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# Chisum proposes tax on engines

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) - Cars, off-road

equipment and many motorboats and motorcycles would carry a \$5 to \$7 annual fee to raise money for air pollution-control programs under a proposal Wednesday by a Republican law-

Rep. Warren Chisum, the House **Environmental Regulation Committee** chairman, said he will file legislation that would require an environmental impact permit sticker on vehicles with a 50-horsepower engine or larger.

"What we are saying is if you have an impact on the environment, that you are going to pay an impact (fee)." Chisum, of Pampa, said after presenting the idea at a clean energy policy forum. "Granted some of you have a greater impact than others, but still everybody has an impact."

He said he hoped the fee would

raise about \$188 million annually through 2007. Lawmakers are under pressure to come up with the funding, which is needed to help bring the Houston and Dallas regions into compliance with federal clean air laws.

The plans must meet Environmental Protection Agency approval. If they don't, the state could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal highway

Lawmakers last year had approved legislation, Senate Bill 5, that would allow money to be raised through increasing the out-of-state vehicle registration fee from \$1 to \$225, but the fee was found to be unconstitutional.

Under Chisum's proposal, which he hopes would be tackled and signed into law early in the legislative session, the permit could be obtained at the same time people, pick up their license plates or go for their safety inspections.

Anyone not getting the permit could Chisum's legislation.

be fined \$100 under his plan. The fee would be in place through 2007, when most of the areas of the state must be in compliance with federal clean air standards.

Chisum's plan could meet some criticism but state money is tight. Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has projected the state could face a \$5 billion shortfall.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst and Rep. Tom Craddick, the presumptive speaker of the Texas House, have said they believe they can balance the budget without raising taxes.

"This is not a new tax," Chisum said. "It's a different mechanism for funding the same issue.'

Perry spokesman Gene Acuna said the governor is committed to finding the funding for Senate Bill 5 because he knows its significance. However, Acuna would not comment further on Texas Commission on Environmental

Dewhurst did not immediately comment on the proposal. Craddick was traveling Wednesday but his spokesman, Bill Miller, said he would not comment on the legislation.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Texas chapter of Public Citizen, said his group supports the bill.

"This is an equitable way to assure that the diesel engine earthmovers and the SUV-driving moms all pay something to clear the air," Smith said. "In an ideal world, the fee would vary according to the emissions produced but at this time it may be too complex to enact that kind of policy."

Without the funding, Smith said, the clean air plans would likely be disapproved and Texas would pay for that with higher health care costs, poorer air quality and potentially a loss of highway money.

Chairman Robert Huston of the (See TAX, Page 5)

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### LOCAL

### **Red Cross plans** open house Dec. 7

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, invites the public to its annual Christmas Open House, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. The open house is being held in conjunction with the city's "Come Back to Christmas Celebration.

### LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn:

18-22-23-29-30-45. Estimated jackpot: \$6 mil-

lion. Number matching six of

six: 0. Matching five of six: 38.

Prize: \$2,669. Matching four of six:

2.123. Prize: \$118. Matching three of six:

46,385. Prize: \$5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$9 million.

### DEATHS

Joyce Ann Phipps, 63, services pending.

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# **An overpass** for Hwy. 60?

County, TxDOT considers interchange at Price Road

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

A highway interchange at Price Road and Highway 60 is a future possibility following a recent meeting between Gray County Commissioners Court and two representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation

Jerry Raines and Larry Black with TxDOT informed the commissioners court the project is in the early planning stages.

Raines said this morning that the project would be "mainly a grade separation for Price Road and the rail-

He said the project is probably a few years in the future. TxDOT is currently doing the preliminary planning to bring the project to a reality.

Raines described the interchange as similar to the one constructed at Farmto-Market 1912 at the entrance to Iowa Beef Processing near Amarillo. He said the department is also contemplating building a similar interchange at the entrance to the Pantex Plant.

He said a consultant has been working on the project, adding that the (See **OVERPASS**, Page 5)

### Sleddin' buddies



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

These three guys – from left, Dustyn Randle, 12; Chris Keough, 13; and Tyler Randle, 9 – didn't mind Pampa's snowy streets at all. Using a sled and a little push-power, they took turns pushing and sliding all over the place Wednesday afternoon. Pampa streets remained hazardous and slick with thick ice from melted snow at press time today. Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said today that the county roads are clearing off and the weather conditions are improving. He said he expects the roads to be clear of snow and ice soon.

# Saddam welcomes arms inspections as a chance to disprove U.S. charges

Saddam Hussein urged the Iraqi people on Thursday to support the new U.N. arms inspections as a welcome opportunity to disprove American allegations that his government still harbors weapons of mass destruction.

The White House quickly rejected those claims, insisting they lack credibility. President Bush, asked on Thursday if the United States was headed toward war, replied: "That's a question you should ask to Saddam Hussein.

In a holiday greeting to Iraqi leaders, Saddam said he agreed to the inspections, in which one of his own palaces was searched, "to keep our people out of harm's way" in the face from their country. of U.S. threats.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President harsh words about the inspections late Wednesday. Taha Yassin Ramadan had accused the U.N. monitors of being U.S. and Israeli spies and of staging the presidential palace inspection as a

Saddam spoke at a gathering of the leadership of his Baath Party and the Iraqi military on the first morning of the three-day Muslim holiday of Eid

He denounced an "unjust, arrogant, debased American tyranny." Then, turning to U.S. allegations that Iraq retains chemical and biological weapons, he said Iraqis wanted to disprove those claims after a four-year absence of U.N. weapons inspectors

"Some might claim that we didn't trasted sharply with a vice president's with tangible evidence, the American destruction if it was not true, and if

allegations," Saddam said.

"We shall provide them with such a chance," he said, referring to the round of U.N. weapons inspections that began last week.

Washington threatens to go to war against Iraq if, in the U.S. view, it does not cooperate in the disarmament effort. Alluding to eventual war, Saddam declared: "We shall take the stand that befits our people, principles

and mission. Victory will be yours." In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States will provide intelligence to U.N. inspectors to prove allegations that Iraq still holds banned weapons.

"The president of the United States and the secretary of Defense would not assert as plainly and bluntly as they The Iraqi president's remarks congive them a proper chance to resist, have that Iraq has weapons of mass

they did not have a solid basis for saying it," Fleischer said. "The Iraqi government has proved time and time again to deceive, to mislead and to

Vice President Ramadan, in his remarks the previous evening to a visiting delegation of Egyptian professionals, said of the inspectors: "Their work is to spy to serve the CIA and Mossad," Israel's intelligence service.

The language was reminiscent of clashes with inspectors in the 1990s. and Ramadan, known for his fiery statements, cited only years-old accounts of U.S. agents within the inspection agency of the 1990's. He offered no evidence of such connections in the new inspection agency.

He claimed to his all-Arab audience that the inspectors went to the palace (See **IRAQ**, Page 5)

# Come Back To Christmas

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### **Economy:** Retail sales lackluster

BY ANNE **D'INNOCENZIO** AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — A bigger-than-expected buy**spree** Thanksgiving weekend, fueled by a flurry of discounts, brought some relief to the nation's major retailers, but overall November sales were modest.

Furthermore, Wall Street analysts remain cautious about whether consumers will continue to splurge on apparel and toys over the next couple of weeks, reversing what is expected to be a lackluster holiday season.

As the nation's retailers reported November sales Thursday, Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, announced a slim gain that met Wall Street's expectations. Plenty of department stores and mall-based apparel chains, including Saks, May Department Stores and AnnTaylor Stores, posted high single digit declines in sales at stores open at least a year, though results were in line with analysts' modest expectations.

Among the few exceptions was Gap, which is in the midst of a turnaround and recorded a high-single digit gain in so-called samestore sales, well exceeding Wall Street projections.

Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

"It was a nice finish to a relatively soft month," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Toyko-Mitsubishi Ltd., whose preliminary same-store tally was down 0.01 percent for the month. That was at the low end of Niemira's projected range.

Niemira estimates November sales were depressed by 2 percent overall, given that Thanksgiving came six days later than a year ago. That meant there were fewer post-Thanksgiving shopping days recorded in the month than in 2001. The Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally considered the start of the shopping season.

J.C. Penney Co.'s November reporting period didn't include Thanksgiving weekend, which came at the very end of the month. The company's reported sales were slightly below analysts' projections.

Consequently, analysts believe it is best to study retailers' performances for November and December combined to get the most accurate measure of consumer spending.

The Labor Department announced Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week to their lowest level in 21 months, offering good news to workers as they head into the holiday shopping sea-

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Dec. 4

10:59 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to fire hazard caused by an electrical short in an extension cord in the 1800 block of Evergreen.

### WEATHER FOCUS

### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy with areas of fog in the morning with highs in the mid 30s and light winds. Tonight should be partly cloudy with areas of fog, lows in the mid 20s, and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday should be partly cloudy. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast.

Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

### **STATEWIDE**

Clearing skies across Texas promised colder temperatures by the weekend, when a slight warming trend was expected.

Snow still covered the ground early Thursday in parts of the Panhandle, Guadalupe Mountains and South Plains, where some morning fog was also report-

Some light snow was falling across portions of the Panhandle and South Plains. with little accumulation reported.

It was mostly cloudy to cloudy east of the mountains, but mostly sunny in far West Texas and the Big Bend where clouds were dissipating.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s in the north to 30s in the south and 40s along the coast. Extreme readings ranged from 22 degrees at Dimmitt to 38 degrees at El Paso.

Winds were light and variable over the Panhandle and northerly to northeasterly at less than 10 mph elsewhere.

The cold front and lowpressure system that dumped several inches of snow on the Panhandle and West Texas had moved into the eastern United States, leaving clearing conditions in the Lone Star State. Forecasters said that, with clear skies overnight on Thursday, lows would again range from the 20s to 30s.

Daytime highs were expected from the 30s in the Panhandle to around 55 in the lower Trans Pecos and far west, except near 60 along the Rio Grande.

By Saturday, highs should range from around 45 degrees in the Panhandle to near 60 in the lower Trans Pecos and far west, except for upper 60s along the Rio Grande.

### Retirees face increased health tures that have a Copywrite on them, must be accompapremiums, survey concludes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with escalating health costs, more than half of employers plan to raise premiums and increase copayments for retirees over the next three years, and nearly a quarter say they are likely to eliminate health coverage for future retirees, a new survey shows.

"This study is the latest bad news for American workers on the health care front," said Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which conducted the survey along with the consulting firm Hewitt Associates. "Current retirees are being asked to pay more for their health coverage and current workers are less likely to get health benefits from their employer when they retire.'

The survey interviewed 435 large private-sector firms — those with 1,000 or more workers — that currently offer health benefits to retirees. Collectively, the surveyed firms have 7.4 million employees and 3.3 million retirees. The survey was conducted online between July 2, 2002 and Sept. 9, 2002.

The survey offers a glimpse of the dilemma companies face in providing benefits for retirees, who are likely to have more health issues than younger people. For

instance, between 2001 and 2002, the surveyed employers saw the total cost of providing retiree benefits increase by an average 16 percent. The cost of providing health benefits to active workers during

cent of employers said they plan to increase retiree premiums over the next three years. Eighty-five percent of those plan to increase prescription drug copayments.

The majority of employers, 95 percent, said they will continue offering health insurance to current retirees in the next three years. But future retirees may face an uncer-

Twenty-two percent of employers surveyed said they are likely to eliminate health coverage for future retirees within the next three years. Thirteen percent said they had already terminated benefits for future retirees in the last two years.

"Working men and women cannot count on retiring with the same employer health benefits offered to many in their parents' generation," said Tricia Neuman, vice president and director of the Kaiser Family Foundation's Medicare Policy Project. "And finding comparable insurance on their own won't be easy.'

A recent Institute of Medicine report warned that the nation was on the verge of a crisis as private health insurance costs are increasing at a rate of more than 12 percent a year. Individuals are paying more of out pocket and receiving fewer benefits, the report noted. It also pointed out that already one in seven Americans are without health insurance, with the number of uninsured rising.

the same period rose 13.7 percent. Among those surveyed, 82 per-

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported one arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SHERIFF

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Rosalio Oviedi Bedolla, 41, 415 Starkweather, was arrested on warrants by the Department of Public Safety. Warrants were for no seat belt, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 2

An information report was made at Pampa

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

William Davebrent Thomas, 30, homeless, was arrested for failure to identify, public intoxication and simple assault.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. Items reported missing were a play station, groceries and clothes. Estimate of loss was \$200. There was no forced entry, according to the police report.

Theft of services was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

### OBITUARIES

### **JOYCE ANN PHIPPS**

1938-2002

Joyce Ann Phipps, 63, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Mrs. Phipps was born Dec. 5, 1938, at Childress. She graduated from Childress High School and had been a Pampa resident since 1979, moving from Amarillo.

She was a member of Mary Ellen and

Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Michelle Phipps on Nov. 23, 2001, and by a sister, Louise Cannon.

Survivors include her mother, Fay Weatherbee of Pampa; a brother, Bill Weatherbee of Pampa; and three sisters, Eva Todd of Childress, Pearl Taylor of Silver City, N.M., and Jeanette Caines of El Paso.

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### Bad weather continuing to plague shuttle Endeavour

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The possibility of rain, clouds and high wind over space shuttle Endeavour's landing site could delay its homecoming for a second day in a row.

Cloud cover over the Kennedy Space Center in Florida forced NASA to cancel the shuttle's two landing oppor-

tunities on Wednesday, postponing the return of the international space station's former

Thursday's forecast was expected to be far worse, with a storm system from the Gulf Coast and southeast descending on Florida

Flight controllers were to assess the weather Thursday morning and decide if any landing attempts should be tried in the afternoon or put off until Friday, when the forecast was to improve.

"It is looking fairly pessimistic for" Thursday, Mission

Control told the shuttle crew. Endeavour can stay in orbit until Sunday, but the shuttle has enough rocket fuel for only four more landing attempts. Flight

controllers were looking at ways to save fuel to add a fifth

The shuttle, which launched on Nov. 23, is the ride back to Earth for U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson and Russian cosmonauts Valery Korzun and Sergei Treschev, who made up the fifth resident crew on space station Alpha.

They spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost. Wednesday was their 183rd day in orbit.

The shuttle left the space station on Monday, after installing a new girder and dropping off Alpha's new crew of Americans Kenneth Bowersox and Donald Pettit and Russian Nikolai Budarin, who will remain aboard until March.



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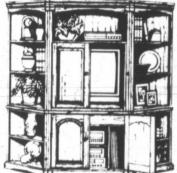
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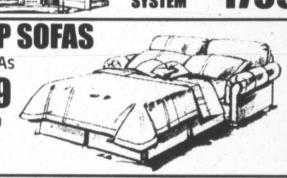
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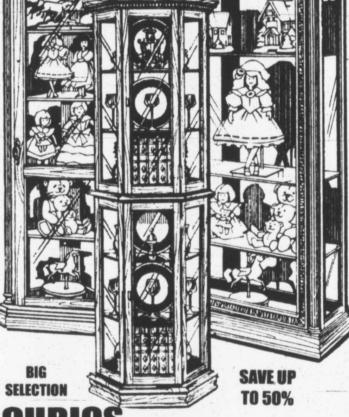
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Something to think about

I have been reading about all the trouble the Amarillo area is having with their constables and justices of the peace. They are fighting about salaries that are paid, but not earned, and certain elected officials' lack of expertise or actual dereliction of duty for years in these offices. There are evidently no checks or balances or any oversight of performance for these jobs.

I wonder how many checks and balances we have for these jobs in Gray County? I am talking about both constables and/ or justices of the peace. It seems these people are elected on their personality and they have so much time to study and get qualified for their jobs.

The constables trap on a gun and pick up lawbreakers and the justices of the peace take the money. I understand, if anyone is elected, it's hard to question them.

The most I hear about constables is the time they spend down on I-40 trying to be a hero picking up drug traffickers. I know we've got this big drug war going on. It's been going on since the '60s and we must be losing it, because it seems that more are caught all the time with no end in sight.

I believe our guys are down on I-40 trying to find some cash to buy themselves more equipment to catch more drug runners. The only thing about all this is when no money is found, they go over budget, the car is worn out, and they come back to the Commissioners Court for more money.

The point I really want to make is that everyone we pick up on I-40 costs Gray County money which we haven't got. I hear all the time about how bad our drug problem is. If it's so bad, maybe our county law officers should patrol our towns instead of I-40. These runners are not bothering us, but the dealers who live here may be if what they say is true.

After saying all this, let me state that I've never heard anything derogatory about the way officials have handled our money in Gray County, but it's something to think

Calvin Lacy Pampa

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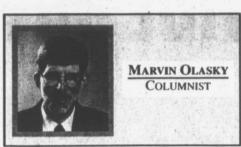
# Hey, Reno! How about a dance?

I can't resist sharing some of the extraordinary examples of liberal press bias tossed my way. Masochism to read them, perhaps, but as a judge for the Media Research Center's 15th annual "awards for the year's worst reporting," it's my privilege, dear reader, to share with you some of the pain.

Let's look first at press paranoia. CNN's Judy Woodruff on May 16 talked of purported "news from the White House that President Bush knew that Al Qaeda was planning to hijack a U.S. airliner and he knew it before September the 11th." The next day on ABC's "Good Morning America," Charles Gibson asked, "Was the president really surprised" by news of the 9-11 attacks?

Dan Rather, also without significant evidence, blurted out his suspicions about a broad conspiracy to Don Imus on May 22: "The attorney general of the United States, just before September 11th, started inexplicably taking private aircraft to places where normally the attorney general wouldn't take private aircraft." Seymour Hersh, formerly of The New York Times and now writing for the New Yorker, called John Ashcroft "demented," but folks who think TeamBush planned or anticipated the destruction that occurred on Sept. 11 are conspiracy nuts.

Hatred of big corporations, particularly in the oil industry, has once again been a press theme. New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman wrote about "Mr.



Bush and his oil-industry paymasters" and amplified that sneer in an Oct. 17 interview with Rolling Stone: "These guys are bought and paid by Big Oil in America." Time magazine on Nov. 4 stretched far to bring in other guilt by association: "the military-style gun used in the sniper attacks - named, unfortunately for the White House, Bushmaster XM15 - was manufactured by a company owned by Richard Dyke, a Bush fund-raiser."

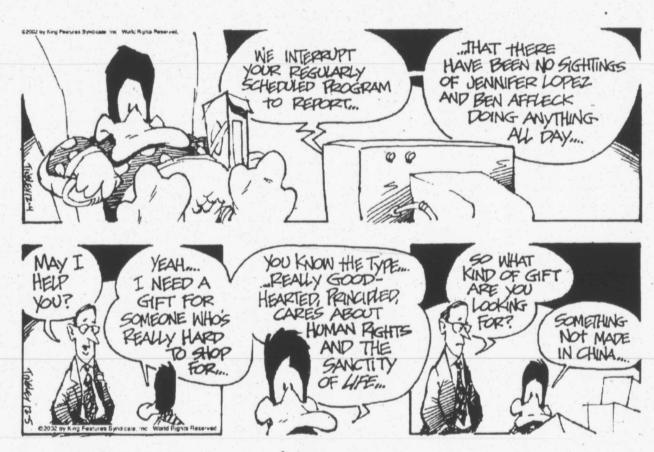
Juggling of cause and effect has been common. The New York Times reported on Jan. 21, "Since the early 1970s, the number of state prisoners has increased 500 percent, growing each year in the 1990s even as crime fell." It seems more likely that crime has fallen because criminals have been locked up. CBS on July 16 offered investment advice based on two pieces of evidence: "Last week the President spoke, the market went down. Yesterday, the President spoke, the market went down. Should he be quiet for a while?"

The liberal defense against charges of bias often show how deep the bias goes. NBC's Tom Brokaw said he didn't see "a liberal agenda. It happens that journalism will always be spending more time on issues that seem to be liberal to some people: the problem of civil rights and human rights, the problem of those people who don't have a place at the table with the powerful." Liberals do not own those issues - liberals have kept the poor on the government plantations, and compassionate conservatives are trying to free them.

I don't want to seem unduly critical of journalism in 2002. CNN on Sept. 3 narrowed down for worried viewers the possibilities concerning Osama bin Laden: "Experts Agree: Al Quada Leader is Dead or Alive." (Didn't CNN folks see the movie "Night of the Living Dead"?) The Washington Post offered good news in its Oct. 4 front-page headline concerning the people of different races and ethnicities killed by the sniper in Montgomery County, Md.: "County's Growing Diversity Reflected in Those Gunned Down."

I have to conclude, though, that some reporters are really weird. Time magazine's Joel Stein reported on July 29 his experience at a fund-raising dance party for former Attorney General Janet Reno, who was trying to become governor of Florida. He wrote, "I leave my friends behind and rush the stage to try to dance with Reno, only to find myself in a small group of men living the same fantasy." Sorry, guys, I've never had that fantasy.

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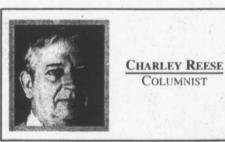
# It comes down to subjective assessment

Last time I moved, I gave away tons of books, and so unfortunately I cannot remember the name of a form of Japanese psychotherapy that is built around gratitude. The name doesn't really matter; I doubt many of us will fly to Japan to hire a shrink. It's the essence that counts.

This theory requires the patient to think constantly of how many people have contributed to his or her life and to look for ways to repay them. It's particularly of interest to us Americans, as we tend to be rather self-centered and to think we are all self-made.

In fact, of course, we are not. But for our parents, we wouldn't exist. For that matter, but for our ancestors, we wouldn't exist. From birth to death we are dependent on others, many of whom we don't

know and never see. Do you grow your own food? Probably not. Someone else has to go to all the trouble and labor to plant, nurture and harvest the food we eat. Still others have to process it and transport it. Still others have to make it available to us for purchase. Every time we put a forkful of turkey into our mouths, we are the beneficiaries of the labor and capital investment of hundreds of people - not to mention the turkey's own contribution of its flesh.



Our medicine cabinets are full of examples of the work and study of many people. We drive vehicles designed and built by others. We drive them on roads built by others. We light, heat and cool our homes with the discoveries and inventions of others, made available to us by the labor of others.

Most of what we know is because of the research and study of others and the teaching by others. If we had to eat only what we produced and knew only what we had personally discovered, we'd be in a savage state. If you saw the recent movie "Cast Away," in which poor, likable Tom Hanks is forced to spend four years alone on an island, you can see what happens to the man denied the assistance of others. It's not pretty. In the movie, Hanks gets to the point where he decides he would rather die than remain alone, eking out a miserable existence.

We would probably all benefit if we

spent our time being thankful than if we spent our time griping about things that don't suit us. Even a poor American is better off than a poor Somali, and health care we can't pay for is better than no health care at all. I haven't notice any hospitals tossing people out because they can't pay. People get the care and then, if they survive, the hospital badgers them for the money it can get. That's usually not much.

In the greater scheme of things, any day above ground is a goo day. Most of what troubles most of us is in our minds, in our subjective assessment of things and situations. Whether the proverbial glass is half-full or half-empty depends entirely on our subjective assessment. There is no point in making ourselves miserable with our own thoughts.

I, for one, give thanks to all those who have published my articles and paid for them, and to all those who have read them. You have allowed me to escape the hot sun and the sore back. Given my singular lack of talents, other than stringing words together, I would no doubt have had to earn my bread as a common laborer. I tried that on some occasions, and trust me, writing is better.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

### TODAY IN HISTORY

### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2002. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

History: On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the

18th Amendment. On this date:

College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. In 1782, the first native

U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

1792, George In Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was reelected vice president.

In 1831, former President In 1776, the first scholastic John Quincy Adams took his fraternity in America, Phi Beta seat as a member of the House Kappa, was organized at the of Representatives.

In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California. In 1901, movie producer

Walt Disney was born in In 1932, German physicist

Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial the AFL-CIO under its first

president, George Meany. In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966,

died a day short of his 50th birthday while serving eight consecutive prison terms of 50 to 150 years each. Ten years ago: Russian

President Boris Yeltsin narrowly kept the power to appoint Cabinet ministers, defeating a constitutional amendment that would have put his team of reformers Organizations merged to form under the control of Russia's Congress.

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# Confessed murderer executed for killing wife, brother

After losing one sibling at the after one last sexual encounter hand of another in 1994, Kent and then turning the gun on his Rojas watched Wednesday night as his brother Leonard Rojas was executed in the Texas death chamber.

Leonard Rojas, 52, had no final statement before he was administered a lethal injection for the slayings of his common-law wife, Jo Ann Reed, 34, and his younger brother, David Rojas, 43.

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During an interview prior to his execution, Leonard Rojas said he suspected his wife and brother of having an affair. He also thought the two were attempting to drug him to

"They wanted me dead, out of the way," Leonard Rojas said.

He said he had no regrets about shooting Reed between

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — the eyes with a .32-caiber gun fight all the time. It was pretty brother on Dec. 27, 1994 in a mobile home the three shared in Alvarado, near Fort Worth.

"I'll never regret it. Never," he said. "These people, they were just basically evil. They just wanted my money, wanted my drugs and they wanted to do me in."

Kent Rojas said it was too much to already have one brother in the ground. However, he said he constructed a casket for his brother prior to his execution and planned to bury Leonard Rojas near the family's South Texas hometown of Mathis.

"I'm not saying he should have taken the law into his hands," Kent Rojas said. "David and Leo, though they were loving brothers, used to serious but I never knew it I'm ready to go if they're would escalate."

Leonard Rojas confessed to the killings after buying a bus ticket from Fort Worth to Atlanta, Ga., hours after the killings. He made it as far as Dallas, where he told a security guard at the bus station what he had done.

"It would have taken us years to find him if he had gotten on that bus and taken off," said Johnson County Assistant District Attorney David

The claim that Rojas' brother and wife were having an affair was never proven, Vernon said. Based on three confessions given by Leonard Rojas, including a videotaped walk-through of the crime scene, Rojas was convicted of capital murder in 1996.

"I'm guilty. I'm a sinner. going to kill me," Rojas said last month.

Wearing a white collared shirt that partially exposed his chest, Rojas responded "No" when the warden asked if he had a final statement Wednesday.

As the lethal drugs began flowing, Rojas' eyes blinked and he pursed his lips. He took two deep breaths, then his mouth fell open and his eyes shut tightly.

He was covered with a white sheet after he was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m. CST, eight minutes following the lethal injection.

Three of Rojas' seven surviving brothers watched the execution. Rojas' cousin, Maria Rojas, stood with her left hand pressed against the

window that looks into the in prison in California and death chamber. Soon after Rojas uttered a final gasp, she whispered, "He's gone."

Meanwhile, two of Reed's sisters and her brother were in an adjacent room which also has a window looking into the green-painted death chamber. They silently watched Rojas, who never looked toward any of those who witnessed his

Rojas, who had spent time them.'

Nevada for drug convictions, said he "snapped" after a night of doing drugs and playing dominos with his wife and brother. He said he awoke the next morning to see Reed coming out of his brother's bedroom.

"I just said no more abuse from these people," Rojas said. "The alternative I came out with was to get even with

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### IRAQ

hoping to provoke the Iraqis into refusing them entrance something he said would be interpreted as a "material breach" of the U.N. resolution that mandated the inspections, and a cause for

The resolution includes "several land mines," Ramadan said, "and the aim is that one of them will go off."

Responding to Iraqi protests over the palace inspection, a U.N. official said the inspectors are taking the right approach — navigating between Iraqi complaints and U.S. pressure for more severe inspections. And, said inspections team leader Demetrius Perricos, "we are getting results."

Among other things, Perricos reported that on a five-hour inspection of a desert installation on Wednesday, his experts secured a dozen Iraqi artillery shells — previously known to be there - that were loaded with a powerful chemical weapon, the agent for mustard gas. It was the first report of such armaments traced and controlled in the week-old round of new inspections.

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The inspections resumed last week after a four-year suspension, under a new U.N. Security Council resolution requiring Iraq to surrender any remaining weapons of mass destruction and shut down any programs to make

After a week of searches. the inspectors took a break Thursday and Friday, the first days of the three-day holiday marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Iraq is predominantly Muslim.

deadline A critical approaches this weekend for the Baghdad government. On Saturday, it is expected to submit a declaration to the United Nations on any Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, as well as on nuclear, chemical and biological programs it says are peaceful.

The Bush administration alleges Baghdad retains some chemical and biological weapons- missed during 1990s inspections — and has not abandoned plans for nuclear weapons.

The Iraqi government maintains it no longer holds such weapons, and will say so in the declaration.

The inspectors' new mandate toughens their powers to search anywhere, anytime in

Iraq for signs of prohibited armaments. They took advan-"We consider the entry of tage of that authority on the presidential sites as unjus-Tuesday to demand and receive quick entry to the tified and really unneces-

sary," said Gen. Hossam opulent al-Sajoud palace in Baghdad, one of dozens of palaces built by Saddam dur- liaison to the inspectors. ing his 23-year rule. The team's 1 1/2-hour Iraq would not try to block

symbolic show of U.N. mus-

Mohammed Amin, chief Iraqi Amin added, however, that inspection was a brief but U.N. visits to other palaces.





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# TAX

Quality said it is important to try to be equitable in who bears the financial burden.

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county commission indicated support but did not pass a reso-

receive public input before proceeding. A public hearing may

possibly be held as early as April 2003 to receive residents'

cost of obtaining right-of-ways and utilities if the project is

said the company would proceed with the preliminary plan-

ning on the project including surveys and gathering informa-

Raines said the project has been several years in the mak-

ing. The possible overpass is the result of the accident history

at the intersection, he said. He explained the accidents were

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not in recent years, but occurred several years ago.

Commissioners Court members indicated they want to

Gray County would be required to pay 10 percent of the

'They gave us an indication of support," said Raines. He

But he added that everyone has a stake in air quality issues since they are health issues.

"There is certainly nothing wrong with a citizen making a contribution in one way or another," Huston said.

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# M.G. students compete in Amarillo meet

Seventeen students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center in Pampa recently competed in Dance Masters Competition in Amarillo.

Judging the event were professional teachers and dancers including Chris Davis, a dancer from New York who appeared in the movie "Center Stage."

The following students placed in the competition:

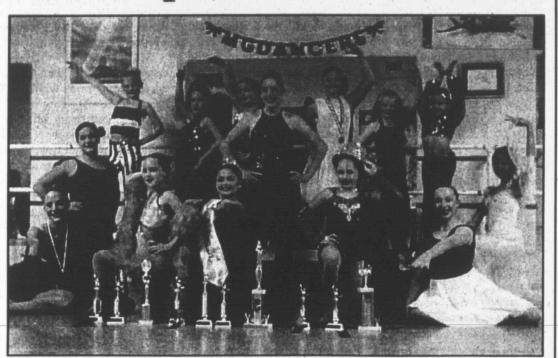
Duet Division. Danielle Zuniga and Jenna Munsell, second place silver medal; Allison Cooper and Abbey Rios, second place silver medal.

Trio Division. Myca Vinson, Jenna Munsell, and Danielle Zuniga, second place silver award.

Mini Miss Solo Division. Danielle Zuniga, first place; Abbey Rios, second runnerup; Jenna Munsell, eighth runner-up; and Caylee Steward, ninth runner-up.

Petite Solo Division. Elysa Clements, "Novice Award" winner; Allison Cooper, third runner-up; and Kimberly Curits, fourth run-

Junior Solo Division. ner-up; and Laura Pilse, sixth Lauren Denney,



Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently competed in Dance Masters in Amarillo. Above: (front row, left-right) Heather Wiley, Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga, Jenna Munsell, Jacklyn Cargill; (middle, I-r) Laura Pulse, Lauren Denney, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo; (back, Ir) Kylin Sinclair, Kimberly Curtis, Allison Cooper, Monica Schepp, Elysa Clements, and Abbey Rios.

Monica Schepp, "Novice runner-up, "Novice Award." Award" winner.

Teen Solo Heather Wiley, fourth run- Cargill, Monica Schepp,

A line number performed Division. by Heather Wiley, Jacklyn

Steward, Jenna Munsell, Danielle Zuniga, Abbey Rios, Allison Cooper, and Klarisse Espiritu-Santo earned a sec-Caylee ond place silver award.

# Police fear Macedonia blast retaliatory

By ZARAR KHAN **ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER** 

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Three bodies, their feet and hands bound and their throats cut, were recovered Thursday from the rubble of the Karachi offices of the honorary consul Macedonia, which was destroyed in an overnight explosion. Slogans on the walls indicated al-Qaida might have been involved.

The victims, two men and one woman, were all believed to be Pakistanis.

Police are investigating the possibility that the execution-style killings and subsequent explosion at the Macedonian consul office may have been in retaliation for the killing of seven Pakistanis in

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Macedonia in March.

In Macedonia, a foreign ministry statement called the explosion in its Karachi consulate "a professionally prepared terrorist attack" and urged Pakistan to provide "firm guarantees for the personal safety" for its honorary

Doctors at Karachi's Jinnah Medical Center who performed autopsies on the victims said their hands and legs were tied, their mouths gagged and their throats slit.

The weapon used was still in the body of one of the victims, the doctors said.

One of the dead was the night watchman, a'Christian, police said. The identities of the other two victims, including one woman, were not immediately known.

Police found slogans on a wall inside the building referring to the al-Qaida terrorist organization and warning against "infidels."

Karachi police said no one had taken responsibility for the killings.

Scribbled on a wall in blue ink were the words "al-Qaida Pakistan, result of adultery" and a couplet titled "Message for Infidels" that said:

"Loyalty will be returned in

Oppression in oppression. We are men like you.

We will do what you will

The messages were written in Pakistan's Urdu language. The building, located in an upscale Karachi suburb, should have been empty but for the night watchman, Bilal

Quereshi, the honorary consul

general for Macedonia, said. In March, police opened fire on a van that tried to drive through a roadblock in Macedonia. They killed seven Pakistanis and said they found seven AK-47 assault rifles, several hand grenades and

ammunition in the van. Western embassies. One of the groups. suspects was identified as Ahmet Ikaz, 24, a Pakistani listed as a known criminal by Interpol.

Thursday's explosion woke up sleeping residents, shattered windows and sent frightened neighbors running into

the street. "I was sleeping. It was a huge explosion. I jumped the fence to escape. I didn't know what had happened," said Alladida, a household worker in a neighboring home.

Karachi has been wracked

by violence, often targeting foreigners.

Pakistani officials have blamed militants opposed to President Pervez Musharraf's support for the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism.

While U.S. Special Forces hunt for Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network in neighboring Afghanistan, U.S. intelligence believes many of the organization's top operatives have fled the country and are living in Pakistan, protected by Pakistani militants.

Musharraf banned several militant groups in January, but in recent days politicians from the religious right, who won Macedonian officials said big in recent elections, have they were planning attacks on released jailed members of the

> olice found slogans on a wall inside the building referring to the al-Qaida terrorist organization and warning against "infidels."

# Exemilitary dictate dies under house arrest at private villa

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) - Gen. Ne Win, the former dictator who was Myanmar's undisputed and brutal master for 26 years, died Thursday under house arrest, discredited by the very generals he had hand-picked to succeed him. He was 91.

Family members said Ne Win died at 7:30 a.m. in his lakeside villa with only his eldest daughter, Sandar Win, by his side. The family members spoke on condition of anonymity, and no details of his death were released.

Ne Win's two other children are abroad, his wife lives sepa-rately and his three grandsons and son-in-law — Sandar Win's husband — are in jail, sentenced to death for plotting a coup against Myanmar's military junta.

Ne Win, whose name means "brilliant as the sun," had been under house arrest since March 7 following the arrest of the four men. That marked the official fall from grace of the leader who was reviled for turning one of Southeast Asia's richest countries into one of its poorest and most isolated.

Ne Win's son-in-law — Aye Zaw Win, 54, the husband of Sandar Win, and the couple's three sons were convicted of treason on the coup charges. They have appealed the verdict.

Ne Win was cremated without fanfare on Thursday afternoon at a civilian crematorium, denied the military honors befitting a general, in the presence of about 25 relatives and friends. No government representative attended the cremation except military intelligence officials who had escorted Sandar Win.

Anational hero for his role in winning independence from Britain in 1948, Ne Win seized power in a bloodless coup in reputation and turn Myanmar into a hermetic socialist state.

He also achieved notoriety as a playboy and reclusive he cited poor health.

eccentric. A deep belief in numerology prompted him once to issue bank notes in 45 and 90 kyat denominations because the numbers were divisible by his lucky number,

He retired from politics in 1988 but retained behind-thescenes clout. His influence began to wane a few years ago, and with the arrest of his relatives the junta made it unofficially known that he was of no consequence.

The government claimed that his grandsons plotted the coup because they were upset at losing privileges as Ne Win's influence declined.

Because of that, Ne Win's death is not expected to change the balance of power in the secretive junta that rules Myanmar, also known as Burma, analysts said.

"I don't think it will make much difference. Sadly, there could be many more Ne Wins in Burma," said Aung Zaw, a Myanmar dissident who publishes a pro-democracy magafrom neighboring zine Thailand.

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A barbed wire fence that had blocked the road to Ne Win's house since his arrest was opened on Thursday. The road was deserted except for three soldiers standing near the barri-

Ne Win had suffered a heart attack in September 2001. He was last seen in public in good health on March 21, 2001, when he offered lunch to 99 Buddhist monks and more than 500 friends, most of them cronies from his socialist days.

Ne Win was both a shrewd political tactician and a person given to sudden outbursts of

His resignation from the presidency in 1981 was sudden 1962, starting an era of authori- and unexpected, as it was when tarianism that would sully his he left his last post as party chairman in July 1988 just before a popular uprising for democracy erupted. Both times

### Haitian president refuses to step down, says protesters sabotaging progress

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has rejected calls for his resignation, accusing his opponents of sabotaging progress in Haiti and downplaying a general strike called to oppose his government.

"It's not President Aristide they don't like. It's the Haitian people they don't like," Aristide told a crowd in the southern coastal city of Les Cayes on Wednesday.

The speech coincided with an anti-Aristide strike by businesses in the capital, Port-au-Prince. Banks were closed, gas stations empty, and many students returned home when they found their schools shut. Similar strikes were held in tandem in Cap-Haitien, Gonaives, and Jacmel. Wednesday's strike came

after an eruption of anti-government demonstrations on Tuesday that left at least 16 people injured. During many Tuesday's clashes,

Aristide's supporters attacked demonstrators with whips and rocks. Protesters are demanding better living conditions and an end to Aristide's government, which they accuse of being autocratic and anti-dissident.

"The strike was a unanimous reaction of the people to the criminal violence of the government," said former army officer Himmler Rebu, one of the leaders in Tuesday's anti-government march in the capital.

Aristide's allies called the strike a failure. The call was only followed by the wealthy minority, said lawmaker Rep. Simpson Liberus. "The vast majority of the people did not respect" it, he said.

Fifteen major business associations participated in the strike. In a written statement, the associations accused the government of "contempt for the most basic democratic norms."

About 2,000 Aristide supporters broke up Tuesday's Port-au-Prince march using stones and rawhide whips to drive away protesters. Police fired tear gas Tuesday at a crowd in Petit-Goave, where ten teenagers were injured in an opposition protest last week.

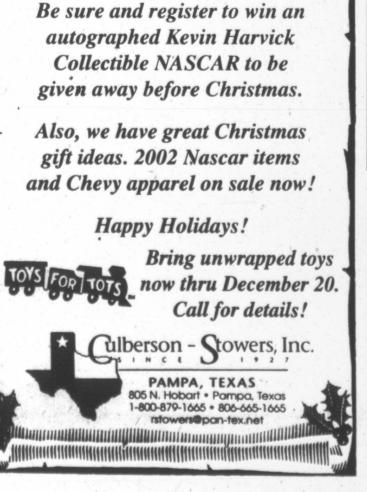
The government blamed Tuesday's violence on the opposition. "We reject violent confrontations," government spokesman Mario Dupuy said. He accused the opposition of polarizing the country and said Aristide wants a "peaceful environ-

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Victims of rogue pharmacist Robert R. Courtney's cancer drug dilution scheme vied for seats in a crowded courtroom to watch his sentencing.

So many people were expected to attend Thursday's sentencing hearing that officials took extraordinary steps to accommodate the crowd.

"Robert Courtney, in their opinion, is a serial killer in that he diluted these lifesaving substances," said attorney Michael Ketchmark, who represented victims who sued Courtney for civil damages. "They consider this his judgment day."

Under an order issued Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Ortne Smith, priority for the 108 seats in the courtroom was given to Courtney's victims, his supporters, a handful of reporters and sketch artists. Plans called for overflow spectators to watch via closed-circuit television in a 250-seat jury assembly room.

Defense lawyers, citing Courtney's "sincere remorse" and acceptance of responsibility, have urged the judge to impose the lightest possible sentence under the terms of Courtney's plea agreement — 17 1/2 years without parole.

Federal prosecutors have requested the maximum of 30 years for a "cold-blooded" crime, motivated by greed, that they say hastened at least one patient's death.

Courtney, 50, pleaded guilty in February to 20 counts of adulterating, misbranding and tampering with the cancer drugs Taxol and Gernzar. Those counts stem from his dilution of 158 chemotherapy doses he prepared at his Research Medical Tower Pharmacy for 34 patients of a Kansas City doctor from March to June

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> **Gas Well Completions** HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADI-AN Douglas) St. Johns Operating, L.P., #3 Gracie '121', Sec. 121,41,H&TC, spud 7-15-02, drlg. compl 8-1-02, tested 11-5-02, potential 1700 MCF, TD 7650', PBTD 7538' — Form 1 in Apache Corp.

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> **Plugged Wells** (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #34W

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Texas Cooperative Extension and Armstrong County Ag Industries Committee will host a "Fall Producers" meeting beginning with registration at 8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, at Armstrong County Activities Building on Highway 207 south of Claude.

worth five CEUs, is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A ribeye steak lunch will be served at noon. Dustin Gaskins will be available to assist farmers who bring their base and yield information for the last five years with Farm Bill sign-

In addition to the program, the event will include commercial exhibits featuring a variety of products provided by numerous businesses from seed dealerships to implement compa-The program, which will be nies. The exhibitors will be giving away door prizes as well as answering questions about their products and services.

> Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 10. The number to call is (806) 226-3021.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

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from the "same old routine" boredom. We found a great spot to park and just as things were really heating up, my husband looked out the window and spied a deputy sheriff's car pulling to a stop.

Thank goodness the young officer was sensitive. He gave us time to get our clothes back on before approaching the car. He checked our IDs and ran the car's plates. He told us that he and his wife had been busted for parking before they were married, apologized for disturbing us and went on his way. We always think fondly of him, because he could have arrested us.

We can laugh about it now. How-We can laugh about it now. However, we are more careful about where we spice things up these days. where we spice things up these days.
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**DEAR ADVENTUROUS: Other** couples who consider steaming up the car windows should take that advice to heart.

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may be dust she needs to clean. I was determined to prove this to my husband, so I showed up at his office wearing nothing but a trench coat and spike heels. To my surprise, he eagerly locked the door and performed right there on the desk. That's when I realized that men think differently than women.

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woman who enjoys intimate relations in public places. On my 34th birthday many years ago, my husband promised to make me feel "half my age." We had a lovely dinner, saw a good movie, and on the way home, he drove into a dark parking lot where we proceeded to make out like the dickens! Sure enough, as promised, I felt like I 17 again! Thanks for letting

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DEAR LUCKY: You're welcome. Times marches on, but some "instincts" appear to be

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the wife who found a cure for her lagging libido by parking with her husband, I ran to read it to my husband. We both laughed because it

could have been written by us! We've been married 19 years, and a few years ago my libido began losing its "spark." We discovered that parking helped. We also found that when our budget allows, a hotel room for a night works, too. And it's a lot safer than a parking lot.

I'm glad you told her there was nothing "wrong," and I'd like to add that she should feel fortunate they discovered a remedy that didn't require the hours and cost of therapy.
HAPPY IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR HAPPY: Right on! There's nothing like "do it your-

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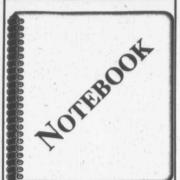
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**GOLF** 

PAMPA — The PHS golf team will be extending its ticket sales for the 2003 Ford Ranger Edge pickup truck until Dec. 23. Due to the cancellation of the varsity basketball game Dec. 3, the drawing for the truck will be held at halftime of the varsity basketball game Jan. 2.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from any golf team member, or by calling David Teichmann at Hidden, Hills (669-5866), or Donetta Conn (669-3834).

Ticket purchases are taxdeductible and proceeds will go to the high school golf program.

**FOOTBALL** 

ATLANTA (AP) — Tennessee accepted a bid to play Maryland in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)
— Southern California's
Carson Palmer won the
Johnny Unitas Golden Arm
Award, given annually to
the nation's top senior
quarterback.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (AP) — Prairie View coach Larry Dorsey has resigned after a 1-10 season.

### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — First State Bank of Miami defeated Celanese 21-10 in a 5th-6th grade girls Optimist League basketball game.

Point Ashley Schroeder scored 14 points, including seven field goals. She also had three rebounds and three steals.

Miami opened the game with a tipoff from post Rochelle Graue. She had one tie-up and two steals for the game.

Post Megan Chrismas had a good steal and wing Amanda Alexander had two rebounds.

Wing Kelbi Barton had three rebounds and three steals. Wing Christie Drouin had two rebounds and one steal.

Wing Sissy Page had a steal and three rebounds while wing Tanya Derr had a steal

Point Bailey Adcock scored seven points, including three field goals and one free throw. She had six rebounds, one tie-up and three steals.

All the Bankers played tough defense to hold off Celanese.

The Bankers, 3-0 for the season, are coached by Ron Carr and Lisa Spearman.

PAMPA — Pampa

PAMPA — Pampa played Canyon in recent 8th girls basketball games.

Pampa lost the A team game by a score of 59-26.

Top scorer for Pampa

Top scorer for Pampa was Shandale Rice with 11 points, followed by Britteni Rice 7, Stephanie McVay 4, and Nicole Clark 4.

Cassy Tice had 6 rebounds and a steal. McKinsie East had 4 rebounds, Young 3 and Rice

"We took advantage of their press and scored six quick points to start the game. We can shoot and play defense as well as Canyon. We just need to be more agressive," said Pampa coach Janyth Bowers.

Pampa lost the B team game 47-10.

Scoring for Pampa were Holly Owens with 4 points, Jenee Norris 2, Krista McClelland 2 and Stephanie Preston 2. Norris had two steals and Owens 1, while Preston had three rebounds.

# Reports: Alabama coach to visit A&M campus

HOUSTON (AP) — Alabama coach Dennis Franchione is expected to meet with Texas A&M officials in the wake of R.C. Slocum's firing and could be an Aggie by week's end, according to published reports Thursday.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News of a planned meeting between Franchione and A&M officials in College Station later Thursday. The Mobile Register also cited unnamed sources detailing a scheduled meeting with university officials.

A source close to the A&M board of regents, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Chronicle a proposed five-year contract for Franchione to take over the Aggies football program is under discussion. Terms of an offer to Franchione were

\$10 million to \$11 million, return telephone calls early
Thursday from The Associated

New A&M athletic director Bill Byrne, who was hired from Nebraska on Tuesday, was believed to have met Wednesday with Craig Kelly, Franchione's legal representative, to talk about a proposed deal.

An Aggie source close to discussions, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Morning News that Franchione wants to leave Alabama for A&M and that university officials are firm that Franchione is the preferred choice to replace Slocum, who was fired Monday by A&M president Robert Gates.

A source close to the Alabama coaching staff told the San Antonio Express-News that Franchione has asked his assistants their thoughts on the Texas A&M position.

University officials did not

Thursday from The Associated Press on the reports, which said a decision could be reached before the weekend.

Franchione canceled speaking engagements Wednesday night in Columbus, Ga., and on Thursday in Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama athletic director Mal Moore said he granted A&M officials permission to talk to Franchione, but wanted the coach to stay with the Crimson Tide.

"I will not impede Coach Franchione in any manner if he wishes to talk to A&M," Moore said in a statement. "However, I wish to stress that we want Coach Franchione to finish his coaching career at the University of Alabama. We have made what we feel is a strong and fair contractual offer to him."

Franchione coached at TCU

before taking the Alabama job three years ago and remains under contract at Alabama through 2007 at \$1.1 million per season plus incentives. He led Alabama to a 17-8 record the past two seasons, finishing 10-3 this season.

But Alabama, on NCAA probation for recruiting violations that occurred before Franchione took the job, isn't eligible for a bowl game this year or next. Franchione hasn't signed a contract extension with Alabama reportedly worth \$15 million over 10 years.

Franchione met for about three hours Wednesday afternoon with Moore and members of the Alabama board of trustees, then left without commenting.

Told that AD Moore said A&M officials had received permission to talk with Franchione, Gates replied,

"That sounds reliable."

Gates declined to discuss plans for replacing the 14-year head coach but said he had offered Slocum the position of special adviser to the president. After a meeting with the former coach on Wednesday morning, Gates was assured Slocum would accept the position.

The former Central Intelligence Agency director said that having to tell Slocum he was being removed as head coach was one of the hardest.

"I will tell you that over the course of my previous career I made a lot of tough decisions, a lot of difficult decisions in a lot of different respects," Gates told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "This decision that I made on Monday was probably one of the two or three most difficult and most painful decisions for me that I have ever

# NFL players look at career after football

By PAULA HUNT

The Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT, Texas — Steve McKinney acquired a taste for the monster barbecue chicken burritos served at Freebirds when he was a student at Texas A&M in College Station.

When the Texans' center heard a branch of the funky, popular burrito eatery had opened in Houston, his mouth started watering. Not just for the food, but for the business opportunity it presented.

"I called them as soon as I got down here and said, "Hey, I want in," said McKinney, who signed with the Texans in March. "They sent me out a packet, and I bought a limited partnership with them. We're opening up some new stores in Houston, Austin and Dallas."

Whether it is in the area of food, music, real estate, or fashion, McKinney is one of many players on the Texans who already run their own companies. While players may see their business as a sideline to their primary occupation, it is also important preparation for their post-football lives.

With the average NFL career lasting just three years, a player who hasn't planned on what to do with his life after he hangs up his helmet is at a great disadvantage when he enters the job market. The earlier a player recognizes his career isn't going to last forever and the more ready he is for life after football, the easier that transition will be.

The NFL's Player Development office was created in 1991 to help facilitate players' re-entry to the real world where they're no longer professional athletes but just guys looking for jobs.

Every team in the NFL is required to follow a career transition program set by the league that includes continuing education, financial education and internship components. The focus is on getting players to recognize they are better off acquiring skills, developing business relationships and finishing their educations while they are active because these resources might not be available to them when their careers

are over.

According to Guy Troupe, director of the NFL Player Development Program, many players don't realize the skills they developed as athletes are as valuable in the business world as they are on the football field.

"Teamwork, hard work, dedication, goal setting, dealing with adversity, motivation, these are important skills wherever you are," said Troupe.

McKinney, who also owns a number of Hawaiian shaved ice booths, recognized he needed something that would help him segue into his life after football.

"I've been thinking about it (a post-football career) for the past couple of years," said McKinney. "I've been aware that NFL careers don't last forever, so ever since I got in the league I've been looking for things to do after I got out."

The Texans appear to contradict the cliche that all ex-athletes want to go into broadcasting because their businesses are as varied as the players themselves.

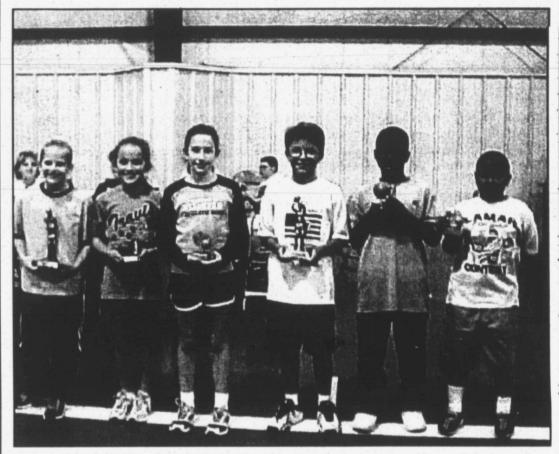
Running back James Allen, who is passionate about music, has already decided he would like to be a music producer, while linebacker Jamie Sharper, who loves to surf the Web, runs an Internet company Sharpersports net.

ny Sharpersports.net. Linebacker Keith Mitchell, the sharpest dresser on the team, owns his own clothing company.

The busiest entrepreneur on the Texans is cornerback Aaron Glenn. His company, which he owns with his wife and a partner, owns three Cingular Wireless stores in Houston and will open its first retail strip mall in Katy in January. The nine-year veteran is a source of business knowledge to other players who have seen his success and would like to emulate it.

"You'd be amazed how the guys come to talk to me trying to pick my brain about a lot of stuff," said Glenn. "But I like that because you have guys who want to learn. That's one of the reasons I'm here is to teach the younger guys. This is my hometown; I'm trying to get into the community; I'm trying to provide jobs in the community."

### Fourth grade winners



The Lamar Hot Shot winners in the fourth grade division this year were **Girls Division:** (l-r) Kylee Wyatt, first; Monica Pairsh, second and Taryn Eubank, third; **Boys Division:** Garrett Ericson, first; Roland Butler, second, and Terrell Johnson, third. This was Kylee's third year to place first in the Hot Shot contest. Prizes were awarded in the first three places in each grade level.

### Kingsbury, Newman earn top Big 12 honors

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

— Nailing jelly to a tree? Trout fishing by hand?

It's easy to imagine a bunch of wide receivers from the Big 12 sitting around the campfire trying to describe just how tough it was to play this season against Kansas State's Terence Newman.

With blinding speed, the Big 12's 60- and 100-meter sprint champion pretty much shut down Southern Cal's Kareem Kelly and Texas' Roy Williams.

Justin Gage, the Big 12's alltime receptions leader who towers over the 5-foot-11 cornerback, didn't have a single catch until the last play of the third quarter in the Tigers' 38-0 loss to the Wildcats.

He didn't have another until the Tigers finally got Newman to bite on a flea-flicker during the game, which wrapped up the Wildcats' 10-2 regular sea-

There's probably not a receiver in the conference who would argue with the media panel that made Newman the overwhelming choice for Associated Press defensive

player of the year.
"Somebody always talks

about his speed and that's certainly a facet of it, though I tend to play that down a bit," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "Terence couldn't do some of the things he does without the ability to run well. But what has really made him the quality, quality defensive secondary player he is has been the development and understanding of how to play the position, the fundamentals of the position."

The same panel also made Texas Tech senior quarterback Kliff Kingsbury the runaway winner for Big 12 offensive player of the year.

The league's newcomers of the year were Missouri redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith and Oklahoma junior linebacker Lance Mitchell.

Newman had five interceptions and 14 passes broken up. He also scored three touchdowns on returns, ranking fourth nationally with a 16.3-yard average on his 22 punt returns.

His 32.4-yard average on 10 kickoff returns would rank first

in the nation if he had the 1.2 returns per game needed to qualify.

Against Louisiana-Monroe on Sept. 7, he had one of the most remarkable sequences of plays of the season.

First, making a rare appearance on offense, he easily outran his defender for a 51-yard touchdown catch. Then he took a punt and sped 40 yards for another touchdown.

A few minutes later, he intercepted a pass on the 17 yard line and headed for the end zone, about to pull off the rare feat of scoring on offense, defense and special teams in a span of a few minutes. But he dropped the ball.

Kingsbury was the nation's leading passer — 447-of-669 (67 percent) for 4,642 yards and 42 touchdowns.

Kingsbury whose talent at:

Kingsbury, whose talent at reading defenses meshes well with Texas Tech coach Mike Leach's aerial offense, predominantly used short, quick-hitting routes in passing to 15 receivers. He is No. 4 all-time in Division I-A with 12,054 career yards.

# Pampa 8th graders win close contest against Canyon

PAMPA — The Pampa Patriots won a close game with Canyon in an 8th grade boys basketball game earlier this week at the Pampa Middle School gym.

Offensively, Chase Harris led Pampa with 19 points in a

43-40 Patriots' win.
Key baskets were made by
Trent Young, Zac Ammons
and Tyler Hall down the
stretch.

The Canyon offense was kept off balance most of the night by a tough zone press defense, causing multiple turnovers that the Patriots turned into points.

Craig Crowell, Bradley Johnson, Brett Ferrell and Kyle Hall fought hard on the boards and gathered critical rebounds. Devan Shults and Michael Robinson made some key steals that the Canyon offense off-balance.

The game was close all the way and was not decided until the final seconds ticked off the clock. With time running out and a one-point lead, Hall used

Crowell's screen to hit a short jumper off the glass to put the Patriots up by three with nine seconds remaining.

Canyon had one shot at the buzzer to tie, but the shot missed its mark to give the Patriots the win.

8th Grade Division

Pampa A 43, Canyon A 40
Pampa A 13 19 36 43
Canyon A 7 23 31 40
Pampa scoring - Chase Harris 19, Tyler
Hall 6, Kyle Irvin 5, Trent Young 3, Zac
Ammons 2, Michael Robinson 2, Brett
Ferrell 2, Devan Shults 2, Bradley
Johnson 2.
Canyon B 48, Pampa B 24
Canyon B 13 28 34 48

Pampa B 12 14 22 24
Pampa scoring - Andrew Winton 8,
Jarron Clark 6, LeKeith Towles 4,
Robert McLean 2, Robbie Dixon 2,
Garrett Jonas 2.

Pampa A 32, Dumas A 17
Pampa A 6 20 28 32
Dumas A 8 10 14 17
Pampa scoring - Chase Harris 8,
Bradley Johnson 8, Kyle Irvin 6,
Michael Robinson 6.
Dumas B 34, Pampa B 22

Dumas B 18 25 27 34
Pampa B 0 11 18 22
Pampa scoring - Jarron Clark 4, Isaiah
Tindall 4, Robert Mclean 3.

7th Grade Division

Dumas A 58, Pampa A 33

Dumas A 11 28 46 58

Pampa A 14 18 27 33

Pampa scoring: Colby Copeland 9,

Shavius Kelley 6, Jerrod Bivins 6. Pampa B 22, Dumas B 21 Pampa B Dumas B Pampa scoring - Colden Fortenberry 10, Tanner Dyson 4, Jacob Davis 2. Canyon A 71, Pampa A 29 Canyon A 6 17 29 Pampa A Pampa scoring - Rusty Snider 6, Dane Howard 6, Shavius Kelley 4, Garrett Eggleston 4, Colby Copeland 3, Mark Stone 2, Jarrod Bivins 2, Kenny Hightower 2. Pampa B 31 Canyon B 29, ot Pampa 8 8 13 17 31

Canyon B 5 11 17

Pampa record 2-1.

Pampa scoring - J'mico Mitchell 10,

Tanner Dyson 6, Colden Fortenberry 6,

Adam Anguiano 3, Jad McGuire 2.

## Refreshed Stars beat Canadians

Dallas Stars were dragging suffered a broken finger after playing seven games in 11 days, capped by a tie and a loss.

refreshed Stars beat the Montreal Canadiens 5-1 on Wednesday night to remain unbeaten at home in regulation this season.

really gave us a lift. You could tell there was more zip at practice. We're feelagain."

Jason Arnott scored three goals, two on setups by Pierre Turgeon, for his fourth career hat trick and the first by a Dallas player goals on March 21, 2001.

"We're really clicking right now," Arnott said. "We had chances before, but we were getting some bad bounces. Tonight we a 1-0 lead at 8:50 of the were chipping in our opportunities: Getting the hat Turgeon, once Montreal's trick was an added bonus captain, directed a goal- The Canadiens last played and a great feeling."

line that included Young, to the right post. and both players struggled Tippett then moved put Arnott in the middle with Young on the right side of the second line. Arnott missed nine games early

when he returned, but the trio continues to thrive.

In the last five games, After three days off, the Turgeon has 10 assists, Arnott has five goals and an assist, and Young has four goals and an assist.

"I was rolling the dice and it worked 'out," Tippett "I thought we responded said. "Give the players well," Stars coach Dave credit for making it work. Tippett said, "The time off Jason's really starting to come around. He has that look in his eye."

Jere Lehtinen and Mike ing good about ourselves Modano added third-period goals for Dallas, 10-0-0-1 at home this season. Marty Turco made 25 saves, and the Stars killed off all seven Montreal power plays.

Doug Gilmour scored a since Brett Hull scored four second-period goal, and Jose Theodore stopped 29 shots for the Canadiens, 1-5 in their last six.

The Stars got off to another fast start, grabbing opening period when trick was Feb. 10, 2002, for Tippett started the season fired into an open net a 2-0 Stars victory. ... LW with Turgeon centering a before Theodore could get Chad Kilger and RW

Dallas has outscored with a variety of left wings. opponents 34-13 in the first period this season. The Turgeon to left wing and Stars held a 9-0 shots trade rumors... Dallas is 5advantage over the first 10 minutes, 13-5 in the first Montreal. ... Theodore, last

"They were a lot better 1 against the Stars.

DALLAS (AP) - The with an ankle injury, then than us the first 10 minutes," Montreal center Saku Koivu said. "Then we were able to match their work ethic."

Montreal tied it at 1 with Gilmour's third goal on a second effort from in front of the net at 3:13 of the second period.

The Stars went back in front 2-1 at 12:10 of the second on Arnott's close-in backhander off a feed from Turgeon.

Lehtinen scored his 10th off his own rebound with 16:02 left to push the advantage to 3-1.

Arnott notched his third of the night and seventh of the season, and Modano scored his 11th in the third period.

"When opponents get a two-goal lead on us, we don't play the whole 60 minutes," Koivu said. "That's what happened

tonight." Notes: Arnott's last hat the New Jersey Devils. ... mouth pass to Arnott, who in Dallas on Nov. 11, 2000, Mariusz Czerkawski were healthy scratches for Montreal. Both players have been the subject of 0-2 in its last seven against season's NHL MVP, is 0-5-

# Mavs have easy time with Trail Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) made it look easy against shower to see what was the Portland Trail Blazers.

points and 15 rebounds, and closed the cabinet, even He received a lukewarm Steve Nash added 20 points, though the game was tied five assists and four with seconds remaining. rebounds as the Mavericks beat the Trail Blazers 103- it, a cautious Pippen said, another Blazer recently in 88 Wednesday night.

we're tough to stop," Nash you've (the media) said. "We were opportunis- talk to the players." tic and capitalized on their defensive mistakes.'

points and 10 rebounds as ond straight and third in the Mavericks improved to four 17-1 with their third straight Anderson had 13 points and victory.

record," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. that haven't gotten to them.'

If the Blazers were bothered by the beating they had enough and we're not playjust absorbed, it was hard to ing smart enough," Pippen tell in the locker room after-

After getting soundly beaten by the league's best team, some of the Blazers gathered around a TV to watch the closing minutes of the Indiana-Seattle game before showering. Bonzi Wells was solicit-

ing bets as to what Seattle's Gary Payton would do with the ball in the final minute, and others were talking trash about Ron Artest. When Payton made a

shot to give the Sonics the lead, Rasheed Wallace, Wells and others cheered loudly, prompting reserve Antonio Daniels to mutter, "We just got beat by 20, and they're cheering on a team in our own division.'

The Dallas Mavericks Pippen emerged from the ecutors decided not to purgoing on, he immediately Dirk Nowitzki had 26 turned off the TV and

When asked why he did "When we're rolling, address the media, and 16 minutes.

Wallace scored a season-Michael Finley had 15 Blazers, who lost their secgames. Derek eight assists. Dale Davis "Just look at their added a season-high 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Portland is 1-3 on its "We're not the only ones five-game homestand, with a stretch of seven out of eight road games looming.

said. "I can only speak for myself, (but) we're not happy with where we are. We've struggled. All in all we're not playing well enough to be considered one of the elite teams." Ruben Patterson, playing NBA championship.

When co-captain Scottie in his first game since prossue felony domestic abuse charges against him, had four points in 14 minutes. reaction from the crowd when introduced.

Damon Stoudamire, "Players have got to legal trouble, was 1-for-5 in

The Mavericks started the fourth quarter by pulling away with a 12-6 run that high 34 points for the took all the life out of the Blazers and the home crowd.

"In the second half, we were really good," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We did everything that we needed to do to win.

Notes: Dallas made eight 3s

in the second quarter and 11 for the half, one off the NBA record it shares with "We're not playing hard three other teams. The Mavericks sank 12 3s at Denver on Feb. 29, 1996. ... Dallas F Eduardo Najera missed the game with a sore left knee. ... Six teams have started the season 17-1 or better, most recently the 1996-97 Chicago Bulls, who went on to win the

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PICKS No. 18 Virginia Tech (plus 18) at No. 1 Miami: Orange Bowl

rocks as 'Canes roll into Fiesta Bowl...Miami, 41-17. No. 4 Georgia (minus 8( vs. No. 22 Arkansas (at Atlanta); 'Dawgs settle for Sugar Bowl behind QB Greene...Georgia, 27-

No. 8 Oklahoma (minus 7) vs. No. 12 Colorado (at Houston): Buffs run to second straight Big 12 title...Colorado, 28-21. No. 7 Washington State (No. line ) at UCLA: Bruins end season by sending rival USC to Rose Bowl...UCLA, 31-28. Army (plus 3 1/2) vs. Navy (at East Rutherford, N.J.: Throw out 1-10 records. Go Army!...Army, 24-20. Toledo (plus 4 1/2) at Marshall: For MAC title, but both already ticketed for bowls...Marshall, 38-31.

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Midland (11-2) vs. Tyler Lee (10-3), 4 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving

Region III and IV Alief Elsik (9-3) vs. Converse Judson (12-1), 4 p.m.

Saturday at Alamodome in San Antonio Quarterfinals Region I Southlake Carroll (13-0) vs. Arlington (12-1), 7:30 p.m.

Lufkin (12-2) vs. Longview (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Tyler's Region III

Saturday at Dragon Stadium in Southlake.

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Alief Hastings (11-2) vs. Katy (11-3), noon Saturday at Smithson Valley (12-1) vs. SA Madison (11-2), noon-

CIASS 4A DIVISION I Semifinals Region I and II Brownwood (9-4) vs. Texarkana Texas High (12-1), 3 p.m

Region III and IV New Braunfels (11-2) vs. Conroe Oak Ridge (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Thorne Stadium in Aldine. DIVISION II

Denton Ryan (12-1) vs. Aledo (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Region II

Ennis (12-1) vs. Wylie (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Region III

La Marque (10-2) vs. Brenham (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kerrville Tivy (13-0) vs. Gregory-Portland (12-1), 8 p.m.

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Region III and IV Jasper (11-2) vs. Burnet (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Kyle

**DIVISION II Quarterfinals** Sweetwater (10-3) vs. Midland Greenwood (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock's Lowery Field.

Daingerfield (11-2) vs. Longview Spring Hill (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Pleasant

Bellville (12-1) vs. Marlin (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, at Bryan's Viking Stadium

Region IV Yoakum (11-2) vs. Bandera (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at

CLASS 2A DIVISION I Semifinals Region I and II Shallowater (12-1) vs. Bangs (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday in Region III and IV

Corrigan-Camden (12-1) vs. Odem (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday Katy's Rhodes Stadiur DIVISION II Quarterfinals Region I Crane (12-1) vs. Cisco (13-0), 7:30 p.m. in Sweetwater.

Winters (11-2) vs. Hico (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco Rosebud-Lott (12-1) vs. Centerville (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kyle Field, College Station.

Rogers (12-1) vs. Van Vleck (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Seguin's Matador Stadium CLASS 1A Quarterfinals Region I

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Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium Celeste (11-2) vs. Bremond (12-1), 6 p.m. Saturday in

West Sabine (11-1) vs. Thorndale (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at

SIX-MAN Semifinals Region I/II Ackerly Sands (11-2) vs. Sanderson (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday Region III/IV

Abbott (12-1) vs. Calvert (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, in **PRIVATE SCHOOLS TAPPS 5A Finals** 

Dallas Bishop Lynch (11-1) vs. Victoria St. Joseph (11-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Copperas Cove's Bulldawg Stadium. Rockwall Christian (10-3) vs. Arlington Pantego (8-5), 1 m. Saturday at Copperas Cove's Bulldawg Stadium

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Chicago at Miami, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m. San Diego at Buffalo, 1 p.m. New York Jets at Chicago, 1 p.m.

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2002 AP Big 12 players, newcomers of the year The 2002 Associated Press Big 12 players and newcomers of the year, as selected by a panel of media members who regularly cover the league Offensive player of the year: QB Kliff Kingsbury, Texas

Defensive player of the year: CB Terence Newman, Kansas

Offensive newcomer of the year: QB Brad Smith, Missouri Oklahoma

Defensive newcomer of the year: LB Lance Mitchell,

### TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press BASEBALL American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Named Jim Beattie executive vice president of baseball operations and Mike Flanagan vice president of baseball operations. NEW YORK YANKEES-Agreed to terms with OF Chris Latham on a one-year contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Traded C Todd Hundley and OF Chad

Hermansen to the Los Angeles Dodgers for 1B Eric Karros, 2B Mark Grudzielanek and \$2 million. Placed INF Chris Stynes on waivers for the purpose of his unconditional release. MONTREAL EXPOS-Named Randy St. Claire pitching

NEW YORK METS-Named Rick Slate strength and conditioning coordinator. Named John Stearns manager of Binghamton of the Eastern League. SAN DIEGO PADRES-Agreed to terms with INF-OF

Chris Sexton on a minor league contract. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

INDIANA PACERS-Activated G Erick Strickland from the injured list. Placed G Fred Jones on the injured list NEW ORLEANS HORNETS-Activated G Bryce Drew

from the injured list. Placed F Jerome Moiso on the injured list. ORLANDO MAGIC-Activated F Horace Grant from the injured list. Placed F Olumide Oyedeji on the injured list. FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed RB Travis Prentice. Released S Don Morgan. Placed DE Thomas Burke on injured reserve. Signed OL Steve Grace from the practice squad. BUFFALO BILLS-Signed DT Richard Seals to the practice squad. Released WR Rodney Wright from the prac-CAROLINA PANTHERS-Signed DT Terrance

CLEVELAND BROWNS-Waived DE Tramaine Bingham from the practice squad. Signed OT Chad Mustard to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS—Placed DE Reggie Hayward on

injured reserve. Re-signed G Mookie Moore GREEN BAY PACKERS-Placed OT Chad Clifton on injured reserve. Re-signed OL Al Jackson. HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed DT Shawn Worthen from the practice squad. Signed OT Jelani Hawkins to the practice

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS-Waived OT Pete Pierson

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed PK Danny Boyd. Activated CB Steve Smith from the practice squad. Signed WR Corey Parchman to the practice squad. NEW YORK GIANTS-Announced the retirement of

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed DL Shawn Price. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed WR James Jordan to

WASHINGTON REDSKINS-Placed P Bryan Barker and DT Dan Wilkinson on injured reserve. Signed LB Orantes

## Sports in Brief

### VOLLEYBALL PAMPA — Late signups

are continuing for the Pampa Junior Volleyball League for fifth and sixth grade girls. Signups are currently being held at the middle school. Registration forms are

available at the schools and can be turned in at the middle school For questions, call coach Reves or coach

**FOOTBALL** GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - The mother of Green Bay

Deanna Polasek at 669-4900.

Packers defensive end Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila was killed Sunday in a car accident the same day the football player became a father.

Bola Tito Anjorin Gbaja-Biamila, 53, was killed in Los Angeles when her car went out of control and struck a palm tree, then caught fire.

SAN DIEGO (AP) -Denver Broncos guard Steve Herndon and coach Mike Shanahan apologized to San Diego Chargers defensive tackle Jamal Williams, whose season was ended by a questionable hit by Herndon on Sunday. Williams dislocated his left ankle and was put on the injured reserve list.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Receiver Herman Moore announced his retirement, knowing he had little chance of playing for the New York Giants and that the injury-riddled team needed his roster space.

The retirement is more a technicality, Moore said. He wants to play next season, and he didn't rule out the Giants.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Packers tackle Chad Clifton

was placed on injured reserve, ending a season in which he was hurt on a blindside hit by Warren Sapp and faces a long recovery.

### BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs completed their big deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers, trading catcher Todd Hundley and outfielder Chad Hermansen for first baseman Eric Karros, second baseman Mark, Grudzielanek and \$2 DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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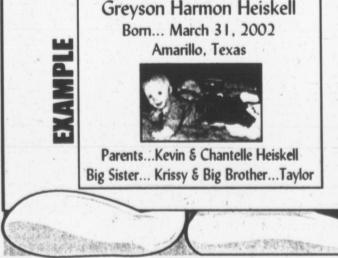




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# Supreme Court case tests interrogation boundaries

By MARK SHERMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The case of a grievously wounded farmworker who was shot five times by police and then questioned by them while awaiting medical treatment prompted Supreme Court justices to ponder what limits should be placed on interroga-

How coercive could questioning be if someone had information that would thwart a terrorist attack or solve a kidnapping?

Such hypotheticals seem far from the circumstances of a November 1997 police shooting in Oxnard, Calif., but justices seemed interested in them as they considered the case Wednesday.

The decision could have implications for counterterrorism interrogations, when building a criminal case may take a back seat to gathering intelligence.

In the case, California farmworker Oliverio Martinez was shot repeatedly by police and then subjected to a lengthy interrogation as he awaited medical treatment. He was never told of his Miranda right to remain silent, and he says Oxnard police Sgt. Ben Chavez kept questioning him even after he said twice that he did not want to answer.

Martinez, who was never charged with a crime, was left blind and paralyzed.

He filed a civil rights lawsuit against the City of Oxnard, which includes Chavez as a defendant.

whether Chavez can be sued. A federal district judge and the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said he could be. The Supreme Court is considering Chavez's appeal of that decision. Martinez's lawsuit has been delayed pending the Supreme Court appeal.

During oral arguments, Justice Antonin Scalia questioned whether police could use extraordinary means to get information about a plot to blow up the World Trade Center.

Attorney R. Samuel Paz, representing Martinez, tried to steer the discussion toward his client's tragic circumstances.

"The terrorist situation is a difficult one," Paz said. "It's not our case."

Lawrence S. Robbins, Chavez's lawyer, and Deputy Solicitor General Paul D. Clement told justices that the failure to give a Miranda warning should not be an issue since Martinez was never prosecuted.

"Miranda concerns in this case are an utter red herring," Robbins said.

The Bush administration, police organizations, the state of California and more than 50 California cities are siding with Chavez.

At one point Justice Stephen Breyer seemed to agree with Robbins. "No one is talking about weakening or overturning Miranda," Breyer said.

The Miranda warning takes its name from the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in a 1966 case involving the use of a confession in the rape prosecution of Ernesto Miranda.

But Paz argued the case is very much about the viability of the Miranda warning. The specific matter to be decided is Chavez's purpose in questioning Martinez. was to build a case against him, he said.

Ben Wizner, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer in Los Angeles who supports Martinez, said police will increasingly fail to advise people of their rights if the court rules against Martinez. "That's why we have been saying that the court has to somehow make clear that at least deliberate violations of Miranda are not constitutional," Wizner said.

The other aspect of Martinez's plight that drew the justices' interest was whether the questioning was reasonable.

Paz said it was not. "No reasonable police officer can believe the questioning was reasonable," he said.

Breyer pressed Chavez's lawyer on the same point.

With Martinez lying in agony, asking for help and believing he would die, why did

Chavez continue to ask questions, even telling Martinez he would receive medical aid after talking, Breyer asked.

"Why isn't that the equivalent of beating someone up?" the justice asked.

Robbins said the officer was trying to elicit critical information because he believed the man would die.

"I acknowledge there is coercion in this case. We don't blanch on that," Robbins said. "But the reality is this: This officer was there to find out an extraordinarily important piece of information under exigent circum-

The case is Chavez v. Martinez, 01-1444,

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# **President Bush to meet** with African potentates

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was greeting the leaders of Kenya and Ethiopia on Thursday amid fresh concerns about security in the Horn of Africa, an area U.S. officials have described as a possible haven for terrorists.

The session with President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya and Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia was planned before last week's twin attacks on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast that killed 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and three bombers. The attacks were certain to be addressed by the three leaders.

Bush said Wednesday he believed Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network was involved in the attacks.

"I am concerned about al-Qaida anywhere," the president said. "I believe that al-Qaida was involved in the African bombings in Kenya. I believe al-Qaida hates freedom."

Evidence continues to mount that al-Oaida was behind the Kenya attacks — a bombing at a hotel frequented by Israelis and the firing of missiles at an Israeli charter flight.

serial numbers similar to those on one involved in an attempted hit on a U.S. military plane in May, and al-Qaida has claimed responsibility for the Kenya attack.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said later than Bush was not making a definitive statement about al-Qaida's link to the Kenya attacks. "He's sharing with you suspicions you've heard from previous quarters," Fleischer said.

Kenya police say they have few leads and have not ruled out involvement by al-Qaida and Itihaad al-Islamiya, an Islamic fundamentalist group from neighboring Somalia. Kenyan officials said their country has

been targeted by al-Qaida before, recalling the deadly attack on the U.S. embassy in Nairobi on Aug. 7, 1998. That blast killed 219 people — including 12 Americans — and wounded 5,000. A nearly simultaneous attack on the U.S. Embassy in neighboring Tanzania killed 12 people and injured more than 80.

A senior Bush administration official said Kenya has helped fight terrorism to the best of its ability, but noted the country does not have the resources for a more aggressive effort.

Kenya is a possible destination for Bush when he travels to Africa next month, a stop that could include a visit to the newly reconstructed embassy that was the bombing target.

As Bush met the two African leaders, U.S. Marines and Kenyan troops were carrying out joint exercises off Kenya's coast. "Operation Edged Mallet" was planned long before last week's attacks just north of Mombasa, the largest port on the east coast of Africa, and was not changed because of them, U.S. officials

Kenya is regarded as a key Experts said the missiles had U.S. ally in an unstable region. It shares a long, porous border with Somalia, which has not had an effective government in more than a decade. It also abuts Sudan, which is in the midst of a 19-year civil war.

Besides Somalia, the Horn of Africa includes Eritrea, Djibouti and Ethiopia. Last August, 800 U.S. Special Forces and commandos set up shop in Djibouti, a former French colony, as part of the U.S. led war on terrorism.

For the Kenyan president, the trip to Washington will be his last in office. Presidential electionsare set for Dec. 27. Moi, 77, has ruled Kenya since 1978 but is barred by the constitution from running again.

## Chapter 11 may figure in United's near future

CHICAGO (AP) Trading in United Airlines' stock was halted after it plunged 59 percent Thursday, a day after the world's second-largest carrier lost its request for government loan backing it said was needed to keep it out of bankruptcy.

The New York Stock Exchange said trading was stopped because of "pending news" regarding United. A spokesman for the airline said it had no plans for an immediate announcement, however, and said the exchange's wording was mistaken.

Before trading was stopped, shares in United parent UAL Corp. opened down \$1.84, or 59 percent, to \$1.28 — their lowest level in more than 40 years.

Analysts said the Air Transportation Stabilization Board's rejection of United's request for \$1.8 billion in federal loan guarantees Wednesday all but ensures a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. It would be the largest bankruptcy in airline industry history.

Chief executive Glenn Tilton tried to reassure passengers and United's 83,000 employees, "Whatever course we chart, it should be emphatically clear that United will continue to fly."

Barring a dramatic turn of events, that course will almost certainly take it to federal bankruptcy court as soon as this week.

# Community Christian School



Cyler Clifton and his pastor, David Wilson, of Body of Christ Church, enjoyed a meal together recently at the Pastor Appreciation Breakfast hosted by students, staff, and parents of Community Christian School. Other pastors attending were Dr. Randy White of First Baptist Church, Pastor Scott Penrod of First United Methodist Church, Paxton Whatley and Jeremy Farmer of Trinity Fellowship Church, Father Jake Clemmons of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pastor Bob Banks of Bible Church of Pampa, and Pastor Richard Bartel of Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

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