabrina and brands. Mixes and snack Alan Smith, is now a divi- items are also available at the

Leathers and is offering a A drive-through window full selection of leathers in at the store is a convenient feature for the customers.

Located on West Highway Sabrina Smith said the 60, the local store just local store often draws outrecently began selling the of-town customers who are wide selection of leather in town overnight on business or driving through as Motorcycle jackets, vests, well as their regular local

The couple stocks a wide Antelope Creek Leathers selection of soft drinks as originated out of Borger, said well as cigarettes for their customers. They also sell lot-

in a wide range of sizes from The store is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday Dew rags are carried in through Saturday. They are closed on Sunday.

The Smiths have owned Four major credit cards are the local business since Oct. taken at the local business. They are Visa, MasterCard, Alan Smith has been a res- American Express and

while his wife, Sabrina, Owners of three other local moved to the community 13 businesses, Alan and Sabrina Smith stay very busy.

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Straight from the state capitol

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Inauguration highlight of my political career

Finally! After two years of waiting, a year-and-one-half campaigning, and a 37-day campaign after the campaign, George W. Bush was inaugurated as the 43rd president of the United States on Jan. 20, 2001. While there is a host of issues awaiting legislative action during the 77th Regular Session, life in Austin was put on hold until after the inaugural.

Just as President George W. Bush put an emphasis on family, my trip to Washington was first and foremost a family affair. My 14-year-old daughter Katie, who had campaigned for the Governor in New Hampshire and attended the Republican National Convention said, "Dad, we just have to go to the inaugural!" I didn't need much persuading. Joined by my brothers, Tom and Mark, and their wives, Julie and Ellen, the six of us

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attended an inaugura-

the festivities.

While weather was cold and rainy for most of the weekend, there were no damp spirits among the thousands of

Americans who descended on the city. Texans had an extra-special reason to celebrate and they did. Prior to the inauguration, ZZ Top played at the "Best

Little Ball in Texas." The next night, the Texas State Society, made up of Texans who have found themselves displaced in Washington, D.C., sponsored the annual "Black Tie and Boots Ball." Roughly 10,000 tickets were sold and it appeared to me that every person who bought one was there.

On the day of the inauguration, after only a few hours of sleep, Katie and I rose early to attend the ceremony. We were seated immediately in front of the platform in the freezing rain, drizzle and snow. But, even with the bone-chilling weather, the excitement was such that I hardly noticed the cold. While there were many memorable events of the weekend, the swearing-in of George W. Bush as president of the United States and his wife, Laura, holding the Bible, was the singe most memorable event for me.

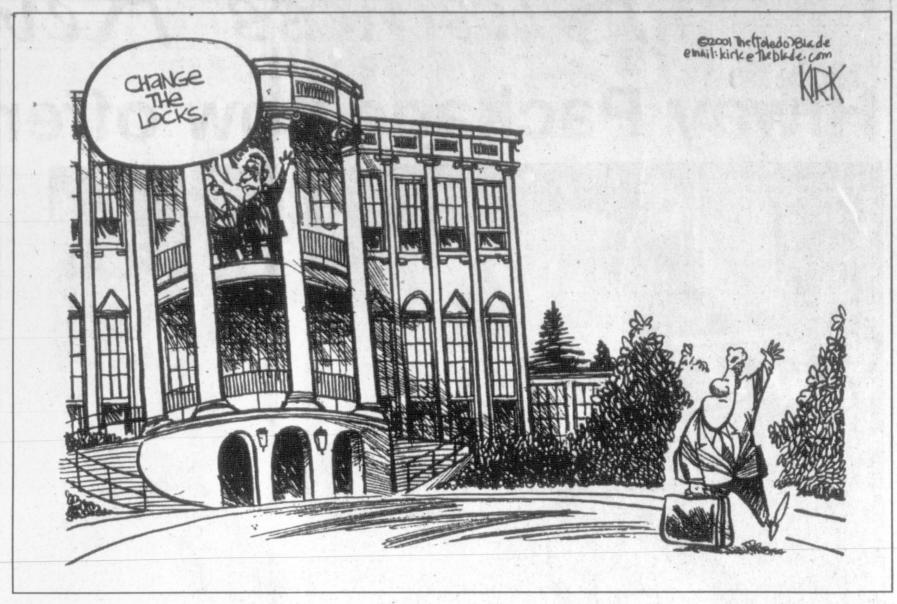
That evening our family made the mistake of trying to eat dinner before going to the Texas/Wyoming Inaugural Ball. By the time we attempted to get within a mile of the Washington, D.C., Convention Center, New York Avenue had become a parking lot. Traffic was frozen. After learning that President Bush had arrived at the ball earlier than scheduled, we changed plans and went straight to an after-party. This was a great event attended by several celebrities including Drew Carey, Bo Derek and Robert Duvall along with James Carville and Mary Matalin.

It snowed four- or five-inches on Saturday night but Sunday dawned a crisp, crystal-clear day. In hindsight, it was probably the most special day of the weekend for Katie and me. It began with a church service at the National Cathedral and then a brunch at the White House with the President and First Lady. This was their first official function to host.

While I've been in the East Room and other areas of the White House on previous tours, I had never experienced anything quite like this. The Marine Chamber ensemble was playing beautiful music which floated through all of the rooms and made you feel like you were in a movie.

There were lots of close family and friends and people we had gotten to know over the course of the campaign and some we had known for years and years. But, most special of all was the warm welcome we received from President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. As they moved from room to room, an impromptu reception line seemed to form. President Bush did not give a speech yet, he engaged in numerous heartfelt, warm conversations thanking those in attendance for their help in his remarkable campaign.

Katie and I have never attended an inauguration. There is no question that being a part of history has changed both of our lives forever. To witness, up close and personal, the peaceful transfer of power in the world's greatest democracy and actually know and respect the incoming president was the highpoint of my political career.



If Ponce de Leon had only known

I interviewed a delightful lady last week who confirmed what I have decided is the secret to a

As she guided her walker to a chair before the interview began, Mrs. Keith, soon to be 99 years old, smiled and joked with me. Her eyes twinkled as she talked.

"I don't have any time to look back at troubles and sorrows," she told me. "Every family has troubles. But I have a lot to be thankful for. Don't look at the sorrow, just be together and Born in 1902, Mrs. Keith has seen something

that no one in known history has witnessed. She is part of a generation of people that I hold in awe, those who have lived in an unprecedented period of time when technology leaped from the horse and buggy to space probes investigating the far reaches of the universe.

our ing fewer with each passing day. Not many nation's capitol for have lived to see the dawn of a new millenni-

> But those that have lived this long share a common bond, I've discovered. They're happy. They love people. They love life. They don't worry. They have a positive attitude.

Once I asked a lady celebrating a landmark birthday to share her secret for her long life. She pulled me over to the side and whispered, "Stay away from doctors."

Look at George Keeton who celebrated 101 years of life on Dec. 27. He meets everyone with for fear. a smile and a handshake.



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

When I first met him, he was sitting in a booth at the Coney Island with one of the Gikas brothers singing hymns at the top of his lungs, making a "joyful noise."

My husband Vic likes to tell of the time when Mr. Keeton greeted him from a chair ally through a bad dream. in the barber shop, saying, "I'm so glad I Soon I find myself staring at my starry ceiling

Workers in healing professions will tell you that people with a positive attitude have a much better chance of healing more quickly and more

During my 12 years with hospice, I saw that attitude had a significant impact on how well patients and their families responded to end-of-

We might all well do well to take the popular song "Don't Worry, Be Happy" to heart. When you think about it, worry is just another word

A philosopher once said, " A coward dies a

thousand deaths. A hero dies but once," or something to that effect.

Two-thirds of my life was ruled by a fear instilled in me from childhood. I began to overcome the fear when I was 30 years old. But I haven't quite overcome my tendency to worry about things.

Vic says I worry so much I should hire myself out to worry for others. At least that way I could make money at it.

I confess that my New Year's resolution this year was to stop worrying - so much. One month later and I catch myself worrying all the time. In case you didn't know it, 3:30 a.m. has been set aside as National Worry Time. That's when all the niggling fears rise up in my unconscious mind and jolt me into wakefulness, usu-

I've been honored to sit down and talk to a came here today, because if I hadn't I' (a former resident put glitter in the paint), trynumber of this generation, but they are becom- wouldn't have gotten to see you." And he ing to solve all the problems of the world in the middle of the night. Right!

Since I decided to stop worrying, I've caught myself trying to hide the fact that I'm still worrying by using euphemisms like "concerned about" or "wondering."

Who's kidding who? This is going to be a quite a challenge for me, I know. I wish I could bottle the attitude of these happy elderly people. If I could, the ingredients would be: Don't worry. Be happy. Concentrate

on the good things. Love people. Keep the faith. If Ponce de Leon had only known, the true Fountain of Youth wasn't in Florida. It was in the wisdom of people who had lived long and well.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2001. There are 335 days left in

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Detroit. Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against

In 1649, England's King Charles I

was beheaded. In 1882, the 32nd president of the mance in Detroit. United States, Franklin Delano In 1964, the United States launched American hostages from Iran.

cellor of Germany.

In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extrem-South Vietnamese provincial capi- ist.

"Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a perfor-

Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y. Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chan-carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil by British soldiers in Northern fire." Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, In 1962, two members of the who'd been living in exile in France, replacing Bob Packwood.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a tickertape parade honoring the freed

Ten years ago: The first major relatives in Miami.

ground battle of the Gulf War was fought at the frontier port of Khafji in Saudi Arabia; 11 U.S. Marines were rights marchers were shot to death killed, seven of them by "friendly

Five years ago: In an election billed as an early barometer for the nation-In 1979, the civilian government of al political season, Ron Wyden won a Iran announced it had decided to close race to become Oregon's first Democratic U.S. senator in 30 years,

One year ago: Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers returned home to a hero's welcome in Cuba, vowing to continue the struggle to wrest the 62 year-old shipwreck survivor from

A strong cabinet is a good thing for Bush

President-elect George W. Bush is demonstrating the traits of a good executive. He has chosen a strong Cabinet of people with experience and knowledge. He has met with the people who run the businesses in America.

That shows two differences. One, Bush is not afraid to surround himself with strong people who might be more experienced and more knowledgeable than he is. Good executives do that. Bad ones surround themselves with people they consider their inferiors so that they won't feel threatened.

that he understands the difference between the American economy, which is based on business, and Wall Street, which is based on financial speculation. His predecessor surrounded himself with Hollywood and Wall Street types, counsel of men who run industries, which profolks as "far right. vide jobs and produce real products.

There was an interesting wire story pub-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

The other difference is that Bush has shown have no legitimate criticism to offer, so they will manufacture some for partisan political

Well, that's certainly true because Bush has appointed no one who, by any stretch of reason, could be labeled "far right." Of course, you people who deal in entertainment and gam- have to keep in mind that these days, the left bling on pieces of paper. Bush chose to seek the considers perfectly normal, middle-of-the-road

I watched one of the head feminists wail and whine about John Ashcroft. When you analished recently quoting unnamed Democrats. lyzed her complaint, it's quite simple: In her These characters told the reporter that they view, no one who opposes abortion on demand planned to oppose three of Bush's nominees should serve his country. Well, tough beans, even though they expected the nominees to be Ms. She Wolf. To believe in the sanctity of confirmed. They were opposing them in order human life is not a disqualification for public to associate Bush with what they call the far office. And, of course, the attorney general does right and to energize their own supporters. In not make the laws. He enforces them, and there left-wing media along with the Clinton adminother words, these Democrats admit that they is nothing in Ashcroft's record to indicate that istration.

he has ever failed to enforce the law, whether he agreed with it or not.

What these leftists really reveal is that they

are projecting their own fanaticism on other people. They would not enforce laws they don't agree with, so they assume Ashcroft won't, either. It's a common trait called projection. Such people project their own vices onto everyone else. Probably they do so to assuage their consciences. Cowards are loath to admit, for example, that others are brave. They like to describe heroes as temporarily insane.

I'm quite sure that, down the road, I will find policy differences with Bush. I'm not keen on an anti-missile system, for example. But by God it is such a pleasure to see sensible, decent nonideological people return to Washington. It wasn't Bill Clinton's womanizing I minded so much, but I got so tired of the incessant lies, the incessant use of character assassination, the incessant ideological slant to everything remotely connected with the administration.

There is a country out here that exists separately and apart from political ambition and ideology. It has real problems that affect real people. It will be grand to once again have an administration that deals in reality instead of left-wing puffery.

It's too bad we can't get rid of most of the

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BASKETBALL

CANADIAN

Canadian's Lady Wildcats are inching ever closer to a post-season playoff berth. A win at Panhandle tonight could just about clinch the playoffs barring a major collapse by the Lady Wildcats with two games left on the schedule.

Canadian walloped Wellington last weekend 58-34. Lesley Francis and Jana Francis led the attack with 16 points each. That win gave the Lady Wildcats a 9-2 district mark, leaving them tied with Clarendon for first place.

Canadian boys beat Wellington 45-41, but the Wildcats can only hope to a spoiler with a 3-6 district mark.

Capp Culver Canadian's top scorer with 14 points. Coleman Bartlett added 10.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) Derek Obasohan scored 21 points and Jabari Johnson added 20 for Texas-Arlington, which beat Lamar 79-59 on Monday night.

Sparked by a 10-0 run to open the second half, Texas-Arlington (9-10, Southland) stretched its lead to as nuch as 25 points.

The Mavericks, who also got 10 points from Steven Barber, have won their last four meetings against the Cardinals.

Lamar (6-12, 4-7) was led by Ron Austin, who scored 12 points. Kenyon Spears added 11 for the Cardinals.

Texas-Arlington led 36-28 at halftime.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — In an ever-changing TV sports landscape, where a high rating is never a sure thing, one

The Super Bowl is still the Super Bowl - an audiencegrabber that almost always attracts the largest viewership of the year and generates upward of \$100 million in ad revenues for the host network. Even when the

game is a dud. The Baltimore Ravens' 34-7 victory over the New York Giants had too much defense, too many punts and too big a competitive gap between the teams to grab and maintain viewers' interest.

And while the national rating for CBS Sports' telecast of Sunday's blowout was 7 percent lower than for last year's NFL championship game on ABC, and ranks tied for 27th out of 35 Super Bowls, an estimated 131.2 million viewers saw at least

An average of 40.3 percent of the country's TV homes were watching at any given moment (the rating), while 60 percent of in-use televisions were tuned to the game

(the share). The lowest previous share for any Super Bowl was 61, in 1999 (on Fox) and in 1992 (the last time CBS televised the game).

By contrast, the five World Series games last fall averaged a 12.4 rating, down 22.5 percent from 1999, and down 12 percent from 1998's previous record low.

That's the sort of decrease that's become almost expected in the world of sports tele-

The Sydney Games drew the lowest ratings for any Olympics since 1968, the 2000 NCAA men's college basketball title dropped 18 percent from 1999, and last year's All-Star games for the NBA and baseball were the worst-rated

The rating for Sunday's game was slightly higher than the 40.2 for the 1999 Super Bowl, when the Denver Broncos beat the

Atlanta Falcons 34-19. The only other Super Bowl since 1971 with a lower rating was the 1990 game, which drew a 39.0 on CBS as the San Francisco 49ers topped the Denver Broncos 55-10.

Ravens hope to keep Super Bowl roster intact

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - The after the 1999 Super Bowl. The been focused right here, on this Woodson; young linebackers; mind, needs to upgrade the their four vanquished playoff but in Kansas City. opponents presented. They must

to have a good chance to repeat speak with Lewis. as NFL champs.

lition of the New York Giants. rewards. "It's a difficult thing to do, but this is like a family.

champions do the same.

Baltimore Ravens face a much Rams saw coach Dick Vermeil team and this game." tougher challenge than anything retire last year; he's back now,

"I will try to the best of my kinds of records and is pro- unit. ability to keep the defense claimed by many as the best in intact," Ravens owner Art NFL history, well, the leader of

Baltimore could well see defen- coach, might promote from with- league's top defensive player this Sure, Trent Dilfer had a magifigure out how to keep their sive coordinator Marvin Lewis in if Lewis leaves. February is season, is 25, yet has played five cal run and won his last 11 Super Bowl championship roster depart this week for the head awfully late to be looking for a NFL seasons. Sharper and Peter games. But he is more suited to coaching job in Buffalo. The Bills coordinator, although the candi- Boulware just finished their be a backup, because Billick isn't At the same time, they need to have kept the position open, dates should be lining up to upgrade their offense if they are awaiting the opportunity to work with Ray Lewis, Michael McCrary, Chris McAlister and time for play," Billick said When your defense sets all the rest of this overpowering Monday. "This team, up until to free agency - Billick devel-

The Ravens also want to resign linebacker Jamie Sharper, for pay Modell said after the 34-7 demo- that unit certainly deserves his who had a terrific Super Bowl and is a free agent.

"I've completely put that on hold until after this," a beaming 16-game record 165 points, then Families, of course, often scat- Lewis said after his defense allowed only 16 in the postseater to various places. Super Bowl pitched another shutout — New son — special teams, remember, Jamal Lewis ran for 1,364 yards York's only touchdown came on gave up the Super Bowl seven — The Broncos knew they were Ron Dixon's 97-yard kickoff is a mixture of young defensive attack. Billick, who made his of things can happen," he said.

just his second season as a head after being selected as the back. fourth seasons.

integrity of this team, but it is a able challenge."

the offense in gear. Although lowing a sleepless night. as a rookie, this not a prime-time teams turn over and that all kinds losing John Elway to retirement return. "All of my energy has backs, except for free safety Rod mark as an offensive master- "Life's about facing challenges."

and veteran defensive linemen. offensive line, receiving corps Brian Billick, a champion in Ray Lewis, the Super Bowl MVP and, most significantly, quarter-

likely to want to rely on the "There's a time to pay and a defense so much in 2001.

Instead, the Ravens might look yesterday, focused on one thing: oped Brad Johnson into a topthe play. Now comes the season rank quarterback in Minnesota. Or even, perhaps, a trade for St. "We'll try to hold onto the Louis' Trent Green, who is avail-

Billick didn't have his head in Another challenge is getting the Florida sand on Monday fol-

"But we have to recognize that



Pampa High swim coach Amy Howard issues instructions during a recent practice session at the Pampa Youth and Community Center. Howard was named the district's coach of the year after leading the Harvesters to their second straight district title.

competed in the District 2-4A Martinez and Jason Kilhoffer. swimming and diving meet last

Both teams were victorious Moman, Kelley Stowers, Desiree and brought home the district Vigil, Tamra Henthorn, Jessica meet. championship title for the second White, Megan David, Jessica Hall

Julian George, Kody Kirkland, diving.

Monday night for No. 3 Kansas,

shrugged and built a new lead,

the Top 10 with a 75-66 victory.

that if you go to Missouri, you

have to do," Rush said. "It was a

Missouri is 5-4 against Kansas

in Big 12 play, although the

Jayhawks lead the overall series

152-90. Kansas was ranked No. 7

last year, No. 3 in 1998, No. 1 in

Kansas players weren't exactly

"It's not the end of the world,"

said Kenny Gregory, who had 16

crushed, even though it ended a

10-game winning streak.

against Jayhawk teams ranked in go

trouble at Missouri.

to keep on going."

each time.

Andrea Branchetti, Misty

The men's team consisted of Between the two teams ever

LUBBOCK - Pampa High's Joe Johnson, Garrett Johnston, Top awards went to Willie men and women's swim teams Jon Sturgill, Alan Arzola, Michael Griffin (district male swimmer of the year) and Andrea Branchetti The women's team included (district female swimmer of the year). Griffin and Branchetti each won two events at the district

> Coach Amy Howard of Pampa was named district coach of the year. This is her second year to

Warren, Ben Whitten, Michael for one. Also, Jessica Hall set a Both Pampa men's and Eskridge, Cameron Cargill, new school record in women's women's teams qualified for Regionals Feb. 8-10 in Lubbock.

No. 14 you play together.'

The key for Missouri (14-6, 5-2 Jayhawks might have a lot to do

deficit into a 44-43 lead on Kirk . due, they get so much more

Coach Quin Snyder was and was 4-for-7 from 3-point

young team, which has four three in the final nine minutes.

cent the first half, never got any really wanted our kids to play

we've tried to respond as indi- Missouri was 17-for-23.

do that."

Jeff Boschee had 11.

Missouri coughed up an 11-point Hearnes Center.

in key district game Pampa meets Canyon a cru-leading scorer for the season cial District 3-4A boys basket- at the other guard spot, ball game at 7:30 tonight in chipped in 11 points. Victor

Pampa hosts Eagles

McNeely Fieldhouse.

the team Pampa must beat to and 7 rebounds. have a shot at that third-place Pampa can only hope to Pampa (5-4) in the district which tips off at 6.

and led by 10 (39-29) going Coaches poll. into the fourth quarter.

scored 17 points and Jay district. Roberts (6-2 junior) had 14 to lead the Eagles, who are 15-9 for the season.

The Harvesters, 18-11 for the season, are on a two-game winning streak. Pampa's last win, 60-45 over Caprock Tuesday night avenged an earlier loss to the Longhorns. Point guard Tanner Hucks (5-8 senior), had one of his biggest scoring nights, collecting 14 points to lead Harvesters, Gary Alexander (5-8 senior) and Pampa's

Brooks (6-3 senior) provided As it stands now, Canyon is the inside help with 12 points

playoff spot. Canyon has a 6-3 slow a powerful Canyon record and is a game ahead of squad in the girls' contest,

Canyon at 21-1 for the sea-Canyon beat the Harvesters son has already clinched a 55-39 in the first meeting playoff spot. The Lady Eagles between the two teams. That are 11-0 in district and are first game was tight for ranked No. 2 in the state almost three quarters before behind Plainview in a Texas Canyon started pulling away Association of Basketball

The Lady Harvesters are 7-Tate Lombard (6-3 junior) 15 for the season and 3-8 in

_	Boys	
Team	District	Overal
Randall	9-0	25-1
Hereford	7-2	22-4
Canyon	6-3	15-9
Pampa	5-4	18-11
Borger	3-6	8-15
Dumas	2-7	14-12
Caprock	2-7	12-15
	Girls	
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x-Canyon	11-0	21-1
Borger	9-2	22-5
Randall	8-3	19-8
Palo Duro	6-5	14-9
Hereford	4-7	11-18
Pampa	3-8	7-15
Dumas	3-8	16-13
Caprock	0-11	3-23

PHS swimmers take district title for second consecutive season

weekend in Lubbock.

vear in a row.

and Kendra Strickland.

Clay David, Willie Griffin, Doug meet record was broken except coach the PHS team.

Kansas win streak comes to an end

18-0 run is enough to bury most ing ranked teams, No. 12 "This is what happens when

watching a 17-point second-half

"Beating Kansas is something impressed with the poise of his range for Missouri, including

freshmen playing key roles, the

lead at Nebraska, including a 15-

This time, Rush scored eight

points in a three-minute span as

the Tigers pulled ahead 59-52

shooting 50 percent the second

half after hitting only 35.5 per-

closer than five points the rest of

"The most significant thing is

would be disappointed if we against us and that's because the free throw line, while

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — An In the only other game involv- viduals.

which always seems to run into Big 12) was not losing poise after with that.

making it five in a row at home Hinrich's 3-pointer with 12:20 to enthused."

Kareem Rush had 27, points lead evaporate. Over a stretch of

and 11 rebounds as the Tigers 5:50, Kansas turned a 43-26

1997 and No. 3 in 1996, and lost with 7:30 to go. Kansas, despite

points. "I'm not going to dwell what we did after they went on

on it too much, just because it's their run," Snyder said. "We

the big Kansas-Missouri rivalry. haven't been able to respond

But whoever we were playing, I when a team has turned it up

It wasn't nearly enough Georgetown 70-63.

Syracuse beat

Coach Roy Williams said the

"They really get fired up to

play us," Williams said. "But you

have to give credit where credit is

Brian Grawer added 14 points

Clarence Gilbert added 12 points

The floor was named for for-

mer longtime coach Norm

Stewart during a halftime cere-

mony, and after the game Stewart

because of what he was able to

well and win. I didn't think it

would be complete if we didn't

Drew Gooden led Kansas with

But Kansas was only 7-for-18 at

19 points, Gregory added 16 and

The opportunity I have is

was given the game ball.

Fassel guarantees Giants will return to Super Bowl, and soon

Fassel is right, the New York get to this point. We've gotten Giants aren't going to have to here. We learned how to play wait another decade to play in this year. With our defense and the Super Bowl again.

the Baltimore Ravens, Fassel on back there." Monday guaranteed the Giants will play for the title again - Hamilton said the Giants are and soon.

Fassel, whose playoff guarancan succeed again.

"I'm going to take the same approach as last year," Fassel Super Bowl. They fell behind said. "I want tough guys, hard- early and Collins never helped working guys, guys who are them catch up, throwing four committed to coming in here interceptions. His right shouland being together. That way der was partially separated in we can climb right back up on the third quarter with the game top and try to get back to this out of reach, but he finished the game, because I think we will. contest. We'll get back to this game. We have a better team right now."

guarantee, Fassel didn't hesi- my life. I'll just circle the waggreat performance and we have rest of the way. Five days earlier, for the Tigers, who are 10-0 in the tate.

'Yes," he said in a calm, clear

asked how long it would take son training program. He may the Giants to get back to the lose defensive coordinator John Super Bowl. 'It ain't going to take 10 years, job.

like it took last time," Fassel said, referring to the decade Accorsi will be busy trying to accomplish here," Snyder said. "I . between the Giants' last two sign at least a half-dozen play-Super Bowl appearances.

sell the point to his players after Sehorn and halfback Tiki Barber. Sunday's 34-7 loss.

At a team party, quarterback Kerry Collins said most players that will pay him as much as \$3 were telling each other they million annually. He earned \$1.1 would be back.

"I think we have that core of good players, good people," difficult mess," Fassel said.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - If Jim Collins said. "We know how to with our offense coming A day after being humbled by around, I really believe we'll get

> Defensive tackle already fighting the clock.

"I think we have a two- or tee on Nov. 22 ignited the three-year window with the Giants' run to the Super Bowl, core group we've got," said the nucleus of the team is Hamilton said. "Whether that's solid and, if the players contin- next year or the year after, there ue to work hard and play with is a window, but that window is the same unselfish attitude, they closing. That's why it's disap-

pointing. The Giants never were in this

"I've always been able to put things behind me," Collins said. When asked if that was a "I've faced bigger challenges in ons again and come back."

Over the next week, Fassel will meet with his players and He was just as quick when coaches, and finalize an off-sea-Fox, if he lands a head coaching

General manager Ernie ers who will become free agents, Fassel didn't have to work to including cornerback Jason

Fassel probably will sign a new three- or four-year contract million this season.

"I don't see it as being a big,

Oklahoma State basketball coach speaks during taped radio show

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - and that we were all just going to and said Sutton appeared to be Sutton said.

"I don't ever want to go through that again," Sutton said Monday in his first public comments since Saturday's accident. "But I know God will help me through this. We'll all have to get through it. Maybe we'll never be able to get over it completely, but life goes on and if you are a strong believer in God, you know all 10 of those people are with our maker.'

The comments came in a taped interview for his weekly radio got a tremendous burden." show that was played Monday night. Sutton, who has not spoken formally to the media, sounded fatigue as he spoke during the poned indefinitely. show.

Sutton said after calling family members after the accident, he checked to see how other team members were dealing with the deaths of players Nate Fleming and Daniel Lawson early Sunday.

"I went by to see all the players

Nothing he learned in basketball have to bond together and get coach training could have pre- closer and get through this," he pared him for the task of talking to said. "We are going to do that. Life the relatives of two his players goes on and we've got to make and others who died in a weekend sure we aren't going to dwell on plane crash in Colorado, Eddie this forever, but for a while, it's going to be difficult for all of us."

> close to Sutton said Monday they were not surprised that the veteran coach would be bolster his players' spirits.

> "He is a very strong person, and those players will certainly rally around him," said James Dickey, the coach of Texas Tech and a former assistant coach under Sutton, 64. "He'll provide great leadership. He'll say the right things, he'll do the right things, but he's

> State were scheduled to play Tuesday, but the contest was post-

ophy of family, and cares about plane that went down, I have those people," Dickey said. "He flown on it so many times," Sutton knows how invaluable the mem- said. bers of the support team and team members. But it's hard on him. Very hard."

to make sure they were OK and to Sampson said he spoke at length would choose to fly me anywhere, tell them how much I loved them with Sutton on Monday morning it would be Denver Mills."

holding up well, given the circumstances.

"If I had to use a word for coach Sutton this morning, I would use strong," Sampson said. "I don't know if life prepares us for anything like this. This isn't losing a Other head basketball coaches ball game. It's death."

Sutton advised players to remember good times.

"I think sometimes when death occurs you go into mourning, which you should. But at the same time, you need to go through the healing process and one of the things you need to do is tell them about the funny things that have happened while we have all been together."

Sutton also defended Denver Mills, the pilot and one of the vic-Dickey's team and Oklahoma tims of Saturday's ill-fated flight.

'There's not a plane that we've ever asked to take our studentathletes and our coaches on that "He truly epitomizes the philos- wasn't just in tip-top shape. The

"I have probably logged thousands and thousands of miles at Arkansas and Kentucky and OSU, Oklahoma coach Kelvin and if there was a pilot that I

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Georgia sneaks into Top 25 poll for the first time since 1997

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — After one game and six other ranked beating three ranked teams while teams also lost. playing the toughest schedule in the country, Georgia finally earned a spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll.

Barely. The Bulldogs (13-7) entered the poll at No. 25 Monday, their first ranking in more than three years.

"We squeaked in," senior guard Adrian Jones said. Someone left the key in the door and we decided to come on in. We're not too far in. We're just looking in there, seeing if we can work our way into the party."

Stanford and Duke remained which half the Top 10 lost at least as the week's newcomers.

Defending champion Michigan fifth, with Kansas and North triumph over a ranked team. Carolina each moving up one place to third and fourth.

Arizona and Wisconsin had respectively, while Wake Forest, which lost to Duke and Cincinnati last week, fell seven places to 16th. For the Badgers, it's their first Top Ten ranking since they were seventh in 1962.

Three teams — Mississippi, Texas and Connecticut — 1-2 at the top of the poll, but dropped out of the rankings, Dryden said. "Last year, we were there were a number of other while No. 23 Notre Dame and so down and out." changes following a week in No. 24 Oklahoma joined Georgia Georgia was not ranked in this to shoot the ball," he said.

winning streak after victories last week over Vanderbilt and then-

Georgia, which is atop the ment and how they are seeded. Southeastern Conference with a coach Ron Jirsa.

Jim Harrick took over last season and the Bulldogs went 10-20, challenge. their worst record in 23 years. Suddenly, they're back among team suffering a letdown now the nation's elite programs.

"This is such a big turnaround," senior center Robb

The Bulldogs have a six-game even though the Bulldogs have October at the first practice. The Maryland and Wisconsin. the country and are No. 7 in the gained confidence as a team." State, which lost to Ohio State on No. 6 Tennessee, the latter in latest RPI rating, which plays a Saturday, dropped from third to double overtime and the third major role in determining who unbeaten team in Division I after gets invited to the NCAA tourna-

"I don't like the idea of being 6-1 record, was last in the Top 25 ranked," sophomore guard Ezra the week's biggest jumps, five on Dec. 15, 1997, the first of two Williams said. "It's a bunch of places to seventh and 10th, mediocre seasons under former hype and everybody starts gunning for you. I like being the underdog. This is going to be a

> Harrick isn't worried about his points. that it has claimed a spot in the

"We're not going to win every game, but we shouldn't lose our night. defensive intensity or the ability

played the toughest schedule in most important thing is we've

Stanford (19-0), still the lone sweeping the Washington schools in the Pac-10 last week, received 65 first-place votes and 1,745 points from the national media panel.

Duke (19-1), which beat then-No. 9 Wake Forest and then-No. 8 Maryland last week, was No. 1 on five ballots and had 1,683

The Blue Devils will cap their three-game streak against Top Ten teams when they play host to North Carolina on Thursday Texas and Nebraska.

Virginia moved up two places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Florida, Georgetown, Iowa State, Wake Forest, Alabama, Iowa, Fresno State and Boston College.

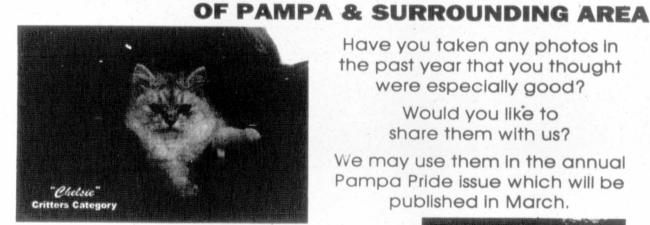
Southern California was No. 21 and Seton Hall 22nd.

Notre Dame (13-5), which beat Syracuse and Georgetown last week to run its winning streak to four in a row, moved back into the rankings after being out for two weeks.

Oklahoma (15-4) was only out for one week before re-entering with victories last week over Connecticut (13-6) lost its only

Illinois moved up one spot to game last week to Villanova, sixth and was followed in the extending the Huskies' losing week's USA Today/ESPN poll, "Those things started back in Top Ten by Arizona, Tennessee, streak to four games.

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Friends, family remember McGuire

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Even as coached wit never wavered.

Monday night, Al McGuire Jr. said the Hall of Fame coach and commentator was slipping in and out of consciousness last week. On the TV in the room was a basketball game involving the University of Wisconsin, where acting coach Brad Soderberg has no guarantee he'll stick around.

McGuire, his son recounted, "opens his eyes and he has this smirk. He said, 'Call the athletic director at the University of Wisconsin and tell him to take my name off the short list." It was vintage McGuire.

Such stories flowed freely among the standing room-only crowd of more than 1,500 who attended the celebration of the Hall of Fame coach and comand the broadcast booth.

McGuire, who guided Marquette to the 1977 national championship, died Friday at 72 after a long illness.

"Al McGuire was a basketball behind him. coach, and for 20 years he

basketball Shakespeare wrote poetry and At a funeral Mass for his father like Rembrandt painted pictures," said U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl, his close friend.

Kohl called McGuire a "prethe rest of the country, and he ers feeling stronger and better. became a national treasure. He was a great basketball coach. But he was a greater person."

Friend and colleague Dick Enberg said: "Unforgettable he had left. character doesn't pay proper tribute. He's the most fascinating, complex, unique, street-sage genius I've ever met. And he touched us all, each of us now becoming an extension of this a six-hour visitation in which magical man, each with a story of how Coach made us feel important, made us feel good."

McGuire Jr. recalled a time when his father was starting to build Marquette into a power-house, the crowds at the old mentator whose powerful per- Milwaukee Arena were getting sonality and sense of humor bigger and bigger, "and he transcended the basketball court turned to me and said, 'We're doing good.""

His son then scanned the overincluding 30 of his father's for- die," he said. mer players standing on the altar

"How proud he would be that low Hall of Famer.

like the house was another SRO," he he neared death, Al McGuire's Beethoven wrote music, like said. "We've done good together, gang. We've done really good."

McGuire Jr. said that as his father weakened, he always forced himself to stand and hug his visitors good-bye, a gesture cious possession we shared with that invariably left his well-wish-

On a particularly bad day, he admonished his father not to try to get up out of bed every time, for it sapped what little strength

"I have to get up," his father retorted. "They have to remember me as being strong."

And they did The 90-minute Mass followed thousands of mourners paid their last respects to McGuire, the charismatic New Yorker who coached Marquette to a national championship and later brought

his street-wise lingo to TV. The Rev. George Winzenburg, who presided over the Mass that preceded a private burial, said McGuire lived with gusto and died with dignity.

"We remember a man who flow crowd at Gesu Church, taught us how to live and how to

McGuire died of a blood disorder, said his brother, Dick, a fel-



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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "A Grandma or a Doormat?", whose daughter expects Grandma to babysit for free and not be reimbursed for the cost of snacks, prompts my

Forty years ago, I paid my mother \$23 per week to watch my two young children nine hours a day, five days a week. She even washed their diapers for me. I knew I was getting a bargain and was glad to

Today, I watch my two grandchildren five days a week for \$20 a day. I do the ironing and pick them up at school. My children let me know that they appreciate my

Good day care is hard to find at any price. The daughter who was reluctant to help pay for snacks is wrong to resist. The \$10 a week Gramma asked is too little. She has to be home every day and cannot make other plans. It is a job. Finding a baby sitter who will provide the type of child care that a grandmother gives is nearly impossible.

Shame on that daughter. She should have been paying since the beginning.

MIDWEST GRANDMOTHER

DEAR MIDWEST GRAND-MOTHER: You're right that the daughter should have been paying her mother from the beginning. However, I have been advised that when baby-sitting is treated as a job - and money

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JAN: 31, 2001

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** Use your money sense with

decisions. You have a sixth sense that

comes through for you more often than

not. Confusion surrounds a friendship or

a meeting. Carefully sort through what is

happening. Postpone a decision until you

feel as if you have the facts you need.

*** Use your assets, both material

and emotional. You weed through prob-

lems like no one else. Sit back, especial-

ly with a work-related matter. Confusion

shrouds responsibilities and dealings

with others. You, above many signs, can

see the forest and the trees. Tonight:

** You act with clarity, but you still

might need more information. Ask vital

questions, and keep asking until you feel

satisfied. You have a particularly inquis-

itive nature. Connecting with someone at

a distance proves to be problematic.

*** Seek out friends for advice.

You might be especially confused by a

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Whatever makes you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Tonight: Take the night off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

changes hands - there are tax liabilities.

Both the daughter and her mother should make sure they follow the tax laws to the letter, so Uncle Sam won't come knocking on their doors with his hand out. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The daughter who leaves her child with Grandma and expects it to be "free" should wake up. Ten dollars a week is an unheard-of bargain for child care.

day care. I am paid minimum wage. The parents pay nearly \$100 a week addition, they learn manners, geogand counting to 100 before kinder-

A safe environment while the parents work is so important these days. That daughter should be ashamed, and Grandma needs to

Tonight: Where your friends are.

to see some structure in plans or a proj-

others do. Strive to communicate the big

picture and to help others get over trivial

details. Your workload might seem to not

* * * * Work with someone. Do a good

up reality. Take off your rose-colored

glasses and lister to someone. You might

As a result, you could make a bad deci-

ors. As a result, you gain vital informa-

fundamentals. Could you only be seeing

what you want to see? You might think

that someone is a wet blanket. This per-

sion. Tonight: With your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

the lead player.

toughen up and join the 21st century. Haven't they heard? There are no free lunches these days! Thank you for letting me vent. GRANDMA T., TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR GRANDMA T.: The children in your daughter's day-care center are lucky. They are learning to interact with peers at an early age. They are receiving affection and individual attention, and being intellectually challenged and stimulated. I'm sure they're more than ready for kindergarten by the time they get there. Not every child is so fortunate.

DEAR ABBY: I was married to a woman for 15 years, and then she left me for another man. We have been divorced for more than a year

I have always been close to her sister, and we would like to start dating. The problem is, even though she really wants to, she's afraid it's wrong because I was married to her

Abby, we would appreciate your advice on this matter, and will wait for your opinion before making a final decision.

CONFUSED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR CONFUSED: Since you are a free man, and you two have always been close, I see no reason why you shouldn't date and enjoy some happiness together.

mind, especially with a day-to-day proj-Tonight: Relax and put up your feet.

* * * * * Your creativity and ingenuity ect. Though you like to delegate, your emerge when dealing with a loved one. timing might not be right. Tonight: Be Think twice about what is on your mind. Though you might believe you have a handle on your finances, events could *** You understand a lot more than prove otherwise. Let your creativity surge. Tonight: Play the night away. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** * Priorities come first. Listen to have an end in sight. Trust your abilities your instincts about family. You might here. You will gain in the long run as hit a conflict and not exactly be sure long as you are at peace with your work. about what is appropriate. Review a situ-Think through an investment. Tonight: Put up vour feet.

job of listening to another's feedback. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What you want to see might be fogging ** * * * Your wit draws others toward you. Ask for what you want. Exchange ideas. Others remain unusually responnot see the pros and cons of a situation. sive and direct. Honor strong feelings, and review an important decision. You actually might know more about a prob-

things. Tonight: Go along with another's Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

I work for my daughter at her

per child. Their kids get breakfast, lunch and two snacks a day. In raphy, the alphabet, music, art, gardening, animal care, cooking and more. These little kids are reading garten, and they love it. We also give the children "hugs" and "loves."

that this person isn't expressing himself ** Build on the unexpected. as clearly as you need him to. Be sensi- Excellent communication surrounds tive to this person. Empathy reigns. family and your home life, Speak your ect. Think about what is happening with ** You see another's issues clearly, a loved one. Verify meetings and return and you know why he muddles situacalls. Your instincts could be off. tions. Be the naturally strong leader you are, and take charge. Others are relieved CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

lem than you realize. Tonight: Munchies * * Let others display their true col- with a pal.

tion. You could be incorrect about some BORN TODAY

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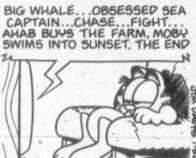






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