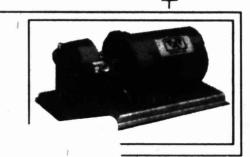
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Dallas police choir heads to France

DALLAS (AP) - What began about 20 years ago as a choir of about 11 police officers, is now ready to take to the international stage.

The Dallas Police Choir, which has sung in hospitals, senior centers, festivals, sports events and inaugurations, will perform this summer at the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, in honor of those killed in the June 6, 1944 battle.

DEATHS

Carl Delano Cotham, 64 U.S. Army veteran.

Edwin E. Simmons, 95, public accountant.

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Christmas is over. Mike Schale, area manager of the Allsup stores, loads unsold Christmas trees, Scotch pines from Michigan, into his truck to haul away. Some of them, he said, would go to Pampa's mulching facility. He said some area ranchers also use them for erosion control and wildlife habitation. Linda Velasquez, the store manager at Starkweather, says there weren't many trees left this year. They sold most of them.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Four-year-old Braden Kidd takes to the sidewalk on Sierra Street on the bicycle he got for Christmas.

Exports of U.S. beef hard-hit

BY EMILY GERSEMA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just days after discovering the nation's first case of mad cow disease, the United States has lost nearly all of its beef exports as more than a dozen countries stopped buying American beef as insurance against potential infec-

Gregg Doud, an economist for the Denver-based National Cattlemen's Beef Association, has said that the United States, at today's market level, stands to lose at least \$6 billion a year in exports and falling domestic prices because of the sick cow.

"We've lost roughly 90 percent of our export market just in the last three days," Doud said.

Keith Collins, the Agriculture Department's chief economist, said the market probably will not see the full economic impact of the mad cow case until trading intensifies after the holidays. He has said that 10 percent of U.S. beef is exported.

Japan, South Korea and Mexico are among the top buyers that banned American beef imports this week after the U.S. government announced it had found a cow in Washington state sick with the brain-wasting illness. An international lab in England confirmed the results Thursday.

As a safeguard, countries usually shut down meat imports from countries where the illness was found.

A U.S. delegation is leaving Saturday for Japan, which takes about one-third of all U.S. beef exports, and possibly other Asian countries that imposed bans on American meat and livestock this past week. The Treasury Department said it is monitoring develop-

Mad cow disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is a public health concern because it is related to a human disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob. In Britain, 143 people died of the human illness after an outbreak of mad cow in the 1980s. People can get it if they eat meat containing tissue from the brain and spine of an infected cow.

Federal officials on Friday quarantined a herd of 400 bull calves, two of which were offspring of the sick cow. During its life, the infected cow bore three calves.

One calf is at the same dairy near Mabton, Wash,, that was the final home of the diseased Holstein cow, one is at a bull calf feeding operation in Sunnyside, Wash., and a third died shortly after being born in 2001, said Dr. Ron DeHaven, chief veterinarian for the Agriculture Department.

"There is the potential that the infected cow could pass the disease onto its calves," he said. No decision has been made on destroying the herds, he said.

Investigators are focused on finding the birth herd of the cow, since it likely was infected several years ago from eating contaminated feed, DeHaven said. Scientists say the incubation period for the disease in cattle is four or five years.

Since 1997, the Food and Drug Administration has banned giving grazing animals feed that contains brain and spinal tissue to prevent the disease from appearing.

DeHaven said the investigation could lead to other states or Canada, which found a case mad cow disease in Alberta in May.

Authorities seeking individuals who missed certain flights

BY TED BRIDIS

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. investigators want to speak with a small number of people in Paris who failed to show up for boarding flights to Los Angeles that fell under close scrutiny in a possible terrorist plot. including one pilot-trainee, a U.S. official said Friday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators hope to resolve concerns that some passengers aboard those flights might have intended to use them to launch terror attacks against the United States. One of them was receiving pilot training but was not yet certified, the official

French officials led to the cancellation after the Bush administration

and Los Angeles on Wednesday and Thursday. U.S. officials also were talking to counterparts in other coun-

"We're clearly in a time when the terrorist threat is very real, the efforts that al-Qaida makes to plot and plan to attack us is constant and continuous," said Rep. Jim Turner, the senior Democrat on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. "It is not anything that we can take light-

Turner said he was waiting for formal briefings from the department for more information about the cancellations, and said initial reports indicated the government had dodged another terrorist strike.

The flight cancellations added to Discussions between U.S. and Americans' unease during the holidays of six Air France flights between Paris increased the national threat level to

its second-highest level,

orange. White spokesman McClellan said Friday the government was working to "make sure we are doing everything we can to protect the American people and prevent possible attacks from happening in the first place."

cancellations, French investigators questioned seven men pointed out by U.S. intelligence but found no evidence they planned to use a Los Angeles-bound jet to launch ter-

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Friday that the flight cancellations thwarted a possible terrorist plot to erash an airliner in Las Vegas. Jerry Bussell, Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn's adviser on homeland security, said federal Homeland Security officials Officials in Washington and told him there was no known threat to



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Carl Delano Cotham, 64, of Pampa, Texas, Bob Cotham. died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at Amarillo, Texas. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. include wife. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Carmichael-Knoxine Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Cotham, of the Miller, pastor of the South Georgia Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Cremation daughter, Tena arrangements are under the direction of Conner Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. husband Barry of Amarillo; a

Mr. Cotham was born Jan. 30, 1939, in Gray County. He was a 1957 graduate of Shidler High School in Shidler, Okla., and he attended college in Nowata, Okla.

He married Knoxine Russell on March 7, 1979, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He worked as a production foreman for Kewanee Oil, Gulf Oil, and Chevron for about 20 years.

He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served for eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

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He was preceded in death by a brother, www.carmichael-whatley.com.

and Kirk

Cotham and wife Nelda of Pampa; a brother, Floyd Cotham and wife Joyce of Pampa; a sister, Joyce Peterson of Midwest City, Okla.; a sister-inlaw, Norma Cotham of Ponca City, Okla.; a brother-in-law, Don Russell of Pampa; and a grandson, Garrett Dale Conner of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, Pampa, TX 79065.

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EDWIN E. SIMMONS 1908-2003

Edwin E. Simmons, 95, of Pampa died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Noble, pastor of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, Mike Mueller, elder of the Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church of Dumas, and Richard Gattis, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Simmons was born Dec. 6, 1908, in Section 79, Block 4-T, T&NO Railway Co. Survey in Ochiltree County, Texas, to William Andie Simmons and Sarah Elizabeth Seay Simmons of Wawaka, Texas. His only sibling was Joseph Hayden Simmons who was nearly 12 years his senior.

Mr. Simmons married Anabel Gilliam on Sept. 7, 1930, at Gruver. Anabel was born less than one mile from where Edwin was born, and they were never separated for any long period of time during their lifetimes. They had been married for 73 years at the time of his death.

Edwin and Anabel had one child, a son Paul Simmons, who was born in Ochiltree County, Texas, at the home of his mother's parents within two miles of the places of Edwin's and Anabel's birthplaces. Mr. Simmons obtained his Certificate of Public Accountancy on March 31, 1946, and remained in active practice for

more than 56 years. He was a member of the Texas Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Simmons accepted Christ as his Savior shortly after the birth of

their son Paul, and became a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when he was 76 years of age and remained so until his death. He was a member of the Gideons International.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Hayden.

Survivors include his wife, Anabel Simmons, of the home; a son, Paul Simmons and wife Ione Martin Simmons of Pampa; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband Scott of Canyon and E.P. Simmons of Chicago, Ill.; a great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon; and a niece, Rubyjo Wilbanks of Spearman who is also his sister by adoption.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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2:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:36 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to

6:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to

7:42 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Browning and transferred a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 26

3:41 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for lifting assistance.

SERVICES TOMORROW

COTHAM, Carl Delano — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Seminoles dream of riches in Hard Rock casinos – others see big gamble

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) twin complex in Tampa will Indian gambling industry had its humble beginnings. Today, the Seminoles' original high-stakes bingo hall still stands, but the squat building seems a relic from the past.

Just down the road, the tribe sees its future: A flashy Las Vegas-style complex called the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino that is currently under construction.

There are big dreams, great expectations. Tribal leaders hope the casino and a

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But some members fear overreaching may cause their spectacular rags-to-riches story to end in ruin.

The tribe has taken on \$410 million in debt to finance the Hard Rock casi-

no project. James Billie, the tribe's previous leader and the man who built the Seminoles' gambling empire, was ousted over a scandal involving allegations of multi-million dollar spend-

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City Briefs

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Some Seminoles believe the quest for wealth has blinded tribal leadership to the real needs of its people.

'We have a severe housing shortage, infrastructure that needs to be updated," tribal member Gloria Wilson said. "In my opinion, we haven't had a government in a while. They've become a banking institution.'

The casino project and its accompanying debt are "too ambitious for our coffers," Wilson said.

The Hollywood complex will be the bigger of the two casinos. It will have 130,000 square feet of casino space, a Hard Rock Cafe, a bar with 42 suspended plasma screen televisions, a spa and a 6.000-seat arena for concerts, among other features. It will also have 300,000 square feet of retail space and restaurants.

The 15-story, 500-room hotel will charge about \$150 a night for average rooms. Seminole Gaming CEO James Allen said there are already tentative commitments for 60,000 room bookings, or enough to fill the hotel for four months.

The two Seminole complexes are expected to draw more than 20,000 visitors a day, have \$700 million in annual revenue and create 6,000 full-time jobs for Indians and non-Indians, tribal officials said.

"It's going to be a pure economic engine," promises Max Osceola, Hollywood representative on the tribal council.

The tribe sold \$410 million in 30-year bonds to build the two Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casinos, Allen said. He said the bonds are trading above face value and have been popular with institutional investors.

The Hard Rock Cafe's parent company, The Rank Group PLC, bought \$25 million of the bonds. The tribe only has a licensing deal to use Hard Rock's name, so the restaurant chain won't manage the complex. Hard Rock officials declined to comment for this story.

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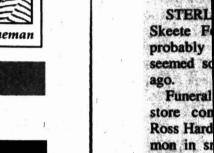
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Hardware store keeps funeral home roots

BY MATT PHINNEY SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

STERLING CITY -Skeete Foster's business funeral director and had an probably wouldn't have seemed so odd 100 years

Funeral home/hardware store combinations, like Ross Hardware, were common in small towns back then.

made sense.

Everything needed to

In the 1920s, independent casket manufacturers the dual hardware and funeral director businesses Foster said.

Ross Hardware keeps tion alive.

"We are trying to do a service," said Foster, 49. "Most of the time when a family loses someone they are in a situation they haven't been in before and they are making decisions they haven't made before. I want to be there to help them make the right decisions and give them all the information they need."

much more to the small town.

The hardware store sells a variety of goods including nails, plumbing supplies, toys, glass fixtures and is the only store in something good for the town that sells ammunition family at a time when they for hunters.

San Angelo and Big get out of it." Spring.

good because if someone ical therapist's assistant. needs bolts or nails, they don't have to drive 50 miles to get them," he said. "I hear that all the time, 'I'm really glad you are here.' Wal-Mart has taken some business, but the public really supports us. They do a lot of shopping here and buy what they can from us. We couldn't do it without that."

Randy Hord, owner of Hord Water Well Service in about the hardware busi-Sterling City, said the hardware store provides conneeds a few things and doesn't have time to drive to San Angelo.

"It's nice to have a hardware store anywhere, but this is really handy," Hord said. "You can get almost anything there and it's just a neat store. If you need something quick, it gets you out of a bind."

The building, located and leave. just west of the county courthouse, was built in had a problem with non-1905, Foster said. The original business was both a funeral home and hardware service and we expect to be

The top and bottom floors combine for about 10,000 square feet. The building also has an old belt-driven elevator that Foster uses to move the bodies upstairs.

The top floor contains a display room for caskets, viewing room and an embalming room.

Foster's father Ross Associated Press

bought the building in 1971 and kept the old tradition. The store also sold furniture until 1981, Foster said.

Ross Foster was not a embalmer come in from Big Spring to do the embalming. Eventually, Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo began helping with the embalming.

As a sophomore in high school, Skeete Foster And the combination helped with some of the embalming in the funeral home. He graduated from build the coffins was right high school in 1973 and downstairs in the hardware after a year of college decided to enroll in mortuary school in Dallas.

He graduated there in became more common and 1975 before taking a twoapprenticeship in vear Midland. Foster worked with seemed to go out of style, his father until Ross had a stroke about three years ago.

Skeete Foster has an some of that old-time tradi- embalmer and funeral director's license. He is president-elect of the West Texas Funeral Director Association and is on the Texas Funeral Director's Board.

> The funeral home prepares about 15 bodies a year and Foster said the majority are older people who have lived a full life.

"You have to look at the funeral business like you And Foster provides are helping people out," he said. "I care about the people in Sterling city. In the funeral business you really have to put your mind in the right place. You need to feel like you are doing are really vulnerable. The next closest places That's what I like about it. to buy such supplies are That's the gratification I

Foster's wife Nancy is a "The hardware store is barber and works as a phys-She sometimes cuts hair for the funeral home and helps with the embalming. Foster said he couldn't run the dual business without her.

> Velma Rodriguez has worked at the store since 1980. She was in the hardware store one day and Foster's mother Margaret asked her if she needed a job, Rodriguez said.

> She said she learned ness from Ross Foster.

"At first the men would venience when he just come in and ask if there was anyone else working," Rodriguez said. "But they learned pretty quick that I knew what I was doing."

And like many old hardware stores, Foster still lets people buy on credit. On really busy days, some reliable customers will even find what they want, write and sign their own ticket

Foster said he has never payments.

"We supply an honest paid honestly," he said. "We have a lot of people that come in and like to look at old hardware stores. during Especially Christmas, people just stop in and see what a small town hardware store has."

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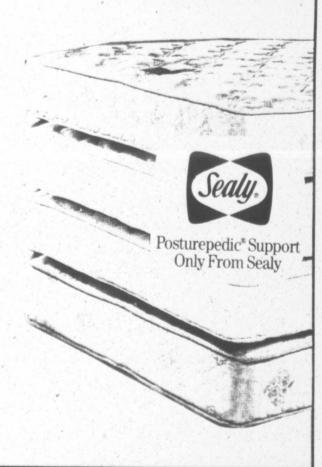
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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Texas not bioterror prepared

From The Dallas Morning News:

Here's the bad news: In the event of a bioterror emergency, Texas is a lousy place to be.

Here's the worse news: Most states aren't that much safer, and some, like Oklahoma, are even further behind.

The Washington-based nonprofit Trust for America's Health released a study last week saying that more than two years after the Sept. 11 assault slapped America awake to the domestic terror threat, only Florida and Illinois are prepared to vaccinate citizens and deliver medicine necessary to treat victims of a major bioterror attack.

Texas meets a mere four out of the 10 indicators of preparedness on the group's list.

Among our state's failures: Texas, like 26 other states, didn't spend or obligate 90 percent or more of the federal funds sent to Austin for bioterror preparedness. Washington cut us a check, but for some reason, it isn't being spent.

Texas doesn't have enough workers to distribute Strategic National Stockpile supplies in case of a bioterror emergency nor a sufficient number of biosafety labs to handle a public

We have no plan to deal with an influenza pandemic which the report says can be far worse than a bioterror attack nor was Texas-specific information made available by the state during the SARS crisis earlier this year.

We can't go on like this. Sept. 11 was a wake-up call on terrorism. The SARS scare and the current run on flu vaccines show how vulnerable we are to disease. You don't have to be a soothsayer to know that sooner or later, a public health doomsday will be upon us.

Here's the good news: It hasn't happened yet.

Gov. Rick Perry and state Homeland Security Director Jay Kimbrough have a tough job to do and an urgent one. In fact, the governor brought in Mr. Kimbrough before the report came out and charged him with streamlining the bureaucracy so the hundreds of millions of dollars sent to Texas will be properly deployed. That's a good start, but there's much more to be done. And there's literally not a moment to lose.

Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 2003. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Jackson.

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A memorable D.C. Christmas

A friend of mine who works at the White House named John Horton (no relation) invited my wife, Liz, and I to attend his church this past Sunday. He was flying back to his home state of Oregon that afternoon, so Liz and I decided to join him at the 8 a.m. service to wish him well on his journey and to tell him "Merry Christmas."

It was a cold, windy day with snow on the ground. Liz and I drove in from Alexandria, Va., where we live to John's church which is near the White House. As we walked up to the church, we noticed a lot of men wearing black suits, all with ear pieces and side arms. It didn't take us long to realize that the President was near. A secret service officer asked us to wait on the sidewalk for five minutes (in the cold) while the President's motorcade prepared to drive by. We shivered as we waited, but we thought it was a nice treat to watch the President in his motorcade - how often does that happen? The eight-car motorcade drove by and the President and Laura Bush waved at us. Then, suddenly, the motorcade stopped about a block away; they both got out of the car, and went into the church we were going to!

When we arrived at the front of the church, we went through metal detectors and were screened as if we were going through an airport to our terminal gate. Once we passed through, we noticed two secret service agents at the inner doorway of the church, another agent standing in the middle isle of the sanctuary, and two agents in the balcony. We walked down the center isle and turned at the secret service guard to go to the left isle. We



J.B. HORTON **GUEST COLUMNIST**

ended up sitting halfway between the back of the church and the pulpit on the left side. When we sat down, to our surprise we found ourselves sitting on the same row as the President and First Lady. In fact, Liz sat one person away from President Bush. As we got used to the idea of sitting next to our famous church neighbors, I turned and looked over my right shoulder to see that the FBI Director, Robert Mueller, was sitting directly behind us. This had become an unexpectedly exciting service.

Liz and I looked at each other a couple of times during the service as we heard the President's distinctive and infectious laugh after several of the minister's jokes. We just couldn't believe what we were experiencing. As the service went on, we had the privilege of taking communion but on this communion day, we happened to take it with the President and First Lady. At this church, groups of about 10 people go together and kneel down to receive communion at the altar. As Liz and I knelt down to receive communion on that cold Sunday morning, I realized that the most powerful man in the world was just like anyone else. He was attending church service and openly expressing his faith like millions of people do throughout the world. I have been fortu-

nate to see the President in various meetings and in public speeches at the White House and throughout Washington over the past few years, but I have never been to church with him. It was strange to me because this is the first time I had ever seen him in public when he was not the center of attention. He seemed to enjoy that fact greatly.

About half way through the service, a bird flew into the church and caught the eye of the President and the rest of the congregation. The bird floated around the top of the church and even drew a comment from the minister who said to the distracted congregation, "Is this the Holy spirit moving in here?" That comment brought - yet another - distinctive and infectious laugh from the President.

It's comforting for me to know that our Commander in Chief has a good sense of humor. It is also nice to know he and his wife go to church and do things to praise God not for show, and not for the cameras - there were none there.

During this holiday season, even if you don't peer over your shoulder and see the FBI Director or get a personal "peace be with you" greeting from the President, like Liz did, let's remember the reason for the season. Let's remember that we are all blessed with the freedom to worship without fear of prosecution and let's remember the magic and power that only Christmas can bring.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas. (J.B. Horton is a Pampa native who was appointed by President Bush to the White House Liaison Office at the U.S. State Department)



Past gives hope for future peace

It is Christmas, a time of observance by the Christian faithful and celebration by millions of others who have adopted the annual holiday.

This year it also is a time of deepest sorrow in the households of the thousands of people who proudly sent their sons, daughters, husbands, wives and parents to war in a benighted land, never to see them again.

The Iraq campaign is many times smaller than the years-long World Wars I and II, but the killing is no less tragic on both sides.

It reminds many of us of one of the most touching stories of World War I. That great conflagration began in the fall of 1914, but the opening German offensive had stalled in a large area of the Somme Valley to be known in the history of warfare as Flanders Field.

The final battlefield toll before World War I ended four years later would be in the multimillions. The war was just four months old as Christmas loomed days away. The invading Germans on one switched to the carols of their homeland. side and the British and Belgians in that sector faced each other across the trenches they had dug for some limited protection. Highly limited! The war in that area alone was taking 2,000 to 3,000 lives a day of the finest of German and British youth. The "no-man's-land" between the trenches was a killing ground about the size of a football field. A moderately good quarterback could easily have breached it, except, as sur-



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vivors recalled, it was stacked like cordwood with the unrecovered dead.

On Dec. 23, this ghastly environment began to give way to the international observance of Christmas. Some German soldiers occupied a bombed-out monastery on the edge of the battlefield and in its ruins held a Christmas service. As they sang "Silent Night" -- in German, of course -- their voices carried across the trenches, and the British joined in with the English words to that classic carol. Along the Germans' frontline trenches, there suddenly appeared a scattering of Christmas trees, a sprinkling of candles sparkling among them.

Across no-man's-land, the British had

Alarmed, their superior commanders, perhaps fearing trickery on the part of the enemy, ordered that there should be no fraternization with the Germans. Disobeying orders, two of the British officers crossed the lines and negotiated a Christmas Day truce with the Germans. Their effort was an unnecessary formality.

Along the whole front line, soldiers and officers of both sides had vaulted

the protective sandbags and were embracing in Christian celebration the people they had been trying to kill but

hours before. Both sides broke out in the carols they had once sung in their village churches and big-city cathedrals. From the British rang forth all the traditional numbers: "Good King Wenceslas," "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" and a few not necessarily seasonal favorites --"Auld Lang Syne" and, just for a brief military touch, "Tipperary" were oft-

The Germans joined in, as did the British when the Germans struck up such international favorites as "O Tannenbaum.

The candles lighting the Tannenbaum on the German side gleamed bright on Christmas night along the whole battlefield of Flanders Field as the soldiers from both sides patted a goodbye on the shoulders of those whose uniforms were so significantly different than their own.

As the rising sun heralded the dawn of Dec. 26, the first shots rang out. Different sides opened fire at different points along the front. It didn't matter who started it. The slaughter had resumed. But for that brief moment in history, there was unveiled the spirit that gives hope for a lasting peace.

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D-FY-IT fund-raiser



(Community Camera photo)

Johnny Moore recently won an autographed Zach Thomas football raffled off by Pampa High's D-Fy-It Program as a fund-raiser to help defray the costs of drug screens and other supplies. Moore is a senior at PHS. D-Fy-It is a voluntary program that encourages, educates and promotes drug-free lifestyles among high school students at PHS. Above: Moore with top raffle ticket sellers Monica Johnson, Evelyn Jasso and Krissy Holman.

Leader brings along experience to Sabre Holdings struggling unit

BY SUZANNE MARTA THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

SOUTHLAKE, Texas — Michelle Peluso is running

Literally.

After a lunch meeting with employees and her technology team, Peluso launches into a full sprint across the parking lot at Sabre Holdings Corp. to get to her next appointment, even though she's wearing a skirt and heels.

"They had so many good questions that I thought I has had its own problems. could just run from my car tells a visitor. With barely a breath between sentences, she shifts into an energetic presentation about her plans for Travelocity, Sabre's online travel agency.

Travelocity's new 32-yeartive has been sprinting through most of her career. She was named to the division's top post Dec. 2, after only eight months as chief operating officer and 20 months after joining Travelocity as a senior vice president.

from Site59, a travel Web site she launched in 1999. Site59, which sold last-minute travel packages, was sold to Travelocity in March 2002 for \$43 million in cash.

To some degree, Site59 reinvented the nascent online travel industry because it put the emphasis on selling complete travel packages, not just being the middleman between a customer and an airline or a hotel on a commission-based transaction. The distinction is critical because under the "merchant" model, Site59 could net far larger profits.

Online travel sites that use a merchant model sell hotel rooms themselves instead of just marketing the rooms and earning small commissions. Analysts say sites that use the merchant model can increase their hotel-selling margins significantly.

Now Southlake-based Sabre hopes Peluso can unleash her energy on Travelocity. The pioneer online travel company founded in 1996 has lost ground to rival Expedia Inc. and others that were faster to shift their businesses toward the merchant model. Expedia surpassed Travelocity as the largest online travel agency in late 2001.

Some industry analysts say Sabre couldn't have chosen better.

Sileo, an analyst with PhoCusWright, a travel research firm based in Sherman, Conn.

Henry Harteveldt, an analyst with Forrester Research, said there's no one more qualified to run Travelocity than Peluso.

Sabre increasingly relies merchandising. on its online travel agency to fuel growth as revenue from tomers to any destination that its central reservations business declines, but Travelocity

Travelocity focused on disand make up enough time to tribution deals through other romance getaways rather than answer one more thing," she sites such as Yahoo and trips to individual cities. America Online, while Expedia, formerly a unit of think of travel as merchandise Microsoft Corp., emphasized making its site easier to use and adding products that yield higher profits.

old president and chief execu- different strategies," said attacks. When its revenue Scott Kessler, a Standard & Poor's analyst.

In 2002, Travelocity booked 24 percent of online travel transactions, down from 35 percent in 2000, according to a PhoCus Wright report. During the same peri-Peluso came to Travelocity od, Expedia's share grew from 25 percent to 36 percent. And Orbitz Inc. the industry's No. 3 player attracted 17 percent of bookings in 2002, just two

years after it was launched. PhoCus Wright research shows that Expedia continues

"Travelocity needed to be to gain at the expense of shaken up," said Lorraine Travelocity, whose market share fell to 20 percent during the first half of 2003, while Expedia claimed 40 percent. New opportunities

Peluso said she plans to use her experience from Site59 to create new opportunities at Travelocity. Site59's initial success was largely rooted in

Rather than attract cusmight be available on a given day, Peluso pitched travel experiences. Packages were organized as beach, ski or

"We wanted people to rather than just a transac ion," she said.

Like other travel businesses, Site59 faced a crisis after "The companies just had the September 2001 terrorist dropped 70 percent, Peluso slashed discretionary spending and pleaded with the company's financial backers to give her two months before asking her to cut workers. She wasn't willing to lose expert-

It was a bet that paid off. The market for last-minute travel rebounded more quickly than the overall market, and by March 2002, Site59's revenue had doubled from pre-Sept. 11 levels. The company

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Chip startup gets \$10 million

By KIRK LADENDORF AUSTIN AMERICAN-

STATESMAN

AUSTIN — Computers keep getting faster and more powerful, but the ability of groups of computers to work effectively together still runs into the "input-output" bottleneck - the relatively slow rate of data communications between computers.

But NextIO Inc., a new Austin chip-design startup, plans to change all that with a new class of data-communications chip that dramatically improves the ability of server computers to work effectively together.

The company, founded in January, has received a \$10 million first round of investment from three venture firms. The lead investor is Adams Capital Management of Pittsburgh. Others include JK&B Capital of Chicago and VentureTech Alliance, an investment affiliate of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.

NextIO's CEO, K.C. Murphy, says the startup has attracted serious interest from major server makers who want to bolster the effectiveness of their systems installed in data cen-

"The midrange server market is the next major battleground in the computer industry, and every supplier wants to lead in this market," he said.

ers, plans to add three more employees by the end of this year and douits head count over the next year. It expects to sell its first chips in

Murphy, a former executive at Advanced Micro Devices Inc., led a California startup, Pivotal Technologies, that was acquired by Broadcom Inc.

2005.

NextIO, with 18 workers, plans to add three more employees by the end of this year and double its head count over the next year. It Associated Press

expects to sell its first chips in 2005.

The chips will be compatible with the new PCI Express data-communications standard backed by Intel Corp., the largest chip maker in the low-end server market.

Murphy says the company's technology improve the performance of clusters of servers working together.

Top communication speeds of the new technology is projected to exceed 40 gigabits per second, which is about five times faster than the previous generation.

Co-founders of the company are Chris Pettey, chief technology officer; Rick Pekkala, vice president of engineering; Gordon Burk, vice president of marketing and chief financial officer; Brooks I'vey, vice president of sales and business development; and Jim Everett, vice president of human resources

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teenage Girl Overwhelmed By Too Many Discoveries

DEAR ABBY: I recently discovered I am a lesbian. Unfortunately, I am already pregnant with my boyfriend's baby. We were both drunk when this happened, and it was a horrible mistake. My parents nearly disowned me when they realized I was going to have a child. (We are devout Christians.)

I don't know how they'll react when I tell them I am a lesbian. Abby, I am afraid to tell them and don't know how. Please help me find a way. TEENAGE LESBIAN IN COLORADO

DEAR TEEN: Stop dwelling on yourself for a moment. Although the teen years are supposed to be a time of self-discovery, it's time you got off the fast track for a while. Your parents are shellshocked enough as it is, and you have serious responsibilities ahead. After your baby arrives, my intuition tells me you'll be too busy for much of a sex life (homosexual or heterosexual).

Once your family has stabilized again, there is still time to come out to your family. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) can provide you with literature that will make it easier to talk to them. P-FLAG can also offer the emotional support they will need. The address is: 1726 M St. NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C., 20036. The Web site is www.pflag.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have a serious anger problem. When my fiance and I first met, it was love at first sight. But after six months, everything he does seems to tick me off.

In the beginning, I didn't show him my ugly side. I didn't want to scare him off. Then he said he wanted me to be more open, so I let it all out. Now I'm letting it out every single day. I get mad when he does or says the same things I do or say to him, and I'll isolate myself or give him the silent treatment.

I think I have a serious mental and/or anger problem, but I don't know where it comes from. Everybody thinks I'm crazy. They say, "I don't know when you're happy or mad because you have the

Maybe they're right. Maybe I'm not happy because I haven't accomplished anything in my life. (I am only 22.) Please help me.

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IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LASHING OUT: You are only 22. It's too early to declare yourself a failure. However, it is difficult to be loving to others if you don't like yourself.

Before you and your fiance go any further, you must get to the root of what is really bothering you. A call to your local department of social services or mental health association will help you locate a counselor you can afford. A course in anger management would also be helpful for both of you. Please don't wait. You have a right to be happy.

DEAR ABBY: Please inform your readers that if their child is enlisting in the armed services or plans to go overseas, the parents

should also get passports.

Our son left to serve in Iraq. He is now in Germany for medical reasons, and we cannot get to him. Passports take six weeks to

process. They can be expedited for a hefty fee, but they still take two weeks to arrive. LEARNED LATE IN WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO

DEAR LEARNED: That's a helpful suggestion, and I'll pass it along.

P.S. Your son is in my prayers. Please let me know how he's doing.

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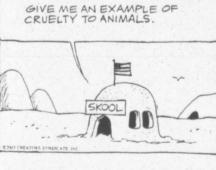


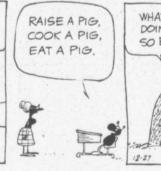
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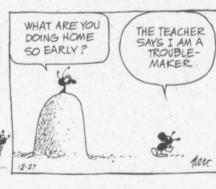




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Texas lifts restrictions on home equity loans

BY MARK BABINECK ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Patricia Lucero, desiring an additional bathroom and other improvements to her San Antonio home, visited her bank and discovered a resource long available in most of the nation but new to Texas: a home equity line of credit.

"I don't think there's anything we didn't like," said Lucero of her new credit line, lauding the flexible repayment terms, low rates, taxdeductible interest and easy access to the cash.

lending since its inception as

an independent republic. Barriers quietly disappeared in September and Texas banks started peddling lines of credit against home equity for the

she was unfamiliar with the credit line until she walked into her Bank of America lobby

With a line of credit, a homeowner can withdraw money based how much equity they have in a home, essentially the amount they'd receive by selling a homestead. Unlike with a loan, they can make several withdrawals It's a fundamental shift for without penalty and without Texas, which prohibited such filing out an application each time money is needed.

the nation's most restrictive: A borrower must have at least 20 percent equity in the homestead, cannot borrow more than half the homestead's Lucero, for example, said market value and must draw at least \$4,000 each time the line is used.

> For example, someone seeking a credit line on a \$100,000 home must owe less than \$76,000 and could borrow no more than \$50,000.

> The historic change in Texas banking rules flew under the radar in Sept. 13's constitutional amendment election, dominated by a proposal to reform medical malpractice law. Voters approved Proposition 16, authorizing

Texas' rules remain among credit lines against home- money where his mouth was. of 22 on the September ballot. steads, by a two-thirds major-

> "I was at a conference with bankers from all over the country when the subject of home equity lines of credit being brand new in Texas came up," said Stuart Smith, who trains fellow bankers at Bank of America in Dallas. They were surprised the state had just lifted its restrictions,

Some banks immediately began marketing the credit lines, which account for about 90 percent of home equity lending in other states. Standard home equity Joans, which are paid back like a mortgage and don't have the flexibility of a credit line. make up the rest.

The only home equity lending traditionally allowed in Texas were home improvement loans. Unrestricted-use home equity loans became legal in 1997, the first chink in prohibitions against such lending started by Republic of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar in 1839.

"There was a 19th-century notion that if you allowed people to take second loans that women and children would be thrown on the street," said John Heasley, executive vice president of the Texas Bankers Association.

David Davis, Compass Bank's executive vice president for retail products in Houston, decided to put his proposed amendment was one

He applied for a credit line the morning after the proposition passed and was the first at his bank to get one.

Compass Bank had sensed a major marketing opportunity in the nation's second-most populated state, which has 4.7 million homeowners, including 1.4 million who own outright without a mortgage.

Bank's employees are lifelong Texans, Davis said they were just as unfamiliar with the new products as their prospective customers.

"We prepared about a three- to four-hour class that everyone except our tellers went through," said Davis. who moved from Florida last year. "The Texas product is a little more complicated than in other states."

Davis said it seems counbe so protectionist when it comes to borrowing on equity.

"One of the things I've learned about Texas is that Texas prides itself on individual liberties," Davis said. "But this is one of those examples of it being more restrictive than the other states.

Texans flocked to banks in the late 1990s when the first home equity loans became available, but Davis said his bank and others aren't seeing that same voracious response this time. Part of the explanation, he said, might be that the

There was little or no organized opposition to Proposition 16, though Consumers Union and AARP expressed reservations that some vulnerable homeowners, including the elderly, could get saddled with highrate loans or exorbitant fees by unscrupulous lenders.

However, Texas comptrol-Because most of Compass , ler's office figures show that the default rates on home equity lines of credit nationwide last year was only 0.60 percent, compared to 1.3 percent on traditional home equity loans and 3 percent on first mortgages.

Lucero says she's fine with all the restrictions, saying Texans should understand that the 10-minute flurry of signing paperwork to get a line also is authorizing the bank to foreclose if the borrower

"That's the thing. You can't run out and look at it as extra money," Lucero said. "You have to realize you are paying extra interest on it and you are putting your house upa"



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became profitable twice as quickly as expected.

"We needed all those people," Peluso said. Now, she said, merchandis-

ing is Travelocity's biggest opportunity. "We've done ourselves a

disservice by focusing so much on price," she said. She points to the power of branded consumer products,

such as soft drinks. "If you're at a deli and there's a Coke for 99 cents and a Pepsi for \$1.39 and you're a Pepsi drinker, you're not going to buy the Coke because it's cheaper." she

"Travel is a much more young age. personal and emotional decision. Why would someone only care about price?"

said this is where marketing Travelocity's brand will be critical.

"We still have tremendous opportunity to build a brand that resonates with consumers the way that bottled soda does," she said

Communicating with employees will be equally important. Analysts note that the company has lost senior employees to competitors and other companies because they didn't feel Travelocity had a clear vision.

"Those are Travelocity's next generation of leaders," Mr. Harteveldt of Forrester said. Leading the way

Former colleagues describe Peluso as a visionary and say her leadership style builds strong ties with employees and promotes innovation:

"I've never seen a group of people more dedicated to someone in my life," said Purnima Puri, an investment analyst with Redwood Capital

who served on Site59's board of directors before its sale to Sabre. "I don't think Michelle ever lost a person from her

Peluso's management skills said. were cultivated at a young age. A native of upstate New York, Peluso comes from a family of entrepreneurs. Her father ran an environmental engineering company, and her grandparents spent the last three decades running a hotel

in the Hamptons. That early awareness of what it took to run a business contributes to her driven nature and also helps account for her success at such a

what it takes to build a company," she said. "It was a nice Peluso a diet Pepsi drinker counterbalance for me during the Internet craze of starting something and flipping it in two years."

She also learned valuable lessons during a three-year stint as a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group. Peluso recalled a nine-month project that failed.

We worked hard to come up with the intellectually right answer, but given the personalities in the organization, it just wasn't achievable," she

In her Site59 role, Peluso was careful to consider organizational culture issues when implementing ideas.

"She knows how to build a team that marches in the same direction," Puri said.

Travelocity spent the last year retooling its products and its message. The company also upgraded its technology, moving off the system built in the mid-1990s. Analysts say the changes haven't gone far enough to catch up with "I grew up so cognizant of rivals, but Peluso said more improvements would come out next year.

"We could have changed our hotel technology in one or two months, but we wanted to do it right," she said. "We're building a company that will still be great 30 years from

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CALENDAR ITEMS

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS,

Mommy 'N' Me. A support group for nursing mothers and women needing information on breastfeeding that meets at 10 a.m., the first Monday of each month at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan. For more information, call 664-2459.

MSAA. A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple scle-Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com. on the Internet.

SOCIETY. The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy "Life after A Wellness. Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational **Programs**.

Muscular **Dystrophy** Family Foundation®. MDFF seeks donations of old or slightly used vehicles for sale by the organization to raise funds to help individuals and families living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases covered under the program. MDFF's purpose is to provide wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, breathing machines, clinic services and other items of aid to clients in need. For more information, call 1-800-544-1213.

Music Therapy. Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

Narconon. Narconon, active in the field of drug rehabilitation and education since 1966, provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities via its hotline and website, 1-800-468-6933 or www.stopaddiction.com. Narconon means "No Drugs."

Open Door AA. 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.

Open Door Al-Anon. Open Door Al-Anon meets at p.m., Monday and Wednesday each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702. Birthday night begins at 7:30 p.m., the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Open Door Al-Anon Alateen Winners Group. at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 910 W. Kentucky.

Outreach Health Outreach Services/WIC. Services/WIC Health Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

Panhandle Alliance for the Mentally III. A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

Pathways. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

Power Wheelchairs. Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to nonambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they No deposit is qualify. required. The chairs are pro-Alateen Winners Group meets vided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

Prescription Drug Booklet. The Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published at 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.

Princess Warriors. Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364

Quit Club. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

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SKY Teens. Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its

office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

Texcare. Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-

T.O.P.S. #41. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

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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 6:30-7:30 from Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

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ACT. ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org/fane, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com. www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial sites), www.bls.gov/ocohome.hum (career planning).

ANIMALPRINTS.COM. AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

AIYSE. American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIY-SEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit www.aise.com on the World Wide Web

Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation offers a "Tree Planting Resource Kit for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and includes a leadership guide, a Celebrate Arbor Day guidebook, and a video to help motivate volunteers. For more information, call (402) 474-5655, go on-YMCA Diabetes Class. line to www.arborday.org, or Amarillo YMCA is offering write: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 5146.

BBB RESOURCE GUIDE. The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

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Cemetery mystery solved, grave united with headstone

By BRIDIE ISENSEE THE BRAZOSPORT FACTS

BRAZOSPORT, Texas — Bobby Koenning hasn't been able to forget Cora Bell Trippel since he first made her acquaintance five years ago.

Since that first encounter, Koenning persisted to get to know the Kentucky woman better. But Cora Bell was elusive. She could tell Koenning little of her former life. She had already been dead and buried for more than half a century.

Koenning met Cora Bell through his work with the Brazoria County Cemetery Committee and was determined to find out how her headstone came to be nestled underneath the old pecan tree by the Brazoria County Facilities Management office in Angleton. The great secret was where it belonged.

Where did it come from?

No one knows how or when her headstone came to Brazoria County. John Blankenship, the chief investigator for the Brazoria County District Attorney's Office, said the headstone first fell into the county's possession sometime before 1995, although he could not remember precisely when.

"The best I recall, a search warrant for narcotics was run on a house, and the headstone was found in the house," Blankenship said. "It was obvious it didn't belong to the people who were served the search warrant."

The house's occupants would not admit to anything, so the county took into its possession for safekeeping the gray granite headstone reading "Beloved Wife, Cora Bell Trippel, August 14, 1882-August 8, 1950" and adorned it with a daisy.

The stone was stored for a time in the old courthouse annex along with other unclaimed property and became forgotten until 1995, when Blankenship's office moved across the street to the courthouse.

Like in any move, when you discover items either thought lost or just merely forgotten, Cora Bell's headstone was found in a storeroom where the county engineers office had been. Blankenship said.

Somehow the stone came to the Brazoria County Facilities Management office, where someone put it under the pecan tree and where it has sat for about the last decade.

Since then, Lalo Paiz and his coworkers at the facilities department have wondered about Cora Bell while lunching at the picnic table by the tree, just a few feet away from the head-

been solved, its brought some peace to Chuch, preaching on TV that God has Paiz, who's getting ready to retire in a a time and place for everything. few years.

said. "I was wondering if anybody out

there was even looking for her." **Tracking down Trippels**

Truth was that nobody was missing Cora Bells headstone. That was part of the difficulty Koenning encountered odown the page, I notice a new listing trying to solve the mystery which he made his personal mission as a charter member of the county's cemetery committee in 1998.

As part of his search, Koenning sent letters to every Trippel in the state of Texas, complete with a return envelope and postage, but to no avail.

"I heard no reply," Koenning said. Koenning was able to obtain a copy of the woman's death certificate through state records, which showed Cora Bell died of a brain tumor at the state mental hospital in Austin and that she was buried in Alvin.

Research showed it was likely that Cora Bell's headstone was missing from Alvin's city cemetery since it had been vandalized some years back, Koenning said. But it turned out to be a its headstone. dead end.

Koenning continued his search on genealogy Web sites off and on the last few years, but it wasn't until Dec. 7 that the name Cora Bell Trippel appeared.

Koenning had been listening to Joel Now that Cora Bell's mystery has Osteen, the pastor of Lakewood

"Im going to miss Cora Bell," Paiz at his computer to print a family tree for his niece, Cora Bell's name popped a perfect match to Cora Bell's.

into Koenning's head.

"I put her name in the search field like I have done so many times before," Koenning wrote. "As I was scrolling with her name. I clicked onto it and found out that she is buried in a cemetery in Galveston County.'

In his excitement, Koenning contacted Ralph Stenzel, who is listed on the Web site and is president of the Santa Fe Historical Foundation. Stenzel published a history of the area in 1997, and as part of the project he posted the records of everyone buried in the Alta Loma Cemetery online a few months ago.

"Strange things happen for a reason," Stenzel said. Cora Bell's home

The absence of Cora Bell's headstone from the cemetery came as news to Stenzel and Floyd Perry, the cemetery's secretary and treasurer, who said they had no idea the grave was missing

"Nobody knew but the thieves themselves," Perry said.

Koenning trekked to Alta Loma Cemetery the same day with his identical twin, Billy Koenning, also a charter member of the Brazoria County Cemetery Committee. The two found the tomb of Paul Trippel with an unmarked grave beside it. A little while later when he sat down The measurements of the concrete base where a headstone once lay was

Perry, who is a native of Santa Fe, was able to shed light on the woman Koenning had become rather attached to through his research.

Perry said Cora Bell came from Kentucky to Santa Fe, where she married Paul Trippel, "a full-blooded German." She was his second wife and stepmother to his six children. One of the daughters, Martha, who has since passed away, had even married Perry's

'She was quite an old lady," Perry said of Cora Bell, who often helped out in the family's tavern, The Century Club, where Perry would grab beers with friends.

Perry said if someone in the bar went to winning at the gaming machines, Cora Bell would cover the coin slot with a paper napkin and say the game wasn't working.

Perry said he tried to contact another of Cora Bells stepdaughters who still lives in the area to tell her the news, but has not been able to reach her.

In the meantime, the Koennings are making plans to take Cora Bells headstone back to the Alta Loma soon.

And finally, Koenning's mind can

"After five years, her tombstone gets to be placed back home," Koenning said.

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College Information Hotline set for January

The Texas Association for College from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 18.

The College Information Hotline, the also be available to assist callers. largest project of its type in the nation. provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and families. Anyone in the state may call the toll-free hotline phone number by dialing 1-877-275-7007 during the prescribed time.

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In previous years, callers have predominantly been high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are beginning to come from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or who Professional college admissions and have never attended, and veterans with questions about their benefits.

The College Information Hotline is made possible through a grant provided by Greater Texas Foundation.

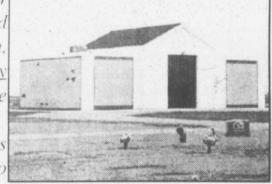
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BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) -The Cleveland Indians found their second baseman for next season, signing free agent Ron Belliard to a one-year contract.

Belliard, 28, played for the Colorado Rockies last season, batting .277 with eight homers and 50 RBIs in 116 games.

However, like most of the Rockies, Belliard's statistics were much better in Coors Field than on the road.

His batting average was 50 points higher, he hit six of his homers in Denver and had 31 of his 50 RBIs at home in the high altitude and thin air.

BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets needed every one of Carmelo Anthony's career-high 37 points.

The rookie scored 22 points in the third quarter alone and Voshon Lenard made three free throws to seal Denver's 95-94 win over the Houston Rockets on Friday

"I felt like I couldn't miss anything in the third quarter," Anthony said. "And I knew we were going to come back."

He went 9-for-11 with four 3-pointers in the period, and Lenard came up big at the end, making all three of his attempts after he was fouled by Cuttino Mobley behind the are with 8.3 seconds left. Maurice Taylor had a chance to win it for Houston but missed a jumper at the buzzer.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) -

Things usually seem to work out OK for the Dallas Stars when Jason Arnott sc

Marty Turco's 23 saves and Brenden Morrow's power-play goal also helped Dallas get a 2-1 win over the Nashville Predators on Friday night. But the Stars are 8-0-1 when Arnott scores, and 5-1-1 in their last seven games overall.

"Right now each guy is chipping in and making a contribution," Arnott said. 'We're playing our hearts out. Our confidence is high. This is our best stretch of season, no question.

Turco has allowed one goal or less in seven straight starts, the best streak in club history, and the first NHL goalie to do it since John Vanbiesbrouck did it in eight straight in 1992.

"Marty gave us another rock-solid game," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "When the goaltender is on top of his game, all the other things fall into place."

Dallas' offense continues to struggle, having produced two goals or less in five of the last seven games. But Turco, who opened the season with a 6-8-3 record and a 2.61 goalsagainst, has a 0.82 goalsagainst over his last 439 minutes and 17 seconds.

"At the beginning of the season, some things didn't go our way," Turco said. "The guys have been really good in front of me and it's certainly been a great team effort."

Globe-News honors Pampa's Parker as Super Team Coach of the Year in 5A-4A

Five Harvesters are named to Super Team

Parker and five of his 1,453 yards and 10 touch-Harvesters were named to downs. During Pampa's 7the Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread 4A-5A Super Team.

Parker, in his first year five TD passes. as a head coach, was named the Super Team's Coach of the Year. Few first-year head coaches have ever been as successful as Parker. The Pampa guided Harvesters to an 11-2 record and as far as the third round of the Class 4A playoffs.

Parker took over for veteran head coach Dennis Cavalier, who died last May of a heart attack. Using the slogan -"Together, We Can," which was thought of by Coach Cav before his untimely death - Parker, his assistants and the players, formed an inspirational bond that lasted throughout a superb sea-

Pampa, Palo, Duro and Plainview were District 3-4A tri-champions.

Ouarterback Johnny Moore and wide receiver Jesse Tarango were named to the Super Team Offense. They were a potent duo for the Harvesters.

Moore, a 5-10, 170pound senior, rushed for down against Caprock.

AMARILLO - Pampa 1,597 yards and 20 touch-High head coach Heath downs. He passed for 0 run to start the season, Moore rushed for 13 touchdowns and tossed

> Tarango, a 5-11, 170pound senior, caught 63 passes for 855 yards and touchdowns. Tarango was also a dangerous runner on end reverses, averaging 6.2 yards per carry and scoring a touchdown.

End Derek Lewis, linebacker Q.B. Cobb and safety Andrew Curtis made the Super Team Defense Harvesters.

Lewis, a 5-10, 185pound senior, was named to the second-team, allstate team by the Associated Press Sports Editors. He had 100 tackles and 11 quarterback sacks for the season. Lewis had 10 tackles, two quarterback sacks and a recovery Pampa's final playoff game against Aledo.

Cobb, a 5-10, 189pound junior, was on the all-district team. He led the team in tackles with 130, and had 51 solo tackles and three quarterback sacks. Cobb had a 76-yard interception for a touch-

Curtis, a 5-10, 180pound senior, was a unanimous all-district selection. He finished the season with 100 tackles and returned an interception 101 yards for a touchdown in the playoffs. Curtis also started at running back and averaged 7.7 yards per carry while rushing for 15 touchdowns.

Palo Duro defensive tackle T.J. Nickleberry was the Super Team Player of the Year.

Other Super Team players were as follows:

Offense

Kiel Anderson, running back, Randall; Tabber Minner, running back, Plainview; Bryson Conder, wide receiver, Amarillo High; Jake Butler, wide receiver, Randall; Ty Parker, line-Randall; Matt Schilmoeller, lineman, Randall; Brent Simpson, lineman, Amarillo High: Preston Phillips, lineman. Tascosa; Dean Kellum, lineman, Plainview; Terry Laxson, kicker, Amarillo

Defense

Dominic Jackson, lineman, Plainview; Young, lineman, Palo Duro; Adam Baker, lineman, 'Amarillo High; Phillip Mason, linebacker, Palo Duro; Colten Campbell, linebacker, Amarillo High; Jonathan Jordan, back, Plainview; Jeremy Hibler, back, Amarillo High; Cort Johnson, punter, Randall.



Heath Parker





Jesse Tarango



Johnny Moore



Derek Lewis



Q.B. Cobb

Ex-Saint comes back

La 'Roi Glover is second on Cowboys in QB sacks

after opposing quarterbacks when he played for the New down in New Orleans. Orleans Saints.

the Saints in 1997, Glover spent five years endearing himself to his teammates, coaches and fans.

He made the Pro Bowl twice while in New Orleans and became known for his ability to get to the quarter-

On Sunday, Glover, who went to the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent last year, will get a chance to do to his old team what he used to do for

When the Cowboys (10-5) take on New Orleans (7-8) in the regular-season finale, it will be Glover's player.

first trip to the Louisiana Superdome as a visiting

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — ward to this one for a while," La'Roi Glover really got Glover said. "I played probably the best ball of my life

I've got a lot of respect Claimed off waivers by for the guys I played with. the coaches and the owner So, it's going to be excit-

> Glover signed a five-year, \$22 million, contract last year with Dallas when the Saints didn't come up with the money to keep him. New Orleans coach Jim Haslett said he regretted losing Glover, describing him as a salary-cap causality.

> "I love La'Roi, he's a great guy and he plays hard, "Haslett said. "He's the kind of guy you like to have on your team because he's going to give you everything he has at all costs all the time."

Glover gets the same kind "I've been looking for of kudos from his new

coach. Bill Parcells said Glover not only brings quickness and experience to a relatively inexperienced defense, he brings an attitude coaches like.

"He is one of 10 or 12 guys on the team who you don't have to worry about," Parcells said. "He is kind of quiet and keeps to himself and is very businesslike. He's pretty much the same guy everyday, which is good for a coach."

Glover's stats are down a bit this year.

He's second on the team with four sacks. He also has

Despite the modest numbers, Glover was voted into his fourth straight Pro Bowl.

The Cowboys are headed to the playoffs regardless of what they do against the Saints. And then?

"This thing is going down to the wire," Glover said. "You never know how it's going to end up. We just have to make sure our guys are ready to roll and hope it all works out in our favor."

The Saints dropped out of playoff contention last week when John Carney's missed extra point cost New Orleans in a 20-19 loss to Jacksonville.

New Orleans will be playing to win the game, Haslett said, adding he has no worries about that.

"There is a lot of work that goes into having the luxury of playing these 16 games," Haslett said. "A lot of lifting, running, minicamps. A lot of sweat and hard work, broken bones, and you only get 16 opportu-

"If you could somehow be in this léague, for three years, that is 48 games. That's why you start when you're nine years old throwing the ball and running and lifting weights and getting in shape — those 48 games. You don't want to let one

*BOWL GLANCE

New Orleans Bowl \$750,000 Memphis 27, North Texas 17

Thursday, Dec. 18 **GMAC Bowl** Mobile, Ala. \$750,000 Miami (Ohio) 49, Louisville 28 Monday, Dec. 22

Tangerine Bowl At Orlando, Fla. North Carolina State 56, Kansas 26

Tuesday, Dec. 23 Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl Boise State 34, Texas Christian 31

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Las Vegas Bowl Oregon State 55, New Mexico 14

Thursday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Troy, Ala. Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu \$750,000 Hawaii 54, Houston 48, 3ÔT

Friday, Dec. 26 **Motor City Bowl** At Detroit \$800,000

Bowling Green 28, Northwestern 24 Insight Bowl \$750,000 California 52, Virginia Tech 49

Saturday, Dec. 27 Continental Tire Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. Virginia (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 29

Alamo Bowl \$1.45 million Michigan State (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30 \$1 million Navy (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl

At San Diego Washington State (9-3) vs. Texas (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif.

Fresno St. (8-5) vs. UCLA (6-6), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Wednesday, Dec. 31 Music City Bowl

At Nashville, Tenn \$950,000 Wisconsin (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-5), Noon (ESPN)

At El Paso, Texas \$1.45 millio Minnesota (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn \$1.35 millio Utah (9-2) vs. Southern Mississippi (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Independence Bow At Shreveport, La.

Missouri (8-4) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) San Francisco Bowl Colorado State (7-5) vs. Boston

Thursday, Jan. 1 At Tampa, Fla

lowa (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla

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p.m. (ABC) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. \$14-17 million Michigan (10-2) vs. Southern Cal (11-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC) Orange Bowl

\$14-17 million Florida State (10-2) vs. Miami (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2

Cotton Bowl At Dallas \$3 million Mississippi (9-3) vs. Oklahoma State (9-3), 2 p.m. (FOX) Peach Bowl At Atlanta \$2.1 million Clemson (8-4) vs. Tennessee (10-2),

4:30 p.m. (ESPN) \$14-17 million Kansas State (11-3) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ABC) Saturday, Jan. 3

Humanitarian Bowl At Boise, Idaho \$750,000 Tulsa (8-4) vs. Georgia Tech (6-6), Noon (ESPN or ESPN2) Sunday, Jan. 4

Sugar Bowl At New Orleans \$14-17 million Oklahoma (12-1) vs, LSU (12-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

> Saturday, Jan. 10 **Fast-West Shrine Classic** At San Francisco East vs. West, 2 p.m., (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 17 **Hula Bowl** At Wailuku, Hawaii North vs. South, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

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Texans are eager to dampen Colts' title hopes

Colts' trip to Houston on Sunday is a mere formality en route to the AFC South title, as far as two Indianapolis defenders are concerned.

Not so fast, says Texans guard Todd Washington.

"You've got guys over there already talking trash about celebrating on our field to clinch a division title," Washington said. "We're not going to lay down on our backs like dead cockroaches and say, 'Here you go.' We're looking to punch somebody in the mouth."

Washington and the other Texans (5-10) are fully aware of comments by defensive tackle Montae Reagor and linebacker David Thornton as the Colts (11-4) tried to forget about blowing a chance to claim the division last week in a 31-17 home loss to Denver.

Reagor matter-of-factly said

HOUSTON (AP) — The out on" the Texans. Thornton less than a touchdown. added, "We'll just have to hold the celebration next week in Houston."

> The Colts have reasons to be confident. They've beaten Houston in all three meetings over the last two years, although the rivalry showed signs of life earlier this season. The Colts won just 30-21 despite knocking out Texans quarterback David Carr in the first half with a sprained right

Perhaps the Colts are miffed their poor performance against the Broncos wouldn't have mattered if the Texans hadn't let an upset of the Titans get away in the final seconds earlier last Sunday. Drew Bennett cornerback Marcus Coleman for a 23-yard TD pass from Steve McNair on fourthand-10 in a 27-24 victory in Houston, the sixth straight the Colts will "have to take it Texans home game decided by

"They're a different team at home," Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney said. "It's the last game of the year, and I'm sure these guys want to leave the year making a good impres-

The Colts can clinch the division even if the Titans lose to Tampa Bay, but they can't count on that because both games kick off at the same time. The best they can do is ensure a home game against either the Broncos or Titans next week, while the worstcase scenario gives them the final seed and ensures their road back to Houston for the Super Bowl truly would be on

Then again, maybe that wouldn't be so bad. The Colts 6-1 away Indianapolis, an oddity coach Tony Dungy struggles to

'We've seemed to accept the challenge on the road. Our offense has done a great job of functioning and moving the ball when we've been on the road. That has probably been the biggest thing," Dungy said. "If you can handle the elements and the noise - that slows most teams down when they go on the road. We seem to do a pretty good job at that.'

Another thing the Colts are good at is rebounding from a loss: Their streak of 24 straight regular-season games without back-to-back losses is the longest in the NFL.

The counterbalance is the Texans, unlike some other alsorans around the league, haven't shown any signs of quitting despite no hope for the postseason and a league-high 16 players on injured reserve. That includes 2002 Pro Bowlers cornerback Aaron Glenn and

defensive end Gary Walker.

"We're going to try to do the same thing against the Colts that we did against the Titans," rookie running back Domanick Davis said. "We want to let them know we won't be an easy team they can come in and

The Texans' offense seems genuinely motivated to get Davis and rookie receiver Andre Johnson into the record

No rookie teammates have put together 1,000-yard rushing and receiving seasons. Davis has 932 yards rushing and Johnson, the No. 3 overall draft choice, has 925 yards receiv-

Texans center Steve McKinney, a former Colt, guaranteed he and his mates on the offensive line will ensure Davis fulfills his half of the bargain.

"We're definitely going to get that," McKinney said. "For

sure. We've had plenty of games where he went over 100. It's not like I'm guaranteeing anything outrageous."

The Colts know about Davis firsthand. He ran for 109 yards against them Oct. 26 in his second career start. So if Indianapolis hadn't gameplanned for him back then when he still was a relatively unknown fourth-round draft pick, the Colts did this time.

"He's one of the better backs out there," Freeney said. "He's running the ball really hard and he likes to get a lot of yards after somebody hits him.'

As for Washington, he's looking forward to get in a little hitting himself Sunday after Texans coaches made sure Reagor's and Thornton's positions were clear.

"I guess they forgot it's very hard to play here," Washington said. "Hopefully we can remind

Officials reviewing Houston-Hawaii fight

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii and Houston officials are reviewing the fight between their football players in the Hawaii Bowl to determine if any disciplinary action is needed.

"We are going to take our time and review all the angles and video we have access to," Hawaii athletic director Herman Frazier said Friday. "There is no real timeline and we will leave no stone left unturned."

A nasty brawl broke out on the field just seconds after the Warriors (9-5) sealed a wild 54-48 triple-overtime victory over the Cougars (7-6) on Thursday night.

For several minutes, players swung helmets, wrestled with each other and threw punches and kicks before the fight was broken up by coaches, security personnel

were reported. Both Western Athletic Conference commissioner Karl Benson and Conference Banowsky attended the game and witnessed the brawl.

"Karl had conversations with Britton and we all agree that this has no place in collegiate athletics, especially the sport of football," Frazier said

in a statement. "It is disappointing this had to happen after such an exciting game.

"We will review the video tapes individually and get together to make appropriate disciplinary action."

Houston associate athletic director Chris Burkhalter said "the general consensus by the people in Houston and the people in Hawaii is that both teams are at fault."

"Emotions were running high, it was a triple-overtime game and I'm sure people were jawing back and forth — it just got out of hand," he said. "It's just a shame it ended that way because up to that point, we were treated very, very well throughout the whole time we were there. We had a great time."

Shortly after Hawaii stopped Houston on fourth down in the third OT, nearly on the sideline. 200 players poured onto the field and several scuffles stands, and I feared for her," broke out in the sea of black and white jerseys.

After the game, Hawaii USA commissioner Britton coach June Jones said the referees let the game "get out of control" by allowing too much taunting.

The brawl was similar to one that broke out a year ago at Aloha Stadium between Hawaii and Cincinnati, also a Conference USA school.

Players from both teams charged onto the field and had to be separated by police after scuffling for about five minutes following the Warriors' 20-19 comeback victory over the Bearcats on Nov. 24,

A day after the game, Cincinnati athletic director Bob Goin denounced Hawaii officials for creating what he described as an unsafe atmosphere during the game.

"In my 40-year career, it's the worst game management that I have ever seen," he told The Associated Press. "It was terrible, and the University of Hawaii needs to clean it up."

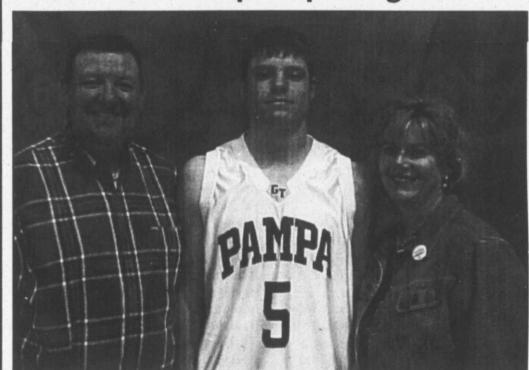
Goin said Cincinnati fans, cheerleaders, coaches and players were harassed and threatened the entire game by Hawaii fans in the stands and

"My wife was in the he said. "Who's in control? It was sad and disappointing."

Burkhalter voiced similar concerns Friday.

"I know my wife, and the people she was with, were pretty scared for themselves because the Hawaii fans were throwing stuff at them and pouring beer on them," he

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Collin Bowers is a senior inside player for the Harvester basketball team. He is the son of Charles and Janyth Bowers, pictured above. Collin has also been a member of Gray County 4-H for the past nine years. He shows pigs and steers at livestock shows. Collin attends First United Methodist Church. He plans to enroll at West Texas A&M in Canyon upon graduation from high school.

California outlasts Virginia Tech to win Insight Bowl

PHOENIX (AP) - Tyler Fredrickson, who had missed his previous five field goal attempts, capped a wild Insight Bowl with a 35-yard field goal as time expired Friday night to give California a 52-49 victory over Virginia Tech.

Cal's Aaron Rodgers and Virginia Tech's Bryan Randall each flirted with 400 yards passing in an aerial duel that saw both teams rally from 14point deficits.

didn't start until the fifth game, was 27-of-35 for 394

yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two scores and was named the game's offen-

Randall was 24-for-34 for 398 yards and tied an Insight Rodgers, a sophomore who Bowl record with four TD passes. He also ran for a

Parker leads Spurs past Magic, 98-83

Tracy McGrady and the Orlando Magic knew they had to gamble when it came to defending the San Antonio Spurs.

Should they go man-toman and try to pressure the ball outside, or should they use a zone and gang up on Tim Duncan when he got the ball inside? They chose the

Tony Parker made the Magic pay, scoring a seasonhigh 22 points as the Spurs beat Orlando 98-83 Friday night.

"Your other choice is to double Duncan," McGrady said. "We tried that once and he put up 40.

Actually, it was 47 on Dec. 5 in the game that started San Antonio's league-best winning streak. On Friday, Duncan had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Spurs won their 12th straight.

San Antonio, led by Parker, went on a 15-0 run late in the final period to stop a rally that brought Orlando to within a basket with more than six minutes remaining.

Reserve Robert Horry added 14 — his high with the Spurs.

"Every night different people step up," Duncan said. with 24 points.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - "The guys on the bench are eager to get on the floor and take their opportunity.'

The Spurs were last in the Midwest Division with a record of 9-10 when their streak began. Now they sit atop the division at 21-10.

San Antonio was up 83-81 when Duncan hit a short jump hook with 6:09 remaining to begin the decisive run. Bruce Bowen made a corner 3-pointer with 3:36 left to make it 90-81, and then Parker scored on three consecutive possessions.

"I thought Tony Parker was the one guy who turned momentum," Magic the coach Johnny Davis said. "He did such a great job of penetrating our defense and then either scoring or finding

Parker said he was just taking what Orlando was giving him.

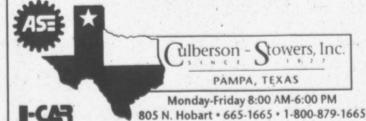
"They were playing a lot of zone and you have to attack it," he said.

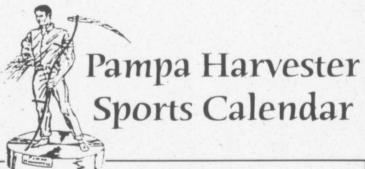
Orlando didn't break the Spurs' run until Zaza Pachulia made a layup with 3.9 seconds remaining. The Magic missed seven straight shots and had three turnovers during the drought.

McGrady paced Orlando

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MEDICAL

Test may better predict recurrence of breast cancer

By T.A. BADGER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -. A first-of-its-kind genetic test will soon be available to help women with breast cancer make one of their most crucial decisions: whether to undergo' the rigors of chemotherapy.

Genomic Health Inc., a Silicon Valley biotech company, said it has identified nearly two dozen genes that, taken together, can predict with a high degree of accuracy the likelihood that tumors will return in women whose breast cancer was caught at an early stage.

Currently, doctors predict the chances of a relapse in pretty much the same way they have been doing it for almost a century: by looking at the patient's age, the size of the tumor, and the tumor's aggressiveness.

If the chances of recur-

based on the gene test, a woman may opt to not endure the vomiting, hair loss and high cost of chemo. But if the odds of the cancer coming back are high, she may view chemo as the difference between life and

"For the women in that highest group, it makes their decision so much easier," said Dr. Melody Cobleigh, a breast cancer researcher at create a point system to Rush-Presbyterian-St. express escalating chances of Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. "For women in the lowest group, they'll still agonize.

The biotechnology company's research — done with Surgical National Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project — was outlined recently at a breast cancer conference in San Antonio.

Chief executive Randy Scott said his company plans to make the test available to newly diagnosed cancer patients in early 2004.

Other genetic tests for rate was about 7 percent after predicting the chances of a relapse have been developed, but this would be the first to move beyond the experimental stage and reach the mar-

The genetic test was developed by analyzing tumor samples from nearly 700 women involved in a 1980s cancer study. Genomic Health used its findings to recurrence within 10 years.

The sample group included women from their 30s to their 70s. All had early-stage breast cancer that had not spread to other parts of the body, and all had been treated for at least five years with tamoxifen, a drug that slows or stops the growth of new breast cancer cells.

Genomic Health found that just over half of the women in its sample group fell into the low-risk category. Their average recurrence

surgery to remove the tumor, followed by tamoxifen.

At the other end of the scale, 27 percent of the sample were determined to be at high risk of recurrence. About three in every 10 of these patients developed new breast cancer within 10 years of treatment.

In the intermediate-risk group, the 10-year recurrence rate averaged about 14 percent.

The error rate in each of the three categories was plus or minus 2 to 3 percentage points, said Dr. Steven Shak, Genomic Health's chief medical officer.

Scott said that by using a scoring system, his company's test can give women a more individualized progno-

"What we'll be able to provide is not just that you cancer

are low-risk, medium-risk or high-risk," he said. "It's that you have a score of X and that in our 668-patient clinical trial, that corresponded to a recurrence rate of Y."

Dr. Daniel Hayes, who heads the breast oncology clinic at the University of Michigan, said too many breast cancer patients are needlessly undergoing chemo because the established ways of predicting recurrence do not provide enough information for them

Chemo "is a heartwrenching, gut-wrenching, hand-wringing decision" that nearly half of his patients have to make, Hayes said. If the new genetic test proves accurate, he could tell a patient she might safely be able to avoid chemo, he said.

Dr. Matthew Ellis, a breast specialist

Washington University in St. Louis, said he sees much promise in the scoring method, even though it does not precisely measure each woman's individual risk of relapse.

"What we're seeing here is version 1.0," said Ellis, who is part of a National Cancer Institute group focused on finding the best way to predict recurrence. "Version 1.0 is a great step forward, but we should not overestimate what we have right now."

Scott said his Redwood City, Calif., company will keep tinkering with the prod-

"Our long-term vision is to take this technology and broaden it out," he said. "We will continue to investigate not only in other areas of breast cancer, but in other cancers in general."

Scientists question benefits of arthritis shots, research led by Boston University physician

BY LINDSEY TANNER AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) - Governmentapproved treatments for knee arthritis in which the joint is injected with fluid often made from rooster combs offer little if any relief, researchers say.

Doctors should think twice about recommending hyaluronic acid treatments, which cost at least \$100 per injection, said Dr. Grace Lo of Boston University, who led the analysis of 22 published studies.

The analysis found that the injections performed only slightly better than dummy treatments.

Lo said even those results may be overstated, since studies with positive results are more likely to be published than those with negative ones, and the researchers found at least two unpublished studies showing that hyaluronic acid performed no better than dummy treatments.

The analysis appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Jack Klippel, president of the Arthritis Foundation, said that even if the treatments have only a slight effect on pain, that is beneficial since arthritis pain is so common and sometimes difficult to treat.

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The foundation and the American College of Rheumatology have supported the use of such products for certain patients, and Klippel said the study does not change his

The treatment, sometimes called joint fluid therapy, generally involves three to five weekly injections in a doctor's office. The injections are intended to replace the natural fluid that helps lubricate the knee joint.

The analysis included studies of three products approved for knee arthritis by the Food and Drug Administration: Hyalgan, Synvisc and Supartz. They are generally recommended for patients who have not responded well to aspirin or ibuprofen.

About 500,000 U.S. patients use such products annually, said Dr. Richard Polisson, senior vice president of clinical research at Genzyme Corp., which makes Synvisc.

Polisson said the researchers excluded some studies that showed Synvisc has significant benefits. And Michael Daley, U.S. medical director of Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc., which makes Hyalgan, complained the analysis included hyaluronic acid products not approved for use in this country.

On the Net:

Harrington Cancer Center announces latest acquisition

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The purchase includes what

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to install additional components

on this accelerator to provide the

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James Stafford and Donald

Pratt, both MDs with HCC's

Consultants in Radiation

Oncology, will be assuming the

radiation oncology care of

patients previously under the care

of Jeff Warren, DO, and will pro-

vide comprehensive radiation

oncology patient services at both

HCC and the new center.

Study finds three-drug cocktail superior to other combinations

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A three-drug cocktail used by many HIV-infected people proved clearly superior to other combinations at treating new patients in the biggest head-to-head comparison of AIDS medications to date.

The combination works better and longer, is easier to take, and suppresses the virus more quickly, the international study found, offering powerful confirmation of what many AIDS specialists already believed.

Among the study's other, more surprising findings: Four drugs are not necessarily better than three.

The study was also the first to determine the best sequence for drug combina-

Preliminary findings from the research were announced at an AIDS conference over the summer and have already changed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' guidelines for initial HIV treatment and doctors' prescribing habits.

With 20 HIV drugs on the market and hundreds of possible combinations, the latest findings could simplify doctors' decisions.

"It confirms what physicians have suspected for a long time," said Jose M. Zuniga, president of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care. "It's important to question and reexamine from time to time what become established

chance we're wrong." The study involved patients at 58 hospitals and clinics in the United States and 23 in Italy. Researchers led by doctors at Harvard and Stanford universities tested several three- and four-drug combinations of six HIV med-

They found the best combination for people getting their first HIV medication was efavirenz, lamivudine and zidovudine, better known as AZT. The second two drugs are taken in a combination pill under the brand name Combivir, while efavirenz is sold as Sustiva.

The combination is now one of the U.S. government's three preferred initial regimens, and according to Zuniga is the most prescribed AIDS drug combination in the

"I've had fantastic success with this," said Dr. Patricia C. Kloser, a professor of public health at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark who specializes in treating HIVinfected women. "Even when resistance shows, people are hesitant to go off it because it's so easy to take: one pill in the morning and two at night, end of story."

While drug cocktails have dramatically extended the lives of people with the AIDS virus, some require taking up to 21 pills daily, at different times and under specific conditions, such as with food or

That makes it tough for patients to stick with the treatment. Missing even 5 percent of pills can speed up drug resistance.

The findings were reported standards of care on the off in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The testing began in 1998. Nearly 1,000 patients were followed an average of 28 months, during which six patients each on the three- and four-drug cocktails died.

One paper compared different three-drug cocktails in 620 patients.

A drug combination is

deemed a failure when the level of virus in a patient's blood rises, the number of key immune cells called CD4 cells drops or the drugs cause toxic effects, including damage to the nervous system, liver, pancreas and gastrointestinal tract.

After about 11 months, a failure occurred in 10 percent patients zidovudine/lamivudine/efavir enz, versus 30 percent to 40 percent of those on other three-drug regimens.

Another advantage of this regimen is that it enables doctors to preserve a powerful class of drugs called protease inhibitors for later use, said co-chairman Gregory K. Robbins, an AIDS specialist at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Paul R. Skolnik of Boston University School of Medicine wrote in an editorial that the best regimen for a patient may differ with his or her circumstances.

A second paper then compared the patients on the various three-drug cocktails with 360 others getting four-drug combinations. To researchers' surprise, four drugs were no better than zidovudine/lamivudine/efavir enz combination.

The researchers specifically warned against starting new patients on drug combinations including didanosine, or Videx, and stavudine, or Zerit, because they are less potent and have more toxic

The National Institute of Infectious Allergy and Diseases funded the research. Many of the lead researchers have served as consultants to or have financial interests in companies making AIDS drugs.

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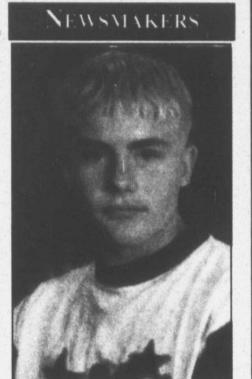
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Cole Young

BROWNFIELD - Cole Young, son of Pattie and Terry Coonrod of Brownfield, grandson of Wendell and Barbara Palmer of Pampa and Bonnie Young of Lefors, was recently selected for inclusion in the 2003/2004 National Honor Roll.

Young will be listed in a national publication with other National Honor Roll inductees. Induction is based solely upon achievement and merit.

The goal of NHR is to recognize achievements of outstanding students across the United States.

NORMAN. Okla. Courtney Marie Lang of Pampa is among 2003 fall graduates at the University of Oklahoma. She was awarded a bachelor of arts degree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Lee and Suits Duo - 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Guthrie in Dance and Music" - 3 p.m., Jan. 20, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "The Woods Tea Co." - Feb. 15, Heritage Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium; and Cantus - 7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

OHS/WIC

Stay-at-home moms who would like to work a few hours a week may be eligible for a part-time position as a breastfeeding peer counselor for Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a telephone, must have successfully breastfed an infant and must be a current or former WIC client. For more information, call 1-800-200-7121.

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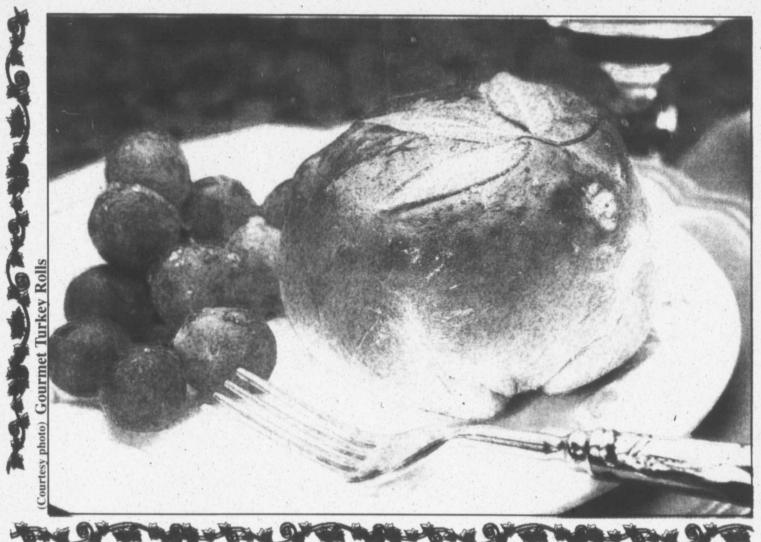
Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

HOGMANAY PARTY

Celebrate the Scottish New Year with League of Celtic Nations from 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 31, in the Regency Private Party Room at

(More 'EVENTS' Page 22)

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1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 cup herb bread between 20-25 minstuffing

1 egg, beaten

Directions: Mix turkey, butter, cream cheese, thyme, salt, pepper and onion. Press each Texas roll (or combine 2 dinner rolls) into a 6-inch circle. Divide filling

Place filling in the center of each circle and pull edges togeth-2 tablespoons butter, er to seal. Crush herb bread stuffing into or margarine crumbs. Dip each filled roll in egg and

Place smooth side mushrooms, sliced up in muffin tins sprayed with non- uncooked I tablespoon minced stick cooking spray. Bake at 350F

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1/2 teaspoon sage 1/4 teaspoon marjoram 1/8 teaspoon allspice I egg, separated

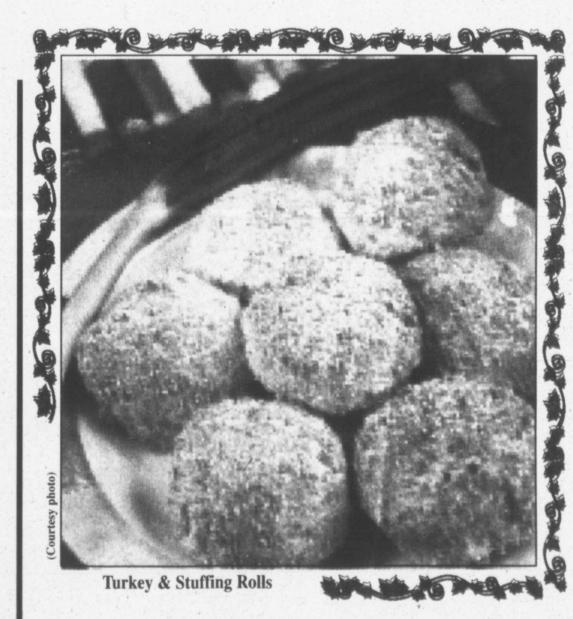
1 pound cooked turkey, cubed

whole sage leaves

Directions: In a skillet, melt butter. Saute onions and mushrooms and set aside. In a bowl, comuncooked 12 Rhodes TexasTM sausage, sage, marjoyolk. Mix well. Add turkey and onion mix-

Combine two Texas rolls or four dinner rolls and flatten into an 8inch circle, prepare six circles. Divide turkey mixture evenly between the circles. Fold dough over filling and pinch ends together.

> Place pinchedside-down on a baking sheet sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Brush with beaten egg white. Place three whole sage leaves on top, if desired, and brush again. Bake at 375F between 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.



Stowers-Locknane

Mary Celeste Stowers and Grady Tyrel Locknane, both of Lubbock, were wed Saturday, Dec. 20, in First United Methodist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, of Hobbs, N.M., officiating.

The maid of honor was Ms. Kristen Stowers of Norman, Okla. The matron of honor was Mrs. Mindee Ferland of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Shanna Stone of Fort Worth and Ms. Meredith Jumper, Ms. Cortney Locknane and Ms. Chelsea McCullough, all of Lubbock.

The honor attendants were Ms. Tanna Stowers of Pampa, Ms. Teryn Stowers, Ms. Brittany Brazile, Ms. Audra King, Ms. Linley Wagner, Ms. Holly Bennett, Ms. Emily Curtis and Ms. Lindsey Staley, all of Lubbock, Ms. Shayla Keeling of Clovis, N.M., Ms. Courtney Lang of Norman, Okla., and Mrs. Traci Baize of Amarillo.

The best man was Cody Locknane of Pampa. The groomsmen were Joel Ferland



Mary Celeste Stowers

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Randy James, both of of Pampa, Ms. Joanna Wheeley of Amarillo, Ms. Lee Carmichael of Oxford, Miss., Ms. Rebekah Warner of Registering the guests were College Station and Ms. Jessica Morrison of Lubbock.

Vienna Conspiracy String Quartet of Amarillo, Ms. Meredith Hendricks, vocalist, of Lubbock, and Ms. Roberta Hendricks, pianist, of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Melinda · Spearman Stowers of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stowers of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spearman, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stowers and Mrs. J. Wade Duncan, all of Pampa. She is scheduled to graduate from Texas Tech University in May 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray Locknane of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones of Santa Fe, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Locknane of Clovis, N.M. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2004 from Texas Tech with a bachelor of science degree in cell and molecular biology and a minor in chem-

The newlyweds planned to honeymoon in St. Lucia and intend to make their home in

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WEEK OF DEC. 29-JAN. 2

Pampa Schools **MONDAY-FRIDAY** Holiday.

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Senior Citizens MONDAY

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TUESDAY Chicken strips or moch filet mignon, scalloped potatoes, English peas, carrots, beans, devilsfood cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or corn-

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, California blend, beans, coconut cream cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

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rots, cherries. FRIDAY

Barbecue beef/bun, chips, pork beans, graham crack-

of Pampa, Josh Luig and Canyon, Ms. Jaclyn Spearman Music was provided by A look back at 2003 arts&entertainment

By The Associated Press

It was a year of extremes huge Hollywood box office for an animated movie, overnight lines for the latest "Harry Potter" book and record art auction sales for Modigliani and Klimt. But Broadway struggled to find a hit and the "Matrix" franchise

It was a year of American idols, a body-building action star turned governor and a bizarre superstar who faced

child molestation charges. A year of stolen antiquities and fake millionaires. A year of gay stylists and a little lost clownfish. A year of an exquisite ballerina and a singing exdrug dealer.

The ailing economy continued to threaten opera and dance companies, symphony orchestras and Broadway. But entertainment and the arts showed their resilience.

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Inspired exhibits and ris-

ing prices for high-end works characterized 2003. But art's biggest story was the looting

the Iraqi National Museum.

When U.S. troops left the Baghdad museum unguarded after ousting Saddam Hussein, raiders carted off 14,000 treasures from Mesopotamia's cradle of civilization. Only about 4,000 objects have been recovered despite a worldwide alert.

Acclaimed retrospectives were mounted during the year despite the soaring costs of insuring and transporting loaned works after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks estimated at \$10,000 or more, for \$26.88 million at per masterpiece.

Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais in Paris unveiled "Gauguin Tahiti" after four years of curating. London's Victoria and Albert Museum staged the biggest-ever display of art deco. Madrid's Prado unveiled Titian's biggest retrospective in 50 celebrated van Gogh's 150th birthday.

New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art awed the public with shows on Leonardo, of priceless antiquities from Manet-Velazquez and El Greco. The Guggenheim Museum featured Matthew Barney's lusty "Cremaster" happening, and pop art genius James Rosenquist. The Museum of Modern Art was the last stop — after Paris and London — for the stupendous "Matisse Picasso" retrospective, attracting 350,000 visi-

tors to its temporary digs. Modern works triggered lively bidding at the benchmark fall auctions in New York, where Modigliani's 1917 "Reclining Nude" sold Christie's, and Klimt's 1917 "The Villa at Attersee" fetched \$29.1 million at Sotheby's. Both auctions set records for the artists.

By David Minthorn, Associated Press Writer.

DANCE:

Despite a grim economy, years, and the Netherlands exciting young companies (See ARTS, Page 18)

Bridal Selection

Erin Kerlick ~ Barry Brauchi

Celeste Stowers ~ Grady-Locknane

Amanda Kludt ~ Erick Anderson

Amber Ratliff ~ Kurt Jones

Lacy Plunk ~ Jason Nolte

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WT to host leadership forum

Talent Search program at West Texas A&M University and the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will present a leadership forum for high school students Jan. 9 on the WTAMU campus.

The John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Student Forum is from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Agriculture

HOLIDAY VESTS

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CANYON — The College and Natural Sciences Building. Approximately 75-100 students - primarily juniors - from high schools in Amarillo, Boys Ranch, Bovina, Friona, Hereford and Tulia are expected to attend.

"This forum is an excellent workshop for students who have an interest in learning more about public service and leadership," Julie Arias, director of WTAMU's College Talent Search program, said. "These students will discuss publicaffairs issues that impact our local and state communities."

John Ben Shepperd student forums are conducted throughout Texas. They include guest speakers and breakout sessions to develop skills such as goalsetting and communication. The forum also encourages awareness of responsible citizenship.

Welcoming speaker will be Janie Rivas of the Amarillo Independent School District's Board of Trustees. David Terry, associate director of WTAMU's Enterprise Network, will deliver an address, "The Leader Within," during lunch.

John Ben Shepperd served Texas as secretary of state from 1950-52 and as attorney general from 1953-57. He was a longtime advocate of leadership opportunities and public-service training for young people.

The College Talent Search program was devised to identify and assist individuals from disadvantaged or underserved backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education.

For more information about the leadership forum or College Talent Search, contact Montana Hisel at WTAMU's College Talent Search office at 806-651-

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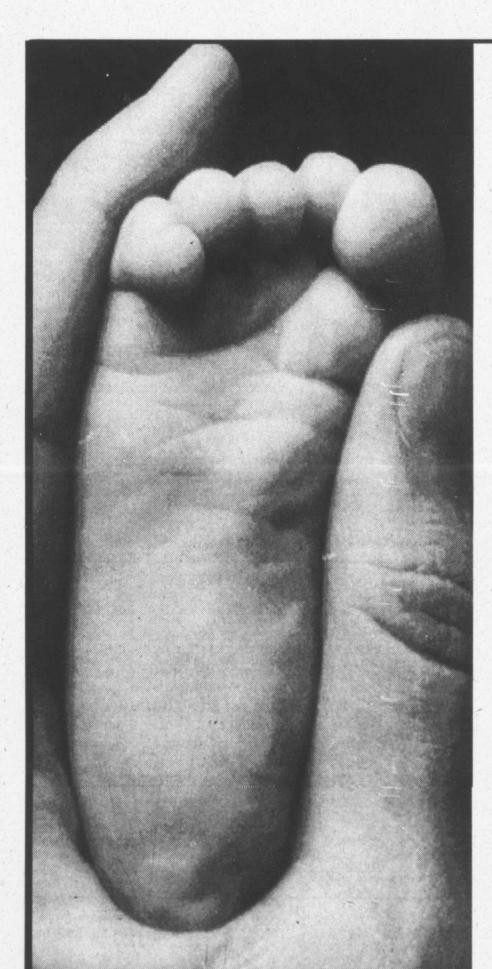
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ARTS

such as Shen Wei Dance Arts, Akram Khan and George Piper Dances delighted in 2003 while guest dancers like the Royal Ballet's 21-year-old Alina Cojocaru dazzled audiences with her American Ballet Theatre debut in New York.

But many looked back this year as the dance world celebrated pioneering luminaries. The New York City Ballet launched the two-year "Balanchine 100: Centennial Celebration" to honor the centenary of the great choreographer's birth, while smaller but no less heartfelt tributes were offered to Katherine Dunham (still going at 94), Alwin Nikolais (1910-1993) and Gregory Hines, who died in August at 57.

Meanwhile, contemporary choreographers treated audiences to special seasons. Merce Cunningham paired with rock bands Radiohead and Sigur Ros to conclude his 50th anniversary season at BAM, while Bill T. Jones honored his late partner, Arnie Zane, with an intimate kickoff at The Kitchen. Trisha Brown revisited early seminal works with a performance and an exhibit tracing her artistic collab-

Finally, following a lengthy court battle over copyright issues, the Martha Graham Dance Company returned to the stage with its first full engagement in more than three years.

Such reminders of dance's illustrious history came as the future of many companies felt more vulnerable than ever. The dance world remains, as Ballett Frankfurt's William Forsythe noted wryly, "at the bottom of the funding food chain."

With his own company disbanding, Forsythe wowed audiences with final performances under the Frankfurt moniker. Ballet's reigning superstar plans to remain in Germany, much to the disappointment of his native America. By necessity, his new company will be smaller.

 By Claudia La Rocco, Associated Press Writer

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"The Terminator" came back, then quickly said goodbye to Hollywood as Arnold Schwarzenegger left the big screen for politics. A month after "Terminator 3: Rise of the 'Machines' became his first hit in years, Schwarzenegger began a

successful campaign California governor in a chaotic recall election.

"The Matrix" gang also returned as the Wachowski brothers' sci-fi trilogy concluded with two movies released just six months apart. "The Matrix Reloaded" cruised to a \$282 million domestic payday, but fan disappointment undermined the franchise, with "The Matrix Revolutions" expected to finish with barely half as much busi-

The animated tale 'Finding Nemo" swam past "The Matrix Reloaded" to become the year's biggest hit at \$340 million, while "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" also topped \$300 million.

Waiting in the wings come December was "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the finale to Peter Jackson's fantasy epic, whose first two chapters each topped \$300 million.

Hollywood adjusted to changes in the Academy Awards season, with the Oscars coming next February, a month earlier than usual. Academy officials hope to spice up the ceremony by shortening the awards-season marathon.

> The Motion Picture

Association of America, which represents top Hollywood studios, stepped into the awards fray and implemented a crackdown on special DVDs and videotapes of Oscar contenders sent to various movie-awards voters.

Citing piracy, the MPAA banned all such "awards screeners" for anyone but Oscar voters. The move infuriated other awards groups and distributors of more obscure movies that said screeners helped their films compete against big-budget studio

By AP Movie Writer David Germain.

MUSIC:

Michael Jackson's bizarre life has long overshadowed his music, and this year was no exception.

In a week's time toward the end of the year, MJ became the biggest music story of 2003: He was arrested on suspicion of child molestation; he denied the charges.

But Jackson wasn't the only alleged pedophile who made headlines this year. Rhythm and blues superstar R. Kelly, who was charged with child pornography in 2002, suffered little backlash when he released his "Chocolate Factory." Not only did the album sell millions of copies and produce hit singles, Kelly was also in hot demand, as a songwriter for Jackson, B2K and Britney Spears. He even serenaded Ben & J. Lo at a party.

troversies involved sex scandals. With the Dixie Chicks, it was politics. As the Bush administration pushed for a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, lead singer Natalie Maines told a London audience she was ashamed of the president. Though she apologized, country stations pulled the trio off the air and the Dixie Chicks lost support from their core fan base. Still, a subsequent tour sold out for the Grammy winners:

Not all the year's music con-

Rhythm and blues and rap continued to dominate the charts. Destiny's Child star Beyonce

Knowles leaped out with a multiplatinum solo album, "Crazy in Love," producing two of the biggest singles of the year — the title track and the song "Baby

Two stars from TV's "American Idol"— Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken became the real thing when they released their own discs to huge

And a former drug dealer from Queens who wore his multiple gunshot wounds as a badge of honor became the year's most popular and best-selling artist. 50 Cent's "Get Rich or Die Tryin" was the year's best seller.

- By AP Music Writer Nekesa Moody.

PUBLISHING:

Publishing in 2003 was both lively and distressing, with a handful of blockbusters, including Hillary Clinton's "Living History" and Al Franken's "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," standing out in a year of slow sales.

Interest in works of subtlety and contemplation suffered both from an uncertain economy and the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Instead, worried readers sought out the topical arguments of Franken and other political writers and the escape of Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code."

Oprah Winfrey revived interest in John Steinbeck's "East of Eden," but only a few new literary novels - among them Jhumpa Lahiri's Namesake," Toni Morrison's "Love" and Jonathan Lethem's "The Fortress of Solitude" -showed up on national best-seller lists. And none compared in sales to Brown's million-selling

Stephen King, this year's

Book Award and himself a blockbuster author, is among those concerned that publishing has increasingly become a story of extremes. He has accused publishers of being too corporate-controlled to take risks on unknown writers and too snooty to relate to the masses, leaving the public to choose between unreadable "literature" and forgettable commercial books.

Introducing King . at November's awards ceremony, mystery author Walter Mosley noted that the great writer and the popular writer can be one and the same, examples including Shakespeare, Dickens and Twain. But neither Mosley nor King mentioned a writer who in 2003 really did bring us back to the fabled days when readers rushed to the docks for the next shipment of a Dickens novel.

Hers was a book so notable that The New York Times printed a rave review on its front page, so commercial that in its opening weekend it generated as much money as the concurrent film debut of "The Hulk" and so desirable that fans read it and read it until their heads literally ached.

The book, of course, was "Harry Potter and the Order of

the Phoenix." And should the sponsors of the NBAs want to further the unity of art and commerce, they might next year waive the requirement that recipients be U.S. citizens and give the honorary prize to Britain's J.K. Rowling.

- By AP National Writer Hillel Italie.

TELEVISION:

NEW YORK - What kind of year was it for television? A year good enough to bring HBO's stirring miniseries, "Angels in America," and Fox's screwball comedy, "Arrested Development."

And it was a year bad enough for NBC's Anglo mutation of the Brit comedy "Coupling" (which lasted just four weeks) and Monica Lewinsky as host of "Mr. Personality," a Fox reality dating show that flopped, too.

But millions saw Fox's surprise hit "Joe Millionaire" conclude with Evan Marriott asking Zora, not Sarah, to go steady. And Zora said yes, even after he confessed he was a penniless fraud, not the tycoon he had pretended to be!

Damon Wayans had egg on his face after mocking septuage-Doris Roberts ("Everybody Loves Raymond") with an unfunny joke about her age on the Emmycast. David Letterman had a baby boy. And the National Network had a fight when it rechristened itself Spike TV (a lawsuit from director Spike Lee delayed the name change for weeks).

But TV found a golden egg with gays.

The Showtime drama "Queer as Folk" and NBC's sitcom "Will & Grace" (about gay men and the straight women who love them) continued to thrive. Meanwhile, newcomers includ-

ed ABC's sitcom "It's All Relative" (the working-class son of a bar owner falls for a Harvard-educated lass raised by two gay men), Bravo's "Boy Meets Boy" (a twist on dating shows, with some of the suitors secretly straight), and that network's smash hit, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," where five gay fashion experts rehabilitate a hetero schmo.

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And "American Idol" continued to lure viewers. Competing to be the "American Idol" yet collaborating on a joint leap to fame, roly-poly Ruben Studdard and string bean Clay Aiken charmed viewers with their singing. But when Ruben edged out Clay in the series finale last May, it was Fox that really won: 33 million people tuned in.

The marriage of politics and entertainment renewed its vows when bodybuilder-action hero Schwarzenegger Arnold announced his candidacy for California governor on "The Tonight Show." He was back with Jay Leno for another appearance the night after he won.

Finally, a new chapter in the history of warfare was written not with pen and ink but with

portable video gear and satellite transmission as the networks brought the U.S. invasion of Iraq into American homes with startling detail and immediacy - if not always clarity. - By AP Television Writer

Frazier Moore.

THEATER:

In 2003, Broadway was still looking for a hit to match "Hairspray," the last big musical to open in New York, and winner of eight Tony Awards, including best musical.

For a while, the hot-ticket honor was held by the Roundabout Theatre Company's revival of "Nine," when it starred Spanish heartthrob Antonio Banderas, although business dropped soon after the film star left in September. Banderas' wife, Melanie Griffith, did sturdy business when she opened in the long-running revival of "Chicago" and played the role of Roxie Hart for several months during the summer.

The Pulitzer Prize for drama went to "Anna in the Tropics," with the judges basing their decision on reading Nilo Cruz's script and not seeing the play. When "Anna" reached New York in November, enthusiasm was more muted, although many critics found merit in the play's soaring, often poetic, lan-

The play's main competitor for the Pulitzer, Richard Greenberg's "Take Me Out," the story of a gay baseball player, made a successful transfer from off-Broadway to Broadway and won the 2003 Tony Award for best play along the way.

Greenberg's most recent effort, "The Violet Hour" was chosen to reopen the Biltmore Theatre, now the Broadway home of the nonprofit Manhattan Theatre Club. The play about a young publisher and a mysterious machine, was not as well received as the handsome renovation of the venerable theater.

Composer Stephen Sondheim suffered a setback when "Bounce," his first new musical in nearly 10 years, never made it to New York and folded after engagements in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The fall Broadway season was the busiest in years with several big-budget musicals, "The Boy From Oz," "Wicked" and "Taboo," opening to less than unanimous critical acclaims And there were several quick flops, "Oldest Confederate Widow Tells All" never got past its opening night, while "Bobbi Boland," starring Farrah Fawcett, died in previews.

Yet hope remained. A rapturously received adaptation of "Shakespeare's "Henry IV" opened in Lincoln Center with critics hailing Kevin Kline's portrayal of Falstaff as perhaps the best of the year.

- By AP Drama Writer Michael Kuchwara.

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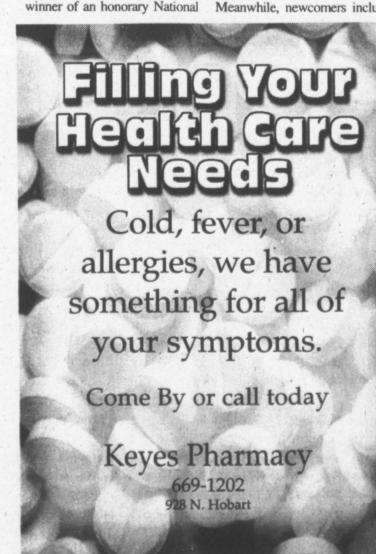
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Two years after the fall, here come the Enron trials

BY KRISTEN HAYS AP BUSINESS WRITER

HOUSTON (AP) - First came Enron Corp.'s scandalous collapse. Then came the crackdowns. Here come the trials.

The Enron saga has brought the infamous and the unknown to court in handcuffs as the Justice Department continues a multilayered probe into the what brought down the Houstonbased company that once reveled in its own purported success.

The two biggest fish, former chairman Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, had not been charged as the investigation passed the two-year mark. Both maintain their innocence of wrongdoing in the implosion that left thousands jobless, stunned investors and spawned dozens of lawsuits.

But barring last-minute guilty pleas or lengthy postponements, 16 defendants, including former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, are scheduled for trial in 2004. The five jury trials are likely to mix intense drama with complicated testimony.

"As much activity as there has been so far, it's really just a warm-up act to what we can expect in the coming year," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor who handles whitecollar crime cases as an attorney in private

"The government will truly be put to the test in these upcoming trials, and we will see for the first time whether the government can successfully distill these incredibly complex frauds into cases jurors can understand," Mintz said.

The first Enron defendant to face a jury is expected to be Lea Fastow, a one-time Enron executive and wife of the former finance chief. She is scheduled for trial Feb. 10, and the judge has already denied a defense request to move

A rundown of Enron trials next year

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) - Nearly two years into met earnings targets. the Justice Department's investigation of what led to Enron Corp.'s 2001 collapse, 26 people have been charged. Here is a look at the five Enron-related trials involving 19 former executives of the bankrupt energy company and Merrill Lynch & Co. scheduled throughout

-Feb. 10, Lea Fastow, a one-time Enron executive and wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, in Houston on six price. charges of conspiracy and filing false tax

counts of money laundering, fraud, insider trading, and other charges. Attorneys plan to ask for a postponement in January; they also are await-

utives and two former midlevel Enron executives in Houston on conspiracy charges related to a shame end-1999 deal in which a loan from

Enron executive bound for trial in April, though ecutors about alleged dirty deals in Enron's his lawyers plan to ask for a postponement. They also are awaiting word on whether a judge will move his case outside Texas.

He faces 98 counts of conspiracy, fraud, money laundering, insider trading and other charges. He's accused of running a mini-kingdom of Byzantine financing methods and partnerships for years that funneled millions to for, and his work was approved by Enron's top said Rebekah Rushing, who was laid off from him, his family and others and set the company executives — Lay and Skilling — as well as the Enron when the company imploded and is now on a collision course for failure.

2002 more than two months after his former top out of her husband. Andrew Fastow is the highest-profile former lieutenant, Michael Kopper, spilled all to pros-

Merrill Lynch was disguised as a sale of Nigerian barges so Enron could appear to have

-Oct. 4: Seven former Enron Broadband executives to go to trial in Houston on a 223count indictment charging them with fraud, insider trading, money laundering, conspiracy and others alleging three conspiracies: Faking \$111 million in earnings in late 2000 and early 2001; accounting fraud; and deliberately hyping Enron's broadband network as having capabilities it didn't have to sell stock at an inflated

-Oct. 12: John Forney, former top Enron trader, in San Francisco on charges of manipu--April 20, Andrew Fastow, in Houston 98 lating Western markets during California's power crisis of 2000 and 2001.

Of the rest charged, six former Enron executives and David Duncan, nearly defunct ing word on whether change of venue will be Arthur Andersen LLP's former top Enron auditor, have pleaded guilty to various charges. All -June 14: Four former Merrill Lynch exec- are cooperating with prosecutors except former Enron treasurer Ben Glisan Jr., who was immediately sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy in September.

secretive finance group.

Lea Fastow, who quit as Enron's assistant treasurer in 1997, was indicted in April on six counts of conspiracy and filing false tax forms for allegedly participating in some of her hus-

His lawyers say he did what he was hired company's directors. Lea Fastow's lawyers say a real estate agent. "We went on with our lives, Andrew Fastow was indicted in October she was indicted to try to squeeze cooperation but it will be interesting to see what comes out

In June, four former Merrill Lynch & Co. shareholders."

bankers and two former midlevel Enron executives are scheduled to go to trial on conspiracy charges. They're accused of pushing through a loan disguised as a sale of Nigerian barges in 1999 so Enron would appear to have met lofty earnings targets. All six have pleaded innocent.

The 2004 trials on the docket so far are scheduled to end with two in October. Seven former Enron Broadband executives were named in a 223-count indictment alleging three conspiracies: Overstatement of capabilities of the company's broadband unit, accounting fraud and efforts to hype broadband to analysts in 2001 to boost Enron's stock price.

All pleaded innocent, and their lawyers say the case may be split into two or more separate trials because of the different types of conspiracies alleged in the indictment.

John Forney, a former top trading executive at Enron, is scheduled for trial in San Francisco - so far, the only trial scheduled outside of Houston - on 11 counts of conspiracy and fraud. He's accused of manipulating Western energy markets during California's power crisis of 2000 and 2001. He too has pleaded innocent.

Besides Kopper, six people have struck plea deals - five former Enron executives and David Duncan, who was the top Enron auditor at nearly defunct Arthur Andersen LLP.

All six are cooperating with prosecutors in the upcoming trials and other ongoing investigations except former treasurer Ben Glisan, who began serving a five-year sentence in September after pleading guilty to conspiracy. He will turn 38 in prison next month.

"We're all glad to see something come up," of all this that affected so many workers and

After dismal year, tech industry looks for turnaround

BY MATT SLAGLE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RICHARDSON (AP) — Another year, another round of layoffs and financial setbacks for Texas technology companies. It's become a recur-

ers lost their jobs in 2003 during a unemployment, a lot of people that on new contracts, declining revenue said that it planned to cut 3,000 to try," he said of the Round Rock eleccontinued slump in the economy, we lost probably shouldn't have and a Securities and Exchange 4,000 jobs in the fourth quarter of tronics giant. with telecommunications and semi- been here to begin with." conductor companies shedding the

Dallas and Richardson — home to the economy to stabilize before they was replaced by a retired CBS chair- the biggest rollouts yet of the tech- Austin actually grew. Austin lost major tech employers like Fujitsu, start hiring again. Nortel Networks, MCI, Samsung Technology Business Council.

accounted for almost half of the job don't want to be saddled with extra lost a 10-year contract to provide and added consumer devices includlosses — nearly 7,000 this year, workers." with 1,200 slashed in September, according to the Federal Reserve project also brings hope. The Dallas

Bank of Dallas.

were necessary.

"A whole lot of people that were

"When you talk to them, they are

A long-term Texas Instruments treasury worth \$5 billion.

Gregg Wetterman, founder of to build a \$3 billion semiconductor market for high-speed Internet serv- Allen Hamilton, said Dell has suc-GeekMeet, a networking and social plant near the Telecom Corridor, ice, or broadband, by cutting prices ceeded by perfecting its direct-togroup that caters to workers in the Construction is set to begin in 2005 10 percent and far below the level of customer sales model and selling corridor, said some of the job cuts and will eventually employ 1,000 competing cable companies. The only products - hardware, not soft-

rent theme since the dot-com bubble MBA types from other sectors flood- company Electronic Data Systems ed technology because they needed Corp. was plagued in 2003 with cell phones. At least 22,000 Texas tech work- bodies," he said. "You look at the money-losing contracts, fewer wins The San Antonio company also the history of the computer indus-Commission investigation. The \$21 2004. Away from home, SBC said it Mine K. Yucel, vice president and billion company also got a new would create wireless Internet Video game makers from giants like senior economist with the Dallas leader in March, when Richard H. access "hot spots" at 6,000 locations. Sony Online Entertainment to tiny The Telecom Corridor in northern Fed, said companies are waiting for Brown resigned under pressure and over the next three years in one of startups such as RadioActive Labs in man Michael H. Jordan.

In October, EDS said it would lay and Texas Instruments — saw little basically saying the worst is over off 5,200 workers by the end of next semiconductor sales inched up durnies employed nearly 1,300 workers if any growth, said Rob Robinson, and there's even light at the end of year - about 4 percent of its ing the year and research firms pre- and were adding more, said president of the Metroplex the telecom tunnel," she said. "But 135,000 employees and nearly dou- dicted an increase in sales of person- Christopher V. Sherman, executive they aren't hiring yet. They want to ble the 2,700 cuts it announced in al computers this year and in 2004. Telecommunications companies make sure it is really picking up and June. And this month, the company technology services for the U.K. ing a portable MP3 player, flat-

move was to help make up for its ware. Plano-based technology-services eroding local-service telephone line

nology known as Wi-Fi.

screen televisions and printers. here, the gaming industry is one of SBC Communications Inc. went Barry Jaruzelski, managing partner them," he said.

company announced this year plans after a bigger share of the growing with technology consultancy Booz

"They've stayed much more business due to the rise of e-mail and tightly focused and expanded organically, which is relatively novel in

about 5,000 tech jobs this year, but Among the positive signs, global the city's 50 or so gaming compadirector of the Austin Game Dell Inc. went beyond its PC base Initiative, a group which promotes the local video game scene.

"If there's an industry doing well

Cowboy churches' simple message, style resonates

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radio or via the Internet. Cowboy hats are passed Texas. around as offering plates, and a al relationship with Jesus" to get Nashville bar. into heaven.

"I found it refreshing," said "There's not a lot of pomp and cirthe whiskey bottles," Yates said. cumstance. You're getting the heart."

cowboy churches popping up section of town.

"It wasn't like when I went to are housed in regular church ministry behind the bucking church I've ever been to."

string tie, Harry Yates doesn't Joneses. This wasn't a society well as livestock barns, fairground ents." And the Texas Troubadour T-shirt and shorts or my best Thousand Hills Cowboy Church Theatre he's standing in front of Western outfit," said Phebe Clark in Kerrville, Texas, even has its — with its neon Texas-shaped Mertes of College Station, Texas, own arena and barn on its 40-acre Church Network's Internet listing. "Everybody just loves a cowboy."

A recent search of her site which draws several hundred found 288 cowboy churches in the ones that Glenn Smith began worshippers each Sunday and has the United States alone, and a leading in the 1970s. thousands more listening on the school for cowboy ministers will

Yates gives a simple sermon settle down and held their first wake up. about how people need a "person-cowboy church service in a

Charles Hanson, a recent trans- building was the saloon. So every ministering to those boys. They plant from Sacramento, Calif., meeting was there — town elecwho wore his own cowboy hat to tions and committee meetings and his first service in Nashville. churches — they'd just cover up

word of God straight from the Church services remained at the thought Jesus was "a sissy," and ally sings backup in "The Corral" Also popular is the come-as- when they moved into the theater cowboy and a Christian. you-are attitude — be it jeans, adjoining an Ernest Tubb Record overalls or shorts - that brand the Shop in a strip mall in a touristy his first cowboy church service at Christmas services because "this

church. Nobody cared if I came in arenas and riding clubs. The

Some cowboy church services are even held at rodeos, just like

Smith, a former professional open in January in Midland, rodeo bullrider and clown who moved, these people didn't have will soon open the School of In 1990, Yates and wife, Western Ministries, says that in 10-piece band up on the stage Joanne (the youngest sister of the 1972, "the Lord gloriously plays about 45 minutes of live late singer Johnny Cash), had a touched me and told me I'd be the bring simple messages of Jesus country gospel music before traveling ministry, but decided to only cowboy in hell if I didn't Christ. He ministered in parables,

> to sell every earthly possession "Historically, in the old West, and sent me back on the pro rodeo when they'd build a town, the first circuit because no church was were a hard bunch," Smith

Tony Shoulders of Skiatook, Okla., was one of those bullriders The Nashville Cowboy and bareback riders who says he Sweetwater Lounge until 1995, he didn't think he could be both a for the Nashville Cowboy Church

a rodeo in Branson, Mo., and is the most comfortable church While some cowboy services shortly thereafter started his own I've ever been to. It's the most real

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — church as a little girl and had to buildings, many more are held in chutes at local rodeos. He claims Wearing a cowboy hat, boots and dress up and be as pretty as the community theaters or centers, as the Smiths as his "spiritual par-

Smith and his wife, Ann, stayed on the pro rodeo circuit three or four years before turning over that aspect of the ministry to sign flanked by guitars — is not who coordinates the Cowboy spread for roping and bullriding others, and began concentrating on farmers, ranchers and others who wouldn't go to regular churches.

"On Sunday morning, if there was hay to be put up, horses having baby colts or cattle to be time to stop, bathe, put on a suit and go to church," Smith said.

"So we'd go to them, and we'd talked about planting and reaping, "Six months later, he told me rain and dirt. If I'd go to a farming area, I'd put the gospel to them in

exactly the same terms." Yates said those simple messages from cowboy preachers are key to the churches' success. "It's right out of the Bible. I don't like the word generic but it's easy for everybody.'

Heather Taylor, who occasion-Band, said she asked to be In 1980, Shoulders attended allowed to participate in pre-

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north of Houston marks a buy a plot in his cemetery. growing trend in burial options ment and allow the body to tic decompose naturally.

but the first one labeled as such everything," said Reed.

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — in the United States opened in Texan George Russell believes South Carolina in 1996. in ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Another followed in Florida, No embalming fluid. No air- and Russell opened his in November. No national statis-That's why he offers a dif-tics track the number of green ferent kind of funeral at his cemeteries, but Billy Campbell, Ethician Family Cemetery — president of Memorial Texas' first "green cemetery." Ecosystems in South Carolina, There, bodies are wrapped in said a handful of others are

Bob Fells, external chief operating officer for the "Isn't it wonderful if my International Cemetery and

"I don't think anyone really family's private plot near the knows what things are really cemetery. "In that way you going to click with the public ... really never die, because you and what kind of things just become a part of that songbird, have a novelty value," he said.

Terri Reed, an investigations you become a part of that beau-assistant with the U.S. Department of Homeland The cemetery on 81 acres of Security who lives near dense forest about 90 miles Russell, was the first person to

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result, you get a strong reaction easily backfire. Sometimes you need to

Unfortunately, you need to expect this force someone's hand, encouraging him

reaction sometimes. You might consider or her to verbalize more. You can and

a different approach or a different style. will be a most receptive audience.

uproar. Observe someone who is very This Week: Others follow your lead the

diplomatic. Travel, take classes and com- next three days. How you celebrate this

mit to growing. For adults, your career New Year will be important to quite a

will bloom after September. If you are few. You are the center of the party.

different styles. If you are attached, why *** Deal with others on a basic,

not plan that special trip? PISCES loves practical level. You might not understand

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll you seek. A child or amour could be

What could you do that would make you bers, could put the kibosh on what is

This Week: You cruise into the week, ruin what could be a very special and

more than ready to start the New Year. memorable time. Laugh and enjoy the

* * * * Many have stopped partying This Week: Deal on a one-on-one level.

ous. Don't allow this to happen. Tonight: ★★★ Be easygoing and use your

some personal space. A partner or key you want. Thursday, distance some and

split and do something you want to do? SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

cial pal or loved one, and let it all hang Please a partner or sweetie first.

out. A partner easily could become jeal- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

* * You might need to get an early proven way.

relationship could be touchy. Why not regroup.

single, you will be drawn to someone Thursday, emphasize what you want.

You want positive responses rather than Tonight: Return calls.

quite exotic. Enjoy and learn more about LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

events. You also could opt for a change Thursday - someone has to.

in your plans for the next few weeks. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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** * Your abilities to read between

what makes a loved one tick. But ask the

right question, and you'll get the answer

be tired? Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

** Others, especially family mem-

going on. Don't let your sense of duty

moment. Help others get out of them-

instincts with family. Not everyone has

selves. Tonight: Say "yes."

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end of what others don't do or leave undone. By midnight Jan. 1, 2004, you deserve every moment of pleasure possi-SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This Week: You wind up catching the tail

*** Take charge of a situation

Tonight: Be a little wild.

involving an older relative or someone who holds power over you. You might need to change your attitude some, as this person could be a lot different than you think. Don't allow yourself to feel pressured under any circumstances. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: You cannot stop the flirting and playing. You feel like life is for enjoying. You will have a ball christening 2004, single or attached. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; unusually rebellious. Could this person *** * Try to walk in someone else's This Week: Take off or do something shoes. You might be surprised by what totally different from in the past. Be open you realize. Every person has a different * * Take your time making decisions. In to the idea of something different. You life path. As a result, you revise your fact, use right now to mull over recent might need to handle responsibilities on thinking, making a relationship much better. Browse a favorite area or take a walk. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: You might be fed up with the partying. As a result, you'll want to play it low-key, even through New Year's. Thursday, the Goat becomes frisky. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

* * Expenses could overwhelm you if you let them. Think about what you want, ultimately. You might want to and are simply happy to catch up on rest. Others respond to that, even if you want revise your budget accordingly. A part-Not you! You will find friends and a spe- to christen the New Year with a group. ner comes through for you in a big way. Honor your physical needs. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: You might have mixed feel- the strong constitution you have. Make it This Week: You don't need to push hard ings about the end of this year. Still, once easy and OK to take a lazy day. You the next few days. Just be yourself. You you are past New Year's, you perk up. could offend someone if you use the might decide on a calm New Year's with wrong words. You might need to walk on a loved one.

eggshells. Tonight: Relax in a well- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** * You might be a lot friendlier start on the workweek. Perhaps a parent This Week: Others toss suggestions (or than you have been in a while. Don't might be unusually demanding invitations) in your face. In your most worry so much about work or a difficult Extremes hit you, as you also would like diplomatic way, you will choose what person in your life. Others share much

more than usual. Listen, and you'll gain **** Be more upbeat when a understanding. Tonight: Ask for what This Week: Even if working, you might friend comes forward to share. You do you want.

find yourself partying away. You're in well networking and touching base with This Week: Curb your spending. Don't the mood for the New Year. Expect a lit- others. Join friends and enjoy. A loved go overboard. Think "January." Think one might need extra attention. Do what "next year." Make resolutions that will you need to do to spoil this person. benefit you.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. you'll gain. Don't worry about having to out a lot faster than you think. Share

29.-2003 more of what you want and need out of share with others what you believe your SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) life. You are able to look at the big pic- goals are. Brainstorm together. Tonight: ture and make strong decisions. Not Where people are. everyone has this ability or talent. Often CANCER (June 21-July 22) you might need to reiterate what you say *** Reach out and make calls in ingenuity emerge. Dig into any problem, person in question. You continue to be well. It seems as if you have a presenta- your abilities. Tonight: Still in the holithe workhorse of the zodiac. Do whatev- tion or something significant in the after- day mood? er you need to do to get where you want noon. Yes, others will look to you for CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) to be professionally. Some might opt to help and solutions. Tonight: Work late. buy a house or a piece of real estate this LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) year. Your star emerges in the late fall. If *** * Take your time expressing single, you could meet someone quite your ideas with that one special person ences. If attached, add more romance, some of this persons ideas in the after-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll **** Others seek you out. You 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

you want. Success will come naturally at rounds the home front. Tonight: that time. Later in the day, you might Certainly not alone. want to retreat to your office if you are to SCORPHO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) get anything done at all. Expect to want *** See a problem for what it is more peace and quiet in the p.m. Tonight: and dig into your creativity for an Early to bed.

assume the helm of the ship. You get news, but be as clear as possible. You have the wherewithal to create much results, and faster than most. In the p.m.,

exotic and different. Relish the differ- you need to go along with. Investigate Re-enact your first date. Love flourishes noon. You could jump to the conclusion your feet up and relax. when nourished. ARIES pushes your that an idea might not work when it really can. Tonight: Relax your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) but you find that others will chip in. Delegate as much as you need to. Be will respond. Promise. Tonight: At a realistic about what you can and cannot favorite spot. * * * Step right up to the plate. do. Teamwork might be needed in order PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Confusion surrounds work. Your fiery to clear out work by the New Year.

balk on the way! You stay in line with *** Establish better work patthose in your immediate circle. Tonight: terns, as you might have a lot to do in very little time. Others seek you out in the afternoon, making it somewhat diffi- money. Tonight: Pay bills. * * Use the a.m. to achieve whatever cult to get anything done. Confusion sur-

answer. Co-workers readily chip in, understanding that it is a short work-**** Stay on top of work, and week. Accept all help, and you'll clear

Tonight: Work late if need be.

*** Getting going this morning might be your biggest problem, but once you start moving, your creativity and in a way that is more effective for the the a.m. Do research in the morning, as and you will find the solution. Trust in

*** * Handle someone directly. Make calls in the morning, when you might be slightly more chatty than later in the day. You buckle down in the p.m., be it work or a personal project. You won't want to be disturbed. Tonight: Put

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** * You might not always want to talk with others about financial matters or personal thoughts. Teach others to Have: 5-Dynamic, ositive; might think you have a lot on your plate, respect your limits. It is OK to ask someone to step back; just do it nicely. Others

*** The Moon, still in your sign in the morning, energizes you. By the afternoon, you might need to take a hard look at a money matter. You can and will juggle the budget as you need to. You also have many talents to help you make

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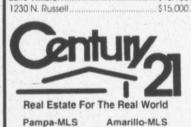
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Nicholas Johnson, left, recently won this 6-foot stocking in a drawing sponsored by Cable One. Presenting Nicholas with the stocking are Cheric Sark and Donna Litterell, both representatives of Cable One.

Farm Scene: As bigger firms enter organic farming, small farms specialize to compete

By JULIANA BARBASSA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRENTWOOD. Calif. (AP) — Under the low-hanging branches of a fig tree. organic farmer Rick Knoll points out his latest crop. The fierce little plant looks like an overgrown purple thistle, with sharp-edged leaves pointing in every direction.

"Cardoons," he said.

Growing exotic vegetables is one way Knoll hopes his eight-acre farm can Withstand an increasingly competitive organic marketplace. As organic agriculture goes mainstream, multinational companies have entered the \$8 bitlion market, making organic squashing the profit margin that sustained the small farmers who were once the heart of

Analysts say organic produce is the fastest growing part of the agriculture industry. While organic produce represents just 2 percent of the market, consumers expect it, grocers want to offer it, and large growers are moving fast to supply the growing demand.

"It's really gone from a movement, a positival statement, to simply another farming choice, another way of production," said Brian Leahy, executive director California Certified Organic

Farmers. But mainstream markets. which need to meet consumers' expectations of finding their favorite fruits and vegetables year-round, make things tough for local farms that are limited to producing what is in season.

Knoll also said wholesalers don't want to bother with small producers when they can get all the salad mix or romaine lettuce they need. from one large grower, who can machine-harvest a bed at a

"There used to be quite a number of Japses in product availability," said Robert Norris, head of Albertson's organic division, explaining the advantages of large suppliers. "You see inherent savings with a larger company - they have more efficiencies in the chain, and they pass that onto

· Consumers of organic produce have also changed. Norris said, and many are less interested in making a political statement than they are in simply providing healthy food for their families.

To these shoppers, it doesn't matter if their organic carrots come from a local farm

ustling farmers' markets from San Francisco to Clovis, where buyers shop and socialize with farmers, seem to be part of the small farm's future. Leahy noted that there are about 300 certified markets in California now, up from a handful two decades ago.

like the Knolls' or from a giant like Grimmway, which produces, packs and ships nine million carrots a day to more tuna.

produce more widely avail- ily farms offer what the big raves about the Knolls' rapinni able to consumers -- but guys can't Hence the car- and arugula. "The flavor is

> Knoll Farms offers produce that is more that just organic. Rick Knoll and his wife Kristic plant and hand harvest dozens of varieties of hard-tofind, heirloom or specialty. crops on a farm that's open to visitors. They personally take their produce to buyers, who they get to know over the pay more for a specialty prod-

Cardoons are hard to get. and hard to grow," said Paul Canales, the chef de cuisine at . Oliveto's in Rockridge, Wakland's gourmet restaurant everybody," said Bu Nygrens,

a staple of northern Italian cuito satisfy restless foodies."

have seized on its bittersweet flavor to balance stronger ingredients, like capers or

'Rick's stuff is alive when I To survive the crunch, fam- get it," said Canales, who also perfect. It's vibrant."

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Consumers have also taken advantage of subscription services, paying farmers a monthly fee to have a basket of fresh, seasonal organic produce delivered to their homes

"It's a balancing act for owner of Veritable Vegetable, Apparently the ribbed, a regional distributor of organfibrous stalk of the cardoon is ic produce. "The organic marketplace has come to a crosssine, where cardoon soup is roads. It's not just about said to help keep winter colds. whether pesticides are applied. away. Chels like Canales. People are starting to think of always searching for novelties economic justice and environmental justice."

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Events

Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan, Amarillo. The event will include music and song, stepdancers, whisky tasting, raffles and more. Admission is \$8 per adult, \$15 per couple, and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Whisky tasting (adults only) is extra. Individuals bringing two cans of food for donation to High Plains Food Bank receive a \$1 rebate off admission. LCN events are funded in part by Texas Commission on the Arts.

DIAMOND MISS PAGEANT

The Second Annual Our Diamond Miss Beauty Pageant will be staged at 1 p.m. Jan. 10 at VFW Hall Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-7671 or 665-8921.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

AMARILLO QUILT SHOW

Amarillo Quilt Show is scheduled from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, March 19, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The event is being sponsored by

Piecemakers Quilt Club, a member of National Quilting

Association. Admission will be \$3 for adults. For show information, call (806) 359-3315; for class information, call (806) 655-7401; and for quilt show entries, (806) 353-1164.

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. Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible for the contest. 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 April 30, 2004. Forms are also available on-line at www.youthforamerica.com.

RRC sets January allowables

AUSTIN Railroad Commission recently set January 2004 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 31,064,501 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the January 2004 allowable represents an increase of 605,265 Mcf when compared to actual production of 30,459,236 Mcf in January 2002. In setting the January 2004 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from January 2003 and producer forecasts for the January 2004 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for November 2003 is

Texas 318,099,515 Mcf compared to 303,216,898 Mcf 2002. November December 2003 gas storage estimate is 302,477,570 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in

Preliminary statewide production reported for October 2003 is 29,422,041 barrels of crude oil and 360,484,899 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0398 for crude oil and 1.0969 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)



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