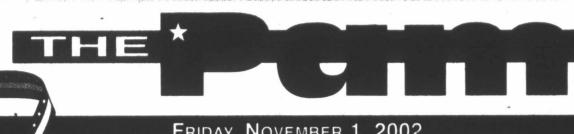
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Landowners seek water district

STAFF WRITER

MIAMI - Roberts County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the district courtroom of the courthouse here on a petition to create the Roberts County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1.

Although petitioned by Roberts County landowners Minna Susie Reynolds, Katy L. Wilde and Rebecca Taylor Epps, the move is seen as a step—levy taxes within their district.

after pleading guilty to possessing

Farris Mohammed Saleh, 26, was

stopped in October 2001, on Interstate

40 near McLean, by Texas

Department of Public Safety troopers.

Saleh was eastbound on I-40, traveling

from Arizona to Michigan, at the time

Saleh told 31st District Judge

more than 14 pounds of marijuana.

by landowners with Mesa Water Inc., to pump water from beneath their Roberts County ranches and sell it to thirsty cities downstate.

Steve Stevens with Mesa Water said Thursday afternoon that such a water district would give the landowners involved with Mesa the power of eminent domain and the ability to finance the project with tax exempt bonds.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said they would also have the power to

The petition asks county commissioners to create a district of about 46,507 acres in rural Roberts County for the purpose of conserving, transporting and distributing fresh water from any sources for domestic and commercial purposes inside and outside the proposed district. The proposed district would have all the powers, authority, rights, privileges and functions conferred by the Texas Water Code and other state laws to such political entities.

Although the district would include only a little more than 46,000-acres the petition noted that other landowners in the vicinity would provide about 112,000 more acres in water rights, and that additional water rights may be

Most of the landowners involved, the petition said, have high impact permits to produce water upon designation of destination users, or buyers, issued by the Panhandle Ground Water

(See WATER, Page 4)



he was stopped.

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LOCAL

Aggies' Mothers to stuff stockings

Amarillo Aggie Mother's Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 S. Coulter, to stuff Christmas stockings for their Texas A&M

filled with items to help them through final exams. Each Aggie mom is asked to bring 150 small, non-perishable items that can be placed in the stockings. Extra stockings will be available for students' friends and roommates for a

For more information, call Cindy Skypala at 806-354-0182.

DEATHS

Harold Joe Cooke, 77, plant operations manager. Beulah Simpson McLean, 86, homemaker.

Gilbert Lee Peppers, 86, father of Pampan.

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West Texas LANDSCAPE

Nurseries "Our Grass Is Always Greener" 120 S. Hobart

669-0158 CHILDERS BROTHERS



Steven R. Emmert Wednesday after-AMARILLO - The Robert Mackey, 26, was asleep in the passenger seat when the DPS troopers pulled him over. As one of the troopers got out of his patrol car and walked towards Saleh's car, Saleh said, Mackey woke up and began screaming, "Go, go, go!"

Saleh told Judge Emmert that, fear-University students. The stockings will be of McLean. The car finally came to a stop in a field on the edge of town. Saleh was arrested near the car. Mackey was found up in a tree, trying

to hide Initial police reports indicated that

Saleh smashed a cell phone that he was talking on when officers approached him.

Saleh said he called his wife and told her what was happening. He said he was upset and that she was upset, and he threw the telephone down, not trying to destroy it, but out of frustration.

Saleh pled guilty to a charge of possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana, a third degree felony

As part of a plea bargain agreement, Saleh was sentenced to five

A Michigan man began serving a years probation and ordered to perform 160 days of community service and pay a \$5,000 fine. Saleh will also have to pay \$140 restitution.

During questioning by Judge Emmert, Saleh said he was married and had a 7-year-old son.

"Does your 7-year-old son know you're driving up and down the high-Law enforcement records indicate that way, toting marijuana?" Judge Emmert asked Saleh while he was on the stand.

Saleh quietly admitted that his son knew nothing of Saleh's deeds and noon that a passenger in the car, doesn't want him to know.

> Mackey's case is still pending, District Attorney Rick Roach said.

In other district court action this week, a 44-year-old woman was given a probated sentenced and ordered to pay a fine Wednesday after pleading guilty to a drug charge.

Dawn Ellen Burdick, 44," ing his arrest, he stepped on the accel- Janesville, Wis., was arrested on erator and sped away through the town charges of possession of marijuana April 13, 2001, after a traffic stop along Interstate 40.

> Texas Department of Public Safety troopers pulled Burdick over on I-40 in Gray County

> Burdick, in a plea bargain, pled guilty to possession of more than five pounds of marijuana but less than 50 pounds, a third degree felony.

Judge Steven R. Emmert sentenced her to a five year probated sentence and ordered her to pay a \$5,000 fine.

A women and a man, in unrelated cases, were behind bars today after having their probation revoked.

Connie Ballard, 34, 1400 W. Somerville #1, pled true in 31st District Court Wednesday to charges that she violated her probation on an enhanced theft charge stemming from

(See COURT, Page 4)

Now that's scary!



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Halloween brings out a lot of pretty frightening characters, but these two guys from Tarpley's Music Company were really scary. Despite their appearance, Roby Conner, left, dressed as the "Fairy Godfather" and Tarpley's Manager Chase Roach as "Coochie-Coochie Charo" managed to conduct business almost as usual

nission hopefuls answer forum questio

By NANCY YOUNG

Managing Editor

During Tuesday night's Pampa Chamber of Commerce-sponsored candidate forum, several candidates in contested positions received written questions from people in the audience.

Moderating the questions was Judge Phil Vanderpool. He directed the sometimes paraphrased questions to the candidates.

In today's edition are the questions directed to the Precinct 2 County Commission candidates and their responses.

Incumbent Jim Greene is seeking his fifth term on the commission while local businessman Gary Willoughby is making his first bid for county commissioner.

Vanderpool explained he had received written questions for each candidate. He also said some of the questions were to be directed to both candidates, and that he was paraphrasing the questions because there were money come from? It comes from you several different versions to some of

the questions.

Vanderpool: "If you were to be elected county commissioner for Precinct 2, what would you do differently for maintaining the roads in your

precinct? Additionally, where does the money come from to maintain the roads? and who owns them?

Willoughby: "I

believe I own my road to the center of the line. I maintain my bar ditch all the way back up to my house. I have the right to ask my commissioner's foreman not to mow that bar ditch, and I'll take care of that myself. So I believe I own the road to the center of the line. I believe if I were to measure it from the center line back up I pay property taxes based upon the center line. It's a tricky question-I think that answers

"The second one: Where does the

"The third question: How would I do to maintain the county roads. I've driven over all 230 some-odd (miles) county roads during the last 10 1/2

months. One thing I would do is straighten some bar ditches, ELECTION

I would think, if foreman my that's thought what we needed to do. The people are saying they'd like

to have those bar ditches just a little bit deeper so that water won't flood into my yard. I would put in some culverts if that's what my foreman and I choose to do upon that piece of property based upon the people telling me "Hey, I'm tired of mowing caliche. I'd rather mow grass. Would you please put in a tinhorn"-they call it? You bet. We'll see what we can get done.

I'm not making any promises to anybody — at all. It's the people's voice again asking "what can we do?"

"I would crown the roads so the water runs off of them, and not have to

wade through mud. When I put down caliche, I would have to again go along with what my foreman said. I am not a 100 percent road maintenance guy. I have owned and operated equipment. I know how to tear things up, and I know how to fix and rebuild. Yet again when it comes to the road, I would seek a little bit more mowledge and advice from some of the other helpful commissioners and cople in

Vanderpool: Mr. Greene, what is your response to negative campaign

Greene: "Well, I think it turns a lot of people off. I've never run on anything besides on what I've done, what ΓΙΙ do and what ΓΙΙ continue to do. And I've never tried to get ahead by tearing somebody else down.

Vanderpool: What makes you think that you are qualified to oversee road-

Willoughby: "Qualified to oversee road work. It's kind of like when I was married my mom said, "What makes (See ANSWERS, Page 4)

Did You Know...

When Was The First Rodeo Held In Pampa?

Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241 August 17th thru 19th, 1945

Mr. Peppers was born June 18, 1916, at Hodgenville, Green County, Ky. He retired from Phillips Petroleum after 30 years of service. In 1960, his wife, Jesse Mae Paulk Pepper, preceded him in death. He and his wife Mary Lou married June 23, 1962.

He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and "snack grandpa" for the children's Logos program. He also volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Loaves and Fishes community programs.

An expert fisherman, Mr. Peppers holds the New Mexico walleve record and was featured in the April 1990 issue of "Field and Stream" magazine.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou, of the home; five daughters, Joyce Field of Guymon, Mima Hale of Goodwell, Okla., Tara Peppers and Deborah Peppers, both of Houston, and Angie Hoover of Pampa; a son, Larry Peppers of Henderson, Ky.; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church in care of Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

SERVICES TOMORROW

COOKE, Harold Joe — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, McLean. **SWANSON**, Robert Kenneth — Memorial services, 3 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, San Antonio.

PEPPERS, Gilbert Lee "G.L." — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Elmhurst Cemetery, Guymon, Okla. Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Guymon.

HAROLD JOE COOKE 1925-2002

McLEAN - Harold Joe Cooke, 77, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Cooke, a lifelong resident of McLean, was born March 27, 1925, at McLean, to Charles Emmett Cooke and Maude Wilson Cooke. He was a retired

plant operations manager for Phillips Petroleum Company and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Burrell of Wheeler and Beverly Johnson of Mansfield; a son, Kelly Cooke of Midland; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

BEULAH SIMPSON McLEAN

1916-2002

Beulah Simpson McLean, 86, of Pampa, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, at Borger. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m., today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McLean was born April 19, 1916, at Cheyenne, Okla. She married John David McLean in Sayre, Okla.; he preceded her in death. A Pampa resident for over 50 years, she

was a Methodist and a homemaker. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Amelda Jean; and a son, Bartley John David McLean.

Survivors include three sisters-in-law, Ruth Simpson of Rocklin, Calif., Evelyn Simpson of Hayward, Calif., and Margaret Simpson of Midwest City, Okla.; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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POLICE

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

Thursday, Oct. 31 Brandon Baxter, 24, 1340 Starkweather,

was arrested on a Gray County warrant for theft by check, theft of a paycheck.

Edward Harry Miller, 37, 404 Hughes, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant for

Brandon Lee Baxter, 24, 1341 Starkweather, was arrested for theft of property by check.

Police investigated a report of domestic assault in the 400 block of Graham.

An information report was taken in the 3000 block of North Perryton Parkway. A report of a missing person was taken in

the 1100 block of Juniper. A stolen vehicle was reported recovered. Damage estimated at \$100 was reported to a vehicle in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A left tail lamp was damaged.

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, Oct. 31

William Cody Hopson, 19, 1217 Kingsmill, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation. Original charge was driving while intoxicated.

Neil Scott Mason, 29, 600 N. Lowry, was arrested on bond surrender regarding a controlled substance charge.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Oct. 31

7:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Lefors. One patient was transported to PRMC.

FIRE

the following calls during the 24-hour peri- County. od ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Oct. 31

4:52 p.m. - One unit and two firefight- 1100 block of Crane Road. ers responded to a vehicle fire between Highway 60 West. No fire was found, it the 400 block of Lefors.

Pampa Fire Department responded to was believed to have been in Carson

6:21 p.m. - One unit and two firefight-

ers responded to a dumpster fire in the 10:57 p.m. - One unit and three fire-Kingsmill and White Deer on U.S. fighters responded to a medical assist in

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for cloudy Highs in the mid-50s. East winds 5 to 15 mph Tonight should be cloudy with a chance of rain and light snow, lows in the lower 30s, east winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 50 percent chance of rain and snow. Saturday should be cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy.

skies, highs in the upper 30s, east winds 5 to shifting to the north 10 to 20 mph. Sunday 15 mph, and a 40 percent chance of rain. night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s Monday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Election day, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s.

STATEWIDE

Rain was likely across much of Texas on Friday.

In the panhandle, rain was likely in the southwest and snow was likely in the northwest with areas of morning fog and drizzle. There was a chance of rain in the southeast and a chance of rain and snow in the northeast. Highs were expected in the mid to upper 30s. By nighttime, a chance of snow was expected in the north and rain or snow was expected in the southwest. Lows should be in the upper 20s to the mid-30s.

In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend area, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of rain and highs from the 40s in the mountains to the lower 70s along the Rio

Grande. By nighttime, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of rain and lows from the mid-30s in the mountains to the mid-50s

along the Rio Grande. In the Hill Country and south central Texas, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of light rain and drizzle and highs in the upper 50s to around 60. By nighttime, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of light rain and drizzle and lows in the lower 50s and highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

In the Dallas area, showers were expected with isolated thunderstorms and highs near 50. There was a 90 percent chance of rain. By nighttime, lows were expected in the lower

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West Texas blast under investigation

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — As the investigation continues into an oil field accident in West Texas, family members and racing fans are mourning the loss of the man killed in the explosion, known in the drag racing world as Slam'n Sammy Miller.

"Sammy was the ultimate showman and was hugely popular with the fans," Roy Stockton of Midland told the Odessa American for its Friday editions. "His death leaves a massive gap in the sport and in the hearts of his thousands of fans."

Samuel Miller Jr., 57, of Wayne, N.J., was killed and eight people were injured after the flash fire at an oil well 10 miles west of Crane.

Miller's wife expects countless racing fans. to attend his funeral M

"He did what he could for anyone - anyone," Edith Miller said in a telephone interview from New Jersey. "People will come from far and wide to see him. He was that

kind of guy." Miller holds the world quarter-mile acceleration record of 3.58 seconds (more than 400 mph) set in 1975. He also set a world ice speed record when he put skis on a dragster and went 247 mph at Lake George, N.Y., in 1981. Miller was also the dire

for United Energy of Secaucus, N.J. Officials with the Texas Railroad

Commission still do not know the cause of Tuesday's flow line explosion.

Mark Henkhaus, district director of the Midland branch of the TRC, said TRC investigators have left the scene but are waiting for information from well owner Crownquest Operations before continuing with the inves-

"We should know something by next week," Henkhaus said.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators arrived on the scene late Wednesday, said Crane County Sheriff Danny Simmons. "It's their investigation now," he said.

Elizabeth Todd, public affairs representative for OSHA; said investigators have six months to complete their investigation.

Tippy Beck, 33, of Gardendale, and Larry Simmons, 53, of Clyde, are in serious condition at University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock. Steven Hurst, 48, of Monahans, is in stable condition at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Five other men on the crew were treated and released from Crane Memorial Hospital on Tuesday evening.

Federal official gives offshore drilling industry thumbs up

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A top federal petroleum official says the offshore oil industry has a good environmental and safety record.

Steve Dampier.

At the same time Thursday, Minerals and Management Service director Johnnie Burton questioned the ban on offshore development outside of the Gulf of Mexico.

Speaking to a group of petroleum executives, Burton said the industry responded effectively and safely to two major storms in the Gulf, twice evacuating 25,000 employees and securing thousands of off-

shore structures.

living, 665-5668.

"The industry responded in a magnificent way," she said. "When you put it in perspective, it's really a remarkable achievement."

Although Hurricane Lili destroyed a handful of structures and caused the spillage of 400 barrels of oil, Burton said that the Gulf has 4,000 platforms. Natural oil seepage account for an estimated 9,000 barrels per year, she

said. Burton said the ban on offshore drilling elsewhere depends upon the ability of the United States to continue to import oil.

"California doesn't want any more drilling, any more leasing, any more anything, except lots of energy,' Burton said. "We can import what we need, but will we always be able to? That is the question."

Metrovision, the economic development arm of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, organized Thursday's event response to a rumor last summer that the management service was pulling up stakes and moving to Houston. In her speech, Burton said the agency would stay in New Orleans.

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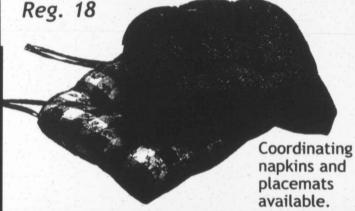
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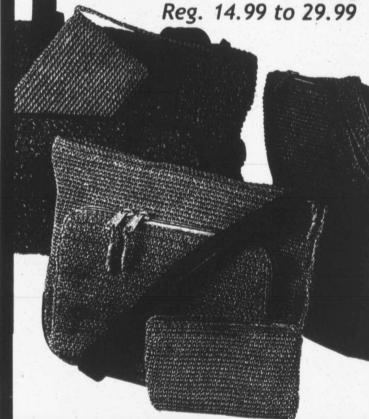
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you think you have the right to raise children. How do you know anything?" And I looked at my wife and said I do. I said let's have kids. She stopped me on three. My oldest is 21 and I still don't know what lays ahead of me on grandchildren. I don't know what lays ahead of me on county roads. I cannot predict the future. I have to rely upon a foreman who knows county roads. In visiting in other foremans in the area and also in other areas of the state which I have some friends, they rely upon their foremans. What makes me qualified to oversee roads? I feel I'm very qualified to oversee men. I feel I'm very qualified to be a leader of men and women. I feel if they do their job and people don't complain, I feel we have done a satisfactory job. If people are happy, the town is happy. We grow and everyone is prosper-

Vanderpool: Mr. Greene, how do you plan to manage your budget as a county commissioner if you are re-elected? And would you do anything differently than you have?

Greene: "I don"t think so. The budget is already made for next year. We're going to have

to live within it. I just bought a dozer to replace one that was 20 years old. Somebody said, "Why don't you wait until after the election to do it." I said, "It needs to be done." I went ahead and done it. We've got the dozer out there. We're fixing it up right now, putting scarfires on it. I wouldn't change the budget any. There's some things that probably need to be fine-tuned in the whole budget a little bit. We have a line-item amendment. I've never gone over my budget. We set it and we live within it. There's very few county offices that have ever gone over their budget because they know that once it's set they have to live within it unless there is an emergency that comes up, and we've had a few emergencies where we have had to amend a budget a time or two. But I wouldn't change it.

Vanderpool: I think that you referred to working for the county in your opening remarks. Are you prepared to give that up if you are elect-

Willoughby: "Am I prepared to give up the work for the county? I don't have to. By law, I would have to refrain from answering anything that would ever pertain to what I do for the county now. I do

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business with the county now on mops, rugs, towels. It's never - to my knowledge been voted on in the commissioners court. I have no contract. I have a handshake. I do the job, they sign the ticket, turn it in. I get paid. I don't have to refrain from doing business with the county. If it was ever voted on and the action would come to the commissioners court, my understanding of the law — and I don't have that one on me - I was caught off guard on that one, I would simply withdraw. And if I had to I would have no problem selling that part off. I know a company out of Amarillo that would be more than happy and qualified to do this same kind of service that I do. I'm not into this for the money. The \$6,000 a year I' get from the county-Sure, I enjoyed having it. I'm not running for county commissioner for the money, nor the business with the county is immaterial. You all wiped your feet on it wipe your hands on it, and it

does the job for you. Vanderpool: Mr. Greene,

CONT. FROM PAGE 1 COURT

an Aug. 25, 1999, incident. She had pled guilty Oct. 17, 2001, to the theft charge and was given deferred adjudica-

Judge Steven R. Emmert sentenced Ballard to one year in a state jail and a \$1,500

Gene Wesley Rogers, Jr., 41, of Skellytown, pled true to charges that he violated the terms of his probation in connection with an arson charge stemming from a March 19, 1999, offense. He had been given probation on the charge on April 21, 1999.

Judge Emmert sentenced Rogers to five years in prison.

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this has to do with studying the current rules of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. What do you view the county commissioner's role in studying those current rules and/or calling a meeting to study those rules or what do you view the county commission's role in dealing with the current rules of the TNRCC?

Greene: "They've just

know what the name of it is now for sure. (Effective Sept. 1, 2002, the TNRCC name changed to Texas Commission Environmental Quality-TCEQ.) But they have broadvery broad rules in the state. They have a statewide fire ban that's enforce all the time. If you are going to burn something besides household trash or something like that, you're supposed to contact the sheriff or the fire department in your area. In this county, right now, you're supposed to contact the sheriff you you are going to have a controlled burn. The TNRCC (now TCEQ) rules

changed the name and I don't

are also the ones that write the rules on the hog farms. The only way to get anything changed in their rules is to go to the legislature and get the legislature to change it. That's what I worked to try to do, and I didn't get it done. I tried to pass a resolution to take to the Panhandle Judge Commissioners meeting in Amarillo last Oct. 8 — a year ago - so we could take it to West Texas (Judges and Commissioners Association) and try and get it passed there and take it to the state and try to get the rules changed at the TNRCC (TCEQ). It's up to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

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Halloween spirit



Residents Audry Huff, left, and Benky Adkins, right, get into the Halloween spirit by dressing up for the the Meredith House annual Halloween party Thursday.

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Conservation District.

The permits limit the amount of water Mesa can pump to one acre-foot per year per acre of water rights held so long as 50 percent of the water in storage in the underground aquifer, as of 1998, remains at the end of 50

Those permits limit the destination of the water to municipal governments, water authorities or other political subdivisions within.

the state. "The general nature of the proposed projects for the district is to construct, maintain and operate a water supply distribution system, including the acquisition of water rights, the development of a well field, the development of a pipeline system and the sale of water for domestic destination users," the peti- trict until permanent supervition said.

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To date, no buyers have been identified although T. Boone Pickens, the Roberts County landowner and Dallas businessman who formed Mesa Water, has in the past talked about trying to sell the water to San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth or El Paso. Pickens said there is only enough water to provide one, not all, of the metropolitan areas.

Judge Cook said that Roberts County Attorney Leslie Breeding is researching the issue and the county has an attorney in Austin on

The petition asks the county commissioners to name Boone, Gerald Lou Billingsley, Katy Wilde, Minna Susie Reynolds and Rebecca Taylor Epps tempo-

and commercial purposes to rary supervisors for the dissors can be elected.

Under the Texas Water Code, a public hearing has to be scheduled between 15 and 30 days of the date when the petition is filed, although the county commission does not have to take action on the day of the hearing. The county commission is given broad discretion with regard to the hearing.

Roberts County commissioners are expected to be briefed by the attorneys on the legal aspects of the petition and special water district in an executive session during their regular meeting the Tuesday morning before the public hearing.

The decision will then lie with William Clark, Ken Gill, Kelly Flowers and Jim Duvall of the Roberts County Commission.

Enron can stop legal aid to employees

HOUSTON (AP) - With legal and other professional fees approaching \$200 million in the bankruptcy, and set to top \$300 million by year's end, Enron has received permission to stop paying legal fees for former employees who are cooperating with government investigations of the company

but are not targets.

Enron asked the bankruptcy court in New York to allow them to drop former employees from the program while retaining the counsel of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman for workers who remain with the energy company.

The original ruling also pro-

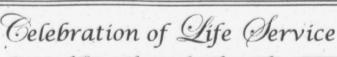
vided that employees who did not feel comfortable with the law firm Enron chose could select their own lawyers and

be reimbursed. Although it is unprecedented for a bankrupt company to pay such fees, Enron hired a law firm late last year that has provided counsel for about 250 employees and former employees participating in federal, state and local inquiries. It has cost Enron

over \$8 million. "It was a more of a retention program than anything else," Brian Rosen, a bankruptcy lawyer for Enron, told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions. "It was to keep people in place and comfortable, and to facilitate the investigative benefit."

The lone objection to Thursday's request came from lawyers Philip Hilder and Edgar Goldberg, who have been paid by Enron for representing Sherron Watkins, a current Enron employee, and two former workers who wanted to retain the Houston-based lawyers as

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan's finance minister warned Friday that a tax shortfall will be worse than expected, threatening to fan Japan's already sky-high public debt.

The news came two days after the government unveiled a much-awaited economic recovery package to a cool response by economists and investors.

Minister Finance Masajuro Shiokawa did not say how much the tax shortfall would be.

But in August, five months into the fiscal year, the government had collected only about 23 percent of its target of \$383.6 billion in taxes. That was down about 19 percent from the same time last year.

"I think there will be a bigger tax revenue shortage than initially expected," Shiokawa said. "I haven't thought of how to make up for it, but I am aware that we must do so sometime in the future."

Tax revenue is becoming a crucial factor in Koizumi's reform plans.

Economist panned the overhaul released Wednesday, in part because it contained no clear plans for a tax cut. Economists said it also fell short on helping the jobless, whose ranks are expected to surge as the . government tackles bad bank loans and companies go bust.

Partices enteres still search to contain the surry

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SAN GIULIANO DI PUGLIA, Italy (AP) — Emergency crews clawed through the rubble of a school early Friday searching for five miss-ing students, nearly a day after an earthquake leveled the building during a Halloween party, killing at least

26 people.
"It looks like the first-grade class was wiped out," said the Rev. Ferdinando Manna, a local priest.

Hopes were raised briefly by police reports that a 7-year-old boy was rescued from the rubble Friday morning, but that report later was refuted.

Rescuers kept searching for five youngsters known to be in the rubble, using cranes, sledgehammers, blowtorches and their bare hands.

Two strong aftershocks, with magnitudes of 3.5 and 3.0, rocked the town as rescuers worked feverishly.

The death toll mounted quickly after midnight. Officials said Friday that 26 people were confirmed dead. A rescue worker said most of the children were crushed at their desks

by falling debris. The school complex had nursery-,

At dawn, emergency crews halted work for a few minutes to listen for sounds under the rubble, but there was silence. A 9-year-old boy identified only as Angelo also was rescued at 3:54 a.m. He was the last person pulled out alive.

"We are still clinging to any thread of hope," national fire chief Mario Giuliano di Puglia collapsed entirely Morcone said at the site.

Pope John Paul II, appearing at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, expressed his 'spiritual closeness" for those suffering from the quake and offered prayers for the victims and encouragement to survivors and rescue crews.

Residents said the school death toll could have been avoided if city officials paid attention to a request from the parish priest, the Rev. Ulisse Marinelli, to keep children home after a weaker earthquake hit the area overnight.

The bodies of the dead were being housed in a makeshift morgue at the town's sports center, where family members came to identify them, police officials outside the center said.

The magnitude 5.4 quake hit the

elementary- and middle-school stu- Campobasso area northeast of Naples in the Molise region at 11:33 a.m.

> San Giuliano di Puglia, a village of bout 1,195 people, was hit the hard-est, with several buildings damaged. The ANSA news agency said 3,000 people in the region were left home-

The yellow nursery school in San on itself, trapping 56 children, their teachers and two janitors inside as they celebrated Halloween.

Anguished parents kept a vigil outside the wreckage, bundled in blankets to guard against the evening chill, with temperatures around 52.

Applause burst from the tense

crowd after one difficult rescue late Thursday, Residents cried, "Giovanni! Giovanni!," when the little boy was brought out on a stretcher. 'As soon as he came out he called

me 'Papi' like he always does," the boy's father told RAI state television, which did not give the man's name.

"I immediately saw he was in good condition. He told me there are many other children still alive, a little shocked but still alive, so the hope is still there that they can save more.

"I thank God for this gift he has given me," he said. One girl named Lilia told Italian

television from her hospital bed that the children were drawing Pino pictures, getting ready for their Halloween party, when the quake

"I heard it crumble, and we screamed," she said, her left hand in a small cast.

She said she had not heard news of her friend, Melissa.

"She wasn't near me. I didn't even hear her voice. I don't know if she's still alive."

Children who had been in the school told Italian television that older students from the village joined the youngsters Thursday to teach them about Halloween.

While dozens of children were in the schoolhouse at the time of the quake, others moved out to the garden for the Halloween festivities, perhaps saving lives, news reports said.

The government's forestry depart ment conducted an aerial survey of the small area hardest hit and determined that about 70 percent of the homes were damaged, suffering either collapsed roofs or cracked walls

Britain drops theft charges against Princess' former butler

LONDON (AP) — British prosecutors dropped theft charges against Princess Diana's former butler Friday after Queen Elizabeth II revealed she knew he took the items for safekeeping.

The royal revelation brought a dramatic and unexpected end to Paul Burrell's trial, a case that has fascinated Britain and put personal details of Diana's life on public display.

Prosecutor William Boyce

said his team dropped the London's Old Bailey court. charges against Burrell after learning Burrell told the queen shortly after Diana was killed ina 1997 Paris car crash that he had taken the objects.

"The prosecution has concluded that the current trial is no longer viable because it has proceeded on a false premise that Mr. Burrell had never told anyone that he was holding anything for safekeeping," Boyce said in

Judge Anne Rafferty discharged the jury, declared Burrell innocent and told him he was free to go. Upon hearing the news, Burrell sobbed and hugged his lawyer.

"The queen has come through for me," Burrell said as he left the court. "I'm thrilled, I'm so thrilled."

The 44-year-old Burrell, whom Diana called "my pleaded innocent to rock," three charges relating to the theft of hundreds of items from the princess and other members of the royal family.

The butler was accused of taking more than 300 items between Jan. 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998. The property allegedly included letters, photos, and compact discs owned by Diana, Prince Charles or their son, Prince William, at Kensington Palace, Diana's London home.

Boyce said that on Oct. 25 the queen told her husband, Prince Philip, and her son Prince Charles that Burrell had mentioned to her that he had taken some of Diana's papers.

Press reports said the conversation took place in a royal limousine on the way to a memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral for the victims of the Bali bombings.

ing was relevant to the Burrell trial and word of it was passed on to prosecutors on Monday, Boyce said.

"It was only when (the queen) saw media reports of the trial that she felt that her meetings five years ago with Mr. Burrell might be of some relevance," a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity.

The queen was on a 12-day trip to Canada during the early

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part of the trial, the spokeswoman said.

"The decision to drop the case against Mr. Burrell was entirely a decision for the prosecution," the palace said in a statement.

Boyce said the queen had not been briefed on the case against Burrell before the trial began and therefore had no way of knowing her meeting with the former butler was sig-

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University names writer-in-residence

Koumalats, who writes under the pen name Jodi Thomas, is the new writer-in-residence West Texas A&M University. She joined the WTAMU staff in September and is the University's first writer-in-residence in more than 30 years.

Thomas marks her new position with the release of her 16th novel, "The Texan's Wager." She will be the guest of honor at an autograph signing party for the new book from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Amarillo. The book's release also kicks off a six-week tour of book signings and speaking engagements. Her travel itinerary will include stops in Wichita Falls, Houston, Savannah, Ga., and Santa Fe, N.M.

Thomas is the author of numerous novels and four short-story collections.She has earned top accolades for her work including the coveted RITA award from the Romance Writers of America for "The Tender Texan" in 1991 and again in 1994 for "To Tame A Texan's Heart." In 1988, Thomas received

both the Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice for Best Western Romance and the National Press Women's Novel of the Year for her first published book, "Beneath a Texas Sky."

In her position as writer-inresidence, Thomas spends time working on her books, talking with students and faculty about creative writing and representing the University in her travels. Her office is housed on the second floor of Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

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1st Christian bazaar offers holiday gifts, food and fun

Christian Women's Pellowship of First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, is sponsoring its 32nd annual bazaar and garage sale Saturday, Nov. 16.

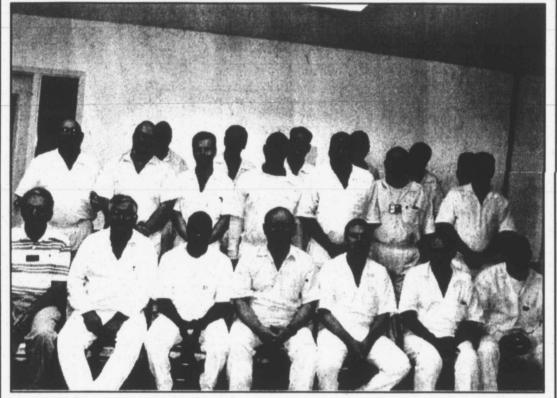
Beginning the days events, church members will start serving its traditional breakfast of homemade cinnamon rolls and hot coffee at 8 a.m. for a \$1 donation.

Among the bazaar's many features will be a Country Kitchen stocked with homemade jellies, jams, breads, and baked goods. The Arts and Crafts booths display artwork and crafts created by church members. Visitors will also find a plethora of holiday gifts, decorations and decorated Christmas trees.

Next door to the bazaar in the Family Life Center, a giant church-wide garage sale will be underway.

At 11 a.m., steaming bowls of homemade chili or stew will be served, along hot-from-the-oven cornbread, crackers and homemade pies with coffee or tea. Cost of the lunch is \$4.50 and take-out orders available at \$5.

The public is invited. Proceeds from the bazaar are used for church special needs and outreach projects. New Life Class #1



Pictured are members of the New Life Class #1. Front row: Jack Thompson, Harvey Neher, Larry Thompson, graduate Donald Freier, Richard Paul, "C" Cedillo, and graduate Loyd Swanson. Second row: Charlie W. Shockley, Earl Jamison, Steven Harris, graduate Clarence Jones, Fred White, Juan E. Jimenez II, and Freddie Decker. Third row, Burhett Jackson, James Moran, Chuck Adair, and graduates Alan Slates, John Sawyer, and Juan Fernando Murrillo.

CHURCH BRIEFS

DivorceCare starts Nov. 13

DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, begins at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday,

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression,"

"Forgiveness." Child care is provided. For more information, call Calvary Baptist

Calvary Assembly hosts singers

Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love St., plans an exciting praise, ministry, and worship service featuring Rick & Tammy, The Oak Singers, at the morning service, 11 a.m., "New Relationships," "KidCare," and Sunday, Nov. 3. The public is invited.

Tithing option: Use a credit card

Oatman tithed once a year at University Christian Church in Fort Worth until the beginning of this year.

That's when the local church began offering members the option of tithing electronically — by credit card.

Donors submit credit card or bank account numbers to the church and indicate how much money is to be deducted and how frequently.

Some local houses of worship have been using e-tithing for at least five years, and more church financial officers are considering it.

The practice crosses faith boundaries. St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford; Beth-El, a Jewish congregation in southwest Fort Worth: and Dominion Church, an interdenominational congregation in Arlington, are among those that accept electronic giving.

Local church business executives say they are uncertain just how much e-tithing increases giving overall. But they attest to its advantage: It provides a steady stream of contributions on which to build budgets, and it spreads church contributions more evenly throughout the year.

For example, electronic giving can make it easier for busy parents who are scrambling to get children off to

FORT WORTH — Gayla church or synagogue and may forget to take their checkbooks.

> And church giving usually dips in the summer when many families take vacations, but a planned electronic deduction keeps the tithes coming while the parishioners are away, said Don Houk, business manager at University Christian.

"It's steady income, and that's very helpful to us," Houk said.

The idea takes some getting used to, but many people use electronic deductions in much of their secular lives.

"They're accustomed to making their house payment by an automatic withdrawal from their checking account. So, they can make another house payment, this one to their house of worship, by the same method, or by credit card," said Sid Johnston, financial director at First Methodist Church of Fort Worth, a congregation that has used credit-card giving for the past 1 1/2 years.

Leighton Haselgrove, director of operations at Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury, said that although the church has offered the option of giving through automatic bank drafts since 1998, only about 30 of the church's 600 families use the

Jesus knew salvation does not come easy nor cheap

Would a Christian preacher try to talk unbelievers out of making a commitment to follow Christ? You wouldn't think one would, huh? But I know one who did. He wasn't trained in any seminary. That may have been why he didn't understand the objective of preaching. He didn't even received any training at a home church. That could also explain some of his unconventional ideas. But how in the world could anything explain why a preacher, about to launch a major evangelistic outreach, would drive his first three converts away. Didn't he realize that Jesus died on the cross for them? Who did he think he was? Only Jesus would have a right to do something like that and we certainly know that he wouldn't. Don't we know that? I'm sure you've already guessed the name of the preacher. That's right! It was Jesus.

In Luke 9:57-62 Jesus encounters three prospects. Two came to Jesus and committed to follow Him. Another was personally invited by Jesus, "Follow me." Now before we look at each of these three men, let me set the stage. The event that immedi-



Minister's Musings

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ately follows the encounter with these three men is the sending out of the 70 disciples for the purpose of evangelizing Judea. You'd think that Jesus would be in the mode of saving them and then moving on to the next convert. But He wasn't. He handled things differently. And maybe His example can teach all of us Christians today a thing or

The first man came and said to Jesus, "I will follow You wherever You go." Wow! What a commitment. You'd think that Jesus' next words would be, "Praise the Lord!" But they weren't. He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nest, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." What in the world did that have to do with the man's commitment. Jesus' words reveal that He must have

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either had serious doubts about the man's commitment or felt it necessary to test it. Either way the man wasn't part of the 70 "others" sent out in Luke 10:1. Why was Jesus so hard on him?

Without saying a word, the

second man received a personal invitation from Jesus Himself. "Follow Me." Wow! What an honor. Who could say no to that? That man did. He replied, "Permit me first to go and bury my father." Now that doesn't sound unreasonable, does it? Yes, it must have been because of how Jesus responded. "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." Doesn't that seem a little harsh? I'll even go you one better, doesn't that seem down right mean? I've been in more trouble than I could count for saying things that were about

one-tenth as blunt as Jesus' words here. Doesn't Jesus want to help people get saved? Why was Jesus so hard on him? The third man said to

Jesus, "I will follow You, Lord: but first permit me to say goodbye to those at home." How long could a "goodbye" take? Who in their right mind could argue with this simple, tiny request? Jesus would and did. "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (I firmly believe that at more than a few churches, a preacher would get fired if he was this blunt with someone coming forward for salvation; especially if it was a relative or friend of a church leader.) Had Jesus slipped over the

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edge? Didn't He realize how is no counting of the cost or hurtful those words must have deep repentance or sorrow been to that man? Why was Jesus so hard on him?

Why was Jesus so hard on these three men? I'll tell you why; because He loved them enough to die for them and He wanted them saved and faithful. No one knew better than Jesus that salvation is not cheap! Sometimes we make salvation so "easy" that there over sin.

We need to stop making salvation so easy and cheap. Salvation is costly! Repentance is hard! And sorrow for our sinful lives is painful! We should learn from all of the stories of Jesus, not just the soft, sweet, ooy-gooy ones that are our favorites. God bless.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl with a problem. Last spring, the day after we graduated from eighth grade, one of my friends was killed in a car accident.

Not a day goes by without my thinking about her — or the words the principal said when he told our class the horrible news. I've read all the newspaper stories and have visited her grave. I plan on going again on her birthday. When I go to the cemetery and realize she is in the ground, I start crying a thousand tears.

I try to remember the good times we spent together - the way she threw a ball and her big smile that could brighten anyone's day. She smiled all the time. (I used to be jealous of her because she was one of the prettiest girls in school.)

I would like to tell her family how much I loved her and to tell them all the good things we did together. I want them to know I am always thinking about her, but I don't know how to begin a letter. Can you help?
MISSING MY FRIEND

IN INDIANA

DEAR MISSING: I am sorry to learn you lost your dear friend. My heart goes out to you, her family and other friends.

Start the letter to the family by writing, "I'd like you to know the reasons I'll never forget vour daughter ..." Such a letter

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will be a priceless treasure to her parents and will help you to work through your own grief.

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister I'll call Lisa, who refuses to contact any of the family. Granted, for years she was physically abused by our father, our mother was cold and emotionally abusive, and I guess the family in general was unsupportive. But no family is perfect. Right?

Everyone in the family thinks Lisa is being selfish, bitter and unforgiving, myself included. I stood by my family. Lisa turned her back.

The last time I talked to Lisa, she said she had suffered greatly due to the family and wants a life of her own. How can she do this? She claims she doesn't feel "safe" with us.

I know our family isn't perfect by any means, and I know I haven't been the greatest sister, but she can't just leave! Right? She has a responsibility to this family. Isn't she being neglectful to simply turn her back on us?

Abby, you know how important family is. How can I get Lisa to admit she is wrong and return to the family? FRUSTRATED SISTER

IN CANADA

Marmaduke

The Family Circus

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Lisa unforgiving. After a lifetime of

Bldgs Spas Pools

the fact that you and the family still have each other.

a baby around the same time.

showers? How about a combined shower? Or is the whole idea of showers for men just not done?
CURIOUS OFFICE MATE

DEAR CURIOUS: Not done?

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abuse, she has somehow become healthy and refuses to tolerate being mistreated any longer.

young men working in our office. One is being married in a few months, and the other man's wife is expecting Is it appropriate to give them

Joint showers are a terrific concept. Invite the bride-to-be and the mother-to-be and make it a "Jack and Jill" shower. I see nothing inappropriate about showering good wishes and all that goes with them on these young couples.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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"Sorry you got blamed, Marmaduke, but some-

how you never look like an innocent bystander."

"Someday I might travel to another

planet, but I'm not sure why.'

Crossword Puzzle

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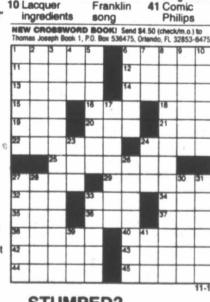
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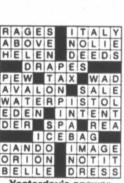
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I've decided to. leave everyone the money they owe me.

The best advice I can offer is to accept her decision and wish her well. She has served her time and has gone on to better things. Console yourself with

DEAR ABBY: There are two nice

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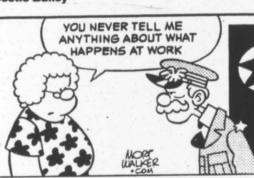








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MADISON, Miss. (AP) — Brad Elder was 2 over after three holes at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic but he finished with nine birdies in a 7-under 65 that gave him a onestroke lead over eight players after the opening

NARITA, Japan (AP) - Australian star Karrie Webb joined Annika Sorenstam and Se Ri Pak on the sidelines, losing her second-round match in the World Ladies Match Play Championship.

South Korea's Grace Park, a two-time winner on the LPGA Tour, beat Webb 1-up in wet conditions on the Narita Golf Club course.

ROME (AP) - Ian Poulter shot a career-best 11-under 61 and held a three-stroke lead after the Italian Open first round. Denmark's Anders Hansen and England's Mile Tunnicliff both shot 64 on the Ogiata Golf Club course. BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) -Jim Thome, the top hitter on the free-agent market, met with the Cleveland Indians, and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas exercised his right to leave the Chicago White Sox.

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Thomas was among 11 players who filed for free agency, raising the total to 130 among the approximately 180 who are eligible.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Giants senior vice president and general manager Brian Sabean agreed in principle to a multiyear contract to remain with San Francisco.

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Cubs declined their \$8.5 million option on Fred McGriff, making the first baseman eligible for free agency. He gets a \$500,000 buyout.

ST. LOUIS (AP) -Andy Benes was mulling his options after the St. Louis Cardinals declined a \$6 million option on his contract. The team wants to sign Benes, 35, but at a lower salary.

CHICAGO (AP) -William Ligue Jr., the man who joined his teen-age son in attacking Kansas City Royals coach Tom Gamboa during a game in September apologized in a phone call from jail to a Chicago-area newspa-

AUTO RACING

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) - A week ago, Max Papis was strolling through the Winston Cup garage at Atlanta Motor Speedway, checking out job possibili-

On Sunday, the 31-yearold Italian driver will be at the wheel of the No. 51 Lola-Honda, sitting in for injured Adrian Fernandez, in the 500 presented by Toyota at California Speedway.

Irvine and De La Rosa out at Jaguar

Irvine, the oldest driver in Formula One, has been released by Jaguar.

Jaguar has reportedly declined to renew a three-year contract with 36-year-old Irvine, who has won four races also was axed. Irvine the Sun in an interview

LONDON (AP) - Eddie in Formula One international scored all of Jaguar's eight Thursday from his Miami BMW-Williams' test driver, as racing.

Jaguar was expected to the official any. announcement Monday that Irvine's Spanish teammate Pedro De La Rosa

points this season and De La Rosa failed to score

"This doesn't really affect my plans for the future," Irvine told London newspaper

home. "If I were a team boss, I wouldn't be happy fielding two inexperienced drivers.'

Jaguar was reported ready to name Mark Webber of Minardi and Antonio Pizzonia, 1993 Japanese Grand Prix.

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Tour Championship

was his to win four years ago

when the season-ending event

was first played at East Lake.

He had a one-stroke lead. Hal

Sutton already was in the

bunker. Singh's 3-iron was

going right at the flag on the

The ball bounced over the

green and into the rough, lead-

ing to a bogey. Sutton saved

par from the bunker, then won

"It took me a while to get

He could have used a shot

into the 18th like he had Thursday in the opening round

of the Tour Championship -

a 5-wood that hopped and

stopped 8 inches from the cup

for a tap-in birdie, a 5-under

65 and a share of the lead with

birdies on the par-3 18th in the

first round Thursday, and

Singh knew even before he hit

his 5-wood how valuable a

birdie was. He looked over at

the leaderboard and saw a list

of players who walked off

blustery day at East Lake:

couple of streaks.

338 holes.

"I was just observing," he

— Tiger Woods ended a

The shifting wind nailed

him on the par-3 sixth, and his

7-iron sailed over the green

and into the water, leading to

his first double bogey since

the first hole of the third round

in the Buick Open, a streak of

putt on the 18th for a 71, ending a streak of 21 consecutive

rounds at par or better that

dates to his 81 in the third

"The wind was kind of baf-

- Phil Mickelson shot a

It was the first time all year

70, but won the "Comedian of

that Woods and Mickelson -

Nos. 1 and 2 in the world rank-

ing and on the money list —

were paired together, and it

was believed to be the first

time they played in the same

group since the last day at the

tee, the starter began reading

his long list of victories this

As Woods stood on the first

round of the British Open.

fling to all of us," he said.

the Day" award.

2001 Masters.

He also missed a 6-foot par

It was one of only two

Steve Lowery.

with a bogey.

on the first playoff hole.

over that one," Singh said.

232-yard closing hole.

How could he lose?

AP Golf Writer

East Lake.

Easy.

the replacements.

Reports suggest Irvine could have a chance at Minardi or return to Jordan, for whom he made his Formula One debut in the *

Players of the week



(Courtesy photo)

From left to right, Johnny Moore, Tommy Abernathy, Michael McCormick and Jordan Klaus. Moore is player of the week for the offense, resulting from last Friday's varsity game against Dumas. Abernathy and McCormick are players of the week for the defense. Klaus is player of the week for the special teams.

Seniors do Hidden Hills in 62

Willie Nickelberry, Kent Olson, Bob ners of Hidden Hills Senior Four Man

Haynes and James Lee were second with a 65. Number 15.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)

- Oklahoma State will try to

build on the momentum of its

game with Nebraska when the

Cowboys play Texas A&M on

other hand, want to forget all

Big 12) beat the Cornhuskers

24-21 two weeks ago, the pro-

gram's first victory over

Nebraska since 1961 and a

game that breathed life into

enters this game having just

lost to Nebraska. The Aggies,

playing at home, squandered a

17-point third-quarter lead and

plays done to win the ball

game," said A&M coach R.C.

Slocum. "We know going to

Oklahoma State this week will

to beat Nebraska, in order to

keep their bowl hopes alive

and to prove to themselves

that they can beat a solid team.

They had previously lost at

Louisiana Tech after blowing

a 16-point lead, had lost at

home to UCLA after taking an

early 10-0 lead, and had

thrown a scare into Texas

to Nebraska - we're playing

against a good team, and to go

to a bowl and do the things we

want to do, we've got to come

out two weeks in a row and

play great games," tight end

run and pass effectively

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The Cowboys were able to

"It's another thing similar

before losing by two.

Billy Bajema said.

The Cowboys badly needed

be another challenge."

"We just didn't get the

Texas A&M (5-3, 2-2)

The visiting Aggies, on the

Oklahoma State (3-4, 1-2

Saturday morning.

about Nebraska.

OSU's bowl hopes.

lost 38-31.

Bill King, Harley Knutson, Harvey Malone

Carl Johnson, Howard Musgrave, Waldon Lucio Moreno was closest to the hole on

said with a sly grin. Some other observations from the first round of a cold,

Henderson and Jim Osborne were first the win- and Bill Brown were third with a 66. Fourth, also with a 66, were Jim Batton, Joe Mabry, Bob Lyle and O.K. Lee. Scramble with a score of 62.

ran for a career-high 182 yards

in his first extensive playing

time of the year, and the

Cowboys finished with a 50-

50 split between yards gained

night against Nebraska's

ground game. The Aggies

began the night ranked No. 5

nationally, allowing 79 yards

per game, but gave up 381 to

Nebraska had two players

top 100 yards against an A&M

defense that had not allowed a

Oklahoma State's coaches

100-yard rushing performance

and players said it would be a

mistake to read too much into

how well Nebraska ran the

"Just because we had suc-

cess running the ball against

Nebraska doesn't mean we

will have success against

A&M," coach Les Miles said.

"The matchup is totally differ-

"I don't know if Texas

since the 2000 season.

ball against A&M.

outstanding defense.

Texas A&M had a rough

passing and running.

the Cornhuskers.

Big game looms for Cowboys, Aggies look at it like we're going up against Nebraska. Tatum Bell

> against another good team." The Aggies have shifted priorities on offense this season. Usually a run-oriented team, they now look to throw the ball more. Dustin Long is averaging 210 yards per game passing, third most in the Big

> "We've just tried to be more balanced in what we're trying to do, and I think it's helped us some," Slocum said. "It's more of a philosophical change than it is actually changing a bunch of formations or plays."

A victory on Saturday would give Oklahoma State four victories and put them in a great position to get the six wins needed to become bowl eligible.

The victory over Nebraska put the Cowboys in this position. Would beating A&M make a statement that OSU has turned the corner toward respectability?

"Whether or not it's a state-Bajema said last week's ment to anybody else, it's game doesn't change his opinwhat this football team needs," Miles said. "They ion that the Aggies have an need to play well against A&M. They need to put two A&M had their best night or good performances together not," he said. "But we just against good football teams."

Singh has score to settle year: Bay Hill, Masters, U.S. Open, Buick Open, American Express Championship. ATLANTA (AP) — Vijay

Mickelson playfully interrupted her. Singh has a score to settle with

"All right, all right," Left said, acting as though he had heard enough. Mickelson bogeyed two of

his final three holes for a 70, but was still smiling about his opening statement. "Just a little levity," he

said. "I didn't realize he had won that much. That's awesome."

- Steve Lowery knows how to make the most of his opportunities.

He was 28th on the money list when he missed the cut last week at the Buick Challenge and was in danger of falling out of the top 30 on the money list. He dropped only one spot and went to East Lake, not Mississippi for an oppositefield event.

Lowery shot a 60 in the pro-am Tuesday, then shot a 65 when it counted.

"I've been playing good this year," said Lowery, who has finished second in three events and is one of six players at the Tour Championship who haven't won this year. "I felt like on this golf course, you could shoot a low score. I was playing well enough to do

Charles Howell III shared a lot in common with Singh, although certainly not the wardrobe.

Howell, with the retro look from Swedish designer Johan Lindeberg, joined Singh as the only players to birdie the 18th, and the only players to avoid a

He shot a 66 and was one stroke behind going into the second round.

"The wind blew, and the colder temperatures are things we have not seen lately on the PGA Tour," Howell said. "It might take players a little bit to get on a roll."

Still, Singh grabbed the

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP NBA owners have approved an agreement with Charlotte for an expansion team that could begin play in a new arena in 2004-05, The Charlotte Observer reported.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -The Indiana Pacers signed guard Ron Artest and forward Jonathan Bender to contract extensions, without which they would have become restricted free agents after this season.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -Orlando Magic forward Horace Grant could be out until December because his left knee has not healed from arthroscopic surgery he had almost seven weeks ago.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney will head a new committee designed to ensure that more blacks are interviewed and hired for NFL coaching and front-office positions.

PITTSBURGH (AP) -The NFL handed \$5,000 fines to Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Plaxico Burress for an on-field tantrum Sunday, Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick for wearing red socks in violation of uniform dress code, and wide receiver Shawn Jefferson for shoddy shoes.

Nebraska puts home win streak on the line

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -Nebraska is putting the nation's longest home winning streak of 26 on the line Saturday night when No. 7 Texas comes to visit.

"A night game under the lights, with everyone getting ready all day long for the game, can build some momentum," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "We expect that the crowd will be electrified and very loud as usual."

Texas A&M's Kyle Field, "The Swamp" at Florida and LSU's Tiger Stadium rank among the some of the venues most unkind to visiting teams.

But NU's Memorial Stadium takes a back seat to none of them.

The Huskers (6-3, 2-2) have played in Memorial Stadium 448 times since it was built in 1923. They have won 336 of those games — more than 76 percent.

"We have maybe as big a home advantage as anyone in the country," Solich said.

None of that is lost on Texas coach Mack Brown, who, by the way, is the only coach in the land to have posted a win at Nebraska since 1991.

Brown brought unranked Texas (7-1, 3-1) team to Lincoln in 1998 and

upset the No. 7 Cornhuskers 20-16, snapping Nebraska's 47-game home winning streak.

"They're 73-1 at home over the last 74 games, which is phenomenal," Brown said. "We're proud of our little 17game streak. Those guys have done it like you're supposed to."

Texas defensive end Cory Redding said Brown has talked to the team about the challenge of playing in Lincoln.

"I know the Sea of Red is going to be there. The stadium is going to be real excited," he said. "Nebraska football is just like Texas football. The fans really love football."

Redding said the cold temperatures won't bother him.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's a little bit different from the 90 degrees here. It's going to be a chilled atmosphere.'

Solich said he's expecting the Nebraska fans to be vocal.

"Our fans have been outstanding in terms of their support of this program," he said. "They continue to come ... and continue to be loud — as I'm sure they will be this week."

"It gives great incentive and an edge in terms of lining up and playing great football," he said.

Longhorn defensive tackle Marcus Tubbs apparently is not impressed by NU's homefield advantage, calling the contest "just another game away from our house."

NU linebacker Shanle, who was a redshirt freshman in 1998, said Nebraska's players want to protect their winning streak at home.

"We're very proud of our fans here, and we want to continue that," he said

Texas quarterback Chris Simms, who was in high school the last time the Huskers lost at home, knows Nebraska will be ready.

Michael Jordan credited with Boston Celtics loss

By JOSEPH WHITE AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -Credit Michael Jordan for handing the Boston Celtics their worst loss in franchise history.

After all, not only did Jordan score 21 points in 21 minutes in Washington's 114-69 rout Wednesday night, he also assembled the players that did the rest of the damage.

"In terms of what we all envisioned, in putting this team together, tonight it worked perfectly," Jordan

All the parts clicked. Jordan found chemistry with Jerry Stackhouse, who had 22 points and 10 assists. Kwame Brown, a bust as a rookie a year ago, scored 20 points and blocked six shots in his second solid game in a row. The Wizards shot 52 percent and outrebounded Boston 59-31.

"That's as good as I think I've ever had a team play —

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game," coach Doug Collins said.

The Wizards were a disorganized mess the night before, with Jordan looking all of his 39 years and no one shooting well in an opening loss in Toronto. Things can change a lot in 24 hours, and Jordan was so emotionally involved that he was vehemently arguing a foul call with his team up 27 points late in the third quarter.

Jordan and the Wizards never let up, even as the Celtics seemed to be trying to run out the clock by taking bad long-range shots that kept the ball in play.

"Tonight we got it handed to us," said Antoine Walker, who had seven turnovers, scored 12 points and was 5-of-16 from the field.

In the only other games Thursday night, Sacramento beat Portland 100-72, and Atlanta defeated Utah 105-98.

The 45-point margin topped Boston's previous worst regu-

just in every phase of the lar-season loss, 44 points in a 128-84 defeat at Portland on Jan. 4, 1977. It was also the third-largest margin of victory in Wizards history.

The Celtics are 0-2, having lost at home to Chicago on Wednesday night.

"We're not panicking," said Paul Pierce, who scored 12 points on 3-for-16 shooting. "We're just out of the gates a bit slow."

points and missed a dunk in the second half of the Toronto game. Against the Celtics, he was 8-of-15 from the field, 5of-5 from the free-throw line and had four rebounds and five assists.

At the end of the first half. Jordan made two free throws. raced to his right to steal the inbounds pass, pumped and made a 21-foot jumper complete with a little kick — The Wizards had an 18-point lead as he left the court with a big smile to thunderous applause.

The four-point sequence put the Wizards ahead 58-40. The Celtics never threatened in the second half, when several of the big moments belonged to Brown.

The 20-year-old forward made a three-point play, dunked off a feed from Jordan Jordan scored just eight just before the halftime buzzer. and had a stellar sequence in

Tech hopes to reclaim offensive rhythm, Baylor looks to score, stop Kingsbury

By BETSY BLANEY **Associated Press Writer**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech, trying to get back on track after a disappointing loss to Colorado, faces a Baylor team Saturday that is searching for its second Big 12 victory of the season.

Tech (5-4, 2-2 Big 12) is coming off a poor perforany second-half points for the Cicero or Guy Tomcheck. first time this season.

urgency this week, I'll run him off," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "The Colorado game is over but accountability for how you play and how you practice, that's never over."

Baylor (3-5, 1-3) will be looking to score points, having logged only 10 in its past three games that included shutout losses to Colorado and Texas

The Bears won their first conference game in three years, beating Kansas 35-32 in their league opener. They also are in the midst of a quarter-

Zachry suffered his fifth concussion in five years — one was from a car wreck — and is likely done for the year.

"As far as the quarterback position, it's going to be dayto-day, but I think at this point in time Aaron (Karas) will be ready to play," Baylor coach Kevin Steele said. "That's basing it on his progress, and I think he'll be fine.

If Karas can't overcome the mance by its offense and spe- bruised right shoulder that cial teams in a 37-13 loss to took him out last weekend, Colorado. Tech didn't score Steele will go with either Greg

Cicero was the starter when "If I find a guy out there the season began and came off for Saturday's game. ho doesn't have a sense of the bench against Kansas State and threw seven of 13 for 90 yards and one touchdown with one interception and four

> Last week, Leach let his players know he was mad about the performance of Kliff Kingsbury, the offense and special teams by not allowing them to speak with the media following the loss. And he has no qualms about doing it again if warranted.

"I wanted them to think what our performance was, not to just waltz out there and spin doctor what it was and find a bunch of positives In Baylor's 44-10 loss to because there isn't a bunch of Kansas State last week, Josh positives," Leach said.

"There's no alibis for not playing hard every play. There's none."

For Tech, Kingsbury had what for him was a bad day against a tough Buffaloes defense. He threw a career high four interceptions, two of which resulted in touchdowns, and had a season low 268 yards passing. He is averaging 364 yards.

Kingsbury is nursing a cut he suffered on his right elbow against Missouri two weeks ago that required stitches. It reopened against Colorado but Leach said he should be fine

"I have no doubt that the offense is going to bounce back," said linebacker John Saldi. "We just know that we have to bounce back and have a good game again this week. All three sides of the ball have to come together."

Steele knows his defense has to be sharp, and all over the field. When Kingsbury is on, he delivers and it usually mean lots of points, Steele said.

"They're hard to control, you've got to keep a cap on it," Steele said. "I don't think anybody wants to get into a scoring duel in any game but particularly with Kliff Kingsbury.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

Take your time making decisions this someone better. year. Use time alone to mull over ideas. CANCER (June 21-July 22) It would be best not to leap to conclu- *** For the moon child, spending

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Celebrate! Your hard work pays off. and a great movie. 2003 brings a new relationship for single LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

that you're not around. Sometimes peo- loved one. Tonight: Out on the town. ple need to miss someone in order to LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) appreciate him or her. Tonight: Join in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) relax more. A family member adores you Clearly where the action is. and lets you know it. Isn't that nice? SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) .Tonight: You don't have to go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** * * Your playfulness delights a with which to brainstorm or air out a perchild or a new friend. This person also sonal issue. You'll get great advice! Treat has a way of amusing you. You really this person to a special meal or another enjoy your free time together. Discover a type of happening he or she would love. mutually fun pastime. Share hobbies. Tonight: Vanish when you can

Chat during dinner and get to know

sions. You find a boss, parent or respect- time at home proves to be delightful ed associate very important to you this nearly anytime. Clear out a key project. year. You often use this person as a Finish what you need to get done so that sounding board. Often you stuff your you can kick back and enjoy your family. anger down. You gain professionally. A A new purchase might be possible. Play pay raise and/or promotion seems likely. with the budget. Tonight: Favorite dinner

Scorpios. This person might be very spe- *** That extra effort pays off, flack at first. Talk to a partner or dear cial. If attached, your relationship will whether it is a phone call, pitching in to friend. Postpone plans until later on in benefit from sensitivity mixed with help a neighbor or doing something long openness. LIBRA knows how to unnerve overdue. You'll smile as a result, and so will everyone else. Take time to chat with those in your life. Don't rush off.

> 4-Positive; VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) enough! Replace an object or item that seems to clog up the works and slow the

* * Sit back and let others take action. ever-efficient Virgin down. You're not so Now, isn't this a nice change? Others concerned with your budget right now. look for you, perhaps a bit disappointed Treat yourself, as well as a dear friend or * * * * Take an action you have been

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** * Take charge. Make a decision that can help an older relative or loved one. This person might give you a bit of the day, if you must. He or she will understand. Tonight: A must show. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** * Wanderlust hits. Make some calls and find a friend who might be up for an adventure. Explore the planetari-** You decide that enough is um. Find your nearest natural history museum. Others might be most intrigued by your bohemian style. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A partner sorely wants your attention. What he or she might do to get it could shock you. Consider your plans. Sit down and talk to this loved one. What could appear to be a burden develops into a fun time. Run with the moment. Tonight: Be a duo.

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Elder in the swing in Southern Farm Bureau Classic

By RALPH D. RUSSO **AP Sports Writer**

MADISON, Miss. (AP) — All the work Brad Elder has been doing on his swing is starting to produce some promising results.

Overcoming a slow start, Elder made nine birdies and shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday to take a one-stroke lead in the Southern Farm Bureau Classic.

Eight players opened with 66s, including defending champion Cameron Beckman, rookie Jonathan Byrd, who won his first PGA Tour title last week, and Tommy Tolles, whose adventurous first round included a 40-yard par save.

The 27-year-old Elder is in his third season on the PGA Tour, with his game slipping each year. He was 68th on the money list in 2000 and 128th last year. He entered the final week of the season 173rd, meaning he'll need to win this event to avoid a second straight trip to the qualifying tournament.

He has been working with a coach on his swing for about six months.

"I'm changing my swing because this is my third year out here and I want to get better and I want to improve," he said. "One of my weaknesses has been ball striking. My driving is usually good, but it has faltered over the past few years."

Elder said he is trying to keep his club out in front of his body more and his left wrist flatter at the top of his swing.

"It's been a long process, but it's been well worth it. I'm just happy to see the results today," he said.

The weather was cool, clear and breezy Thursday, but the 7,199-yard earn their cards.

Annandale course was still showing the effects of about 13 inches of rain that fell

in the area over the last five weeks. Conditions were so soggy that players were allowed to lift, clean and place balls in the fairway. Players often refer to the provision as "lift, clean and cheat" because of their ability to take advantage

of perfect lies. It didn't help Elder early as he was 2. over after three holes.

"I didn't hit my first green until the fourth hole," he said. "But I hung in there and played well."

Elder's final birdie gave him the lead on the par-5 18th. He was about 70 feet from the hole when he chipped onto the green with a wedge, then made a 6-footer to reach 7 under.

Tolles put together Thursday's wildest round. Along with his long chip on No. 2, he holed out twice from bunkers - once for birdie and once for eagle — and made a 25-foot birdie putt from the fringe on No. 4.

"Players always complain that breaks never go their way. I'm no different-from anybody else," he said. "But today I got multiple good breaks."

Kirk Triplett, Luke Donald, Eduardo Herrera, Deane Pappas and Jonathan Kaye also shot 66s.

The final stop on the PGA Tour marks the last shot for players to earn playing privileges for next season. The top 125 on the money list are fully exempt in 2003. Those outside the top 125 have to earn their tour cards in Q School.

Elder is No. 173 and Tolles is 177th on the money list. Both need a win to ISSUE

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