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Traffic Commission meeting cancelled

The City of Pampa Traffic Commission meeting set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, has been cancelled because there were no action to be taken.

GCAD board to meet

Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Gray County Appraisal District Conference Room, 815 N. Sumner.

Action items include Appraisal Review Board appointments, the 2003 plan for Texas County and District Retirement System and an appointment to the Board of Directors.

Lefors school board meets on Thursday

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District Board of trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Lefors High School Library, 209 Fifth Street.

Items on the agenda include updating the substitute teacher list, personnel, superintendent's report, financial reports, and student dropout audit.

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City OKs fire contract with county

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

In their final meeting of the year, Pampa City Commission made quick work of their agenda Tuesday night.

In rapid succession, commissioners went through the items listed on the agenda, starting with cancelling what would have been their second meeting of the month, usually held on the fourth Tuesday, since it would fall on Christmas Eve.

They approved a fire services contract between the city and Gray County, approved the first reading of a junk and abandoned vehicle ordinance and authorized the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Interim City Manager John Hatcher told commissioners that the fire services contract resulted from numerous meetings with Gray County Judge Richard Peet and rewrites.

The new contract aligns the one-year agreement to the fiscal year of



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Commissioner Faustina Curry questions members of the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board during the Pampa City Commission work session Tuesday night.

both the city and the county. It begins on Oct. 1 and runs through Sept. 30. While the amount the county pays the city, \$130,000, remains the same as last year, the county agreed to split the cost of damaged equipment with the

city if the equipment is damaged or runs into the county. The city has a \$1,000 deductible on the equipment, but the insurance policy pays only the market value of the equipment. Under the new contract, the county agreed to split with the city the difference between replacement value of damaged equipment and what the insurance will pay.

The contract also formalizes an informal agreement between the Pampa Fire Department and the Gray County Sheriff's Office in which the sheriff's department can send city fire units back if they are not needed at the scene of a fire or at an accident site.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell told the commissioners during their work session that last year the fire department responded to about 140 calls.

The new contract also establishes regular review of the system by the Pampa City Manager and the Gray County Judge.

Judge Peet is expected to present the new contract to the Gray County (See CITY, Page 3)

Officers seeking leads on dog shot with arrow

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

After being found Sunday with an arrow sticking out from his right hindquarter, a local dog was recuperating this morning following surgery at a local veterinarian's office.

Dr. Brian Gordzelik, DVM, completed surgery at his office on the black and tan mixed breed old male dog around 10 a.m. today.

He was not available for comment as he was called out on an emergency, said a spokeswoman in his office. She said the dog was coming out from the anesthesia and doing well.

Pampa police officers are seeking any information regarding the people who apparently shot the dog with an arrow.

The dog was first seen at Montague and Dwight streets, said Det. Connie Lockridge.

"The next report was that he was at Buckler and Gray. He was finally located at Buckler and Frost, which is about a mile from the original sighting," said Lockridge.

"The dog was resting on his right side and an aluminum arrow could be seen protruding from his right hindquarter."

Lockridge said Animal Control Supervisor Sandy

Burns responded to the police department's request for assistance.

"The dog was very docile and did not resist the help offered him. When he stood, a heavy amount of blood was visible around the entrance wound that appeared to be about two inches in length," she said. "Burns cut the arrow so that only the tip and about three inches remained in the dog."

She said the portion of the arrow that was cut off is about 25 inches in length and is of bronze or orange shaded aluminum.

"A \$250 reward is being offered by an anonymous donor for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the injury to this beautiful creature," said Lockridge. "No one has come (See DOG, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

McGruff the Crime Dog waves from the tailgate of a Pampa Police Department pickup. More "Come Back to Christmas" photos can be seen on Page 12 of today's edition.

Chamber names parade winners

Cold temperatures and melting snow didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of Pampa's "Come Back to Christmas" Victorian themed celebration and parade Saturday.

"We had lots of positive comments," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. "The merchants said they had a very good day. It was a lot of fun."

Two Pampans walked away \$500 richer from the Pampa Bucks give-away, part of the all-day event co-sponsored by the Downtown Business Association and Chamber Retail Committee. Jane Jacobs and Kathy Gomez each won \$500 in Pampa Bucks.

Approximately 60 individuals, groups, and businesses entered the 2002 Christmas Parade, Rice said.

Although officials were concerned icy streets and snow from a six-inch snow storm earlier in the week might cause the parade to be cancelled, City of Pampa crews worked hard to clear the streets before Saturday.

Temperatures in the low 30s didn't keep local and area citizens of all ages from bundling up in hats, coats and gloves and lining the parade path, either.

These are the winners of the 2002 Christmas Parade, according to the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commercial - 1. Pampa Regional Medical Center; 2. Centramedia; 3. National Bank of Commerce.

Non-Commercial - 1. Texas Plains Council - Girl Scouts; 2. Briawna Richards; 3. Pampa Fire Department.

Religious - 1. Hobart Baptist Church; 2. Knights of Columbus.

Classic Cars - 1. Randy Swires, 1966 flatbed truck; 2. Raymond Swaney, 1955 Ford; 3. Cruisers Car Club.

Antique Cars - 1. Raymond Swaney, Model A Ford roadster; 2. Dean Elliott, 1930 Model AA Ford truck; 3. Miles Cook. (See PARADE, Page 3)



(Pampa Police Department photo)

This mixed breed dog was found shot by the arrow at right. Officers continue to investigate as the dog recovers from surgery.

Deputy picking up prisoners wrecks county vehicle in fog

Extreme low visibility caused a Gray County Sheriff's Department to miss a turn and wreck in Hall County early this morning.

Sheriff Don Copeland said Deputy Nicole Dona left Pampa around 4 a.m. this morning to take custody of two Gray County Prisoner being housed in Dickens County and transport them to the prison unit in Huntsville.

"I received the call before 5 a.m. this morning that she'd had a wreck," he said. "She was driving about 15 miles south of Clarendon on

Highway 70. She came upon a T-intersection of Hwy. 70 and Highway 256, but couldn't see it because of the heavy fog," he said. Copeland said she went straight instead of turning as she could not see the road sign.

"The main thing is that she is alright," said the sheriff.

He said he didn't know the extent of damages to the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, but that the vehicle was on the list of cars to be traded.

The accident occurred in Hall County.

Happy Holidays...from Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

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ON RECORD

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.59
Milo	3.95
Corn	4.43
Soybeans	4.85
Sunflowers	8.75

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	27.84	0.06
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Puritan	NA	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP	39.64	+0.04
Celanese	22.88	+0.07
Cabot Corp.	26.50	+0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	25.15	+0.10
Coca Cola	46.20	-0.30

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

3:10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the Wal-Mart parking lot, 2225 N. Hobart.

3:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a smoke alarm in the 2000 block of Duncan. A low battery had activated the smoke detector.

6:42 p.m. — Firefighters presented a fire safety talk for the Girl Scouts.

8:22 p.m. — Two units and eight firefighters responded to a smoke odor at Family Dollar, 421 E. Frederic. A wire had shorted in the timer for the outside lights. Firefighters disconnected the timer and an electrician was called.

POLICE

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

Monday, Dec. 9

Beer valued at \$19.99 was reported shoplifted from a convenience store in the 1100 block of West Alcock.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Joshua K. Green, 24, 645 Wilson, was arrested on a Potter County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Mark Ethan Dunn, 43, 431 Hazel, was arrested on municipal warrants for theft under \$50, no drivers license, no registration and no insurance.

Reynaldo Wilson, 27, 117 N. Starkweather, was arrested on municipal warrants for disorderly conduct-language.

Five tires were reported slashed in the 2500 block of Christine. Estimate of loss was \$750.

A disruption of class report involving a 24-year-old male in the 2400 block of North Charles was made to officers.

A ring estimated to be valued at \$487 was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Seneca.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) to transport one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

3:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to PRMC.

6:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of South Houston for lifting assistance.

8:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Eshom; no patient was transported.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

1:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Farley; no patient was transported.

6:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Russell for lifting assistance.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Christina A. Dills, 21, 419 Wynn, was arrested for burglary of a habitation with the intention to commit assault.

Kathryn Ann Millett, 48, Woodward, Okla., was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 20, Perryton, was arrested for violation of probation. Original charge was possession of marijuana.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

PERSONS, Georgia Ruth — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 50s, and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, lows in the upper 20s, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph and a 20 percent chance of snow. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE

Rain fell back in the forecast for Wednesday night and Thursday in many regions across the state as temperatures remained cool.

North Texas should be partly cloudy Wednesday night, with lows from the upper 30s east to mid 40s west. Thursday should be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms central and east. Highs Thursday will be in the upper 50s.

The Texas Panhandle will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow Wednesday night and lows in the mid 20s. Thursday will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow. Highs on Thursday should be in the lower 40s.

Far West Texas should be mostly clear Wednesday night with lows from 31 to 36. Thursday should be mostly sunny with highs from 55 to 60.

The Texas Hill Country and south-central Texas will see patchy fog with a slight chance of rain after midnight. Lows should be in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Thursday should be cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the lower to mid 60s.

The forecast for southeast Texas and the upper Texas Coast shows Wednesday night becoming mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight in the southern half of the region.

Lows should be in the 40s to near 50 inland and mid 50s at the coast. Thursday should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the lower to mid 60s.

Appeals court to review ruling that allows camera in jury room

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decided Wednesday it will review a judge's decision to allow a camera in the jury deliberation room of a capital murder trial.

"These cases are kind of unusual in that the court has discretion in deciding whether to even hear them," general counsel for the appeals court Richard Wetzel said Wednesday.

After requesting a response from state District Judge Ted Poe to objections raised by Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal, the court scheduled oral arguments in the case for Jan. 15.

Wetzel said Poe and Rosenthal each will get the standard 20 minutes to present his side of the case. He said PBS' documentary series Frontline, which Poe granted the ability to film the capital murder trial of 17-year-old Cedric Harrison and filed a brief supporting Poe, will not be granted an opportunity to address the appeals court.

"They are not an official party any more than Mr. Harrison is," Wetzel said of Frontline.

Poe ruled in November that a camera could record Harrison's entire trial, including jury selection and deliberations. Rosenthal appealed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, saying allowing a camera in the jury room would fundamentally change the judicial process by invading what has traditionally been a secret process.

City Briefs

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Lawmaker seeks impeachment of judge taped using racial slur

HOUSTON (AP) — Two state lawmakers are seeking the impeachment of a Brazoria County justice of the peace who was videotaped using racial slurs and profanity while arraigning inmates.

Rep. Ron Wilson said Tuesday that he and Rep. Harold Dutton, both D-Houston, have asked the Texas Legislative Council to draft articles of impeachment against Judge Matt Zepeda.

Zepeda's videotaped remarks were made public in October.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct is reviewing the incident at the request of Jeri Yenne, Brazoria County district attorney.

But Wilson said he doesn't know what will result from the commission's review or how long it will take.

"The appalling manner in which Judge Zepeda conducted his business warrants that some action be taken," Wilson said. "The manner of which the Legislature can speak to that is the impeachment process."

But it is unclear whether the Legislature may impeach a county justice of the peace.

The Texas Constitution provides impeachment for removing the governor and other statewide officials, judges of the Supreme Court, courts of appeal and district courts. It also permits the Legislature to designate by law other officers subject to impeachment.

Chapter 665 of the Texas Statutes, which covers impeachment proceedings, names only state officers as eligible. Chapter 87, which deals with removal of county officials, does not mention impeachment.

Wilson referred further inquiries to Steve Collins, Texas Legislative Council director, who could not be reached.

Also Tuesday, a group of black ministers and activists held a news conference in Houston to support the impeachment effort. They expressed skepticism that the judicial commission will seek Zepeda's removal and also called on Yenne to file a lawsuit seeking his ouster.

Margaret Reaves, the commission's executive director, said no public documents have been produced in Zepeda's case, meaning the commission has not charged him.

"He must get off the bench," said Robert Muhammad with the Nation of Islam. "We have zero tolerance for any elected official acting in an inappropriate manner."


Yenne said people need to let the judicial commission finish its work.

"We as Americans are going to allow people, no matter how outrageous the accusations are, and they are outrageous, to have a hearing," Yenne said.

"If the judicial conduct commission makes a decision I feel in inconsistent with justice, I will review it," Yenne said. "I will not be rushed to (file a removal suit) based on political pressure."

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Bolstered U.N. force steps up inspection times; desert team still at uranium mine

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A newly reinforced corps of U.N. weapons monitors, quickening the pace of surprise inspections, sent teams out across the Iraqi countryside again Wednesday and made return visits to a large complex where Iraq once worked on a nuclear bomb.

In Washington, U.S. experts combed the 12,000-page weapons declaration that Iraq submitted to the United Nations last weekend. U.S. officials said much of the material appeared to be recycled versions of earlier documents.

Deep in the western Iraqi desert, near the Syrian border, another U.N. team was in the second day of its inspection of a remote uranium mining site.

It was the start of the third week of inspections, after a four-year gap, under a new U.N. Security Council resolution mandating that Iraq surrender any weapons of mass destruction and report on nuclear, biological and chemical research and production.

That report was already being scrutinized closely for any new sources of concern about the Iraqi arsenal and intentions.

The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China — were given uncensored copies of the report. Copies given to the 10 other council members will have sensitive details of nuclear technology edited out, a move that some of the countries saw as an affront.

On Tuesday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said that decision was "fine, but the approach and style were wrong."

Such new information would aid in planning the arms monitors' work in Iraq over the coming months. However, U.S. officials close to the review process said an initial, quick review of the material showed a lot of familiar information, data and statements that Iraq had submitted in the past.

They said the Iraqi report was copied and broken up to be evaluated in sections by specialists gathered according to their areas of expertise. Most of the work was going on at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., but some evaluation was being done elsewhere in the Washington area.

In the coming weeks, U.N. officials hope to cover hundreds of industrial and research installations, many of them "dual-use" sites whose products or equipment could be devoted to either civilian or military use.

Twenty-eight new inspectors flew to Baghdad on Tuesday, bolstering the U.N. operation to 70 inspectors. U.N. technicians also readied the first of eight helicopters expected to join the monitoring effort.

The United Nations hopes to have 80 to 100 inspectors at work in the field each day by late December. They come from both the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency and the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, UNMOVIC, whose inspectors specialize in chemical and biological weapons and missiles.

On Tuesday, they mounted the largest number of inspections yet, visiting 13 sites. The farthest afield was the al-Qaim mining operation at Akashat, in the desert 250 miles west of the Iraqi capital. That inspection was scheduled to last two to three days.

In the 1980s, the Iraqis exploited the phosphate deposits at al-Qaim for their uranium content as well as for fertilizer, producing some 100 tons of uranium over six years. The site came under U.N. inspections during a previous monitoring regime in the 1990s.

An UNMOVIC statement said the al-Qaim team "is tasked with verifying the status of destroyed equipment (and) to determine that no uranium extraction activities have been resumed."

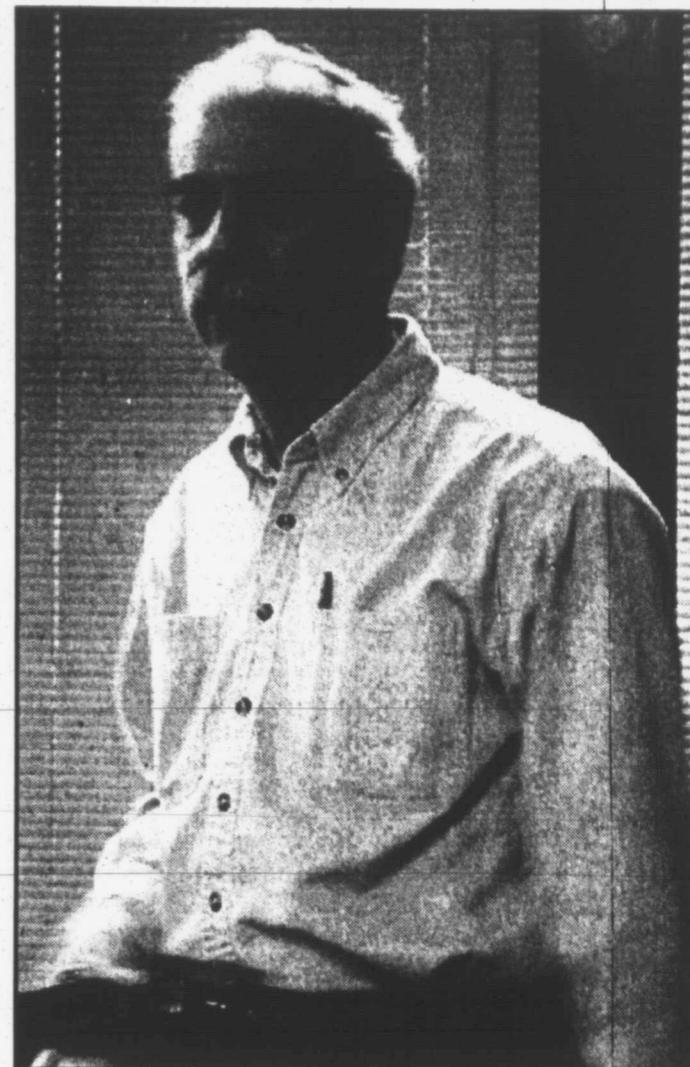
Other nuclear inspectors Wednesday again visited al-Tuwaita, Iraq's major nuclear research center, 15 miles southeast of Baghdad. In the 1980s, Iraqi scientists and engineers at al-Tuwaita worked on developing technology for enriching uranium to levels usable in bombs.

The complex contains more than 100 buildings, many of which were destroyed in U.S. bombing during the 1991 Gulf War. U.N. officials said the new round of inspections there would last at least through Thursday, as IAEA specialists checked for any signs of revived Iraqi interest in nuclear weaponry.

Another team Wednesday drove to an industrial zone north of Baghdad to inspect a factory belonging to al-Karama, a company long involved in missile production. Under U.N. resolutions adopted after Iraq's defeat in the Gulf War, Iraq is forbidden to possess missiles with a range greater than 90 miles.

The U.N. inspections of the 1990s led to destruction of tons of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons, and to dismantlement of Iraq's program to try to build atomic bombs. That monitoring regime broke down in 1998 amid U.N.-Iraqi disputes.

Rabies update



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Dr. James Alexander, zoonosis specialist with the Texas Department of Health in Canyon, presented an updated review for local rabies control authorities, law enforcement and animal control officers today at Pampa City Hall. Approximately 15 to 20 local workers participated in the session which focused on the status of rabies in the state and the Texas Panhandle area. Dr. Alexander also gave an overview on West Nile Virus.

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CITY

Commissioners Court Monday, Dec. 16, for their review.

The city commission also unanimously approved the first reading of an amended junk and abandoned vehicle ordinance. Hatchel said the new ordinance brings the city's law into accordance with state law.

Proposed changes to the ordinance include defining an abandoned vehicle as being at least five years old and defining a junk vehicle to being one that has been inoperable for 72 consecutive hours on public property or 30 consecutive days on private property. Vehicles would still have to meet the nuisance standards set down in the previous ordinance.

Under the amended ordinance, the city could use abandoned vehicles taken into custody, but once that use ends, the vehicles would have to be sold at auction.

A second reading, scheduled for the city commission's next meeting on Jan. 14, will be necessary before the ordinance becomes law.

In other business, the commissioners approved the submission of an application for a federal grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the Safe Routes to School Program.

The city is seeking \$36,572 which will be paired with \$9,144 of local matching funds for a \$45,716 project to change signs around schools from yellow to fluorescent green and add several solar-powered flashing signals in school zones.

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, said the new signs will not change the traffic flow around the schools. Morris said that new signage is being introduced across the nation and that this might be an opportunity to use federal funds to make changes. He said that at some point in the future, such signage might be mandated and funds may not be available for the change.

During the commission's work session prior to their 6 p.m. meeting, Hatchel told commissioners that a group planning to demolish the Coronado Inn had withdrawn their request for help from the city. The project which involves the group forming a limited liability company, Hatchel said, is moving forward, but the city participation won't be needed.

Also during the work session, Hatchel presented the commission with a recommendation by the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board to sell beer at the golf course to offset the city's subsidy of the course. While commending the

advisory board for their idea, Hatchel said he could not recommend selling beer at the city golf course because of potential liability problems. Hatchel said, however, that the commission might want to revisit the idea in six months after Mitch L. Grant, the newly hired city manager, has been on the job for a while.

The advisory board study indicated the sale of beer could bring between \$10,000 and \$12,000 into the golf course coffers. The city subsidized the golf course during FY (fiscal year) 2001-2002 to the tune of \$13,849. For FY 2002-2003, revenues are projected to be \$13,963 over expenses.

Recognizing Hatchel's work with the commission while they have searched for a new city manager, Mayor Lonny Robbins expressed the commission's appreciation.

"John, you've done a really great job," Robbins said.

"I've had a great team to work with," Hatchel replied. "I've had a lot of fun."

Hatchel's final day on the job will be Thursday, Dec. 12. Grant begins his duties as Pampa City Manager on Jan. 8.

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DOG

forward to offer an explanation as to why he was shot with the arrow."

She said the authorities have no idea where the dog lived, but said he has an excellent disposition.

"He is so sweet," she said. "He never snapped or growled when we were working with him."

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PARADE

1923 Model T Ford.
Motorcycles/ 4 Wheelers - 1. Dwight, Lisa & Jayce Hamlin, 2 motor scooters; 2. John Radcliff, motorized car and Cushman scooter; 3. Brody Peters.

Horses - 1. Kathey and Karami Rice; 2. Brooke and Kenzie Parks.

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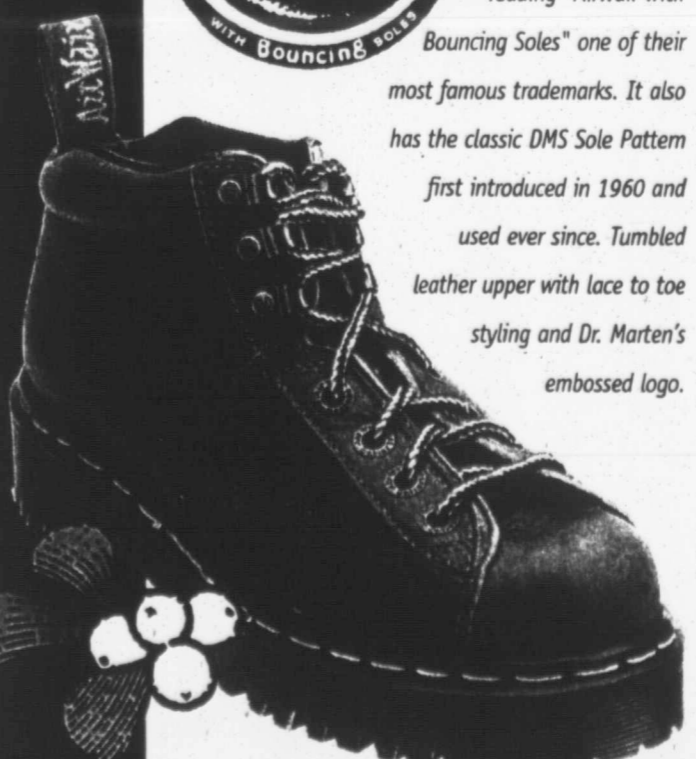
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Yemen vowed before not to buy missiles from North Korea, U.S. says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The missile shipment seized in the Arabian Sea appears to violate an agreement Yemen made with the United States not to buy such equipment from North Korea, defense officials said Wednesday.

A Yemeni official told The Associated Press in San'a that

Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Kerbi summoned U.S. Ambassador Edmund J. Hull to protest the seizure and ask for the return of the equipment, which was planned for "defensive purposes."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, asked if the United States objects to such a

missile transaction between Yemen and North Korea, said only that "we are now discussing with Yemen what the next steps to take are."

"I don't want to get into jumping into conclusions at this point," McClellan said. He added, "Yemen has been a friend and partner in the global war on terrorism."

The Spanish military stopped the ship Monday, sailing without a flag designating its country of origin but with what appeared to be a North Korean crew. The move came after intelligence officials watched the vessel for weeks as part of an interdiction operation that is part of the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

The ship administration in August imposed sanctions on the North Korean company Changgwang Sinyong Corp. for selling Scud missile parts to Yemen. At that time, U.S. author-

ities asked Yemen why it bought the parts, and that country apologized and promised not to do so again, two defense officials said Wednesday.

Under the U.S. sanctions, Changgwang Sinyong Corp. will be barred for two years from obtaining new individual export licenses through the Commerce or State departments for any controlled MTCR items. The sanctions have little practical effect, one official said, because there is so little commerce between the United States and North Korea. Official said they reinforce Bush's message that North Korea spreads dangerous technology.

The shipment seized Monday was destined for Yemen's army, the Pentagon officials said.

U.S. naval forces in the Indian Ocean took charge of the ship on Wednesday. Spanish Defense Minister Federico Trillo said in

Madrid. Trillo declined to speculate on the planned destination of the freighter or on the buyer of the weapons. He said only that the ship was headed for a port in the Middle East.

U.S. authorities who had been monitoring the ship quickly boarded the vessel after it was halted about 600 miles off the Horn of Africa.

It contained about a dozen short- to medium-range missiles, similar to the Scud missiles used by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, as well as missile parts, U.S. officials said.

North Korea was officially silent about the interception but said it had the right to develop weapons to defend itself.

"It is necessary to heighten vigilance against the U.S. strategy for world supremacy and 'anti-terrorism war,'" the North's official newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, said in an editorial. "All

countries are called upon to build self-reliant military power by their own efforts."

Yemen has been a nominal ally in the global war on terrorism despite strained relations with Washington. Yemen is Osama bin Laden's ancestral homeland, was the site of the bombing of a U.S. warship and has vast lawless areas where al-Qaida members and other terrorists are believed to hide out.

North Korea shocked U.S. officials by admitting in October that it had a secret program to enrich uranium to make nuclear weapons. The Bush administration has vowed to try to solve the problem through diplomacy, though Bush already had named North Korea as part of a three-nation "axis of evil" and administration officials have worried that the reclusive Communist dictatorship has become a "missiles-R-us" seller to countries such as Iran and Libya.

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Protests continuing in chaotic Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Foes and followers of Hugo Chavez filled the streets Wednesday in rival protests that have divided Venezuela, each side trying to out-shout the other over opposition demands that the leftist president resign.

An opposition strike seeking Chavez' ouster entered its 10th day Wednesday, and the two sides appeared no closer to a resolution.

Health Minister Maria Urbaneja urged both sides to back down, but only repeated earlier claims that the government was ready to discuss a date for elections on Chavez's rule.

"Let's both give in," Urbaneja said in an interview with Globovision television Wednesday. "With violence there is no possibility of dialogue toward peace."

With food becoming scarce, thousands of people packed a government-organized street market offering cut-rate prices along several blocks of a main boulevard Wednesday. It was the second time the government organized the market since the strike began.

Lines several blocks long also formed just after dawn in front of banks, which were opening only from 9 a.m. to noon.

With many stores shuttered for the strike and with oil exports virtually paralyzed in the world's No. 5 oil export nation, many feared a turn for the worse.

Overnight, hundreds of raucous "Chavistas," as the

president's followers are known, ringed the headquarters of the private Globovision network. They also rallied outside the state oil monopoly.

Thousands of Venezuelans opposed to Chavez's four-year rule entered the streets to clang pots and pans in a noisy nighttime ritual.

"We are all in mourning until Chavez leaves power," said Inez Quintera, 58, who marched with thousands of other Chavez opponents.

Many of Chavez's foes said they now no longer want a nonbinding referendum on Chavez's support as some in the opposition once proposed.

"We want Chavez to fall, nothing less," said Selina Palaver, 71, who tooted a black whistle and clutched a vial of vinegar to lessen the effects of tear gas.

The U.S. State Department warned Americans to put off all travel to Venezuela and said U.S. already there should consider leaving. The agency said the political and security situation in the country was deteriorating, accompanied by severe shortages of goods and services.

Hopes of a swift, nonviolent settlement receded Tuesday. Cesar Gaviria, the secretary general of the Organization of American States, said peace talks did not advance beyond the government's agreement earlier this week to discuss "an electoral timetable."

U.S. envoy travels to China to discuss 'possible next steps' in regard to Iraq

BEIJING (AP) — A senior U.S. official arrived in China on Wednesday to discuss Iraq, but he gave no indication whether he would bring up a shipment of missiles seized on its way to the Middle East from North Korea, a Chinese ally.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said he wanted to discuss the U.N. Security Council resolution that requires Iraq to cooperate with efforts to determine whether it still has long-range missiles and other weapons of mass destruction.

As a permanent council member, "China's extraordinarily important, and we want to make sure we expose China to our thinking," Armitage told reporters. "I am most interested in hearing what China has to say about possible next steps."

China supported the Iraq resolution but has argued against U.S. threats of military action, insisting that the United Nations respect Iraqi sovereignty and settle the matter promptly.

China, the United States and the other permanent Security Council members — Britain, France and Russia — are reviewing Baghdad's 12,000-page dis-

closure of its arms programs, which was handed over this week.

Armitage said President Bush wanted him to "continue the momentum that was established" when Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited Bush's Texas home in October.

Noting the cargo of Scud-type missiles found aboard a ship in the Indian Ocean, Armitage repeated U.S. concern about North Korea's exports of missiles. U.S. officials in Washington said the short- and medium-range missile were similar to those used by Iraq in the Gulf War, though they said the cargo was bound for Yemen.

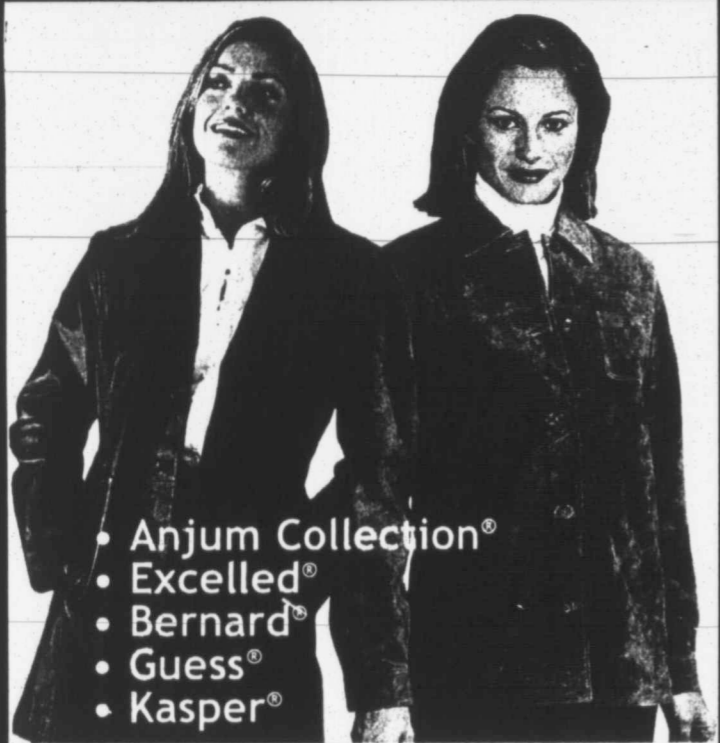
"Obviously, this was suspected by American authorities for some time," Armitage said. "North Korea ... is one of the major proliferators and it appears she was busy proliferating again."

However, he didn't give any indication that he would bring up the issue with Chinese officials.

China is North Korea's last major ally, but it isn't clear what influence it might have over the secretive North. Beijing has responded coolly to appeals to pressure the North to give up its nuclear program.

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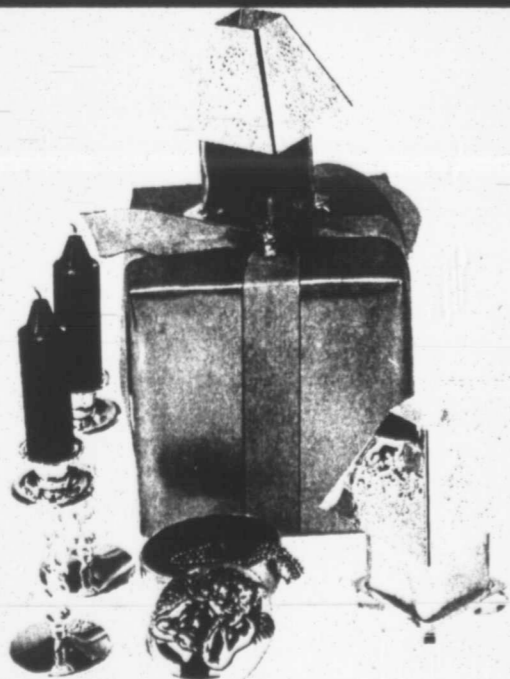
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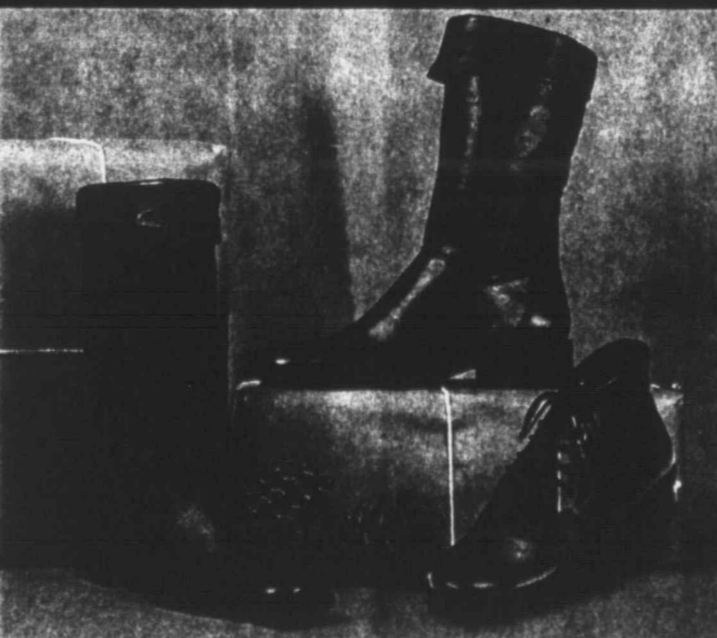
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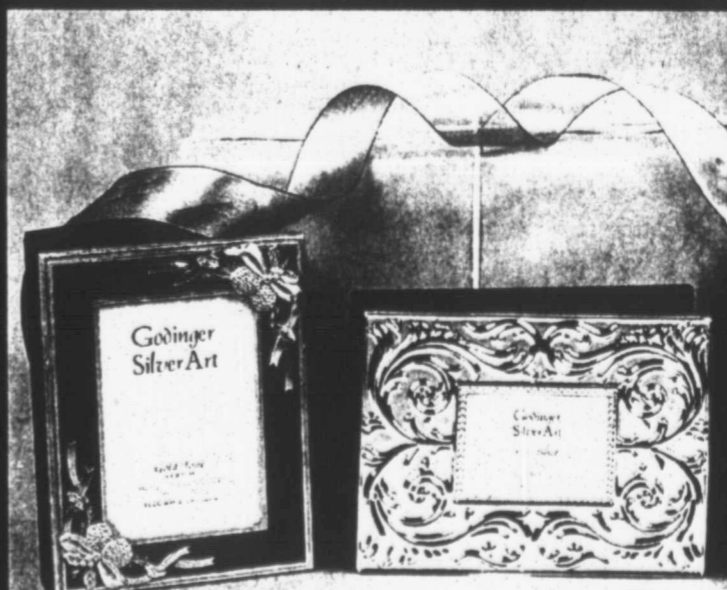
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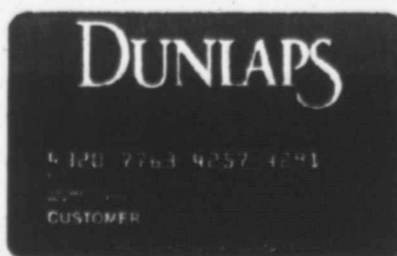


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Survey: Chicken harbors harmful, drug-resistant bacteria

By **EMILY GERSEMA**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A consumer magazine says it found harmful bacteria, much of it drug resistant, in almost half the chickens it bought from stores around the country. A bacterium that causes food poisoning, campylobacter, was found in 42 percent of 484 fresh broiler chickens tested for a survey in the January issue of Consumer Reports. The magazine said Tuesday that another bacterium, salmonella, was found on 12 percent of the chickens. Both bugs can cause diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain and sometimes death. The report highlighted that 90 percent of the campylobacter samples and 34 percent of the salmonella resisted treatment by antibiotics such as tetracycline, meaning sick people would be harder to treat and stay sick longer.

"That's a very uncomfortable starting point, and it goes to reinforce the growing concern about the use of antibiotics in livestock production," said David Pittle, vice president for technical policy at the magazine's publisher, Consumers Union. Consumers can kill campylobacter and other germs by cooking chicken thoroughly so it is not pink, the report said. Experts recommend heating a whole chicken up to 180 degrees and chicken breasts to 170 degrees. Bacteria can become stronger if they survive drug treatment. Many people have blamed the increasing prevalence of these superbugs on doctors' overprescribing antibiotics and patients' misusing them. Groups now argue farmers also are culpable because they use antibiotics on barnyard animals to prevent illness and speed growth.

They want Congress and the president to enact a law restricting the drugs' use in animals. Pharmaceutical companies and producers have fought back. Ronald Phillips, a spokesman for the Animal Health Institute, which represents animal drug companies, said the drugs protect animals from illness. "In addition to making farmers more efficient, there is also a disease prevention role that that is playing," Phillips said. "Because when you stop that use, those animals get sick." Sierra Club and the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy had similar results from a smaller-scale survey also released Tuesday, in which it tested 200 whole chickens and 200 packages of ground turkey bought at stores in Des Moines, Iowa, and Minneapolis. Richard Lobb, spokesman

for the National Chicken Council, said the surveys were misleading and did not show that producers have cut back on some antibiotics usage. "There is nothing in either of those studies that I know of that actually ties resistance to usage of antibiotics in live animals," Lobb said. The Food and Drug Administration oversees animal pharmaceuticals. It proposed guidelines in September for drug makers to rely on

when determining whether new animal drugs would increase the problem of drug-resistant bacteria. The agency also banned a poultry antibiotic two years ago because of evidence it makes people more susceptible to becoming ill from drug-resistant campylobacter. But the drug, Baytril, is still on the market as its manufacturer, Bayer, fights the ban. Bayer argues most illnesses aren't caused by tainted

grocery-store chicken. Pittle said Consumers Union wants Bayer to withdraw the drug. The organization also is asking the Agriculture Department to set up a program to test for campylobacter. Steven Cohen, a department spokesman, said the agency is in the beginning stages of creating a campylobacter testing program. It already analyzes random samples for salmonella.

Sanford to conduct stem cell research

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Stanford University reignited the debate over the use of stem cells when a top scientist said the school intended to experiment with nuclear transfer technology, an effort many consider to be cloning.

"Our avowed goal is to advance science," said Stanford medical professor Dr. Irving Weissman, who will direct the school's stem cell effort. "For any group to stay out of the action and wait for someone else to do it because of political reasons is wrong."

Weissman said he intends to recruit the "very best" experts in nuclear transfer research to Stanford. He said there are five or six acknowledged leaders in the world and he wants "to put them on notice that we are after them."

Weissman — and Stanford — emphatically denied that the project involves cloning embryos. He said that the university's work would involve taking DNA from diseased adult human cells and transferring them into eggs, then growing them in the lab for a few days.

"Creating human stem cell lines is not equivalent to reproductive cloning," the school said in a statement released at a news conference Tuesday night.

"The first step in the process of creating a stem cell line involves transferring the nucleus from a cell to an egg and allowing the egg to divide. This is the same first step as in reproductive cloning. However, in creating a stem cell line, cells are removed from the developing cluster. These cells can go on to form many types of tissue, but cannot on their own develop into a human."

Commission to assess future of Postal Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is putting together a commission to explore the U.S. Postal Service's mission and operations during a time of increasing competition from private companies and challenges from new technology, including electronic commerce over the Internet.

The commission, which would include members of the business community, would make recommendations to President Bush sometime next year, according to Postal Service official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The panel's recommendations could result in the first major overhaul of the Postal Service since the early 1970s, the official said.

One of the biggest challenges for the service currently is how to balance providing affordable mail service to communities across the country, something known as "universal service" and trying to be financially sound.

The universal service requirement calls on the agency to provide First Class mail delivery to everyone in the country at a uniform price.

Of the service's 30,000 offices around the country, about half of them are not profitable, according to the Postal Service official.

Congress limits the post office's ability to close local offices, which are often seen as community hubs and gathering places.

The administration's choice to head the commission are Harry Pearce, chairman of Hughes Electronics Corp., the satellite-television company controlled by General Motors, and James Johnson, former chief executive of mortgage giant Fannie Mae who is now chairman of The Brookings Institution, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

The Postal Service and the Treasury Department were slated to make a joint announcement of the new commission on Wednesday. The Treasury Department declined to comment. On Tuesday, the Postal Service said it ended its 2002 fiscal year in the hole — but it was less red ink than expected.

The Postal Service lost \$676 million in the last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, about half of the budgeted loss of \$1.35 billion.

A work force reduction of 23,000 employees through attrition helped slice the loss. In addition postal rates increased in June, raising the price of a letter 3 cents to 37 cents.

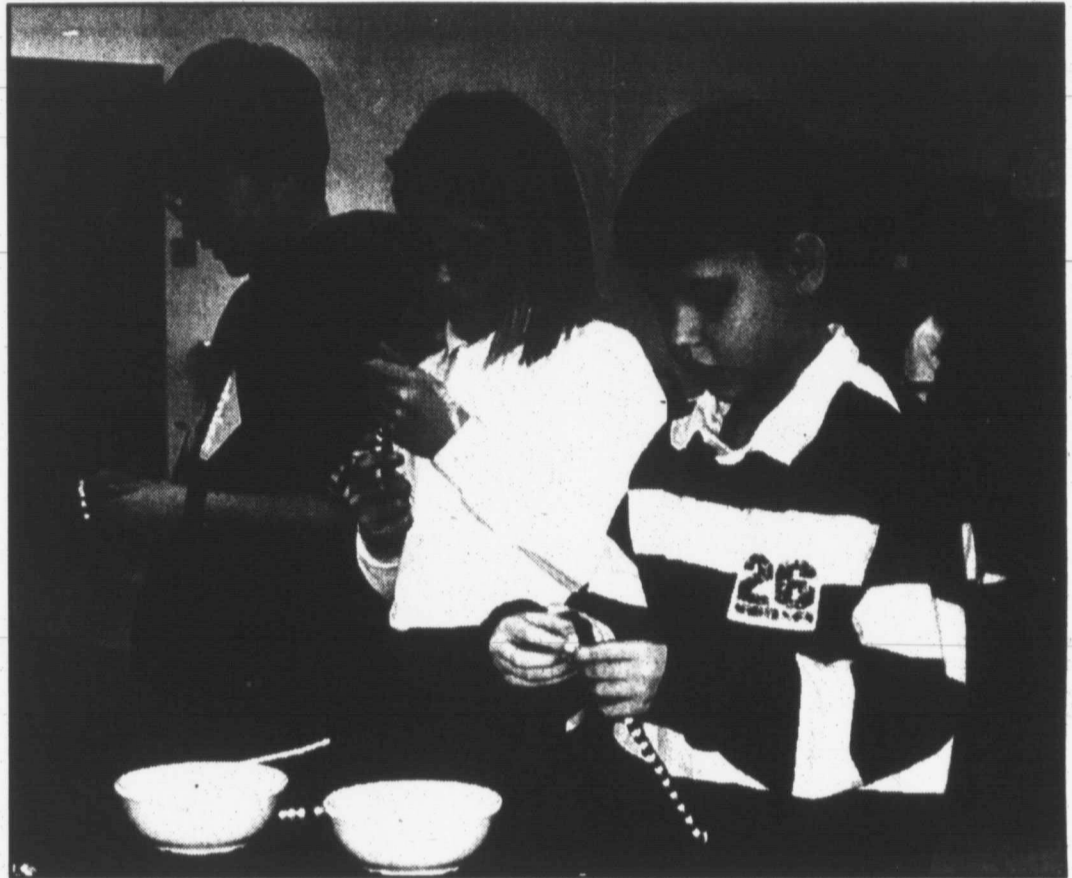
Mail volume has continued to drop, even though 1.77 million new delivery addresses were added. Volume fell by 4.6 billion pieces in the past year, which officials attribute to the Internet, fewer people writing letters, more competition and a poor economy.

Last month, the Postal Service reported that a new financial review found it had been overpaying into the Civil Service Retirement System. Should Congress decide to fix the discrepancy and reimburse the money, another rate increase could be delayed until 2006, Postal officials have said.

Earlier estimates for large losses at the Postal Service were made after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and the anthrax-by-mail contamination the following month cost the agency many millions of dollars. Anthrax alone cost \$84 million.

Over the years, legislation to revamp the Postal Service has languished. Recommendations from the presidential panel might help break that logjam, the Postal

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Judge allowing children to remain in custody of convicted sex offender

AUBURN, N.Y. (AP) — A judge has ruled that a man will be allowed to keep custody of two young girls despite being a convicted sex offender who spent eight years in prison for sexually abusing a child.

Cayuga County Family Court Judge Peter Corning said he was convinced that Roger Kulakowski was not a sexual predator and may have been wrongly convicted in 1985. He agreed to give visitation rights to the children's maternal grandparents, who were contesting custody.

"I would not agree to this unless I was wholly convinced that there is no peril to the children," Corning said. "These children have flourished ... and are well on their way to being productive, good people."

Kulakowski, 49, and his sister, Joanne, have had temporary custody of the two girls — ages 4 and 6 — since 1999. The older girl is Kulakowski's biological

daughter, the other is her half-sister.

Bonita and Donald Babcock had challenged the placement of their granddaughters with the Kulakowskis, saying they were not aware until 2000 that Kulakowski was a convicted sex offender.

"I just hope the judge is right. I have to believe they will be safe. I will pray that they are," Donald Babcock said outside the courtroom after the decision.

The Babcocks said they agreed to drop their challenge in exchange for visitation rights that will eventually include the girls' mother.

Corning gave the Kulakowskis custody of the two girls in 1999 after the mother admitted she had neglected them.

The Kulakowskis had no comment about the agreement. Their attorney, Roberta Williams, said the decision was in the children's best interests.

Kulakowski served eight years in prison for sodomy, but Corning said he reviewed the trial transcript and found that the conviction was based entirely on the testimony of a 5-year-old girl who was asked leading questions. The girl accused Kulakowski of forcing her to engage in oral sex.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jenna Phillips

Co-Worker's Stares Make It Hard to Focus at Work

DEAR ABBY: I work with a pleasant woman, "Kim," who appears to be distracted by my figure. Kim keeps making comments and staring at my large breasts. It makes me very uncomfortable. I've tried to ignore her and have told her that her comments bother me.

Kim has now started trying to see me outside the office, asking me out for lunches and dinners. I've always made an excuse. Last Friday when I was assigned the responsibility of picking out a gift basket for a co-worker who is retiring, Kim volunteered to go shopping with me over the weekend. I simply never called her, and on Monday explained that my weekend was busy. She acted very hurt, but I couldn't think of a more diplomatic way to handle it.

Spending time with someone who cannot stop staring at my chest does not appeal to me. It gives me the creeps. How can I tell Kim she's making me uneasy without causing problems? I have to work with her.

BUSTY IN TOLEDO

DEAR BUSTY: Tell her once again that her staring and comments are not appreciated — and if it doesn't stop, you will have to tell your boss or Human Resources about the problem. There is no reason why you should have to tolerate it, or see anyone outside the workplace unless you wish to.

DEAR ABBY: A friend (I'll call her Tanisha) asked me to be matron of honor at her wedding. The event was supposed to take place next month. Even though the thought of flying to a wedding in the middle of winter was not appealing, I did agree to it.

Due to personal circumstances, Tanisha pushed back the date of her wedding to next June. When she notified me, I told her I could not commit to being there. I am expecting a baby in April and don't want to travel so far with an infant. Tanisha has also changed the location of her wedding, so flying is no longer the best option, and the only way to get there is a two-day drive.

She said she understood, but still talks about the wedding as if I'm an integral part of it. For example, she recently informed me she'll be sending me swatches so that I can buy my dress. How do I explain to Tanisha that I cannot be in her wedding? She is a somewhat volatile person, and I'm afraid she'll be very upset and hurt.

STUCK IN ST. LOUIS, MO

DEAR STUCK: Your reasons for bowing out make good sense to me, and beating around the bush because you're afraid she'll throw a tantrum is not the best course of action. Tell Tanisha immediately, in plain English, that because you will be caring for an infant, you will be unable to be matron of honor.

That way, she will be able to find a replacement ASAP.

DEAR ABBY: I'm almost 32 years old. My life is going nowhere, with two divorces and no kids; the only education I have is a G.E.D.

I'm back on my own again, and I feel like a failure. I've wasted so much time. I have no career to sustain me. By nature, I'm a jack-of-all-trades, but I struggle to master only one. I have little or no family support. I feel that life is getting harder for me to deal with.

Is it time for me to seek therapy? **JACK**

DEAR JACK: I believe you already know the answer to that question. I commend you for making such an insightful assessment of your situation. It's the first step toward a positive change. Now ... make that phone call!

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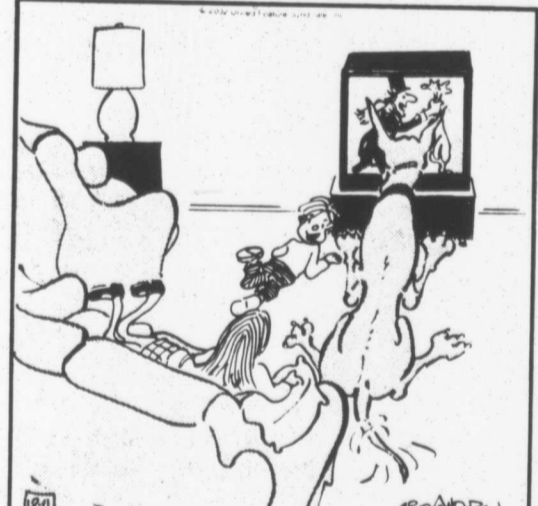
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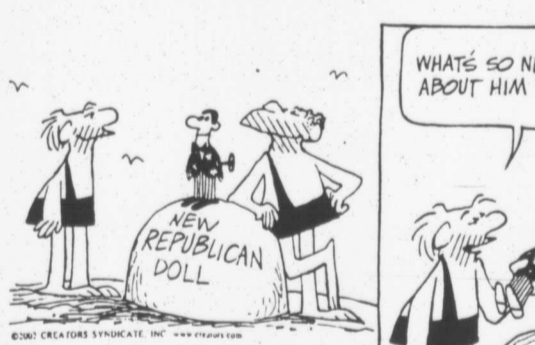
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SPORTS

Lady Harvesters fall to Randall in district opener

RANDALL — Pampa stayed close for most of three quarters in a District 3-4A girls' basketball opener with Randall on Tuesday night.

A pressing defense forced several turnovers, enabling Randall to go on an 18-0 run on the way to an 64-39 win. Pampa trailed by nine (37-28) at the 2:53 mark of the third quarter when the Lady Harvesters started their run.

Jennifer Arenas scored 23 points to lead the Randall scoring attack. Freshman Mariza Scott came off the bench to lead Pampa with 8 points.

The Lady Harvesters host No. 1 ranked Plainview at 7:30 Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Randall 64, Pampa 39

Randall 13 30 48 64
Pampa 11 21 30 39

Randall - Arenas 23, Gore 9, Cornelius 8, Robertson 8, Smith 6, Whitecotton 5, Ceja 3, Monden 2; Three-point goals: Arenas 2, Ceja 1, Gore 1.

Pampa - Scott 8, Covalt 6, Fisher 6, Gerber 6, Spearman 6, Waggoner 4, Johnson 3; Three-point goals: None

GROOM — Cody Babcock tossed in 22 points to help lead Groom past Miami 62-51 in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Doug Fields added 15 points for Groom, which has a 3-7 record.

The Tigers led at the half by six (26-20), and pulled away to a 12-point advantage (43-31) after three quarters.

Reid Spearman had 13 points and Jeffrey Browning 12 to lead Miami.

Groom also won the girls' contest, 60-48.

Amanda Conrad led Groom in scoring with 25 points, followed by Lauren Crowell 12.

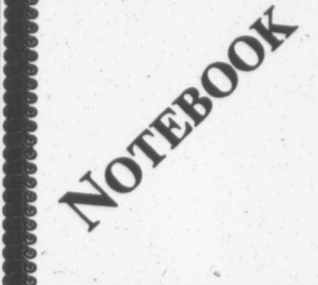
The Tigerettes improved to 9-3.

Mariam Hannon topped Miami with 18 points. Julie Davenport and Kelli Bergen added 8 apiece.



Pampa's Abbi Covalt (12) looks for a teammate in last night's District 3-4A basketball opener.

(Pampa News photo)



BOWLING

PAMPA — The annual Toys for Tots Tournament will be held Saturday at Harvester Lanes.

Bowers can pick up an registration form at Harvester Lanes, located at 1401 S. Hobart. Call 665-3422 if more information is needed.

Squad times are 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$11 for adults and \$7 for youth.

Bowlers are required to bring a new toy unwrapped upon check-in or five dollars will be added to the entry fee.

Adult handicap is 80 percent of 200. Youth handicap is 90 percent of 200.

Scholarship awards will be available for youth bowlers.

WRESTLING

RIVER ROAD — Pampa came close to a victory Tuesday, losing a 42-40 decision to River Road in a wrestling dual.

Pampa's biggest wins were posted by Chance Henley in the 145-pound class and heavyweight Kevin Parks. Henley scored a major decision over Michael Rafferty 19-5. Parks pinned John Wyatt in 1:27.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa beat Amarillo High Black 75-54 in a freshmen basketball game.

The Pampa freshmen have a 4-0 won-loss record. Sharod Young scored 25 points to lead Pampa scorers. Braydon Barker added 13 points and Colby Scott 9 for Pampa.

Pampa is entered in the Berger 9th Grade Tournament this weekend.

DALLAS (AP) — Even minus injured starters Dirk Nowitzki and Adrian Griffin, the Dallas Mavericks had enough firepower to keep their perfect home record intact.

Nick Van Exel and Michael Finley had 24 points each as the Mavericks beat the Los Angeles Clippers 122-95 Tuesday night.

Steve Nash had 17 points and seven assists and Shawn Bradley added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, 10-0 at home and a league-best 19-2 overall.

Reserve Walt Williams is also out with a sprained right elbow, so the Mavericks got major minutes off the bench from Van Exel, Bradley and Popeye Jones, who finished with 11 points and five rebounds.

Dallas especially needed a big night from Finley. "When Dirk went down, everyone had to step it up," Finley said. "I took it upon myself to do that."

Van Exel went 6-for-10 from 3-point range and was 8-for-13 from the field overall to help the Mavericks to a season-high point total.

"We have some good shooters that shoot the ball well from out there, so we're going to take them," Van Exel said. "We made shots, played pretty good defensively, and just closed it out."

Connecticut's rally beats UMass

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun learned a lot about his young team's resiliency.

Down by 25 points with key players in foul trouble, the ninth-ranked Huskies came out firing in the second half against upset-minded Massachusetts and won 59-48 on Tuesday night.

"The best thing we did was we learned hopefully who we are, that we can win a game under almost any circumstance," Calhoun said. "If you believe that you can will yourself."

Ben Gordon led UConn (6-0) with 18 points, getting 16 in the second half. Gordon and freshmen Rashad Anderson and Denham Brown combined for seven straight 3-pointers in the second half. Their perimeter shooting and a stepped-up press helped UConn catch up in a hurry.

"We weren't going to let anything stop us from winning," Gordon said. "Once we got in our press defense and saw they couldn't handle it, we just kept feeding off of that."

UConn wasn't running much offense in the first half. Stymied by the Minutemen's triangle-and-one defense, a combination zone and man, the Huskies scored just nine points on 4-for-26 shooting (15 percent) and trailed 30-9 at the break.

"We couldn't get any break going and then (UMass) would wind the clock down to 10 seconds," Calhoun said. "We became deflated."

In other games involving Top 25 games, it was No. 12 Kentucky 76, Tulane 60, and No. 15 Illinois 80, Eastern Illinois 68.

UMass (1-5) took advantage of the absence of UConn's leading rebounder, Emeka Okafor, who was in foul trouble early, and outscored the Huskies 20-4 in the paint in the first half.

"You couldn't have told me before that game in a million years that was going to happen," UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "It was just one of those halves for them. But like great teams, I know one thing, if we can hold them to nine, they can hold us to nine in a half, too."

The comeback matched the biggest under Calhoun. The Huskies rallied from a 25-point deficit in 1995 to beat Pittsburgh 85-76 in Pittsburgh.

The last time UMass held an opponent to under 10 points in a half was in 1958 against Trinity, which scored eight.

"We played as hard as we could," Lappas said. "We had some young guys out there, too. I think it bodes well for our guys as long as we go out there and play with that kind of intensity and conviction."

UMass forward Jackie Rogers had 10 of his 12 points in the first half. He opened with three quick baskets, staking UMass to a 6-2 lead.

Trailing by 21 at the half, the Huskies head-

ed to the locker room to a chorus of boos.

"The way we were playing, we deserved it," Okafor said. "The fans kind of helped us get refocused. So we got out in the second half and played our hearts out."

UConn's turnaround in the second half was a quick one. After falling behind 34-9 inside the first two minutes of the second half, on baskets by Micah Brand and Rogers, the Huskies hit six 3-pointers in the first 10 minutes.

The Huskies also stepped up their press and changed the pace of the game.

"The game was getting to the point where we wanted it to be," Calhoun said. "Everything changed. Our press really saved us tonight, and some young freshmen made big plays."

Anderson, who finished with 16 points, hit his first of three 3-pointers with 14:56 left in the game to cut UMass' lead to 34-16. The Huskies then hit their next five from long range.

"Once I got in the game I felt the rhythm when they passed me the ball and it went it," Anderson said. "I was loving it. It was fun."

With Okafor back in, the Huskies began to regain their inside game. He had four of his five blocks in the second half. His hook shot with 6:33 left gave the Huskies their first lead at 38-36, and the comeback — a 29-6 run — was complete. UConn hit 12 of 22 shots for 55 percent in the second half.

Okafor finished with 12 rebounds and four points, and Denham Brown added 11.

Anthony Anderson led UMass with 13 points. Brand added 12 points and 13 boards as the Minutemen outrebounded the Huskies 41-31.

"We could have easily quit," Gordon said. "Any other team probably wouldn't have come back like us. That just says a lot about our character."

No. 12 Kentucky 76, Tulane 60

At New Orleans, Keith Bogans scored 21 points — the fourth time this season he's topped 20 points — for Kentucky.

Bogans hit 5-of-5 from 3-point range as Kentucky (5-1) outshot the Green Wave (3-5) 55 percent to 43 percent from the field, and 56 percent to 43 percent in 3-pointers. Bogans also had a career-high six steals.

No. 15 Illinois 80, Eastern Illinois 68

At Champaign, Ill., Freshman Dee Brown scored 25 points — including 12 of 19 as Illinois took control early in the second half — and Brian Cook added 21.

The Illini (6-0) led by four early in the second half, when they took advantage of six turnovers by Eastern Illinois (3-5) to extend their lead to 15.

Henry Domercant had 30 for the Panthers.

Pampa 8th graders defeat Plainview

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Plainview 41-36 Monday night to finish the first half of district in second place in the 8th grade girls' basketball standings. Canyon was first.

Shandale Young led Pampa's attack against Plainview with 13 points, while Britteni Rice added 10 points and shot 100 percent from the foul line.

"The girls worked as a team and it was a great team effort," said Pampa coach Janyth Bowers.

Pampa lost by a 35-28 score in the B team game.

"This team has improved so much from the start of the season. Everything clicked this past weekend at Hereford, and they are playing great," said coach Bowers.

Both Pampa 7th and 8th grade teams are at Hereford next Monday.

Pampa A 41, Plainview A 36

Pampa Statistics
Scoring: Shandale Young 13,

Britteni Rice 10, Cassy Tice 4, Nicole Clark 4, McKinsie East 3, Stephanie McVay 2, Maggie Hopkins 2, Candice Dildy 1.

Rebounds: Rice 6, Young 5, Adkins 5, Tice 4, McVay 4, East 3, Logan Winkelman 1, Clark 1.

Steals: Rice 4, Young 3, Winkelman 1, East 1, Clark 1, Dildy 1.

Plainview B 38, Pampa B 25

Scoring: Holly Owens 8, Tamara Trevathan 5, Jenee Norris 4, Meredith Coats 4, Erika Silva 3, Stephanie Preston 2, Krista McClelland 2.

Rebounds: Norris 5, Preston 5, Trevathan 3, Heidi Schwope 2, Owens 1, Coats 1, Michelle Adams 1.

Steals: Adams 2, Kali Jimenez 2, Owens 1, Trevathan 1, Coats 1, Preston 1.

Stanton wins bull riding round

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Vince Stanton of Weiser, Idaho, had a 91-point ride on Harry Vold's Charlie Brown Smokeless on Tuesday night to win the fifth round of bull riding in the National Finals Rodeo.

The win, his second in the 10-round NFR, pulled Stanton within \$6,003 of world leader Myron Duarte of Auburn, Wash., who was bucked off in the fifth round.

"I thought I could do pretty well tonight," Stanton said. "Every time someone rides that bull they get in the 80s. He

normally goes to the left, but this time he went to the right."

Blue Stone of Ogdon, Utah, the fourth-round winner, was second with a 90, and Jason Legler of Eaton, Colo., and Colby Yates of Azle, Texas, had 86s.

"I just need to keep doing the same things," said Stanton, who has ridden only two of five bulls but has two firsts. "I just want to win every night out."

"I'm just trying to stay well tonight," Stanton said. "Every time someone rides that bull they get in the 80s. He

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Betting probe

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A second defendant admitted involvement Wednesday in a series of race-track betting scams that culminated with a \$3 million win at the Breeders' Cup in October.

Glen DaSilva, 29, of New York City, pleaded guilty in federal court to fraud and money laundering conspiracies.

He admitted that with the help of a co-defendant employed by a racetrack computer company, he had cashed about \$200,000 in fraudulent winnings.

Magistrate Judge Mark Fox scheduled sentencing for March 11. The maximum sen-

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Cub Scout Pack 414 wishes Pampa a "Merry Christmas" from their float in this year's Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7. Wet streets from six-inches of melting snow didn't appear to dampen the spirits of the parade participants or watchers. This year's parade consisted of approximately 60 entries, according to Pampa Chamber of Commerce officials.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Kylie Pickering, 5, dressed in a little Santa suit, brings a cup of hot chocolate to her aunt, Connie Lockridge of the Pampa Police Department who was directing traffic for the parade.



(Pampa News photos by ReDonn Woods)
Linda Daniels, above, wears a feathered hat to fit in with the Victorian theme of "Come Back to Christmas." Below, Darby, Cutter and Kassidy Kelton eat cookies while their dad shops. Pampa merchants reported a successful day.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Vonda Higgins, left, of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, counts out tickets for the Al Ferguson family at the Chamber booth downtown. Two Pampan, Jane Jacobs and Kathy Gomez, each won \$500 in Pampa Bucks in special "Come Back to Christmas" drawings.



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)
The Kent Jones family decked out their 1958 Ford, above, for the parade. Below, Culberson Stowers Inc. brought out a giant snowman for their commercial entry.

