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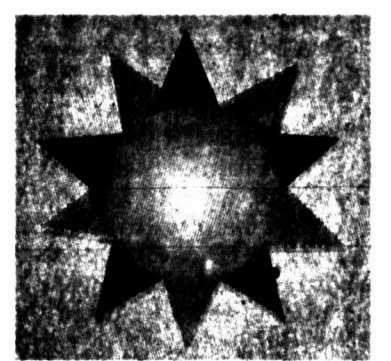


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PAMPA — Teen Crimestoppers of Pampa needs your support. Since the inception of the 2001-02 school year, the organization has paid out over \$350 in cash rewards. Pampa Teen Crimestoppers (PTCS) pays rewards for a variety of offenses. Recent awards at Pampa Middle School were the result of a minor in possession of tobacco products and a possession of marijuana on campus. PTCS relies on donations from individuals and businesses throughout the community. To learn more or to show your support with a cash contribution, contact Officer Colby Brown, 669-5700.

New bonfire designs meet requirements

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — All three proposed designs for a possible bonfire at Texas A&M meet the president's requirement for single-tier construction and other guidelines, officials say.

Bonfire 2002 planners unveiled the three potential designs for the stack that could burn next November at a Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

All designs for a 45-foot-tall bonfire would allow the stack — in which all logs touch the ground — to collapse inward as it burns, said Bryan R. Cole, steering committee facilitator.

Safety has been an issue since the Nov. 18, 1999, collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27.

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Redistricting plan gets OK

West Texas' power weakened

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

It's official! State Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo will not be representing Gray County after his current term expires.

Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock will be the new senator representing the Gray County residents on the state level after the decision was made Wednesday to let the controversial redistricting plans stand.

Decided by the Legislative Redistricting Board which was headed by Attorney General John Cornyn, many state representatives and senators across the state fought to have the plan changed to not lose the rural population.

While the plan increased the number of counties State Representative Warren Chisum of Pampa will represent in his 88th District, Gray County will get to retain Chisum as the State Representative.

Bivins will now be represent-

ing Big Spring in Howard County instead of Gray County. The geographical location of the two areas was the basis of the issues many political parties were striving to change.

The plan was finalized by a panel of three federal judges which was made by the LRB panel.

The Department of Justice set some modifications to some South Texas districts, permitting minorities to select candidates of their choice.

No Panhandle lawmakers were paired.

West Texas' population didn't grow at the high rate of counties along Interstate 35, according to U.S. Census figures.

Many lawmakers anticipated losing some seats but didn't realize how much affect it would have on the rural representation.

Twelve of the top 20 counties in the Panhandle lost residents in the U. S. Census. Gray County lost 1,112 residents for a 5.1 percent loss in population.

News to publish historical book

The Pampa News is beginning work on a hardback pictorial book that will be published in conjunction with this fall's Gray County Centennial Celebration. And we need your help.

What we're looking for are your Pampa and Gray County photos of historical interest.

The photo topics include, but aren't limited to, landmarks, geology, developments, native history, pioneers/early settlers, street scenes, sports and recreation, schools, churches, clubs or organizations, entertainment, celebrations and festivals.

Please bring your photos by The Pampa News office at 403 W. Atchison between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, bring a bit of information describing the pictures. We'll scan your pictures into the computer system and return them to you in a few minutes.

For those who pre-order books they can be purchased for \$29.95 which includes a \$10 deposit. Orders are being taken now. For those purchasing after the publication the book price is \$39.95.

Though the books won't be out until late August or early September they can still be given for Christmas gifts this year through Gift Certificates.

Drug dog to be sold

Nick, Pampa's drug dog, will be sold to another law enforcement agency because the police department doesn't have enough personnel to man a canine program.

That's what Police Chief Charlie Morris told City Commissioners this week when the officials agreed to declare Nick as "surplus" city property and offer him for sale for as little as one dollar.

"He's an old dog and I just want to make sure that he gets a good home," Commissioner Faustina Curry said.

The chief said Nick's first handler is now a detective and his second handler has been called to active duty in the armed forces.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
David and Diane Adams and Marion Mears check their bingo cards during a game at the VFW Hall.

Powerful punch ...



Col. Terry Young, in the photo above, fires a round from the PepperBall Launcher at Officer Billy DeWitt who volunteered for the experience. At right, Officer Shawn Waters, another volunteer, coughs from the effects of the pepper powder after he was shot twice with one of the weapons.

(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

PepperBall Launcher new weapon in police arsenal

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department Wednesday instituted a new level of non-lethal law enforcement that packs a powerful punch.

Called a PepperBall Launcher, the weapon fires small balls filled with a pepper powder that gives officers a way to control dangerous situations without having to use deadly force, officials say.

"The important thing about this weapon is that it's a step to save lives," explained Col. Terry Young of the Pampa Police Department. "It gives us the option to have an intermediate step to save lives with no possibility of killing anybody."

A \$7,500 local law enforcement block grant from the U.S. Department of Justice provided the funding for the PepperBall Launchers, a modified version of the popular paintball guns. One Launcher costs approximately \$400. Powered by air pressure, the Launcher fires small plastic spheres filled with two grams of OC powder. OC, Oleoresin Capsicum, is the same chemical used in pepper spray.

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While the Launcher itself is relatively low cost, the spheres carry a much higher price tag — \$1,900 for 1,500 rounds. Unlike the paintball guns, the PepperBall Launcher fires at a greater velocity — 350-to-380 feet per second compared to the 250-to-280-foot velocity of a paintball gun. It's most effective at 30 feet, but can be used up to 100 feet away from the target.

After a training session Wednesday, two PepperBall Launchers were given to each of the police department's team supervisors, Young said, adding, "They will decide which members of the team will keep the weapon in their car."

Local officers also received training on re-

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Local VFW post in jeopardy

The Wednesday and Sunday bingo games at the VFW Post on Cuyler may be in jeopardy as well as the post itself.

Rod Porter, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Pampa Post 1657, is calling a special community meeting to determine whether the post will remain active.

Porter said for the last several

years a very small number of members have been carrying the load and keeping the post going.

"Unfortunately," Porter said, "because the help has been so very limited, these members have become exhausted and to a degree burned out."

Porter said he is inviting the post's membership and the community to a meeting at the post

at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at 105 S. Cuyler.

"This will be an open meeting, and as such wives are invited as well as non-members who are eligible to join so they can witness the fate of the post," Porter said. "Maybe knowing our post is in jeopardy will encourage local vets to join and get involved as well as the wives."

Amarillo sailor missing in Indian Ocean

AMARILLO (AP) — A 44-year-old sailor from Amarillo has been reported missing from a vessel in the Indian Ocean, the Navy said.

Randy Whitaker, petty officer second class aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Russell, was reported missing about 6 a.m. Tuesday, Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell with Naval Public Affairs at Pearl Harbor said Wednesday.

Whitaker, who was an information specialist

technician on the ship, was last seen at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Campbell said.

Members of the crew of 330 were unable to find him on the ship, which was about 740 nautical miles southwest of India when Whitaker was last seen, Campbell said.

Campbell said the ship and patrol aircraft then began searching for him in the water.

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sions to the department's policy on use of force which was changed to include use of the PepperBall Launchers, Young said.

Because the weapon is non-lethal, patrol officers do not have to receive supervisor's okay before using it, he said.

Young stressed that the PepperBall Launcher is best used in certain situations. He said Pampa police department policy covers several levels of force to be used to control a situation ranging from verbal compliance, use of hands, chemical control such as pepper spray, pain compliance using certain holds, a baton, a Taser or by firing a bean bag, and, finally, deadly force.

"The PepperBall falls in the chemical control and pain compliance range," Young said.

The weapon first came to public attention last year when it was used to help dispel riots in Seattle, Wash. Also in 2000, a Peoria, Ariz., father credited the Launcher on a local television station's news report with saving his suicidal son's life.

According to the news report, officers used the weapon to subdue the 16-year-old after he threatened them with a large knife. The boy had barricaded himself in the bathroom of his family home.

"If it had not been for (the PepperBall Launcher), we would have been planning a funeral today," the grateful father told the television news reporter.

"The officers would have been justified with using deadly force in this instance," Young commented. "But the whole purpose of this is to save lives - the lives of the public and the lives of offi-

AMARILLO

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er's wife Melinda and two teenage children live at Pearl Harbor. The ship departed Pearl Harbor on Oct. 25 for a six-month deployment to the Middle East, Campbell said.

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U.S. rejects Cuban demand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has rejected a Cuban offer to compensate Americans whose properties were nationalized 40 years ago if the U.S. embargo is lifted and Washington makes other concessions, an official said Thursday.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque reaffirmed the long-standing Cuban proposal during a news conference at the United Nations earlier this week.

Cuba has never rejected the U.S. compensation claims but has linked repayment to a lifting of the embargo and to U.S. payment of \$181 billion to Cuba, a figure it says is based on the damage the embargo has done to the island's economy over the years. In 1999, a Cuban court found the United States liable for that amount.

The United States maintains that the principle of compensation for expropriated properties is embedded in international law.

It rejects any linkage between the compensation issue and the embargo. The U.S. government has certified 5,911 property claims by U.S. citizens against the Cuban government. It does not accept Cuba's demand for damages resulting from the embargo.

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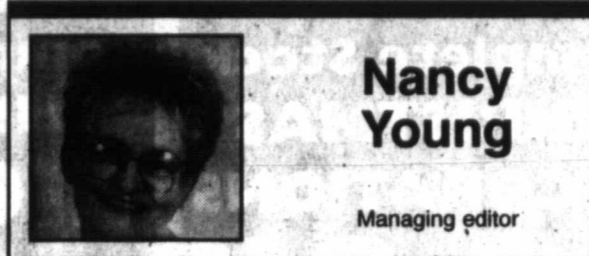
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VIEWPOINTS

E-mail really brings back memories

Yesterday I received the following in an e-mail from my brother-in-law in Tennessee. It really brought back some memories to me, and I thought many of you would enjoy it, too. I can almost hear my brother-in-law laughing as he just reached Grandpa's age a couple of months ago. Hope you enjoy it.



Nancy Young
Managing editor

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. He asked what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The grand dad replied, "Well, let me think a minute....I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ballpoint pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, (well, the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your grandmother and I got married first, then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother, and every boy over 14 had a rifle that his dad taught him how to use and respect. And they went hunting and fishing together. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I "Sir," and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."

In our time, closets were for clothes - not for coming out of. Sundays were set aside for

going to church as a family, helping those in need, and visiting with family or neighbors.

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living here was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends - not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't remember any kid blowing

his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too Bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day, 'grass' was mowed, 'coke' was a cold drink, 'pot' was something your mother cooked in, and 'rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby. 'Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office, 'chip' meant a piece of wood, 'hardware' was found in a hardware store, and 'software' wasn't even a word.

And we were actually the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap!" So...how old do you think Grandpa is?

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65 years old. Scary, huh?

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: The Monitor (McAllen) on military tribunals: In the war against terrorism, it is essential that our own government not act improperly by violating basic constitutional rights. But the Bush administration is doing so in an executive order President Bush signed to try foreign terror suspects in military tribunals. More than 1,000 foreigners currently are being held.

"The basic proposition here is that somebody who comes into the United States of America illegally, who conducts a terrorist operation killing thousands of innocent Americans men, women and children is not a lawful combatant," explained Vice President Dick Cheney. "They don't deserve to be treated as a prisoner of war. They don't deserve the same guarantees and safeguards that would be used for an American citizen going through the normal judicial process."

But the U.S. Constitution says they do. The Fifth Amendment guarantees, "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger." The guarantee is for a "person," not just a citizen. The Sixth Amendment guarantees "the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury...." The "accused" can be a citizen or non-citizen.

The "public danger" clause might be cited in the current case of terrorism, but that exists only when there is an immediate danger and after Congress has approved legislation setting up such trials. Although the Sept. 11 attacks certainly were murderous, there has been no similar attack since then. The anthrax attacks probably were committed by a homegrown, single terrorist, at least according to the governments best current theory.

The Bill of Rights "applies to persons, not citizens," said Robert Levy, senior fellow in Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute. Another objection to the new edict is that "the president will decide who will be tried and the secretary of Defense will decide the rules, even evidentiary. There won't be judicial review and there was no congressional action. It's law on the fly."

He pointed to the enactment of military tribunals during World War II in which Nazi saboteurs who landed here were tried and executed. "But in that case there was judicial review and legislation was passed by Congress that permitted the military trials. None of that is true in this case."

He's also concerned that the Bush administration hasn't given an adequate explanation why the normal judicial procedures need to be pushed aside. There is no immediate risk that the detainees will flee or commit crimes, because they're in custody. There is more than enough time to give the suspects proper trials that can be reviewed by the normal judicial and appeals process.

There's a real possibility that innocent people could be tried and executed without anyone knowing about it. Actions during World War II, although justly used against saboteurs, were not done in isolation, but in the midst of other government violations of civil rights, including the unjust incarceration of more than 100,000 Japanese Americans, most of them citizens.

It is hardest to live by our ancient protections of liberty during times of danger. Essential tests of our freedom don't come in easy times, but hard times. Congress should immediately act to halt this abuse of presidential powers, if only by withholding funding for such actions. The war on terrorism should not be widened into a war on the Bill of Rights.

I think I will to ground myself a while

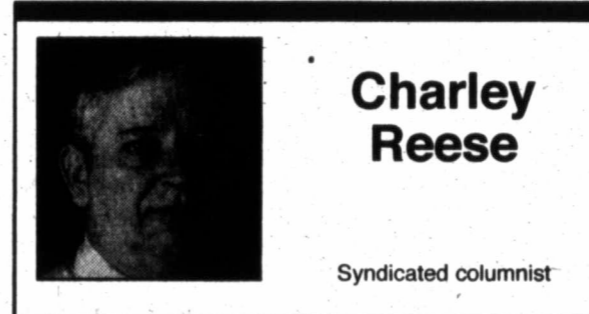
I had an editor and friend once who was afraid of flying. When he had to fly, he drank a lot. He said that it's scary being 30,000 feet above the earth with nothing between you and the ground but a roll of Reynolds Wrap Aluminum Foil.

I've never been afraid of flying, but I am annoyed by flying. It was annoying long before the security procedures were put in. In fact, it's been annoying ever since the airlines decided to compete with the Greyhound buses by stuffing as many people as they possibly can into their planes. A narrow seat is OK for about the length of a basketball game, but not for a trans-Atlantic or transcontinental flight.

Airports annoy me, too, ever since they got so big that no matter where you want to go, it's several miles from where you are.

One weekend, I had to fly from Pensacola, Fla., to Atlanta, from Atlanta to New York, from there to New Hampshire, then back to New York, then back to Atlanta, and from there, because of a missed connection, to New Orleans and then on to Pensacola. I thought I had died and gone to existentialist hell. Every airport, every boarding area, every plane looked and smelled the same. So did everybody, including me. And people wonder why I gave up working in political campaigns for a living.

Well, I hate to disobey the commander in



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

chief, but I think I'm going to ground myself for a while. As you know, not only he but also the lap-dog media urge us to fly and to spend money as our contribution to the war on terrorism. They make it sound downright unpatriotic to stay at home and save money. But that's what I'm going to do. If I see a terrorist in the back yard, I'll shoot him, OK? But other than that, I'm retiring from the conflict.

Besides, if my paltry poke has to be spent to stave off a recession, then we'd all better stake our claims to a corner from which to sell apples.

The current economic trouble is not a result of people spending too little. It is the result of people having spent too much in the 1990s. The average Joe today has 13 credit cards and average outstanding debt on them of \$8,000. That doesn't include his car payments, rent or

mortgage and other big items. People who live from paycheck to paycheck get into big trouble when the paychecks stop, and they have stopped for nearly half a million Americans.

Lowering interest rates or cutting taxes doesn't help when there is already excess production capacity that isn't being utilized. And that's the case today. Of course, cutting interest rates reduces income for savers and encourages prodigal spenders to go further into debt.

I've never lived through a war in which the leaders urged people to act normal but be alert and to fly on airplanes and spend money as their contribution to the war effort. This is a first for me.

Well, the airline industry is going to have to do more than keep terrorists and miscellaneous armed ruts off its airplanes to lure me back. It is going to have to make flying more convenient than driving, and except in cases of very long distances, I don't think it can.

Now that I am free of corporate tethers, I can afford the time better than I can afford the money. I even recently discovered a lovely non-interstate route to my hometown in Georgia. I wish the folks in New York City well, but I'm not coming for a visit. They'll just have to get by with the politicians and all those celebrities. I'm sure I won't be missed.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 29th, the 333rd day of 2001. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1961, "Enos" the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

On this date:
In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd radioed that he'd made the

first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower kept his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict.

In 1956, the musical "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of

the World Bank.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in

Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

Ten years ago: Seventeen people were killed in a 164-vehicle pileup during a dust storm on Interstate 5 near Coalinga, Calif. Actor Ralph Bellamy died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 87.

Five years ago: A U.N. court sentenced a Bosnian Serb army soldier, Drazen Erdemovic, to 10 years in prison for his role in the massacre of 1,200 Muslims. John C. Salvi III, serving a life sentence for fatally shooting two abortion clinic receptionists, hanged himself in his Massachusetts prison cell.

One year ago: Bracing the public for more legal wrangling, Vice President Al Gore said in a series of TV interviews that he was prepared to contest the Florida presidential vote until "the middle of December." Lou Groza, the Cleveland Browns' Hall of Fame kicker and lineman affectionately known as "The Toe," died at age 76.

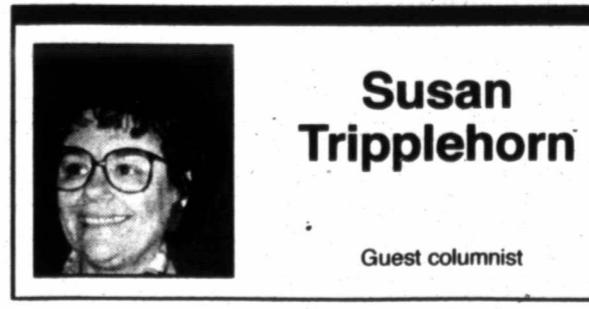
Today's Birthdays: Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 74. Former Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., is 73. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 68. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 61. Pop singer Denny Doherty (The Mamas & the Papas) is 60. Country singer Jody Miller is 60. Actress Diane Ladd is 58. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 57.

Pampans: Don't be misled ... get the facts

I've read the last three editorial articles written by Dale Roth, and just have to reply to them. Mr. Roth is supposed to be giving us information on his meeting with John Carter of NPD, yet he provides more opinion comments than actual information on the meeting.

This newspaper has given editorial status to a man who, until five months ago, didn't have a clue what an anaerobic lagoon system was. Nor, does he have an engineering background. Right now, many of you are asking, "well does this writer have any background?" And, the answer is "some." Remember, I've been working with dairies for the past three years. And, you should also know, that I always try to gather as much information as possible if I don't have knowledge on a subject.

Let's talk anaerobic lagoon systems. I first contacted Dr. Brent Auvermann about two years ago. The Texas A&M Extension system with offices in Amarillo employs Dr. Auvermann, who is one of our preeminent authorities on CAFO lagoon systems for the State of Texas. He came over to Pampa two months ago and did a seminar on these systems. Dale Roth and the anti-hog group were there. About 40 people showed up and four-fifths of them were anti-hog. This "anti" group didn't like one bit what Auvermann had to say. As a matter of fact, Dr. Auvermann held up all the articles that had been in this newspaper and made the statement that there sure was a



Susan Tripplehorn
Guest columnist

lot of misinformation going on in Pampa!

Which is why I write this letter. If Dale Roth is allowed to go unchallenged, you will all begin to believe what he says as fact. And, believe me, there is very little fact in what he says. Just look at what he calls the lagoon systems - "cesspools and sewage lagoons." In fact, anaerobic lagoon systems are built to handle organic material. The very same organic material you go to Wal-Mart and buy to put on your lawn, flowerbeds and gardens.

And then there's the scare of contamination of the Ogallala Aquifer. Just contact the Groundwater District in White Deer, and you will discover that there has never been one instance of contamination in the panhandle from animal lagoon systems such as these. Not from a feedlot, a dairy or from a hog operation. Dr. Auvermann, with scientific proof, has data that shows that it will take between 300 and 1,000 years for seepage from one of these

lagoon systems to reach our aquifer.

Now, I'm not writing this just to support the hog industry, because this "anti" group isn't going to stop with hogs. They want the dairies and the cattle feeders, too, because they all three use these same lagoon systems. The problem then becomes, what about our economy? The economic figures from 1999 show our agriculture economy to be over \$32 billion dollars a year here in the panhandle. Better than 6 million head of cattle are fed right here in the panhandle. The dairy industry is just beginning its growth here. Shall we just condemn it all?

I feel most in our community do want to know facts not misinformation. Please extend a little effort to educate yourself. Don't take my word for it, or those who don't have a background with livestock operations. Call Dr. Auvermann (806-359-5401), or the water district in White Deer (883-2501), or the TNRC regional office in Amarillo (806-353-9251). Additionally, the livestock associations also have some expertise - Texas Cattle Feeders in Amarillo (806-358-3681), and Texas Pork Producers in Austin (512-453-0615).

Animal agriculture and our state/national regulations are guided by science. Look at the facts! And, please don't take what Dale Roth says as factual. It's far from it!

- Susan Tripplehorn is former executive director of Pampa Economic Development Corp.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, 420 W. Kingsmill, meets Thursday, Aug. 23, with a feed at 7 p.m., followed by study and practice at 7:30 p.m.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for victims of Domestic Violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held the evening of Nov. 29. For more information, call 669-3241.

ARC CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a Christmas open house from 3-5 p.m., Nov. 29 at the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and brochures distributed on disaster relief and other information.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Festival of Trees will kick-off Friday, Nov. 30 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Hours will be 5-8 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 and 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Celebration of Lights will be open Dec. 1 through Dec. 31 every evening after dark at Recreation Park.

COME BACK TO CHRISTMAS

"Come Back to Christmas" holiday celebration will be held Dec. 1 in Pampa, complete with carriage rides, crafts, drawings, Victorian-era costumes and more.

'THE NUTCRACKER'

Pampa Civic Ballet will present "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m., Dec. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

LAKE MEREDITH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Christmas Bazaar is in the offing Dec. 6-9 at 104 N. Robey, Fritch. The event will include a bake sale as well as craft items. Donations in the form of cash, crafts or baked goods are currently being accepted through Dec. 1 (baked goods Dec. 5.) For more information, call (806) 857-2458.

MOONLIGHT EXTENSION CLUB

Moonlight Extension Education Club will host its 23rd Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 8 at Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. For more information, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

TOUR OF HOMES

Twentieth Century Cottillion Study Club will host its annual "Tour of Homes" Dec. 9 in Pampa. All proceeds will benefit "Opportunity Plans, Inc."

SUNSHINE LUNCHEON

Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a "sunshine bereavement luncheon" at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 at Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa. Cost of the meal will be between \$5-\$8. The luncheon serves as a social time for individuals grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING TOUR

Volunteers are needed for the annual Children's Shopping Tour scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. The volunteers will meet at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, at 7:45 a.m. For more information, call 665-4051.

ACS PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 15 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

ILP COMPETITION

The International Library of Photography is currently sponsoring a free International Open Amateur Photography Contest. To enter, send one photo to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2612, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. Deadline to enter is Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.picture.com on-line.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is March 15, 2002. Forms are also available on-line at www.colgate.com.

CGC GRANT FUND

Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which pro-

vides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

SENIOR WHEELS USA

Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs — at no cost — to senior citizens (65 years and up) and to the permanently disabled. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-246-6010.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.


PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

FEI DIRECTORY

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklet "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." The booklet includes information on how and where to get micro loans of up to \$25,000. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1032; or by visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

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Administration buying enough smallpox vaccines for all Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says it will have enough smallpox vaccine on hand within a year to inoculate every American, but officials have no plans to use it absent a return of the virtually extinct but deadly virus.

The Department of Health and Human Services signed a contract Wednesday to buy 155 million doses of vaccine from a British company, preparing for the possibility terrorists would try to spread the highly contagious disease.

The contract with Acambis Inc. is supposed to bring the nation's stockpile to 286 million doses of the vaccine by the end of next year, promising protection for every American.

But there are no plans to resume the routine vaccinations of Americans that ended in 1972, HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said. That's because the vaccine can be administered four days after exposure to smallpox and still offer protection and because it can cause some rare but deadly side effects.

Still, Thompson predicted that

the contract would prompt demand for the shots by many Americans.

"That discussion is not only going to be taking place here in the department, but in Congress, at the White House and across America," he said.

Smallpox hasn't occurred in the United States since 1949 and was declared eradicated worldwide in 1980. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a Moscow laboratory hold stocks of the virus, and bioterrorism experts worry that samples could fall into terrorists' hands and be used as a weapon.

Experts believe such a smallpox attack is unlikely, but it could overwhelm communities were it to occur. The virus is highly contagious, and nearly a third of its victims die.

"The risk does exist and we must be prepared," Thompson said.

"Obtaining the vaccine represents an important insurance policy," added Dr. D.A. Henderson, who led the global campaign that eliminated smallpox and is now Thompson's top bioterrorism adviser. "It's sim-

ply a prudent thing to do at this point in time."

But the risk of a smallpox attack is not significant enough to justify the risks associated with the vaccine, he said.

About three in every 1 million people vaccinated would get encephalitis, which can cause permanent brain damage or death. Another 250 among the total population vaccinated would get a smallpox-like rash that also can be fatal if not properly treated. And experts estimate that if every American were vaccinated against smallpox, about 400 people would die from the vaccine.

"It causes more complications than any vaccine we now have," Henderson said.

Should smallpox reappear, a federal response plan calls for isolating the patient and then vaccinating those in close contact with him or her.

The government already has 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine on hand, and officials are prepared to dilute each one to create five doses, bringing the total to 77 million. Researchers are studying whether each dose

could be further diluted, to get 10 doses from each one.

In either case, the diluted vaccine would be used only if the new doses had not yet been delivered, or if they ran out, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

An additional 54 million doses already have been ordered from Acambis and are expected to be delivered next year.

The new contract will bring another 155 million doses, which are expected by late fall 2002. They will cost the government \$428 million, or \$2.76 per dose. That's less than the \$509 million that the Bush administration has asked from Congress to pay for the new vaccine.

The initial budget request assumed that the government would need to buy 250 million doses, but new research has found that the existing vaccine can safely be diluted, meaning much less new vaccine is needed.

To make the newest batch of vaccine, Acambis has teamed with Baxter International, which will begin brewing doses immediately at an undisclosed

European factory, Acambis spokeswoman Lyndsay Wright said. Acambis' own manufacturing will begin soon at a factory in Cambridge, Mass., she said.

After the vaccine is manufactured, it must be tested in clinical trials and then approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA

promised an expedited review but vowed not to lower its standards.

On the Net:
Acambis Inc.: <http://www.acambis.com>
Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov>

Preparing for the Parade ...



(Photo by Bill Parrish)

Jerry Hood, Becky Helfer, Kent Jones, Sue Hinds, Donna Taylor, "Santa," and Phyllis Hood prepare for the upcoming Christmas Parade. Once rumor got out between Black Gold "regulars" Jerry was entering his restored Cushman Scooter, competition broke out for the title of "Cushman Queen." To date, the contest is still undecided.

Economy: Durable-goods up record 12.8 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for costly manufactured goods soared a record 12.8 percent in October, reflecting stronger demand for a wide variety of big-ticket items, from cars to computers.

The rebound in durable goods came after new orders dropped by 9.2 percent in September, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The 12.8 percent increase was the largest since the government began keeping records based on the current classification system in March 1992. It also marked the first increase in orders for durable goods since May.

The report offers a rare bright spot for the nation's battered manufacturing sector, which has been hardest hit by the sinking economy. To cope with sagging demand, factories have sharply cut production and laid off workers.

The Labor Department reported that new claims for unemployment benefits surged last week by 54,000 to 488,000 as companies laid off workers in

response to the shrinking economy.

In the durable-goods report, new orders for transportation products posted the largest increase in October, rising by 38.8 percent, after falling by 16.2 percent the month before.

After falling sharply in September, orders for airplanes jumped by 233.2 percent and orders for cars rose 10.6 percent in October.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, which can swing widely from month to month, new orders grew by 3.4 percent in October, the largest increase since May 2000.

Orders for computers and electronic products, which fell by 8.6 percent in September, went up by 10.3 percent in October, also the largest increase since May 2000.

Orders for electrical equipment and appliances increased by 3.8 percent, after declining by 10.5 percent in September.

Fabricated metals saw orders go up by 3.1 percent, after falling by 4.3 percent.

Shipments rose 3.2 percent in October, after falling by 6 percent in September. It was the first increase in shipments in five months.

There were some weak spots in the report. Orders for industrial machinery declined by 0.3 percent in October, following a 7.5 percent drop in September. Orders for semiconductors dropped by 17.2 percent, following a 16.9 percent gain. Orders for primary metals, including steel, declined by 2.6 percent, on top of a 5.7 percent decrease.

The stronger-than-expected durable-goods report followed other statistics that painted a gloomy economic picture for the same month.

In October, industrial produc-

tion plunged, consumer confidence sank to a 7 1/2-year low and the nation's unemployment rate soared to 5.4 percent, reflecting the damage inflicted not only by the shrinking economy but also by the fallout from the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The National Bureau of Economic Research on Monday officially declared that the economy has been in recession since March, the first downturn in a decade.

Many economists believe Federal Reserve policy-makers will cut interest rates for an 11th time this year at their next meeting on Dec. 11 in a continued effort to prevent the economy from sinking deeper into recession.

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Lucky Teens Driving Drunk Live To Tell Sobering Tale

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl, and I'd like to offer my fellow teen-agers some advice: *Do not ride with drunk drivers!* Getting into a car with a drunk driver and driving drunk are two of the stupidest mistakes anyone can make.

I know a lot of teen-agers will read this and blow off what I'm saying. I had that same attitude last week — but I learned the hard way.

Two nights ago, I was out with my boyfriend, who had been drinking. We were speeding along a country road and came to a sharp turn with a 10-foot drop. We weren't able to slow down fast enough. The car went airborne.

I closed my eyes. When I opened them, the hood was crushed and the windshield was smashed — but we walked away without a scratch. It was a miracle. Most people are not so fortunate.

If we had been injured or killed, nobody would have found us for days at the bottom of the ditch. So, I urge all of you not to be stupid. Don't drink and drive — or ride with a drunk driver.

STILL SHAKING IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

DEAR STILL SHAKING: I hope other teens will take to heart the hard lesson you learned. Your guardian angels must have been sitting in the car with you.

Regrettably, Americans of every age make the deadly decision to consume alcohol and get behind the wheel of a car, and

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

the effects can be tragic injuries and death.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, last year — for the first time in five years — the number of impaired-driving deaths rose. This information must not be ignored because impaired-driving crashes are not "accidents" — they are predictable and preventable events.

This holiday season, I urge everyone to think carefully about the choices they make regarding alcohol consumption. Consider the lives and health of families and neighbors. If you plan to drink, don't drive. Agree in advance upon a designated driver, call a taxi or use mass transit. Make this a safe and happy holiday season by making wise choices. And remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk.

DEAR ABBY: I have been having problems with my second wife. My son recently moved here from the East Coast to start a new life. She refused to let him stay with

us for even one night. I had to set him up in a room-and-board situation nearby and help him find a job.

Every time he wanted to visit and spend the night, my wife refused. My son may be a little immature for his 21 years, but he's a good kid.

Now my father wants to come for a visit. Again my wife refuses. It's because of a remark my stepmother made three years ago while they were here. My wife still holds a grudge after all this time. I wish she'd get over it.

My family is not perfect, Abby, but they are important to me. I wish I could get my wife to bend a little. Do you have any advice?

SAD AND CONFUSED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: Successful marriages require compromise. As long as your wife rules the roost, nothing will change.

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For Better or For Worse

I'M GLAD YOU AND RUDY ARE GETTING ALONG SO WELL, CANDACE.

YEAH...IT'S RARE.

I'M SO USED TO BEING DUMPED ON... I JUST FIGURED THAT'S THE WAY LIFE WAS.

THAT'S WHY I NEVER SERIOUSLY HOOKED UP WITH ANYONE. IF YOU'RE GONNA END UP IN THE EX-FILES, WHY INVEST YOUR EMOTIONS, RIGHT?

NOW I'M THINKING... LOVE IS WHEN SOMEONE TREATS YOU THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED... WITH RESPECT! LIKE YOU MEAN SOMETHING!

YOU DESERVE SOMEONE BETTER THAN ERIC, LIZ.

MAYBE HE'LL CHANGE!

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WOW!

I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM MISS YET!

SNIFF! SNIFF!

FACE.

UM HMM.

OKAY, SO THAT WAS A GIMME.

Garfield

BEWARE OF THE ARTISTIC DOG

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

MY NOSE ISN'T THAT BIG!

Beetle Bailey

YOU'RE TOO TENSE

EVERYONE NEEDS TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN

WHEEE!

NOW BACK TO YOUR CASE

Marvin

HERE I AM, LYING FLAT ON MY BACK WITH A PAIR OF JEANS STUCK HALF WAY OVER MY HIPS

I CAN'T GET THEM TO BUDGE UP OR DOWN, AND THEY'RE SO TIGHT I CAN'T EVEN SIT UP

NOW I KNOW HOW HELPLESS TURTLES MUST FEEL WHEN THEY GET FLIPPED OVER

B.C.

OH, GREAT GURU, HOW CAN I GET CLOSER TO PEOPLE?

YOU COULD START BY CARRYING A BOX OF TIC TACS.

Hagar The Horrible

HAGAR, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED SOME OTHER LINE OF WORK?

SURE!

SOMETHING I COULD ENJOY WHILE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THEIR PROBLEMS!

YOU MEAN LIKE SOCIAL WORK?

NO, LIKE BARTENDING

Peanuts

BAM! BAM!

DESSERT? YES, SIR... COMING RIGHT UP...

Blondie

BACK FROM BOWLING ALREADY?

YES, AND I WAS SENSATIONAL!

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YOU SEE A LONG REHEARSAL PROCESS?

YESSIR, STARTIN' WITH THE WEEDS IN MY BACK ACRE.

Marmaduke

"He minds really good. He's home-schooled."

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Football upsets send Big 12 teams scrambling

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BASKETBALL

MIAMI — Miami's basketball team is off to a 2-0 start after defeating Samnorwood 63-29 Tuesday night.

Lance Patterson led Miami's scoring attack with 19 points. Jimmy James followed with 16 and Tom Davenport added 11.

Wright had 10 points for Samnorwood.

MCLEAN — McLean edged Allison 40-37 in a boys basketball game Tuesday night.

Adam Johnston was the Tigers' high scorer with 18 points. Josh Seymour and Zane Richardson added 5 each.

Lohburger also had 18 for Allison.

Halftime score was 25-23, McLean's favor.

OLYMPICS

LONDON (AP) — Triathlon could be dropped as an Olympic sport after just one appearance unless it sorts out its political problems.

IOC officials said they have sent two letters to the International Triathlon Union's president, Les McDonald, expressing concern about the infighting that has plagued the sport, which made its Olympic debut at the Sydney Games.

IOC sports director Gilbert Felli said he hopes to meet with McDonald soon to discuss the situation, which involves a power struggle at the top of the ITU.

FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — City officials are rolling out a red, white and blue carpet for the Army-Navy football game, which could be Philadelphia's last opportunity to showcase itself as the home of the 102-year-old rivalry.

Philadelphia has played host to the Army-Navy classic 75 times, dating back to Dec. 2, 1899, but is scheduled to get the game just once more after this week before a 12-year contract expires in 2003.

Competition to keep the game is expected to be fierce. "We've received feelers from all over the country: Chicago, San Antonio, Cleveland, Miami," U.S. Naval Academy associate athletic director Eric Ruden said. "Discussions have really not begun for 2004 and beyond, but we anticipate a lot of interest."

Loss of the game would be a blow to Philadelphia, city officials said.

The contest provides an annual boost of between \$15 million and \$20 million to the city's economy. Philadelphia hotels will rent 15,000 nights worth of rooms. Close to 40,000 people are expected to visit the city.

"It is really one of Philadelphia's 'treasures,'" said Larry Needle, director of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, the group in charge of the city's bid to retain the game.

"This is really our last chance as a city to make an impression on the academics before the final decision is made on future years," he said.

This year, the city has added a number of events, including a downtown pep rally and a game-day fan festival with live music and interactive games.

DALLAS (AP) — Way back when an Oklahoma-Nebraska Big 12 Conference championship game looked like a sure thing, fans in both states began laying plans to spend some time and money in Dallas.

After surprising defeats for the Sooners and Cornhuskers last week, fans in four states are hurriedly making or scrapping travel plans, and Dallas-area businesses are fretting about potential losses.

"Basically these teams represent very different types of business," Mona Gandy of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau said Wednesday. "With OU and Nebraska, they have a pattern of traveling fans. It's almost akin to a convention."

Projecting the profitability of Saturday's Texas-Colorado

matchup at Texas Stadium isn't quite so easy, Gandy said. Colorado's history of traveling for big games isn't as established, and UT's proximity to Dallas would probably mean shorter hotel stays, if any, she said.

Last week, the Huskers were unbeaten and ranked second in the nation. They were 10-point favorites to beat Colorado on Friday and win the Big 12 North title.

Instead, the Buffaloes crushed the Huskers, 62-36, sending Colorado to the conference final at Texas Stadium in the Dallas suburb of Irving.

The next day, Oklahoma, then ranked No. 4, was a 27-point favorite over struggling Oklahoma State. But the Sooners also lost, falling to the Cowboys, 16-13, and sending the Texas

Longhorns to Irving as the Big 12 South champion.

"Is it going to be as great as we thought it would be? I would say probably not," said Mohamed Elmougy, president of the Greater Dallas Hotel-Motel Association.

Dallas and Irving hotels were mostly sold out before last weekend's upsets. Now, he estimated they would be about 80 percent full.

The Omni Mandaly hotel in Irving, where Elmougy is general manager, had scheduled a luncheon Saturday for 1,000 Oklahoma fans.

"I think that's where a lot of money was," he said.

Jayne Rankin, sports marketing manager at the Irving visitors bureau, said OU and Nebraska officials came to town about a month ago to scout locations for

hotels and sites for activities.

Rankin, who has been on the phones with alumni, travel agencies and hoteliers since last week's games, said she's hopeful that the championship will live up to financial expectations.

"We're really working diligently to make sure there is not a dropoff and that hotels are full," she said.

Each school in the title game received about 8,500 tickets, but most of those went to season-ticket holders, forcing Texas and Colorado backers to hit up Nebraskans and Oklahomans.

"A lot of people have been getting on message boards and trying to find tickets," said Courtney Houston of the Texas Exes alumni group. "We've heard a lot of stories about UT people calling up for tickets that are on sale and

hearing, 'No, we don't want to sell to anybody in the (Big 12) South.'"

Susan Oviatt, leader of Colorado's booster club in Dallas, said the phone has been ringing nonstop since the Buffaloes' win. She said OU and Nebraska people have been calling to try to unload tickets, while people all over Colorado have been calling Dallas for tickets.

"We have a lot of people scrambling for tickets," she said. "It's pretty chaotic."

Dallas-area ticket brokers said they have been buying from OU and Nebraska fans and selling them quickly, for between \$150 and \$500.

The DFW Sports Commission, which sold the tickets, has set up a ticket swap area on its Web site for fans to swap tickets.

Pampa's Taylor Bolton — A natural born cowgirl

PAMPA — That old western phrase, 'she rides like she was Born in the Saddle,' certainly applies to four-year-old Taylor Bolton of Pampa.

Taylor, a first-year member of the Northwestern Junior Rodeo Association, first starting riding a horse in early May. Her parents and friends could hardly believe their eyes. They saw a frail little girl who was handling a large animal like it was child's play.

"Taylor has since shown everyone what she was made of. She is not the fragile, sweet child that everyone should be worried about," said her mother, Tina Bolton.

Mrs. Bolton says Taylor appeared to have a passion and a natural talent for riding horses, and was determined to make her mark in upcoming youth rodeos.

"She is a strong-willed young lady with fire in her eyes," Mrs. Bolton added.

Taylor, who is coached by Kelly Packard, entered several events on the rodeo schedule, including stick horse barrels, goat ribbon racing, horse back barrels and horse back pole bending. During the summer, she completed in 14 rodeos and

a two-day year-end finals. Taylor earned enough points for the finals by finishing in the top six in each of her events.

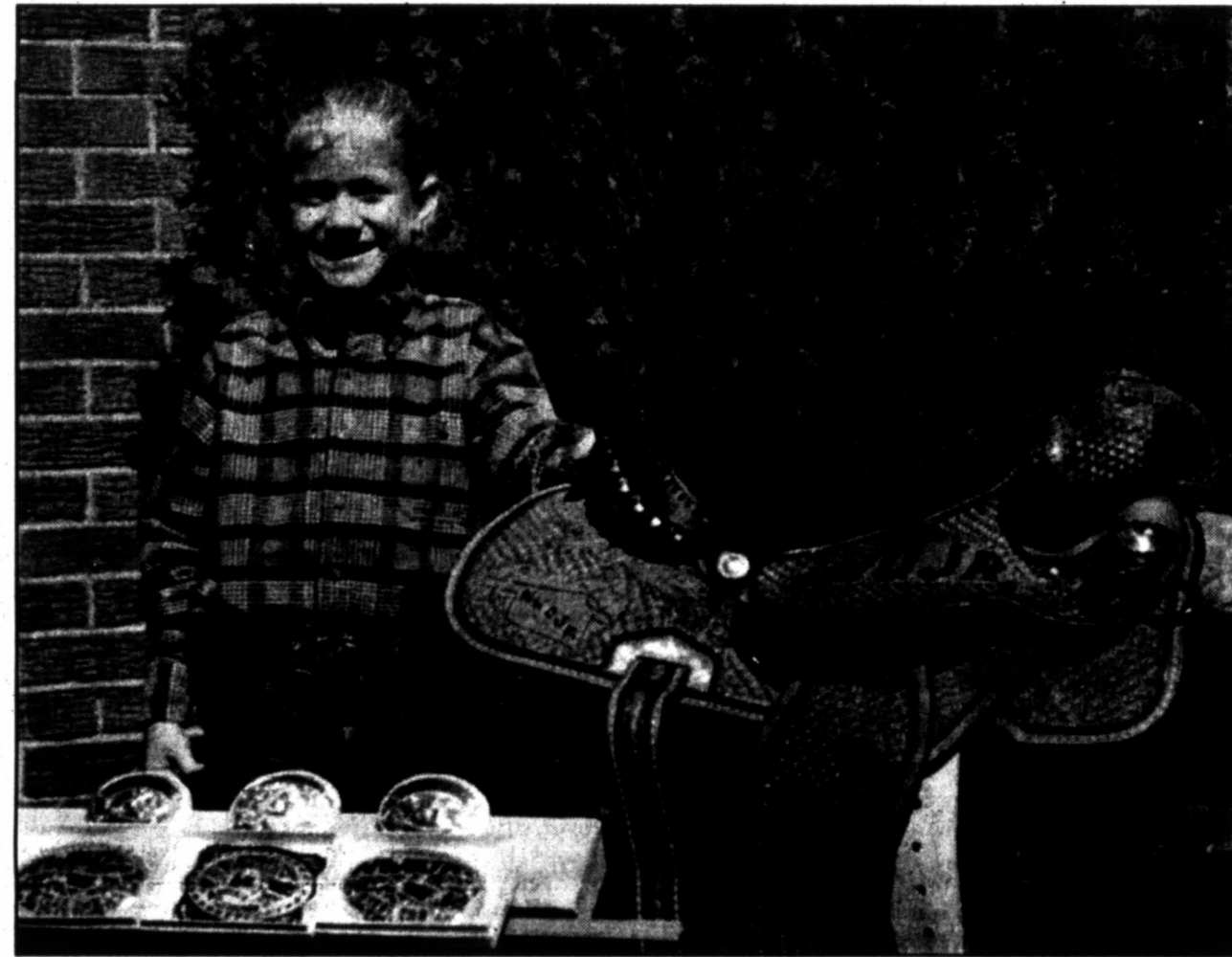
Competing in the finals turned out to be just the beginning of Taylor's success story. She had a terrific weekend, placing first in both rounds of the Stick Pony Barrels and first in round one of the Goat Ribbon.

She placed third and fourth, respectively, in Horse Back Barrels, and also had the fastest time in both ground events at finals.

Taylor dominated the awards ceremony, receiving the first-place year-end buckles in Stick Pony Barrels and Goat Ribbon and the first-place finals buckle in Stick Pony Barrels. For placing fifth in barrels and sixth in poles in the year-end standings, she received a duffel bag and photo album.

To top things off, Taylor was awarded the Finals All-Around Buckle and the All-Around Cowgirl Champion for being the high-points winner for the year.

Born in the Saddle. That phrase certainly applies to Taylor Bolton, one talented little cowgirl.



Four-year old Taylor Bolton of Pampa displays the awards she's won in junior rodeos.

Jared White is on honor roll at Eastern New Mexico

PAMPA — Eastern New Mexico's Jared White has been named to the Lone Star Conference South Commissioner's Honor Roll this season.

Selections to the Commissioner's Honor Roll are based on academic and athletic success in voting by the LSC South sports infor-

mation directors.

White, a sophomore line-backer from Pampa, achieved a 3.26 grade point average while majoring in Special Education. He supplied ENMU with 18 total tackles, including 9 solo stops.

Five of his tackles went for losses and one was a quar-

terback sack. He has accumulated 54 tackles in two seasons with the Greyhounds.

Also named to the Honor Roll were Wheeler natives Ben Dollar and Aaron Dunnam at Eastern New Mexico University.

Dollar, a sophomore line-

backer, contributed to the ENMU defense with 6 unassisted tackles and 5 assists. He registered one tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

He earned a 3.29 gpa and is majoring in Wildlife and Fishery Science.

Dunnam, a junior fullback, is working toward a major in

Special Education and has a 3.48 gpa.

He was also listed on the Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2000. Dunnam carried the ball 37 times for 140 yards and three touchdowns this season.

He has gained 541 yards on 113 carries in three seasons at ENMU.

Knight-style basketball gets Red Raiders another win

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The Texas Tech Red Raiders are proving to be quick studies in Bob Knight-style basketball.

Texas Tech (5-1) continues to play with poise and purpose and Wednesday night added New Mexico State to its list of early season victims. Guard Will Chavis' free throw with 3 seconds left in overtime left gave the Red Raiders an 81-80 win.

Knight, fired at Indiana after 29 seasons that included three national championships, took over a Tech team that last year went 9-19 overall and 3-13 in the Big 12. The way the Red Raiders are playing, the rebuilding may not take long.

Tech players have bought into Knight's patient, work for the good shot offense and smothering man-to-man defense.

Both were a factor in the Red Raiders' second road win of the season. Tech, which consistently

got easy lay-ups off its offense, hit 15 of 24 shots in the second half, and defensively the Red Raiders held New Mexico to 39.7 percent.

"We needed to get a lot of screens and at times I thought we did that really well," said senior center Andy Ellis, who hit 11 of 19 shots and led the Red Raiders' scoring with 28 points.

Ellis had a key defensive play when he blocked a short jumper by NMSU's Eric Channing with 30 seconds left in regulation and the Aggies up 72-70.

Kasib Powell added 17 points and Chavis 16 for Tech.

Chavis hit the game-winning free throw after missing his first attempt with the score tied at 80. New Mexico State tried to ice Chavis after his miss by calling a timeout.

"I was thinking I was going to make it," Chavis said. "We fought so hard, I felt like I would let my teammates down if I had missed it."

The Red Raiders rallied from a 72-66 deficit in the final 2 minutes of regulation, then traded baskets with the Aggies until Chavis was fouled by Dennis Trammell as Tech went for the last shot.

"We wanted to run the clock down to about 10 seconds," said Ellis. "We didn't want them to have time to take a shot."

New Mexico State (3-1) had a chance to win it, but Eric Channing's 15-foot jumper from the baseline bounced off the rim.

"I had a pretty good look," said Channing, who also missed a 3-pointer at the end of regula-

tion that would have won it for the Aggies. "I was kind of fading away and I probably rushed it a little bit."

Channing, the Aggies' leading scorer, had trouble all night getting free for shots against Tech's defense. He got off only four shots in the first half and hit three of them.

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It's another test for Brady's bunch against Jets

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Everyone seems to be raving about Tom Brady, who has energized the New England Patriots since Drew Bledsoe was hurt against the New York Jets in the second week of the season.

Bledsoe is healthy now, but he'll be on the sideline for the rematch with the Jets in New Jersey on Sunday, while Brady tries to get the Patriots back into the AFC East race.

The Jets are favored by three — Brady has done enough so that the Jets get only the home-field points, which might not mean much considering that home teams are 8-22 the last two weeks.

Not many people understand the Jets, who still are learning the West Coast offense and gave

Pro Picks

up tons of rushing yards early in the season.

But the defense has come together under Ted Cottrell, the architect of some pretty good units in Buffalo the past few seasons.

In the four games before last week's bye, the Jets allowed just 28 points, with one touchdown on an interception return and another in garbage time after New York had taken a 27-0 lead over Kansas City.

Tough call.

Mix in the fact that there are a lot of ex-Jets in New England, brought there by Patriots coach Bill Belichick, New York's former defensive coordinator. And mix in the fact that the Patriots (6-5) could move to within a game of the Jets (7-3) in the loss

column with a victory. Brady, incentive and the home-field disadvantage. PATRIOTS, 15-13

Philadelphia (minus 3) at Kansas City (Thursday night)
The Eagles are an immature team that thought it had solved its offensive problems against an inept Minnesota road defense.

But ... Home-field disadvantage. EAGLES, 16-7

Denver (plus 3) at Miami
Both teams barely got by on the road against inferior opposition last week.

Elway over Marino, but Fiedler over Griese — the Dolphins are good at home. DOLPHINS, 26-21

St. Louis (minus 8) at Atlanta

The Rams have trouble against physical defenses (Eagles, Giants, Bucs). If Martz uses Marshall enough ... RAMS, 31-20

Indianapolis (plus 7) at Baltimore
"PLAYOFFS!!! PLAYOFFS???" We want to win one game." Guarantee: Jim Mora will be quiet after the Colts lose this. RAVENS, 22-16

Dallas (minus 8 1/2) at Washington
The bad Redskins couldn't even score 8 1/2 in Dallas. The good Redskins? REDSKINS, 26-2

Green Bay (minus 3 1/2) at Jacksonville (Monday night)
Tom Coughlin has the Jaguars playing hard, but the players aren't there.

PACKERS, 27-13
Tennessee (plus 1) at Cleveland
Only Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago have allowed fewer points than Cleveland. BROWNS, 16-5

Minnesota (plus 7) at Pittsburgh
The Vikings never show up on the road. STEELERS, 31-10

Detroit (plus 7 1/2) at Chicago
If this were in Pontiac ... BEARS, 24-13

Arizona (plus 13) at Oakland
A rarity: the Cardinals have won two in a row. Not three. RAIDERS, 35-16

Buffalo (plus 9) at San

Francisco
Sandwich for Niners between Colts and Rams. 49ERS, 27-20

Tampa Bay (plus 6) at Cincinnati
The Bucs haven't won two straight all season. But ... BUCS, 17-3

San Diego (plus 3) at Seattle
The Chargers are fading fast. SEAHAWKS, 22-12

Carolina (plus 10) at New Orleans
New Orleans gets well. SAINTS 27-20

LAST WEEK: 6-7-2 (spread); 10-5 (straight up).
SEASON: 79-69-7 (spread); 102-53 (straight up).

Groom takes on Sanderson

GROOM — It will another battle between unbeaten teams when Groom hooks up with Sanderson at 7:30 Friday night in Seagraves.

Both Groom and Sanderson have 12-0 records going into the six-man regional quarterfinals games.

The second-ranked Tigers haven't had a close contest this season. Miami came the closest to challenging Groom, but the Tigers still win 48-22 in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Experience has been a big part of Groom's strength this season. Noseguard Trey Britten, running back-defensive back Garrett Britten, center-defensive end Wyatt Britten, wide receiver-linebacker Clay Ritter, offensive

lineman-defensive end Hugh Weinheimer, running back-defensive back Cody Bivens and end-linebacker Luke Pavlovsky are the seniors that make Groom a veteran squad. They were all starters last season when Groom advanced to the state quarterfinals and compiled a 12-1 record.

The Tigers have a sophomore at quarterback in Clay Britten, he's tossed 29 touchdowns passes this season.

Bivens and Garrett Britten have produced an effective 1-2 punch in the backfield. They've rushed for 921 yards and 864 yards, respectively.

Ritter, who stands 6-4, has caught 23 passes for 562 yards, including 13 touchdowns. Weinheimer has 20 catches and 9 touchdowns while

Wyatt Britten has 10 receptions and 3 TDs. Groom, which reached the state finals in 1999, ripped Patton Springs 60-12 last weekend in the first round of regionals.

Sanderson, currently No. 4 in the state, has been ranked among the top five all season long. The Eagles beat Ira 74-45 last weekend.

"They're kind of different in what we do as far as the offensive schemes go. Sanderson has more speed, but size-wise there's not a lot of difference," said Groom coach Larry Reid. "They have a couple of running backs who have some good statistics and they throw the ball well."

Reid is in his eighth season as the Tigers' coach.

Oklahoma's Williams is a dominating defender

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Roy Williams' dominance on defense was never more evident than in the final two minutes of Oklahoma's victory over Texas in October.

With the Longhorns trailing 7-3 and backed up at their 3-yard line, Williams blitzed, jumped over a blocker and hit the arm of Texas quarterback Chris Simms. The ball fluttered and was intercepted by linebacker Teddy Lehman, who trotted into the end zone for a touchdown.

Williams then made the tackle on the ensuing kickoff and followed that with an interception that sealed the 14-3 victory.

"He single-handedly clinched the game," coach Bob Stoops.

Williams, a junior strong safety, was the most dominant player on an outstanding defense. As a result, he was a near-unanimous choice as Big 12 defensive player of the year by The Associated Press. He received 19 of 20 votes in balloting by writers who cover the league on a regular basis for newspapers in the conference's seven states.

Sooners linebacker Rocky Calmus, who won the award last year, got the other vote. Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch also received 19 votes to run away with the award for offensive player of the year.

The other vote went to Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

Oklahoma freshman defensive tackle Tommie Harris was voted the league's defensive newcomer of the year. The top newcomer on offense was Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace.

Stoops says the 6-foot-1, 220-pound Williams is the best defensive player he has coached or been around.

"You put him on the field and he almost takes away one side of the field," Stoops said. "You blitz him and he's going to tip the ball either to someone else for an interception or to himself. You throw a screen out that way, he's going to make the tackle. You throw it

downfield, he's a great cover guy. He does it all."

Williams finished the season with 99 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, five interceptions, two sacks, three fumble recoveries and 27 pass deflections.

Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said he had never seen a player control games as consistently as Williams did this year.

"He makes hard plays look easy, and that's very, very hard to do," Mike Stoops said. "That's where you can see how special he is, because he makes it look easy. You come to expect that of him."

Quarterback Nate Hybl recalled playing against Williams two years ago when Hybl was on the scout team.

"He didn't really know all of his assignments, but he was the one who stood out," Hybl said. "A lot of times when you're going against the scout team, guys can go through the motions. This guy was flying around. I mean flying around."

Williams played on both sides of the ball until he came to college. Bob Stoops says he has no doubt Williams could excel on offense, although Williams says he prefers defense.

"I would rather tackle people than get all the glory

catching touchdowns," he said. "I get a better thrill out of tackling people."

Many expect those thrills to come in the NFL next season, although Williams says he hasn't thought much about leaving school early. When he's away from football, he gets away from football. He says he only watches games if he knows one of the players, and his passions are watching movies on his DVD player and playing video games.

"You cannot find a better student athlete, a finer young man than Roy Williams," Bob Stoops said. "The guy is an absolute joy to coach."

Crouch ran for 1,115 yards and 18 touchdowns this season and threw for 1,510 yards and seven TDs as the Cornhuskers went 11-1. His 59 career rushing touchdowns are an NCAA record for quarterbacks, 10 more than the previous record.

Harris became a force on the interior for Oklahoma as a true freshman. He finished with 32 tackles and two sacks and consistently was double-teamed. Iowa State's Wallace, a junior college transfer, threw for 2,044 yards and 11 touchdowns in leading the Cyclones to a 7-4 season and their second straight bowl berth.

Mean Green could go to a bowl

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — North Texas hasn't had a winning football season since returning to Division I-A in 1995.

That won't stop the Mean Green from going to a bowl game.

By winning the first Sun Belt Conference title, the Mean Green (5-5, 5-1 Sun Belt) earned a spot in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl. They play Colorado State (6-5) on Dec. 18 in the Superdome, no matter what happens in their season finale.

"There's been a lot of things tossed around about what our record might be," fourth-year North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said from Denton, Texas. "I don't concern myself with that too much. But I would like to go to New Orleans 6-5 just as much as anybody."

But if North Texas loses Saturday at Troy State, it would become the first team to take advantage of an NCAA waiver that allows a conference champion to play in a bowl without the mandated six victories.

Sun Belt commissioner Wright Waters isn't concerned about that possibility.

"They are in the New Orleans Bowl because of what they did in the conference, regardless of what they did outside the conference," Waters said from New Orleans. "Hopefully, it's not an issue, but it wouldn't diminish or make it any less fun for the kids, and the kids would be no less deserving to be here."

Since losing their first five games, the Mean Green have won five straight — their longest winning streak since 1987.

Did one play turn 'Skins around?

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins are hesitant to admit that one big play turned their season around.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer has no doubt that it did.

The play, of course, was LaVar Arrington's 67-yard interception runback for a touchdown against Carolina.

The Redskins, 0-5 and playing miserably in that game, suddenly discovered some energy and confidence.

It was as if they decided in an instant that they were too good to be winless, too proud to be the butt of jokes. A 14-0 fourth-quarter deficit was overcome, and they haven't lost since.

"The ball was batted in the air, and he was running, and it just happened," Schottenheimer said. "The football gods decided to shine on us."

"What it did in my mind is it gave some energy to our team, but equally important, it gave some energy to the stadium. We found a way to get the victory, and then you begin to build. I honestly believe it was a key play, and I think individual plays like that can have an influence on the outcome of the season."

An informal survey among the players Wednesday produced a variety of reasons for the Redskins resurgence from 0-5 to 5-5.

Tony Banks, who missed nearly all of training camp, got many votes, as did the subtle changes made by the coaching staff to suit

the talent on both offense and defense. A reshuffling of the offensive line was also key.

Inevitably, however, the topic returns to Arrington's interception, but usually with hesitation. After all, how can just one play turn the worst team in pro football into one of the best? It makes the first five games feel like one big waste.

"A lot of guys are somewhat upset and disappointed because we've been able to play like this, but we started it in the sixth game," kicker Brett Conway said. "It's not too late, but it could come down to later in the season that we look back and say we needed those first five games. It's really frustrating knowing that we can play as well as we have, and we didn't do that at the beginning of the season."

Another way to contemplate the importance of the play: What if Arrington hadn't intercepted the ball? What if he had just tipped the pass away?

"I don't want to think about it," guard Dave Szott said. "I hate to say it was just that one play, but that did kind of turn us around," cornerback Champ Bailey said. "If he hadn't made that play, who knows?"

Interestingly, the survey found players putting less importance on another oft-cited development: the air-it-out meeting with Schottenheimer after the 32-point home loss to Kansas City.

Most say the meeting helped clear a tense atmosphere

between players and coaches, but the only concrete result was a few minor changes in the daily schedule.

"At the meeting, nothing really changed," linebacker Kevin Mitchell said. "Everybody just stopped complaining and just went on and did their jobs, the way it should have been at the beginning."

It's not unprecedented for one play to define a season. New York coach Jim Fassel said the tide-turning moment for the Giants last year came on the opening kickoff of the Arizona game after he had made his play-off guarantee. Fassel had threatened to cut special teamers, but they set the tone for a 31-7 victory.

But few plays have ever produced a before-and-after picture the way Arrington's did.

"We hadn't had any momentum the whole season," Conway said. "The interception was one play that was the momentum, which in turn was the momentum for the rest of the season. It was a pretty big play."

Notes: Sunday's game on the tough surface at Philadelphia took its toll: RB Stephen Davis and DE Bruce Smith were among several players who did not practice Wednesday. The only player not expected to suit up Sunday against Dallas is guard Matt Campbell, who has a knee injury. ... The Redskins have lost eight straight to Dallas.

College Picks

at the Orange Bowl. "You can't look past a Virginia Tech team, especially in Blacksburg, because you'll end up crying and sitting home like Nebraska or Oklahoma," cornerback Markese Fitzgerald said.

Tennessee has lost seven straight in Gainesville since a '71 win, but came close in '99 before losing 23-21.

This time around, the game has added meaning — not only does the winner advance to the SEC title game (as usual), but there's a good chance the league champion will play for the national crown, too. Tennessee-Florida, originally was scheduled for Sept. 15, but was postponed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Usually it's us or them. Actually, it's always us or them," Gators coach Steve Spurrier said of the SEC race. "Having it at the end does create a lot more excitement."

Also in the national title chase are No. 3 Texas and No. 4 Oregon, with No. 6 Nebraska and No. 7 Colorado considered long shots.

The Longhorns (10-1) played the Buffaloes (9-2) for the Big 12 title in a most unlikely rematch. This was supposed to be an Oklahoma-Nebraska rematch with the winner clinching a spot in the Rose Bowl.

But the Huskers and Sooners both lost last week, and the 'Horns and Buffs are only too happy to play another game with a reasonable chance of ending up in the Rose Bowl. Texas beat Colorado 41-7 six weeks ago.

And then there's Oregon (9-1), which closes against Oregon State (5-5) in the Civil War. The Ducks are set to play in the Fiesta Bowl as the Pac-10 Conference's

top team, but a title chance could materialize with a big win over the Beavers plus losses by the teams ranked above them.

Nebraska (11-1) completed its season and only can sit back and hope all the teams ranked above them lose. The Huskers are fourth in the BCS standings, which determine the teams who play in the Rose Bowl.

The top Heisman Trophy contenders — Miami's Ken Dorsey, Florida's Rex Grossman and Oregon's Joey Harrington — are ready for a final performance before voters cast their ballots. The winner will be announced Dec. 8.

The picks: No. 1 Miami (minus 13 1/2) at No. 14 Virginia Tech
Canes outscored last two opponents 124-7 ... MIAMI, 35-13.
No. 5 Tennessee (plus 18) at No. 2 Florida
Gators' defense shuts down

Vols QB Clausen ... FLORIDA, 41-17.
No. 3 Texas (minus 8 1/2) vs. No. 9 Colorado
'Horns QB Simms must keep passes out of Buffs' hands ... TEXAS, 31-21.

Oregon State (plus 10 1/2) at No. 4 Oregon

Civil War is Beavers' last chance to save season ... OREGON STATE, 37-31.

No. 10 BYU (minus 4) at Mississippi State

Cougars lose unbeaten season in cowbell country ... MISSISSIPPI STATE, 31-28.

No. 12 Stanford (minus 20) at San Jose State

Cardinal out to end three-game losing streak vs. Spartans ... STANFORD, 44-18.

Houston (plus 31 1/2) at No. 16 Georgia

Dawgs won't get caught napping ... GEORGIA, 49-10.
No. 20 Marshall (minus 3) at

Toledo (Friday)

Herd finds road tough in trying for fifth straight MAC title ... TOLEDO, 28-24.

No. 25 Auburn (plus 7) at No. 22 LSU

Winner plays for SEC title; Visitors have won 4 of last 5 ... LSU, 34-31.

ALSO:

— Army (minus 1 1/2) vs. Navy at Philadelphia: Winless Navy? ... ARMY, 21-17.

— Georgia Tech (plus 11 1/2) at Florida State: Winner avoids five-loss season ... FLORIDA STATE, 34-31.

— Notre Dame (plus 1) at Purdue: Irish coach Davie's final game? ... PURDUE, 31-17.

Last week: 9-5 (straight); 6-7 (vs. points)

Season: 164-60 (straight); 109-105 (vs. points)

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Fight over financing war on terrorism, Sept. 11 recovery moves to Senate

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The battle over paying for the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks is shifting to the Senate now that the House has bowed to President Bush's veto threat and limited its anti-terrorism package to \$20 billion.

By a razor-thin 216-211 margin, the Republican-controlled House on Wednesday blocked a Democratic effort to add billions to the measure for defense, domestic security and aid to New York and other communities digging out from the terrorist assaults. Only four Republicans — two from New York — defied Bush and the GOP leadership and voted to let Democrats offer their amendments for more spending.

The \$20 billion package was attached to a widely popular, \$318 billion measure financing the military this year. Final passage of the overall bill was by a lopsided 406-20.

Many Republicans said they agreed that more money for New York, the war in Afghanistan and a slew of domestic security initiatives would eventually be needed. But they said they would stand by Bush, who said there was enough money available for now. The president vowed to veto the bill if more was provided and promised to request more money next year if necessary.

"He gave this House his word that it will get done," said Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-N.Y.

But Democrats said now was the time to lay out more money to buy vaccines, hire sky marshals, secure Russian nuclear materials, increase food inspections and otherwise thwart terrorists.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., argued that waiting to provide more money was like asking the terrorists, "Would you mind waiting until next year until we figure out where you're going to hit us next?"

The House vote underlined the strong pull the widely popular Bush has on GOP lawmakers. That influence, plus pressure from party leaders, let them withstand lobbying by unions, mail-order businesses, ports and other groups that stood to benefit from the Democrats' proposal.

The Democratic-led Senate, however, will be a different story.

There, Democrats still want about \$35 billion overall for anti-terrorism. That amount — \$15 billion beyond what Bush supports — includes money for bioterrorism, aid to local and state law enforcement agencies, other domestic security programs, defense and aid for New York.

The Senate Appropriations Committee planned to vote on its version of the anti-terror package next Tuesday, signaling a new confrontation with Bush.

The \$20 billion in anti-terrorism spending in the House bill was half the \$40 billion that Congress approved three days after the attacks, in which the World Trade Center was destroyed and the Pentagon damaged. Nearly 4,000 died.

Bush controls half the \$40 billion, while the rest must be approved anew and in detail by lawmakers. Almost from the beginning, Bush threatened to veto spending that would exceed the \$40 billion.

The House's 216-211 tally blocked votes on three Democratic amendments aimed at adding \$7.2 billion for protecting drinking water, hiring border guards and other domestic security steps; \$6.5 billion for defense; and \$9.7 billion to help New York and other communities recover from the attacks.

Before Thanksgiving, New Yorkers from both parties were demanding the extra \$9.7 billion for local recovery. They cited a promise they said Bush made to give those communities half the \$40 billion.

Black man killed in Cincinnati police shooting; pellet gun found at scene

CINCINNATI (AP) — Four police officers killed a black robbery suspect, the latest police shooting in a city still scarred by race riots last spring.

The suspect, identified as William Duncan, 37, was the second black man shot to death by police since rioting erupted over the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of a white officer. In the Wednesday shooting, two officers were white and two were black.

According to police, Duncan was chased by officers for several blocks after he apparently tried to rob a man at a bus stop. Duncan had brandished a pellet gun that resembled a .45-caliber automatic pistol, police said.

The four officers fired 11 shots at the suspect, who was struck in the chest and foot. He later died at a hospital.

It was not immediately determined which of the four officers fired the shot that killed

Duncan, police spokesman Lt. Kurt Byrd said.

A bus driver called 911 after seeing the apparent robbery at the bus stop. Dozens of witnesses saw the chase, and the videotape from the bus showed Duncan pointing a gun at several people, police said.

Investigators interviewed more than 40 witnesses. One of them told police he heard Duncan say he wanted to die during the altercation, police said.

Police initially said Duncan fired at the officers, but later said they weren't sure he had. Witnesses described Duncan's weapon as a big, black gun.

"I have to tell you, if it was pointed at me, I'd think it was a real firearm," Police Chief Thomas Streicher said.

Racial tensions have been high in

Cincinnati since Timothy Thomas, 19, was killed in April. Three nights of rioting followed until a citywide curfew helped restore order. The white officer was acquitted of two misdemeanor charges.

There was no unrest after a white officer killed a black man in July; authorities and police critics alike called that shooting justified.

All the officers involved in Wednesday's shooting will remain on paid leave for the next several days, according to department policy.

Blacks have long complained they are harassed by Cincinnati police and their neighborhoods are neglected economically. Sixteen black men and a 12-year-old boy have died in confrontations with Cincinnati police since 1995. Eleven of them allegedly threatened officers with weapons.

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 2001

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Today's Full Moon emphasizes the importance of remaining practical, no matter how difficult or how good a situation appears to be. Aspire to your long-term goals. Explain your cost-cutting ideas to those around you. Know that your suggestions will be well-received. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** The Full Moon tests your limits — both financially and emotionally. Others don't seem to be communicating their ideas. A boss has a suggestion or good news money-wise. Know that nothing is for certain until it has happened. Listen to an associate. Tonight: Head home. Think about your Christmas list.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others back you in a disagreement. Allow your creativity to emerge when dealing with those at a distance. You find an expert waffling, or at best, confusing. Ask questions to help this person clarify his ideas. Take your time making a decision. Tonight: Have a serious talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Being that you're ruled by the moon, this Full Moon has an unusual impact. If you're feeling less than up to snuff, call it an early day and head on home. A close partner understands you and supports a project. Be discreet with

communication in general. Wait a day or so if you question a decision. Tonight: Do for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You could easily you could lose your focus when dealing with others. Someone might not have the same perspective. Deal with someone head on. Do not shy away from a possible change involving an interpersonal relationship. Declare what you want and aim for it. Tonight: Someone close might be a touch grumpy!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You find yourself pulled in two separate directions. Honor your priorities, staying efficient and directed. Brainstorm with a family member later in the day. Decide what both of you would most enjoy doing later on. Indulge yourself. Tonight: You're a force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Suddenly you're on overload with a change in plans or news that tosses your day into even more chaos. The good news is that everyone is communicating. The bad news is that you cannot get anything done. Juggle the different time demands. Brainstorm as to how to handle a difficult person. Tonight: Hold on to taking off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Reach out for others who might have a better understanding of financial matters. A talk/brainstorming session brings excellent results. The key to success is found by not deluding yourself about something happening behind the scenes. Someone could be stern. Tonight: Deal with an uptight loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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BRIEFS

Northern Alliance, ex-king's delegation agree on formula for interim council

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — The northern alliance and the former king's delegation agreed Thursday on a formula for an interim council that will run Afghanistan until a national tribal council can be convened in March, an adviser to the northern alliance said.

"This is an important breakthrough because had it not come through these talks would have bogged down, but now they have a focus," said Mohammad Hussin Bakhshi, an aide to northern alliance delegate Mohammad Natiqi.

The two largest delegations at the talks have agreed the council would comprise 42 members, with 21 members each from the northern alliance and delegation of former King Mohammad Zaher Shah, Bakhshi said.

He said some provision may be made for representation from the two smaller delegations at the talks, exiles based in Peshawar, Pakistan, and in Cyprus. The delegations will decide who will be included on the interim council during further talks Thursday, Bakhshi said.

U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi cautioned that a full accord on the interim council was still being worked out. The four delegations were to meet with U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi later in the day.

U.S. soldiers secure two Afghan airfields

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has sent teams of soldiers to provide security around two airfields in northern Afghanistan.

Two units of about two dozen soldiers each will help guard U.S. military personnel helping to repair airfields in Mazar-e-Sharif and north of Kabul in

Palo Duro planning holiday event

CANYON — Palo Duro Canyon State Park is in the Christmas spirit once again. Park officials are gearing up for the third annual "Christmas in the Canyon" celebration slated from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 in the Interpretive Center of the park which is located east of Canyon.

The event is open to children of all ages. Regular park fees will be waived for participants who bring a non-perishable food item (at least one per person) for donation to the Canyon Cares Program which helps provide food for underprivileged families.

Refreshments will be served, and the children will make ornaments, bird feeders and holiday crafts. Other activities will include holiday music and storytelling. Santa will also put in an appearance.

For more information, contact Heather Lanman at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

TPMHMR council to host dance

AMARILLO — The Volunteer Services Council for Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR) will host its annual Christmas Dance for the mentally retarded community of the panhandle from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 at Westover Middle School, 7200 Pinnacle.

Music will be provided by MidLife Crisis and Alpha Beta Sorority, Epsilon Sigma Alpha chapter, will provide refreshments. Students at Westover Middle School will decorate for the festivities and serve as hosts for the evening.

For more information, contact Emily Ellis at (806) 351-3284.

Bagram, military officials said Wednesday. The soldiers are from the 10th Mountain Division, which has about 1,000 soldiers providing security at an air base the Americans are using in Uzbekistan.

The soldiers also will help protect U.S. forces setting up field hospitals, coordinate food deliveries and advise anti-Taliban fighters, military officials said.

Although the anti-Taliban northern alliance now controls the northern half of Afghanistan, the area is still dangerous. Taliban prisoners of war rioted at a fort near Mazar-e-Sharif this week.

Several hundred Army and Air Force special operations forces have been inside Afghanistan for weeks, working in small teams linked with opposition forces in northern and southern parts of the country. The only other U.S. ground troops known to be in Afghanistan are Marines setting up a base near the southern city of Kandahar.

Pakistan shuts Torkham border with Afghanistan as tension mounts over erecting of fence

TORKHAM, Pakistan (AP) — Authorities closed a key border crossing point into Afghanistan on Thursday after tensions mounted over Pakistan's attempts to erect a barbed wire fence along the frontier.

Pakistani paramilitary troops and Afghan fighters loyal to the new anti-Taliban administration took up positions, but there was no exchange of fire.

Border guards told travelers and townspeople to move back about 500 yards from the border. Several hundred people and vehicles are stuck on both sides of the border because of the closure.

Pakistani authorities plan to erect a 6-foot-high barbed wire fence at key border points with Afghanistan to prevent refugees and Islamic extremists from entering the country. But on Tuesday the authorities had to stop the work at Torkham, about 25 miles west of

Peshawar, after the new Afghan administration raised objections.

Annual federal deficits are back for at least three years, Bush budget chief says

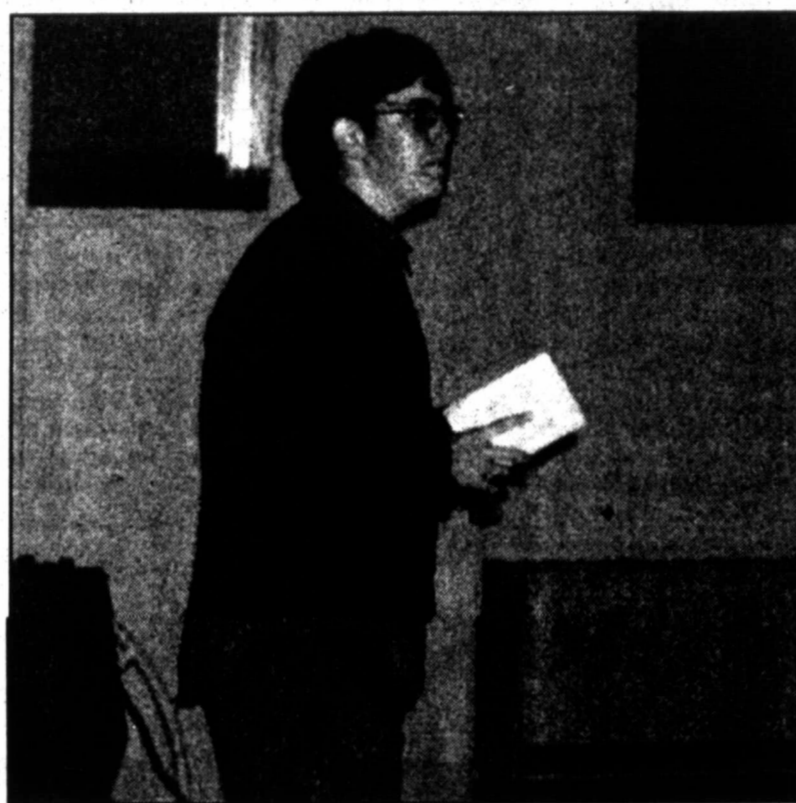
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House budget chief is blaming the recession and the war against terrorism for the return of annual federal deficits,

which he says he expects for at least the next three years.

Wednesday's bleak prediction by Mitchell Daniels was the first public acknowledgment by the Bush administration that after a string of four consecutive annual surpluses under President Clinton, deficits are back.

Prior to the \$69 billion surplus rung up in fiscal 1998, the last federal black ink had been in 1969.

PHS Variety Show

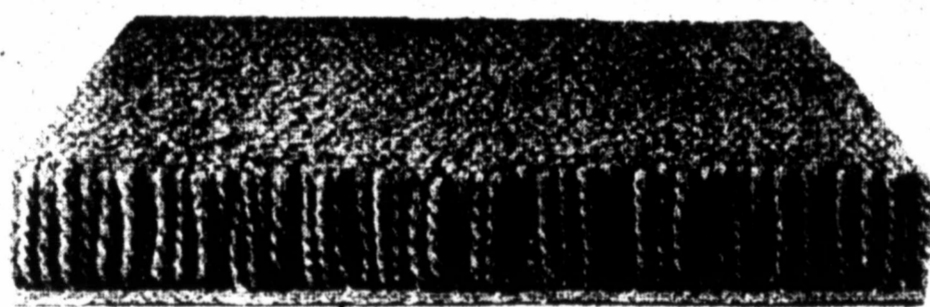


(Courtesy photo)

Ben Briscoe, a drama student at Pampa High School, is preparing for the PHS Theater Department's Christmas Variety Show slated at 7 p.m., Dec. 11 in the auditorium at PHS. Regular admission is \$4; however, theatre-goers who bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Salvation Army get in free. "The department wanted to help some of the children in our community who might not have a very merry Christmas," says Dean Birkes, director. "We thought the donation of the toys would be an excellent way to give back to the community." A wide range of talent will be exhibited, including dancing, singing and comedy skits. The art department, headed by Mrs. June Dirickson, will be exhibiting various works from the students in Art Classes One-Four.

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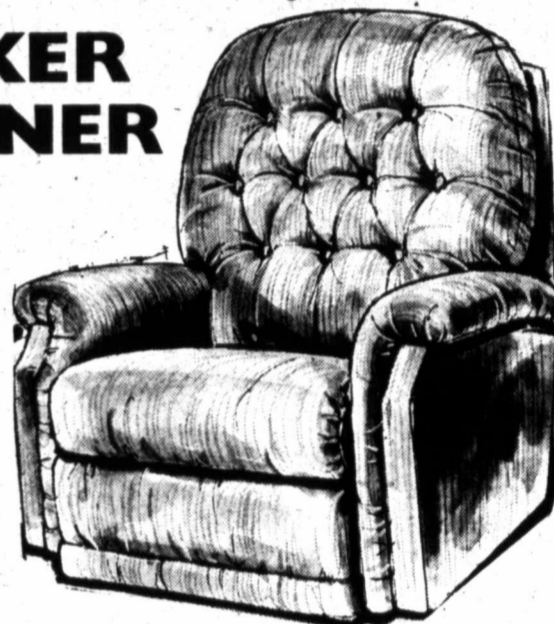
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