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'Fresh set of eyes' to review Roe death

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The case of the death of teen-ager Ashley Nicole Roe will get "a fresh set of eyes and another mind" to try and solve the mystery that surrounds the death of the 15year-old.

That's according to Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris who said the Roe case is among those that are being transferred to other detectives following the recent resignation of Det. David Conner.

formance," the chief said. "It's just that his cases are being reassigned ... he'll still be involved from the standpoint that he can be called as a witness in any of his cases."

Det. Connie Lockridge will try her hand at solving the Roe case that involves "a huge file" and is one that has baffled authorities since the PHS student died in an Amarillo hospital on Nov. 30, 2000, the police chief said.

"This has nothing to do from anyone who may have with his (Conner's) job per- information about the circumstances surrounding Roe's death. The detective may be reached by calling 669-5700. Also, tips may be phoned to Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

Several month's ago Roe's mother made a public plea for those who were with Ashley at the time in question or who have information to come forward and talk to police. She asked parents whose children night know something regarding her daughter's death Lockridge could use help to encourage them to tell

authorities what they know.

The autopsy performed on Roe was inclusive as to the cause of her death

Five days before the teen's death, an ambulance and emergency personnel were called to a home in the 900 block of Cinderella about 12:30 p.m., police reported previously. There they found Roe unconscious after apparently experiencing a seizure.

According to the autopsy report, Roe was reportedly spending the night at a

(See **EYES**, Page 8)



Ashley Roe

Outstanding officers





Pampa News photos by Kate B. Dickson

County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, left in above photo, receives congratulations from Sheriff Don Copeland at being selected Employee of the Year for 2001. Employees of the sheriff's department vote on the award winner. Below, Deputy Brad Benge accepts the award for Employee of the Quarter. The awards were given out this

Why are things so complicated?

County looks at boiler contract

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Life used to be so much simpler. That saving was professed during Monday morning's meeting of the Grav-County Commissioner's Court

several times. cement a business deal. That is

County Judge Richard Peet said he was contacted by Bill Arrington, owner of the Hughes Building, for temporary assistance in maintaining the building's boiler system.

Peet told the county commission that Arrington explained the maintenance employee for the Hughes Building is having serious health problems, necessitating an extended time away from

Arrington asked Peet if it would be possible to have Larry Andrus, county maintenance employee, monitor the boiler daily at the Hughes

As some county offices are temporarily being housed at

the Hughes Building during the courthouse restoration period. Peet said he thought it was a reasonable request.

"It is also for the benefit of the county employees," said

Arrington and Peet discussed this arrangement being But those were the days a good solution to the problem. when a handshake would Especially since Andrus is an experienced boiler man, said

Telling Arrington he would need to discuss the request with Andrus and the commission before committing the county. Peet set out to work out the details to a supposed simple request.

Peet said Andrus was favorable and reported it would only take about eight minutes for him to check the chemicals and water in the boiler. No repair would be involved.

Peet's next step was to contact the Texas Association of Counties to learn about the status of the county's situation. He said the TAC told him there would be no problem regarding the liability to the county. (See CONTRACT, Page 3)

IRS to examine 50,000 tax returns at random

WASHINGTON (AP) - A fresh reminder to save those receipts: The IRS wants to do a special random check of about 50,000 tax returns filed AUSTIN (AP) - Results this year in an effort to improve targetof the Lotto Texas drawing ing of taxpayers for audits in the future. Winning numbers, drawn:

Unlike past efforts, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said Wednesday that fewer of those selected for the information-gathering project will be subjected to intense, faceto-face questioning that drew broad

reporters.

The information, a snapshot of the taxpaying public, could help the Internal Revenue Service reduce by 15,000 a year the number of audits that turn out to be unnecessary. Almost a quarter of audits done now result in no change.

"We don't want to audit somebody who doesn't need to be audited,"

The project, officially called the to participate. National Research Program, was last done in 1988. When IRS officials tried a repeat in 1994, it was withdrawn in a hail of criticism from Congress and elsewhere as far too heavy-handed.

Those past efforts required each selected taxpayer - in 1988, it was 54,000 — to undergo a rigid, timeconsuming, line-by-line audit of the tax return, even down to bringing birth certificates to prove the identities of their children. A taxpayer's accountant or lawyer wasn't allowed

This time, officials promise it will be different. Rossotti said about 2,000 taxpayers will face line by-line examinations that will be less detailed than in the past. The biggest group, about 30,000 taxpayers, will undergo a more limited in-person audit, but those will be less intrusive than in the past and can be attended by a professional tax

An additional 9,000 taxpayers can expect a correspondence audit through (See TAXES, Page 8)

DEATHS

Charles N. George, 75. retired letter carrier.

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"The program should be no more burdensome than it needs to be and be fair to everybody." Rossotti told

Auditor places blame on Enron's accounting firm

destroying documents in the Enron Corp. affair is laying the blame squarely on his accounting firm, Arthur Andersen LLP, telling congressional investigators he was just following advice from its

The auditor was questioned for several hours Wednesday as the White House disclosed that President Bush's chief economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, was asked to study the impact of an Enron collapse after presidential aides were alerted to the problem last fall.

The energy-trading concern, once the seventhlargest U.S. company, entered the biggest bankruptcy in the country's history on Dec. 2.

David Duncan, the former chief auditor for Andersen's Enron account, said the Big Five accounting firm's lawyers suddenly began emphasome documents.

Duncan told investigators with the House Energy and Commerce Committee that in September general discussions began at Andersen of what Enronrelated documents to discard.

"It was unusual" to emphasize the documentdestruction policy. Duncan told the investigators. according to congressional sources familiar with what he said. The sources spoke on condition of

An Andersen spokesman declined comment.

According to the sources, Duncan told investigators that an Oct. 12 memo from one of Andersen's lawyers was the beginning of an effort to discard many records.

Andersen has said Duncan organized a two-week document destruction effort that began in late

WASHINGTON (AP) - The auditor fired for sizing Andersen's policy allowing destruction of October. The accounting firm fired Duncan on Tuesday, put three other Enron auditors on administrative leave and stripped management responsibilities from four partners in its office in Houston, where Enron is based.

> At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Lindsey concluded late last year that Enron's collapse would not hurt U.S. and global financial markets. That's the same finding reached by Peter Fisher, the Treasury undersecretary in charge of financial markets who opened a review after two phone calls from Lay to Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill on Oct. 28 and Nov. 8.

Lindsey, a former member of the Federal Reserve board of governors and a private economic consultant at the time, received \$50,000 from Enron in 2000 as a member of an Enron advisory board.

(See AUDITOR, Page 8)

CHARLES N. 'CHARLIE' GEORGE

1926-2002

Charles N. "Charlie" George, 75, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Meller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. George was born Feb. 23, 1926, in Roger Mills County, Okla. He married Alene Evans on Dec. 16, 1949, in Wheeler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Philippines and Japan during World War II. He was a letter carrier with the U.S.

Postal Service for 28 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Bible Church of 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Pampa, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Association of Letter Carriers and the AARP.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rodney Milton George.

Survivors include his wife, Alene, of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Charles and Connie George of Amarillo; five sisters, Elizabeth Dyer of Lubbock, June Elliott and Frankie Miller, both of Howardwick, Nadine Lane of Allison and Evelyen Elliott of Elk City, Okla.; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels at BSA Hospice, P.O. Box

LEDA DEPEE 1913-2002

Leda Depee, 88, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, church. 2002. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., and Friday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in S u n d a y Fairview Cemetery in Pampa.

Mrs. Depee was born Leda Frances Caldwell on Sept. 15, 1913, daughter of Jassie Christian and John Caldwell, fourth of eight siblings in a Church poor farming family. Her public education was at Sperry and Owasso, Oklahoma, where she graduated from Owasso High School in 1932. She was granted an academic scholarship to Northeastern State Teachers College, but had to drop out after one year due to the Great Depression.

In 1935, she married Ralph W. Depee who had interrupted his quest for an engineering degree at Oklahoma University due to the general economic distress. They scrambled for odd jobs to make ends meet, she was a waitress and he working on levee construction on the Mississippi River. A son George was born to them in 1936. Ralph then went to work for Skelly Oil Company as a civil engineer. This brought them to Skelly-Shaefer Gasoline Refinery Plant outside of Pampa, Texas. This was to be home for the next 65 years. A second son, Ralph Jr., was born at Worley Hospital in 1939. Their lives revolved around faith and family. She was widely known for her bright smile and Christian faith. She took seriously her profession of homemaker and mother, The family requests memorials be made to First being active in P.T.A., Story League, and Christian Church, Pampa, Texas.

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ing church service that First Christian provides at Coronado Healthcare Center. Even recently, when asked how she was doing, she would show that smile and say how nice everyone was to her and how lucky she was - this from a person who was severely restricted and whose health was failing. Leda lived a long and full life, and was privileged to live in exciting times. She lived for most of the century that has influenced the world most so far. She was a person who made a difference.

Mrs. Depee is preceded in death by her late husband Ralph in November 1991, and by six siblings. She is survived by her younger sister, Mildred Gregg of Tulsa, Okla.; two sons, George Depee and wife Jane of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Ralph Jr. and wife Jeanne of Pampa, Texas, and four grandchildren and one great-grandson.



ON RECORD

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the ollowing calls during the 24-hour period end ng at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

7:46 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters esponded to a report of gas odor in the 400 block of South Houston. No source of the odor was found. Energas was called to follow

3:36 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters esponded to a medical assist in the 2700 olock of North Hobart.

7:32 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 700 block of Scott. The engine, dash and passenger compartment was damaged in the fire caused by a hort in the wiring. Owner of the vehicle was isted as Holtman Marshall and Sherry Marshall was listed as the occupant, accord ing to the fire report.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

The Carson County Sheriff's Departmen released the following jail intake report.

Jan. 7-13

Karolyn Butler, 17, Panhandle, burglary of

building. Charles Hunting, 22, Bardstown, Ky., pos-

session of a controlled substance more than four grams but less than 200 grams. Dusty Hunt, 21, Perryton, possession of a

dangerous drug and possession of marijuana ess than two ounces.

Brandon Mullins, 20, Panhandle, influenc ing the selection of a winner.

Johnny Stiger, 30, Amarillo, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Javier Lugo, 27, Panhandle, driving while ntoxicated/first offense and illegal alien.

Elisio Avila, 25, Panhandle, public intoxi ation with open container and illegal alien.

Jose Limas, 31, Panhandle, public intoxi ation with open container and illegal alien. Gary Wheat, 33, Pampa, theft by check

more than \$1,500, but less than \$20,000. Earl Tyner, 45, Fritch, possession of mari juana less than two ounces and parole war rant/California.

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Milo 3.44	NOI17.10	+0.11
Corn	KMI57.12	+0.13
Soybeans	XCEL27.99	-0.25
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	Williams 24.06	+0.04
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CORRECTION

On page eight of Wednesday's edition of The Pampa News, the date for the Gray County Livestock Show was printed as Jan. 17-29. That is incorrect. The dates for the show are Jan. 17-19.

In the "Club News" article which ran in Monday's issue of The News, the date for the Lamar Health Fair was incorrectly submitted in a news release. The date of the Fair is Thursday, Jan. 24.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following calls durng the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Jan. 16

2:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

3:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart; no transport.

5:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

5:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Dogwood and transported one to PRMC.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Jan. 16

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight where a stove and refrigerator, valued at \$1,000, were

A theft report was taken at Bob's Appliance, 2000 W. Alcock, in which a cigarette case containing several items valued at \$85 was reported missing.

A burglary of a building complaint was taken at Bob's Appliance, 2000 W. Alcock, in which turquoise jewelry, men's watches and rings and cash were reported stolen. The value was put at \$1,655.

A burglary was reported at Dottie's Place, 2122 Alcock, in which a case of beer valued at \$16.70, \$10 in cash and two pool cues valued at \$100 were taken. Damage to the door was put at \$200.

Allsups, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a \$5 gas drive off.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East 19th in which a purse and contents, valued at \$400, were taken. Thursday, Jan. 17

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 2000 block of North Williston. Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 27, 1300

Kentucky, possession of drug paraphernalia/warrant.

Kenneth Ray Black, 55, 408 Sumner, no driver's license, no seat belt/warrants. Manuela Rodriguez, 50, 417 N. Faulkner,

dog at large, no rabies tag, failure to appear/warrants.

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Today, mostly cloudy then decreasing clouds this afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

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winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs 40 to 45.

Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE

<*J>A cold front began triggering some fog and the possibility of rainfall early Thursday as it pushed through Texas.

Before dawn, the front extended from north of Lufkin through Austin to near Junction and was moving slowly southeastward.

Dry air moved in behind the front, with readings ranging from the 30s to 40s. Ahead of the system, temperatures climbed southern sections.

into the 60s.

Extremes were 29 degrees at Dalhart and 67 at Brownsville and Corpus Christi.

Other readings included 57 at El Paso, 34 degrees at Abilene, 30 at Amarillo and 54 degrees at Lufkin and Nacogdoches.

Low clouds and fog prevailed in South

Winds were mostly westerly and southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph ahead of the front. Behind the system, conditions were northwesterly at 5 to 15 mph.

North Texas through Friday.

A slight chance of showers was forecast for

Daytime highs should range from the 30s in the panhandle to the mid- and upper 70s along the Big Bend and Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected to be in the teens and 20s in the panhandle to 30s else-

A slight chance of showers was forecast for .

Kerrville school district rejects display

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) Central Texas school trustees have rejected the gift of a display case containing the Ten Commandments, with board members fearing possi-

City Briefs

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separation of church and state.

Trustees voted 4-3 on Tuesday night against accepting the case that also included the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. But Joseph Fegenbush, the

pastor of Faith Christian Church in Kerrville who had presented the gift to the school district, said efforts would continue for including the display at Tivy High School.

He said he and supporters would push for state legislation in 2003 to allow the display to be placed in the halls of schools throughout the

"I believe it will pass," Fegenbush told the Kerrville Daily Times in Thursday's online edition. "If the Ten

ble litigation or debate over Commandments had hung in the hall at Columbine High School, maybe the students would have read the commandment that said 'Thou shalt not murder' and the incident there wouldn't have happened. Who knows? We have to change a community and the nation one step at a time."

> Debate over religion has occurred previously in the largely Christian town about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Board president Rolinda Schmidt and trustees Virginia Graham, David Dozier and Lynn LeMeilleur voted against accepting the display case.

Board member Keith Williams, a supporter of accepting the gift, said before the vote that fear of litigation should not be a reason for the decision.

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Housing construction dips in December but total for year up

By MARTIN CRUTSINGES AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Constituction of industry that normally is one of the hardest muni benefits. hit during a recession.

single-family homes and apartments last the first downturn in a decade. month at a seasonally adjusted annual, rate. That was 3.3 percent below the November level, which had risen a sharp 7 percent

Even with the December decline, housing construction for all of 2001 rose by a solid 2.2 percent to 1.60 million units, the thirdhighest performance in the last 15 years.

"Considering everything that happened last year, the performance of the housing sector was nothing short of phenomenal." said David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders

He predicted 2002 would also be a good year for housing, if the economy cold is get of recession as expected in the early parted, decades. the year. He said he expected total construction would remain around the 1.5 million units of 2000.

.The Labor Department said Thursday that the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell by 14,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted total of 384,000. It was the second consecutive weekly decline, but it stemmed from the government's method of adjusting for normali seasonal variations.

Without the seasonal adjustments, claims would have increased by the largest amount in a single week since the 1990-91 recession. Analysts blamed much of that increase on a new homes and apartments fell 3.3 percent in surge in claims in California, where unem-December but the total housing scrivity for played workers had delayed filing for benethe year managed a solid 2.2 percent fits in previous weeks to take advantage of a increase, a remarkable achievement for an law taking effect Jan. 6 that increased maxi-

Economists have been surprised by the The Commerce Department said Thursday strength in housing in 2001, a year in which that construction was started on 1.57 million the country dipped into a recession in March,

> Normally, housing is one of the hardest hit industries during an economic downturn as rising job losses force consumers to cut back on big-ticket purchases such as new homes.

This recession has followed a different pattern, with a huge drop-off in business investment rather than a falloff in consumer. spending seen as the key cause for the down-

Housing was also helped in 2001 by an aggressive credit easing by the Federal Reserve, which last year slashed interest rates 11 times, driving a key short-term rate down to 1.75 percent, its lowest level in four

Long-term mortgage rates also tumbled for most of the year, hitting a 30-year low of 6.45 percent in early November, as the economy, already in a recession, was sent reeling by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many economists predict housing will remain at reasonably strong levels in 2002 with mortgage rates holding at affordable levels. Last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported that rates on 30-year mortgages dipped to 7.06 percent, up from

the November low but still at a levels considered highly attractive by home buyers.

The 3.3 percent overall decline in housing construction in December stemmed from a huge 22.6 percent plunge in apartment construction. Single-family homes actually posted a 3.6 percent increase last month.

The biggest drop in activity occurred in the Northeast, a decline of 15.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 144,000 units. Activity in the Midwest fell by 10.9 percent to a rate of 335,000 units and was off 2.5 percent in the South to a rate of 687,000 units. The West was the only region of the country showing an increase in building activity last month, an 8.3 percent jump that pushed housing starts to an annual rate of 404,000 units.

Bike giveaway



Kay Johnson of Lefors was the lucky winner of one of two Mongoose bicycles given-away recently during a holiday promotion by All Washed Up in Pampa. Congratulating Allen was Royce Jordan, owner of the local business.

Prairie Rivers Musical in offing in Canadian

CANADIAN — The January performance least, the audience has responded to it." of Prairie Rivers Musical is slated at 7:30 Regular performers include Scott Campbell, p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, in Canadian Middle : Lana Graham, George Briant, Godwin, Venita School Auditorium.

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reminds everyone there is no admission. Ridgway and Frankie McWhorter. charge for the show which features live performances by area musicians and vecalists.

"We are so proud of the solid and appalar. commented. "It's a real tribute to the constity." Wheeler joining us again this next show good time. ... "

tinued, "that's able to turn out good fun music, at < (806) 323-6213 or fax (806) 323-8759.

and Hank McPherson, Wayne Wright, Lonnie Jay Godwin, director of the monthly show, Cox, Gaylon Lynch, Pat Popham, Phil

"We've also had tremendous support from area musicians that help us when their schedtiles permit, such as Myron Merz, Bart attendance from the Central and Lastern Sherrill and Jerry Collier. We really look for-Panhandle, plus Western Oklahoma. God ving ward to relative newcomer Wade Hampton of of our performers who love musici and have as really good singer and musician," Godwin concluded.

"We have a basic regular group," Godwid con- For more information, contact Godwin at

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ing the time he was monitoring the boiler that Andrus would be covered by the count is work ers compensation.

Arrington suggested an agreement be drawn up between the county and him.

up by County Attorney Todd Alvey he went Arrington and Gray County-

the request. Commissioner James Hefley and the seems kind of necessary to me to have a boiler!

Judge Peet said it would be to the advantage of the county to have the boiler working in that building.

"Half of our employees are working in that building," he said.

The agreement drawn up by Alvey did not involve the county, but was between the building owner and Andrus.

"The contract specifically states that while he's working on those boilers he's not working for the county," said Alvey. "Therefore, no liability exists to the county.'

Commissioner Jim Greene asked if Andrus name could be removed, but Alvey said no. Alvey said Andrus would not be working for

Gray County while doing the work County Treasurer Scott Hahn asked Alvey do something simple?"

about Andrus' coverage as a Gray County employee while working on the boiler. Alvey said

wouldn't be covered with the contract.

Coet reiterated that TAC had said if the county TAC said that if something would doout day received benefit - citing comfort of employees -Andrus would be covered by workers compensa-

Alvey said Gray County would not be separated from any liability if that was the case. "re going to say he is covered as a

Peet presented a proposed agree dent don a second employee under workers comp while watting on those boilers and he gets hurt over there doing it, then you cannot later say if he does County commissioners responded favorably to something to those boilers he's not going to be covered for it," said Alvey. "You can't have it both ways."

During the discussion, County Auditor Elaine Morris reminded the commissioners that counties are also forbidden by law to provide gratuitous

It seems everything is harder than it should be," said Wheeley.

Why can't it be simple?" said Peet.

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners court agreed to study the matter further before making a decision on the agreement.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley urged Alvey to make the agreement as simple as possible. "He (Arrington) gave us a heck of a price on the rent of those offices," said Wheeley. "I'd like to work with him." Commissioner Gerald Wright said, "Can't we

In the meantime, Andrus is monitoring the boiler system.



Rev. J.S. McMullen

Rev. J.S. McMullen will speak in both services Sunday, January 20th.

Rev. McMullen will be speaking on the subject "The Arabs and The Jews" in the 10:45 am service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does this sound familiar?

Does anyone remember when commercial chicken farm-

Now, even the neighboring city of Tulsa's water supply is

Those trusting folks, like the people of the Panhandle of Texas, were assured by their leaders from the outset that there was no danger to their water or environment, but that

Nowadays, Arkansas' environmental problems are front.

Does this sound familiar? When, oh when, will we ever

EXAS EDITORIALS

Missile defense shield

crucial part of security

A new Central Intelligence Agency report reinforces the

"Foreign Missile Developments and the Ballistic Missile Threat Through 2015" contains some worrisome predictions, not the least of which is that China is expected to have approximately 100 long-range nuclear missiles targeted on the United States by 2015. Worse, many of them will be mounted on mobile launchers, which will be difficult to

Given factors such as China's hard-line Communist regime, ill-disguised enmity toward the United States, pressing economic problems and a demonstrated penchant for solving internal and external problems through violence,

this report should be causing sleepless nights in the U.S.

Further, says the report, Iran and North Korea will have long-range missiles capable of reaching the continental

And then there's the Russian missile inventory, which in

2015 will still be far and away the largest collection of mis-

siles capable of hitting the United States. Although it's gen-

erally conceded that the Russians pose little or no threat

today, there's no accurate way to forecast the political and

unprepared by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the country now

has a chance to prepare for future threats that have a fairly

planning and installation of a missile-defense system.

Particularly in light of this latest information, dismissing the

report would be an almost-criminal abdication of the gov-

ernment's responsibility to ensure the security of this coun-

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Just as the United States was caught flat-footed and

The Bush administration is correct to pursue the research,

military situation in 2015. It's best to be prepared.

and center in the public eye, and all else comes second. Who is cleaning up the mess? I'll venture it's the taxpay-

much economic benefit was to be gained.

ers and not the chicken industry.

From the El Paso Times:

need for a national missile-defense shield.

Edna L. Haydon

contaminated, and chicken parts are seen floating in Lake

ing was welcomed with open arms by Arkansas about a

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to Merriam Webster's Dictionary, diversity means: diverseness, multeity, multifariousness, multiformity, multiplicity, variousness. Its related words are: difference, dissimilarity, distinction, divergence, divergency, unlikeness. Diversity's antonyms are: uniformity and identity.

Diversity is simultaneously an impor-

Diversity implies toleration of differ-

tant and contemptible term in today's cli-

mate of political correctness. According

ences among people no matter what that difference might be, including those differences that are racial, sexual, ideological or political. Diversity also implies a willingness to permit others who disagree with you to go their separate ways, and form institutions and groups among likeminded friends and associates. In the political arena, diversity implies decentralized decision-making power that in turn requires limited government.

What's called for and practiced by college administrators, courts and administrative agencies is anything but a defense of individual rights, freedom from conformity and a doctrine of live-and-let-live. Instead, diversity is an increasingly popular catchword for all kinds of conformity - conformity in ideas, actions and speech. It calls for re-education programs where diversity managers indoctrinate students, faculty members, employees, managers and executives on what's politically correct thinking.

Part of that lesson is non-judgmentalism, where one is taught that one lifestyle is just as worthy as another, or all cultures and their values are morally equivalent.



WALTER WILLIAMS Columnist

I'm waiting for one of those multicultural/diversity idiots to tell us about the moral equivalency between Western and Taliban treatment of women.

Diversity implies toleration

Universities, corporations and government offices that do not hire, promote or admit the right number of minorities, women, disabled or other "protected" classes of Americans are seen as politically incorrect. As such, they risk exposure to heavy-handed Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforcement actions, government and private lawsuits, loss of government grants and contracts, or loss of university accreditation.

Diversity is simply the old racism in a new guise, spiced up with a touch of sexism. Diversity is a call for race-conscious decisions in hiring, promotion and college admittance policy. Diversity management success is measured by the numbers: How many minorities or women are employed, promoted or enrolled? Wrong numbers invite the wrath of the state.

At colleges, diversity doesn't mean political diversity. It is by no means unusual to find colleges where the bulk of the faculty – sometimes 80 percent or 90 percent – is registered Democrat. In some academic departments, such as philoso-

phy, history and political science, it is by no means rare to find 100 percent of the faculty is registered Democrat.

Equal treatment, academic standards and meritocracy are the major casualties of the quest for diversity. In fact, equal treatment, academic standards and meritocracy can lead to charges of racism by the diversity elite. Being a 65-year-old, I can remember when blacks demanded that questions about race be removed from job or credit application forms. We said race was irrelevant and demanded color-blindness. In today's racial spoils system, racial designations are required.

What might true diversity look like on college campuses? Different colleges might pursue different policies with regard to race and sex. Some might have color- and sex-blind admittance and hiring policies, while others, at least at private colleges, might be race- and sex-conscious. Some colleges would have faculty members who are mostly liberal Democrats or conservative Republicans, as opposed to the current domination by liberal Democrats. There'd be free speech rather than speech codes.

Official racism, in the forms of quotas and preferences, has fallen out of public and political favor, and so has some of its agenda's coded words. Large corporations used to have their "urban affairs" office in charge of racial numbers. Later on, it was the corporate or university "affirmative action" office. Now it's the "equity" office, soon maybe to become the office for "diversity management." But racism is racism with or without a smiley face.

Thirty-seven cents just to mail a letter?

Remembering helps recognize greatness

Many a glass of buttermilk will be hoisted this month from Virginia to Texas as Southerners gather to celebrate the birthdays of Gens. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

Lee, who was born Jan. 19, 1807, probably comes as close to perfection as a human being can get. Jackson, born on Jan. 21, 1824, was a sterner man and was admired and loved more for his ability than for his personality. There are few Southerners who do not believe that had Jackson, who was killed after the battle of Chancellorsville, lived, the outcome at Gettysburg would have been different.

January is actually the birth month of others who played prominent roles in that war. Confederate States of America Gens. James Longstreet (on the 8th) and George Pickett (28th), as well as U.S. Gens. Henry W. Halleck (16th) and John C. Fremont (21st), were January presents to their parents.

I'm proud that the Sons of Confederate Veterans makes a Lee-Jackson banquet an annual and permanent celebration of these two heroes. It's a shame more great Americans aren't honored and remembered. We no longer have a day for George Washington or Thomas Jefferson or (forgive me, my Southern brothers) Abraham Lincoln. All of these men were lumped together as Presidents Day, a meaningless generality. Actually, this is the work of lobbyists from the travel industry and federal employment unions. What they wanted and what they got was not an occasion to honor anybody. It was a three-day weekend.

At least some of us in the South have not allowed commercial interests to sub-



stitute consumerism for remembrance. The value of remembering great men is that, first of all, it teaches us to recognize greatness. After the war, Lee did not go on the speaking circuit collecting big fees, as is customary for modem generals whose records on the battlefield are laughably scant. Nor did he accept gifts or high-paying jobs, though plenty were offered. Lee did not think that he should profit from a war that caused so much misery to the Southern people. Instead, he accepted the presidency of a small, nearly bankrupt college, which today is Washington and Lee University.

Lee was already a hero before Secession. He was offered command of the U.S. forces. Only a professional soldier can appreciate the excruciating decision Lee made to turn it down. Here, for the taking, is what every professional officer would dream of. Moreover, Lee did not think Secession was a wise idea, though he recognized the right of states to do so. He did not approve of slavery. When Virginia left the union, however, he could not bring himself to draw his sword against his own family and friends. He resigned his commission and went home a

I should add, to save a few cranks an email, that no Confederate committed treason, and none was ever tried for it. The South never tried overthrowing the U.S. government, nor did it have any intention of doing such. The states simply withdrew from what, for decades, most people in the country agreed was a voluntary union. There is nothing in the Constitution to justify Lincoln's war on the South. He waged it in violation of the Constitution.

The best books on Lee are "The Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee" by his son, Capt. Robert E. Lee (Konecky & Konecky); "Personal Reminiscences of General Robert E. Lee" by Rev. J. William Jones (LSU press); and "Robert E. Lee on Leadership" by H.W. Crocker III (Prima Publishing). For Jackson, go to the source: "The Life and Campaigns of Lt. Gen. T.J. 'Stonewall' Jackson" by R.L. Dabney, one of his staff officers and a great theologian.

Lee once wrote: "You have only always to do what is right. It will become easier by practice, and you will enjoy in the midst of your trials the pleasure of an approving conscience. That will be worth everything else."

Lee is one of the few men of whom it can be said: "He lived his Christian beliefs." Longstreet said that as a soldier, Lee's men respected him, but as a man, they loved him. I do not know of any modem general in the world whose men, after suffering a hellish defeat, would beg the general to let them try one more time to take the objective. Lee's men did that at Gettysburg. What better tribute can a military officer have?

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DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Thursday, January 17

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Runaway Hotline Offers Help To Desperate Runaway Kids

DEAR ABBY: The holiday season is finally over - and a lot of people are breathing a collective sigh of relief. The pressure of trying to maintain a greeting-card kind of family facade is overwhelming for families already experiencing problems. Parents aren't going to stop fighting because it's suddenly the time for peace and love. And Johnny isn't going to stop acting out, no matter how much everyone wishes differently.

Family dynamics is the reason cited by nearly 43 percent of kids who have run away - or are thinking about running away from home.

Parents should be especially alert to changes in their child's behavior, including increased stress, withdrawal or overwhelming unhappiness. These are warning signs of a child in crisis, one who may run away to avoid stressful situations. Open communication with children is vital to keep them from turning elsewhere. Taking the time to listen now may prevent a serious problem later.

The National Runaway Switchboard is the federally designated communication system for homeless, runaway and at-risk youth. It is confidential, volunteer-based and not-for-profit.

Please, Abby, encourage young people who are considering running away, and those who already have, as well as parents with children in crisis to call our hotline, (800) 621-4000, before an act of desperation is committed.

CATHLEEN CAROLAN, NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

DEAR CATHLEEN: Thank you for a timely and important letter. The streets of major cities are often the only "home" young runaways are able to find. Once on the streets, they are at risk for physical violence, disease and exploitation. They become victims of crime or even resort to crime themselves in

order to survive. Since 1971, the National Runaway Switchboard has been a valuable tool for runaway youth, teens in crisis and

concerned friends and family members. It provides confidential crisis intervention and referral services on a 24-hour hotline. It also offers message relay between runaways, and parents or legal guardians, education and outreach services, and administers the Home Free program in partnership with Greyhound Lines Inc. (All services are free.)

The National Runaway Switchboard publishes the Parent Information Guide, which helps parents identify signs that their child may be contemplating running away from home, what to do if a child runs away, and how to deal with the child's return. The guide is also free to anyone who contacts the hotline.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are planning our wedding and reception. Is it proper to invite guests to the reception only? We'd much prefer to keep the ceremony simple and private with only immediate family.

BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: According to "Emily Post's Com-plete Book of Wedding Etiquette," it's proper to invite guests to the reception only. This is often done in second marriages. In such cases, a verbal invitation is given for the wedding ceremony, while all guests receive a formal invitation to the reception.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone - teens to seniors - is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

"He can smell fear and a lie."

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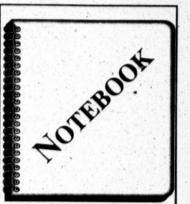






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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Lady Harvester Softball Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the Pampa High School library.

Parents of softball players are urged to attend.

BOWLING

PAMPA — The 12th annual Mixed Team Tournament to benefit Special Olympics will be held Jan. 19-20 and Jan. 26-27 at Harvester Lanes in Pampa.

Entry fee is \$13.75 per bowler or \$55 per team. Every one dollar included in the entry fee goes to Special Olympics.

The first place team will receive \$500.

The team leading after the first weekend will receive

Entries close on Jan. 27 at 5 p.m.

The tournament is sanctioned by ABC and WIBC. For more information, call (806) 665-3422.

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — James Chapman scored 20 points to lead Wheeler past Shamrock 64-51 in a District 2-1A contest Tuesday night.

Dirk Chapman, Dagen Moore and Gavin McQueen each had 12 points for Wheeler.

Robertson had 19 points to lead Shamrock.

The Mustangs are 1-2 in district play and 6-11 for the season.

In the girls' game, Shamrock posted a 81-64 decision.

Wilson had 21 points to fead Shamrock's attack. Lindy Finsterwald was

Wheeler's high-point player with 26 points.

It was Wheeler's first district loss in three games. For the season, the Mustangettes are 14-5.

WRESTLING

- AMARILLO — Pampa fell to Caprock 75-12 in a dual wrestling match Tuesday night.

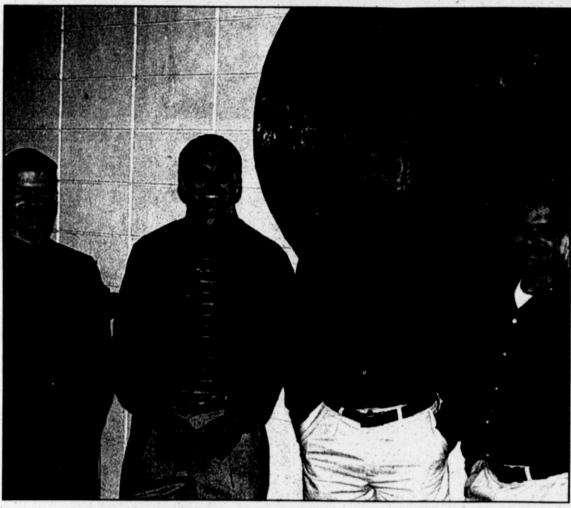
Dusty Langley in the 145-pound class and Tyrel Bolin in the 215-pound class won their matches for the Harvesters.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have offered a long-term contract to St. Louis Cardinals pitcher and former Stanford quarterback Chad Hutchinson, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Sources told the newspaper in Thursday's editions that the seven-year deal is believed to include a signing bonus of about \$2 million.

Hutchinson impressed the Cowboys with his 6-foot-4, 230pound frame and athleticism. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones Hutchinson has physical skills similar to rookie Quincy Carter, a secondround draft pick in 2001 and starter in the Cowboys' last six games this season.



"The one thing I learned able. The question is, do I

Sack king Strahan edges Urlacher for

defensive player of the year honors

this year is never assume the

quarterback has thrown the

ball," Strahan said. "I don't

care how many times he pump

fakes. You keep going at him

until you are sure he's thrown.

That's added a few sacks onto

in Game 3 against New

which he collected 12 1/2 in

five games. A 3 1/2-sack effort

Donovan McNabb moved him

within one of setting the

record heading into the final

ing minutes of the season

finale against Green Bay, a

slide that might have been the

only thing to taint the record.

small way, what should have

been a little brighter was

dimmed a little," Strahan said.

"At the same time, everything

Strahan heads into the off-

contract. He wants to continue

all ended today, I've made

enough money to be comfort-

'I'm not out to break the

passes. It will pass."

to play for the Giants.

Favre denied taking a dive.

"It's a shame that in a

The record fell when Brett

game of the season.

He got his first three sacks

my numbers."

there was more made of it Orleans, starting a spurt in

What most people don't against Philadelphia and

speed and smarts," Giants Favre did the same in the clos-

Special award winners at the Pampa football banquet were (from left) Ty Elledge, Tanner Dyer, Orlando Madrid and Randy Tice.

defensive line was able to rush

the passer on a consistent

basis, allowing opponents to

impressive defensive perfor-

mance I have seen in all my

"He was phenomenal. I wish

because I not sure it will be

done again for a long time."

5, 275-pounder is just as good

quarterback Kerry Collins

Strahan is also a worka-

"When something isn't

perfect, it bothers me and eats

at me and I'll keep working at

it until I get everything right,

which hasn't happened yet, so

I still have a lot of work to

Denny Marcin that he was

going to stop thinking and get

veteran from Texas Southern

back to power football.

was almost unstoppable.

After failing to get a sack in

"He has that blend of size,

against the run.

years in the league," Fox said.

"That was the most

and

triple-team

EAST RUTHERFORD, points, and no one else on the

it happen on first and second realize is that Strahan is more

down or when you got a than a pass rusher. The 6-foot-

double-

Strahan.

N.J. (AP) — Michael Strahan

wonders whether he could

have had even more sacks this

season if the New York Giants

His NFL record of 22 1/2

"I don't think we had a

game this season where it was

Go rush the pass rusher

time," said Strahan, who

broke Mark Gastineau's mark

"In my opinion, it was a

harder year to get these types

of numbers, and that's why

I'm proud to have the year I

A nationwide panel of vot-

ers made Strahan The

Associated Press Defensive

Player of the Year, edging

Chicago linebacker Brian

Urlacher by seven votes in

"I screamed when I heard I

won it, trust me. It's great,"

Strahan said. "It's a goal you

set, to win the player of the

Defensive coordinator John

Fox said the Giants (7-9) did-

n't help Strahan much. The

offense didn't put up many

Kelly, Parcells,

announced

balloting

Wednesday.

year award."

of 22 sacks. "You had to make

sacks might well have been

had played well.

Harvesters honored at annual football banquet

terback Randy Tice was presented The Fighting Heart Award Wednesday night, highlighting the 2001 Pampa High School football banquet held at M. K. Brown Auditorium.

The Fighting Heart Award, which was instituted in 1953, is considered to be the school's most prestigious football award. It is given to a player who exemplifys unselfish devotion to his team and teammates.

Other awards went to senior running back Ty Elledge (Kevin McKinney Memorial), senior linebacker Orlando Madrid (Vance Bruce Memorial), and senior linebacker Tanner Dyer (GT-El Norma Award).

Alisha Furnish received the outstanding student train-

The Harvesters, who were ever coached."

want to make a ton of money

and play on a bad team? No. I

want to help to make the team

Strahan received 27 votes

from the panel of 50 media

members who cover the NFL.

Urlacher, also an All-Pro, got

20. Last season's choice,

Baltimore linebacker Ray

Lewis, got two votes, and

better. The money isn't impor-

PAMPA — Senior quar- picked by Top O' Texas Football Magazine to win District 3-4A, overcame a 1-3 start to share the district championship with Palo Duro.

Pampa was 6-1 in district and 7-4 for the season.

PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier said the thing about this 2001 team he was most proud of was the absence of unsportsmanlike penalties.

"I think we had gained a reputation among our opponents as being a team that' didn't display good sportsmanship. We worked hard in the off-season on character development." Cavalier said. "We went 11 games this year and had zero unsportsmanslike penalties. It means there were no flags thrown after the play was over. This year's team played the game the way I like to see it played better than any team I've

Cleveland linebacker Jamir.

in 1981, 1982 and 1986, is the

only other Giants player to get

and follow a great player like

Lawrence," said Strahan, who

was also named to the Pro

Bowl for the fourth time and

was an unanimous selection to

the All-Pro team.

Lawrence Taylor, who won

"I'm happy to win it once

Miller received the other.

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Pampa cagers travel to Hereford for 3-4A games

PAMPA — The Pampa some outstanding players, Harvesters go for their third consecutive District 3-4A win Friday night, traveling to Hereford for a game that will district play.

The Harvesters are 3-3 in district and 13-12 for the season. The Whitefaces are also 3-3 in district while sporting a 9-14 record.

Hereford is coming off a big win Tuesday night, slipping by Borger 61-58. The Whitefaces placed second behind Randall in the district race last season, but Hereford is going through a rebuilding phase this season.

The Whitefaces still have

namely 6-4 senior Cody Marsh and 6-7 senior Andrew Carnahan.

Barrett Abernathy, a 5-10 complete the first round of • junior guard, has been coming on strong for Hereford. He scored 18 points in the win over Borger.

Pampa will be looking for some revenge in the girls game. In a close contest, Hereford came away a 53-47 the first time these two teams

The Lady Harvesters, 2-6 in district, will be looking to snap a four-game losing streak. The Lady Whitefaces at 3-3 are still in the playoff

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 2002

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** * Mars, your ruler, enters Aries. You could become a force to be dealt with. You might even need to harness your energy, or else you could say or do something that causes a misunderstanding. Clear out work. Your destiny is outside of work. Tonight: Do have a good

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Move quickly to make what you desire a reality today. Clear your desk and complete work with your customary efficiency. Later, you could find anger brewing and misunderstandings rampant. Note when anger builds within you in the next few weeks. Tonight: Take time just for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** * Keep focused on work, remembering you would like to spring out the door, fancy-free for the weekend. Don't reject a last-minute suggestion or invitation. Focus surrounds groups, commitments and meetings. Be especially thoughtful to someone at a distance. Tonight: Follow your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * * * Your sense of what needs to be done could be altered by new information coming from someone who is incharge. You cannot push someone so sensitive. Tonight: Get some exercise. hard; you will see his or her dissatisfaction. Carefully choose your words in the

next few weeks. Misunderstandings happen out of the blue. Tonight: Let some-

one lure you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** * * Keep smiling. Surprises surround your path. If not today, then in the near future, a blast from your past could appear. Return calls, even if a message sounds strange! A co-worker might discuss certain matters that make you most uncomfortable. Tonight: Take off. Try

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You could feel like there is something askew. Your ruler goes retrograde today, draining you of energy. Someone will chip in for you, if you ask. By all means, don't stand on ceremony. Others are only too happy to pitch in. Think before you leap! Tonight: Let someone cook up the ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) * * * * Use available energy to dot the I's and cross the T's in a project. Confusion surrounds a message. Do not stand on ceremony with a loved one. You discover what a sensitive and accepting person you're relating to. Use care with others in the next few weeks. Tonight:

Out and about. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Carefully listen to someone who spouts ideas. Loosen up, and enjoy those in your life. Think about planning a reunion with friends. A former friend or lover pops into your life. Be gentle with a family member. This person really is

** * You're coming from a secure

point, where you might want to try something very different. Others become highly reactive today and for the next few weeks. Oddly enough, you have a bee in your bonnet, and you will be difficult to stop. Tonight: Playtime.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * * Use your energy to clear your desk. Handle interpersonal matters as soon as you can. You will find that others could become out of sorts in the next few weeks. You will tend to take comments personally as well. Be careful as to promises you make. Tonight: Treat someone

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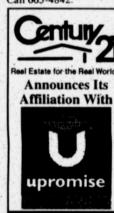
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Pampa Police Department and a generous Pampa citizen made one little boy very happy this Christmas. Jim Shepard received a small boy's policeman's outfit as a bonus when he ordered a Christmas present for his daughter. Not having a little boy in the family, Shepard called the Pampa Police Department, who in turn called Capt. Patricia Steward with the Salvation Army. She found "Frank Jr.," a 6-year-old boy who was surprised Christmas Eve by Sgt. Alvin Johnson with the special gift.

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TAXES

the mail, with the remaining 8,000 likely to have no contact at all from the IRS. The study is intended to reflect the taxpaying population as a whole, with a more detailed look at taxpayers earning above \$100,000 a year compared with previous years.

The audits are expected to begin in the fall on individual returns from the 2001 tax year, for which returns are due April 15. Rossotti said the program will not increase the overall number of IRS audits and will not require an increase in the agency's budget.

Taxpayers audited under the project will be told why they were chosen.

In 2000, the IRS conducted 618,000 audits of individual returns, representing less than one-half of 1 percent of the total tax returns filed and less than half the number of the year before.

A projected 132 million individual tax returns will be filed this year, and IRS officials say reversal of the enforcement slide is essential to ensure compliance with the law.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who approved the program, said information gleaned will "put us back on the right track" in targeting who is complying and who isn't. The IRS estimated the "tax gap" — the difference between all federal taxes owed and those paid at \$278 billion for the 1998 tax year.

"While we have a general sense of the tax gap, and we know that compliance is uneven, we don't have the necessary information to know how big the problem is or how to fix it," O'Neill said in a statement.

In addition, the project enables the IRS to find areas in the tax law that consistently give people trouble. Forms and instructions can be improved, and sometimes Congress will change tax law to eliminate problems.

This year's project will involve only individual Form 1040 tax returns. Future projects will focus on other taxes, such as those paid by corporations, small businesses and the selfemployed.

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AUDITOR

Enron has been Bush's biggest campaign benefactor over the years.

In another development Wednesday, it was disclosed that Enron executive Sherron Watkins told a friend and former colleague at Andersen on Aug. 20 that she had concerns about Enron's accounting practices. It was revealed this week that Watkins warned Enron's chairman, Kenneth Lay, about her concerns, which focused on outside partnerships used by Enron executives to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the company's books.

A hurried meeting at Andersen's Houston office took place Aug. 21 and Duncan participated. The meeting occurred the day before Watkins detailed her serious concerns in a meeting with Lay.

"It's now clear to us that key players at Andersen as well as Enron knew of the growing problems months before the company imploded," said Ken Johnson, spokesman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Duncan "cooperated fully with our investigators," Johnson said. "He answered all of our questions."

Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa., chairman of the panel's investigations subcommittee, revealed that the Andersen employee Watkins spoke to on Aug. 20 summarized their conver-

"This document raises additional concerns about Andersen's knowledge of potential accounting irregularities and the subsequent destruction of Enron-related documents?" Greenwood said.

After Watkins' phone call to her former colleague at Andersen on Aug. 20, the accounting firm notified Enron's general counsel and were told that the law firm Vinson & Elkins was conducting an investigation.

"We're still looking into the facts here," said Patrick Dorton, an Andersen spokesman. "We don't know what additional steps were taken" by the accounting firm in response to the call from Watkins.

The accounting firm took out a full-page ad in major newspapers Wednesday seeking to assure the public that it would "do what is right" in the Enron investigation and promising to cooperate with government and congressional investigations.

In related developments:

-Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said in a letter to Vice President Dick Cheney that Enron would have benefited from 17 provisions in Bush's national energy plan. "This creates the unfortunate appearance that a large contributor received special access and obtained extraordinarily favorable results in the White House energy plan," he wrote.

Fleischer on Thursday dismissed Waxman's review as "one more partisan waste of taxpayers' money."

-The chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Harvey Pitt, called a news conference for Thursday to discuss regulation of the accounting business, including a proposal to create an oversight body within the industry.

Several Democrats in Congress and the private group Common Cause called for Pitt, a securities lawyer who once represented Andersen, to remove himself from the SEC's civil investigation of Enron's accounting and Andersen's role in it.

The Justice Department is conducting a criminal probe of Enron.

The former chief of staff for Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who is leading one of the investigations of Enron, tried unsuccessfully last summer to arrange a meeting between the senator and Lay, the Enron chairman. Lieberman's spokesman, Dan Gerstein, said he does not know what Lay wanted to discuss.

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friend's house on Nov. 25th where she suffered a prolonged seizure. "Reportedly she had been smoking marijuana dipped in formaldehyde," the report stated.

The autopsy report finding said the tetrahydrocanibinol detected by the Amaril'o hospital in a urine test was not confirmed.

A toxicology report said a serum formic acid test showed its presence. It defined formic acid as a metobolite of formaldehyde and an index of exposure to formaldehyde and other pre-