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## STATE

### Turkeys for needy stolen in Amarillo

AMARILLO (AP) — Bill Bivins thinks there's no way anyone can gobble through eight turkeys.

The turkeys, 150 pounds of candy, boxes of cereal, flour, sugar and canned goods were stolen over the weekend from the San Jacinto Lions Club.

All but the candy was destined for Christmas food baskets for the needy.

"Anybody that would take eight turkeys; they're not needy, they're greedy," Bivins, the club president, said in a story in Tuesday's Amarillo Globe-News. "They are stealing this food out of peoples' mouths that are really in need."

"We had 24 boxes sitting there with all this food in them, already sorted and ready to be delivered," said Burl Peterson, the club's secretary and treasurer.

## DEATHS

Gertrude Olive Mayfield, 77, seamstress.

James Thomas "Speck" Winborne, 71, maintenance superintendent.

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## Population loss given as reason for Furr's closing

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Shock, disbelief and sadness were expressed as local residents learned Furr's Cafeteria which has been in business in Pampa since February 1968 is closing.

Today was the last day of operation for the local restaurant.

Regional Manager Jim Williamson said Monday afternoon that the declining population base in Pampa is the reason the store is closing.

"The basic reason for the closing is that we're not making any money in Pampa," said Williamson. "The population just continues to go down."

Census 2000 figures showed Gray County lost 5.1 percent population from the 1990 census. The county lost an additional 2.9 percent in residents from April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2001, according to population figures on the U.S. Census Bureau web site.

Williamson said the Pampa store has been on the tentative closure list for some time.

"We've tried several things to keep the store open," he said. "We're lowered prices, but the bottom line is the town can no longer support Furr's. The population is shrinking."

Williamson said he was sad about the closing. "Pampa Furr's has great employees. They are very professional and great with the customers. Even though it's closing tomorrow, they are still putting the customers first today," said Williamson.

He said all employees have been

given the opportunity to work at Furr's in Amarillo, but he hasn't seen anyone yet who wants to do so.

"It's so sad," he said. "We're having to make changes to make money." He said three additional Furr's Restaurants are closing, saying none were in this region.

"All store managers fought really hard for their stores to stay open," he said. "Unfortunately, there's no light at the end of the tunnel."

"We are very grateful to our customers over the years," he said. "They have supported this store for 34 years."

There's just not enough customers to keep the restaurant open."

Williamson said he is faxing a petition to the corporate headquarters in Richardson which is circulating in the community to keep the restaurant open. He said he didn't anticipate the petition having an effect upon the closure.

"This is the toughest thing I've ever had to do. I sat down with the employees and just gave them the facts. Furr's can't afford to stay open," he said. "I've been with the company 25 years and have never closed a store before."

As many Pampa and area residents ate at the popular restaurant one last time Monday, they expressed their disappointment that Furr's is closing at 2 p.m. today.

A former Pampa resident, Joann Graham, was upset that the restaurant is closing.

"We need Furr's. That's why everyone is leaving Pampa. Everything is closing," said Graham, now living in (See FURR'S, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Norman Stephens, chief executive officer of Pampa Regional Medical Center, left, explains the hospital's health care costs to Gray County Commissioners as Chief Financial Officer Stephen Smith listens.

## County changes health care plan

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County employees will be utilizing a new network with Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for their health care needs following action by the commissioners court.

The plan will be calling for changes for some local employees and their dependents as Pampa Regional Community Hospital is not affiliated with the NWTX network. Local hos-

pital officials say a contract may be signed between the two entities soon, but has not been signed yet.

Previously, Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital network has served the county employees. Commissioners Court members have been involved in discussions with both Amarillo hospital networks as well as PRMC during the past few months as they searched for the best plan for the Gray County employees.

(See PLAN, Page 3)

## Orr accepts position with Wichita Falls ISD

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa schools, has been selected as the new superintendent for Wichita Falls Independent School District (ISD).

"Wichita Falls did decide to hire me and I did accept," Orr confirmed this morning. "I signed a contract with them last night."

Wichita Falls school board members announced their decision at their meeting Monday evening. Orr drove from Pampa and was present for the announcement, he said.

"I will be offering my resignation to the (Pampa) school board tonight effective at the end of January," he said.

Anticipating the announcement, Pampa ISD board members placed Orr's resignation as an action item on the agenda for tonight's meeting

beginning at 6 p.m. at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Orr said Monday, Feb. 3, will be his first day at WFISD.

"Obviously I'm excited," he said. "I appreciate the trust and confidence the Wichita Falls board has placed in me."

"On the other hand, I leave Pampa with a deep appreciation for the people — I can't say how many trustees and staff members — that I have worked with these past 13 years."

"Pampa is my home and has been my home for 15 years ... But this is the right move at the right time for me," he added.

On Nov. 20, Orr and WFISD officials announced the Pampa superintendent had been chosen as the only finalist for the vacant WFISD superintendent post. After a 21-day waiting period, set by state law, Wichita Falls officials announced their decision.

(See ORR, Page 3)

## Hot dog, burger fund-raiser to benefit local United Way

United Way volunteers plan a hot dog and hamburger fund-raiser at the Coney Island Cafe Saturday, Dec. 21, to help raise the \$85,811 needed to meet this year's campaign goal.

"Our goal is \$375,000 and we have received \$289,189.19, which is 77 percent of our goal," said Katrina Bigham, executive director of the Pampa United Way. "We still need \$85,811 to reach this goal."

Linda Austin, owner of the Coney Island, offered to sponsor the event

and has asked Pampan Lee Cornelison to cook hamburgers and hot dogs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Bigham said.

"Everything that is sold in that two-hour period will be added up and 25 percent of the total will go to the Pampa United Way," the United Way director said.

"Come by the Coney and lend your support to the United Way. We appreciate Linda allowing us this time slot at the Coney to raise funds," she added.

## Local livestock officials study new EPA rule

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO - Livestock officials were busy today studying an Environmental Protection rule that deals with animal feeding operations.

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman officially announced the new rule at a press conference in Washington, D.C., Monday afternoon.

Ross Wilson with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association

said he had not had time to fully review the 400-plus page document that lays out new rules for animal feeding operations (AFO) and confined animal feeding operations (CAFO).

"We anticipate higher standards for all CAFOs that will be more protective of the environment," Wilson said, "but that will also help bring uniformity to environmental regulations across the country."

Wilson said he expects the new rule to be more focused

on nutrient management for land application of manure and increased documentation of all environmental aspects at livestock feeding operations.

The Associated Press (AP) reported that the new rule requires livestock operations to develop a comprehensive nutrient management plan that sets limits on how much animal manure can be applied as fertilizer on farm fields. AP also reports that livestock operators will have to file annual reports on numbers of animals, the amount of

manure they produce and where it goes.

EPA officials said the manure plans are the heart of the regulation and represent a significant advancement in terms of environmental protection.

"For our members, there will be a new focus on nutrient management and land application, a lot of which is already addressed by our pollution prevention plan," Wilson said.

That is already a part of the current permitting structure for Texas feedyards, he said.

"TCFA helped draft and develop the first pollution prevention plan for cattle feedyards back in 1993," Wilson said.

He said he anticipates that the record keeping requirements of the new rule will be similar to the environmental management program that TCFA started back in 1992.

"But we won't know until we see it," Wilson said.

The new "duty to apply" permit is aimed at the largest facilities: those with more (See RULE, Page 3)

Happy Holidays...from Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

**OBITUARIES**

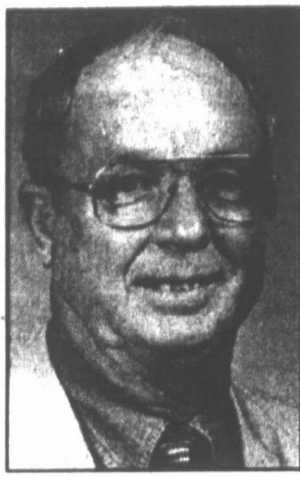
**JAMES THOMAS 'SPECK' WINBORNE**  
1931-2002

James Thomas "Speck" Winborne, 71, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Winborne was born Sept. 29, 1931, in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. He married Shirley Emerson on June 19, 1953, in Pampa. He retired from IRI in 1989 after 21 years of service as a maintenance superintendent. He then worked for W.O. Operating for over 12 years.

He was a member and longtime deacon of the First Christian Church, a member of the Bethany Bible Sunday School Class, and a volunteer with the Sunshine Ministry. He coached Little League with the Pampa Optimist Club, was a member of the Pampa Rifle Association, and was an avid car collector.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Winborne, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gaylene and James Bradley and Jamie and Scott White, all of Pampa; a son and



daughter-in-law, Joe Thomas "Tommy" and Jamie Winborne of Pampa; six sisters, Virginia Patterson of Denton, Beth Bates of Electra, June Lowrance of White Deer, and Irma Reeves, Phyllis Winborne, and Judy Mitchell, all of Gordonville; five brothers, Bob Winborne of

Sherman, C.L. Winborne and Johnny Winborne, both of Pampa, Charles Winborne of Lima, Ohio, and Roy Winborne of Columbus, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Amy Bradley of Dallas, Abby Bradley, Britton White, and Natalie Winborne, all of Pampa, and Morgan White of College Station.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

www.carmichael-whatley.com

**GERTRUDE OLIVE MAYFIELD**  
1925-2002

BLACKWELL, Okla. — Gertrude Olive Mayfield, 77, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Ponca City, Okla. Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, in Blackwell First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. James Roller, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Newkirk Cemetery at Newkirk, Okla., under the direction of Roberts and Son Funeral Home of Blackwell.

Mrs. Mayfield was born Aug. 19, 1925, at Dekalb, to Charles and Lucille Webb Badley. She married Herman Mayfield on Aug. 19, 1941, at Newkirk; he died Jan. 14, 1991, after 49 years of marriage. The couple formerly lived in Skellytown until Mr. Mayfield's retirement from Skelly Oil Company.

She had been a Blackwell resident since 1984.

She was an avid seamstress and quilter and

was active in First Assembly of God Church of Blackwell, sitting on numerous church committees and serving as adult Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four brothers, Hazen, Bill, Albert, and George Badley.

Survivors include a daughter Sharon Stanley of Pampa; a son, Eddie Mayfield of Panhandle; two sisters, Katherine Cook of Arkansas City, Kan., and Fern Leyva of Newkirk; three brothers, Don Thompson of Newkirk, Dale Thompson of Columbus, Miss., and Wayne Thompson of Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Assembly of God Church in Blackwell or to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Cancer Fund.

**SERVICES TOMORROW**

**MAYFIELD, Gertrude Olive** — 1:30 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Blackwell, Okla.

**WINBORNE, James Thomas "Speck"** — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

**ON RECORD**

**SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrest:

**Monday, Dec. 16**

Silvia Camacho, 37, 640 N. Sumner, was arrested on a grand jury indictment charging her with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

**STOCKS**

The following grain quotations are provided by Aftabaz Gain of Pampa:

Wheat	3.66	NOI	23.00	+0.18
Milo	3.96	KMI	42.87	-0.01
Corn	4.45	XCFI	11.00	+0.04
Soybeans	4.81	Kerr McGee	47.20	+0.13
Sunflowers	9.00	Limited	14.50	-0.50
		Williams	2.59	-0.08
		McDonald's	15.95	-1.43
		Exxon/Mobil	15.73	-0.13
		Atmos	23.59	-0.02
		Pioneer Nat	26.65	-0.10
		Penney's	24.79	+0.04
		COF	49.59	-0.02
		Schlumberger	44.89	-0.41
		Tenneco	4.00	-0.19
		CVX	68.35	-0.10
		Wal Mart	51.12	-0.82
		OKI	19.19	-0.08
		NS Group	7.00	-0.10
		NS New York Gold	316.65	
		Silver	4.71	
		West Texas Crude	30.10	

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

Occidental	28.98	-0.12
Fidelity Magell	NA	
Pontiac	NA	

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

IBF	40.96	-0.21
Celanese	22.90	-0.30
Calumet Corp	26.98	-0.31
Calumet Oil Gas	26.40	-0.30
Coca Cola	45.40	-0.33

**FIRE**

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

**Monday, Dec. 16**

9:45 a.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1300 block of Garland. Minor damage was reported.

12:32 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

5:41 a.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of South Russell. The fire was out when firefighters arrived. Minor damage was reported.

**ACCIDENTS**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents:

**Friday, Dec. 13**

A 2000 GMC pickup driven by Alvis Lee Sanders, 73, 1021 S. Somerville, was in collision with a 1982 Lincoln Town Car driven by Tammie Winegart Bennett, 41, 313 N. Faulkner, at the intersection of Gray and Brown. Sanders was cited for failure to yield while turning left. Bennett was cited for not having proof of liability.

**POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents:

**Friday, Dec. 13**

Harassment was reported in the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

**Sunday, Dec. 15**

A gas drive off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

An aggravated assault was reported in the

1800 block of North Coffee. Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 300 block of North Nelson.

**Monday, Dec. 16**

About \$600 worth of stereo gear was stolen from a vehicle in the 100 block of East Harvester. A cell phone was found and turned into the police department.

A forgery was reported.

**AMBULANCE**

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

**Monday, Dec. 16**

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Gillespie; one patient was transported to PRMC.

11:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

11:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to the 800 block of West 25th.

12:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart; no patient was transported.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility; one patient was transported to PRMC.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

5:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Russell on a fire stand-by; no patient was transported.

**City Briefs**

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**1/2 PRICE** on selected merchandise. Lots of childrens, womens, and mens clothing, Tralee Resale Shop.

**CHANEY'S**, 716 W. Foster, will be opening 5-8 p.m., starting Dec. 18th.

**FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES!** Your Choice \$10 Franks Thriftway, 300 E. Brown or Franks True Value 401 N. Ballard.

**ANGELS, ANGELS**, we have Salvation Army Angels on our tree!! Come get an Angel & make a child's Christmas happier this year!! Deadline to return gifts is 12 noon on Dec. 18th. *The Pampa News*, 403 W. Atchison.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** 2-2 hr. massage gift certificates for \$90 & receive 1 massage for yourself for \$35. Call The Golden Touch, 665-9711 or Danny Degner, 665-6850. Only 25 specials will be sold!

**LETTERS TO Santa** Deadline is Wed., Dec. 18th at noon. *The Pampa News*

**BABY'S FIRST** Christmas!! Show off your new "Little One!" Deadline Dec. 18th-noon, \$25 (paid in advance). Please remember Pictures that have a Copyright on them, must be accompanied by a letter of approval from the photographer. Thanks, *The Pampa News*

**DAVID'S GOLF** Shop at Hidden Hills for all of your Christmas golfers needs, get a Free Tiger Woods Bobble Head with purchase of 1 doz. Nike T.A. Golf Balls @ \$36 per doz., also all Golf Shoes from 25% to 50% Off reg. price. All gloves, balls, sweaters and jackets also reduced!

**PARTY TRAYS** for the Holidays, Hoagies Deli, 665-0292. We Deliver!

**QUEEN CHIMNEY** Sweep, 665-9452 lv. msg.

**THE HOBBY** Shop has great Christmas Gift Ideas... Art/Craft Kits, Models, Magic Tricks, Frames & More.

**CATTLE EXCHANGE** will be in front of Wayne's Western Wear, Thurs. Dec. 19th. Must place orders in advance. Call 323-6755.

**EARLY DEADLINES** for classified line ads, in *Pampa News* for Thurs.-Dec. 26th, is Tues.-Dec. 24th 10 a.m. Merry Christmas!!

**WE HAVE** her favorite things-turquoise, coral, silver jewelry & wonderfully scented candles, Twice Is Nice.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, windy conditions, highs in the mid 60s, and southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. A caution advisory is out on area lakes. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the upper 30s and west winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds. Chance of snow 20 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of snow in the morning. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 15

to 25 mph. Chance of snow 20 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 50s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

**STATEWIDE**

Snow could fall in the Texas Panhandle by Wednesday, the National Weather Service says. Residents of the Panhandle might not expect it by Tuesday's weather, with highs in the 60s and lows from the mid-20s to the lower 40s, but the weather service says a slight chance of snow exists for Wednesday night. Afternoon highs on Wednesday should be from the upper 40s to the mid-50s,

with the mercury dropping into the 20s Wednesday night. But the white fluffy stuff is not expected to spread to the rest of the state. Lubbock and the South Plains expect temperatures to drop into the 50s on Wednesday and the 20s and 30s Wednesday night, but with no precipitation. But weather officials said it could be windy across most of West Texas on Wednesday, with areas of blowing dust.

In the vicinity of Abilene, Odessa and Midland, lows were expected to be in the 30s and 40s Tuesday night before rising into the 60s on Wednesday, when it will be partly cloudy and windy.

A high wind warning was in effect Tuesday for the mountains of far West Texas. Temperatures were expected to range from the mid-50s in the mountains to near 80 along the Rio Grande. But lows Tuesday night were expected to be in the 30s and 40s. Temperatures were expected to be about 10 degrees cooler on Wednesday.

Some isolated rain showers were expected in far West Texas over the next couple of days with highs in the 50s and night-time lows in the 30s.

Winds were expected to be gusty Tuesday afternoon across North Texas, dropping somewhat to 10 to 20 mph Tuesday night. Chances of rain for Wednesday were slight.

Across South Texas, areas of dense fog and drizzle were expected with visibility less than one-quarter mile Tuesday morning, turning partly cloudy Tuesday night, with continuing fog and drizzle. Highs should be in the 70s both Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Silver Jewelry Trunk Show**  
By Kimberley Craft  
of Canadian, Texas  
Wed. Dec. 18th  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**The Coffee Shop**  
220 N. Cuyler  
Pampa, Texas

**Lots of Turquoise & Coral Jewelry**

**State inmate numbers increasing**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' prison population has grown 1.5 percent compared to this time last year, putting the number of inmates in state prisons at 147,000, about 2,000 more than expected.

The increase coincides with a drop in the percentage of eligible inmates being released on parole and could put another strain on a tight state budget.

Prisons officials downplay the population growth and say they still can cut their two-year budget next year as promised when they thought the inmate population would be lower.

"It could be a quirk," said Larry Todd, a Department of Criminal Justice spokesman. "This is a short-term increase, and it's just too early to tell if this has any lasting impact."

The department has proposed cutting its \$5.2 billion budget by \$60 million in the 2004-2005 budget cycle. Some budget watchers say any savings would disappear if the

prison population remains higher than projected.

The state estimates its spends about \$14,000 a year per inmate. At that rate, 2,000 extra inmates would cost \$56 million more than expected over the next two years.

"That basically cancels the savings out. It could evaporate overnight," said Eva DeLuna Castro, a budget analyst with the nonprofit Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for low-income Texans. "This isn't the only time it's going to happen. All the agencies, as we get closer and closer to the (legislative) session, will have revised numbers."

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has projected lawmakers will face a \$5 billion shortfall when they return to Austin in January to write another budget.

State leaders have said they do not believe a tax increase is necessary, making spending cuts more likely.

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## PLAN

Insurance Management Specialist, a third party administrator, said the county is paying out excess funds in using the local hospital.

IMS presented figures to the commission two weeks ago on five randomly selected employee medical claims examined by IMS. Charges were paid on these claims between April 1 and Oct. 31 at PRMC for a total of \$40,444.

The third party administrator said if the county had been utilizing Nwth network they would have saved \$24,000.

According to data presented by IMS, the medically-covered county employees' hospital charges at Nwth hospital plan total would have been \$15,750 while BSA's charge would have been \$17,205.

On one claim examined by IMS, the local hospital charged \$13,303. IMS officials said the charges for the same condition would have been \$3,500 if the county had used the Nwth network.

Commissioners' Court members said they wanted the county employees to be able to use the local hospital as much as possible, but said there were large differences in charges at the Amarillo hospital in comparison to PRMC.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the county lost almost \$11,000 on one claim because of the higher charges at PRMC.

"You should pay the county back," Hahn told PRMC representatives.

The commission rescinded an action Monday taken at the Dec. 2 commission meeting approving a convenience fee of \$750 to use PRMC so that covered employees and their dependents would not have to travel to Amarillo for minor treatments.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said, "If we leave this in place, it's not accomplishing anything with our plan specifically. IMS will still pay PRMC \$300-\$400 on outpatient, and we'll just waive the employee's \$750."

Morris said she thought the fee would confuse the employees and wouldn't save money.

PRMC Chief Executive

Officer Norman Stephens said, "The problem isn't because Pampa is a rural hospital, but that it is because a rural hospital cannot provide the tertiary services that a larger city can provide." He said there is a much higher patient volume in hospitals such as Amarillo.

He said Pampa's hospital provides many of the same services to patients as the Amarillo hospitals, but the local hospital doesn't generate the higher volume of patients that Amarillo hospitals do.

Stephens explained Amarillo hospitals also provide more specialized services for health conditions.

"We've got our hands tied behind our back when it comes to competing on price with the Amarillo hospitals," he said.

County Commissioner Joe Wheeley responded, "But I do think (being a rural hospital) is part of it. Part of it is because you (PRMC) are a rural hospital. In the sense, when I was visiting with you, you told me what percent is Medicare and Medicaid," said Wheeley, explaining Stephens said government-paid programs are 91 percent of the patient base, leaving only nine percent of the PRMC patients with commercial insurance.

Commenting on Stephens' earlier statement that the hospital is barely breaking even, Wheeley added, "If that barely breaks even or at a loss, they are depending upon nine percent of their business to make them a profit."

"You understand what I was saying 100 percent," said Stephens.

"We're already at socialized medicine," continued Wheeley, "to some extent because a very few are making the profits for the ones they are losing money off of."

Stephens said Pampa is in one of highest geriatric population centers in the state.

"That is why it is so difficult for us to compete with a big town like Amarillo. When you add the demographics to the fact that they offer a lot more expensive services than we do ...," said Stephens.

County Judge Richard Peet offered Stephens some understanding of the hospital's

dilemma as he commented on the services provided to a population.

"Whether it is the hospital or the City of Pampa, you have the same infrastructure whether you have a retirement population or you've got a large industrial population," said Peet. "You've still got the same infrastructure."

He also said the county commission is the overseer of the county finances. "When we expend this, and also the employee's money, because we are self-funded we have to make sure we are utilizing that dollar to the best of our ability," said Peet. "Yet at the same time, not cause a qualified and required facility here in Pampa to go under. I don't think the county would cause that."

Stephens said the hospital's economic condition is not bright.

"If economic circumstances drive the hospital under, so be it. If we become obsolete and can't continue to operate, that's the way life is. We're not there yet. Fortunately, this is still a very small percentage of our overall business," said Stephens. "I'm just worried that if it continues on this way - if we don't take each one of these cases and address them individually - we aren't going to be here in the long run."

Stephens said if the local hospital had accepted a BSA-proposed contract they would be losing money.

"If we had accepted the contract that BSA tried to get us to take, we would have lost a ton of money. We would be way in the red this year," he said. "We would not have been able to make payroll without support of corporate, and that would be pretty much the end of us."

Stephens said the local hospital is trying to keep the costs down as much as possible. He said PRMC averages three employees per occupied bed.

Three county employee meetings will be held Wednesday to explain the changes in the medical insurance. PRMC administration was invited to attend the meetings to explain the new coverage. Peet said IMS will also be at the meetings.

## Career possibility



(Courtesy photo)

As part of a Career and Technology Education (CATE) field trip, Allison Junior High and High School students — (from left to right) front row - J.W. Helton, Jimmy Lane, J.W. Lane, Cody Dupont, Sabrina Dupont, Jessica Helton, Jennifer Helton, Ryan Chupp, Angela Forward, Jonathan Green; back row - Jason Boydston, Logan Chupp, Sammy Case, Chelsea Archer, Bronwyn Dukes, Katie Donaldson, Vanessa Huff, Russell Lohberger, Kelsi Essay, and Laura Lohberger — recently visited Centramedia Online Services main office in Pampa to learn about career opportunities in the Internet industry. The students' tour consisted of a presentation on the different facets of the Internet Service Provider (ISP) business and an in-depth demonstration of the responsibilities in Centramedia's tech department. Students were able to experience the technical side of an ISP. The session concluded with a tour of the server room and a discussion regarding the complex issues involved in supplying Internet service. The CATE program offers the opportunity for youth to explore the variety of career and job possibilities in the area.

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## RULE

than 1,000 cattle; or 700 dairy cows; or 2,500 swine; or 10,000 sheep; or 125,000 chickens; or 82,000 laying hens; or 55,000 turkeys in confinement.

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EPA estimates benefits of \$204 million to \$355 million annually from cleaner drinking water, reduced fish kills and shellfish losses and cleaner estuaries.

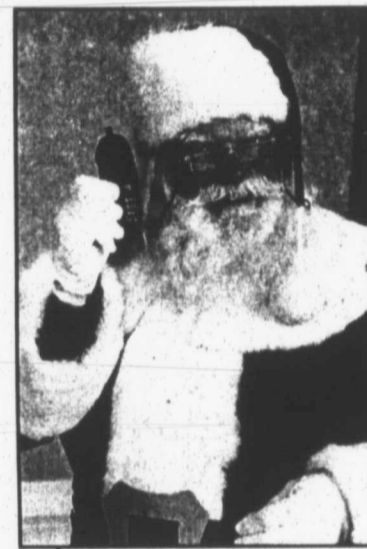
Whitman said the rule will result in the environment being spared each year about 25 percent less nitrogen and phosphorus.

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## ORR

Orr was picked from a field of 32 candidates in a nationwide search conducted by Dr. Mike Moses and David Thompson of Bracewell Patterson law firm, WFISD officials said.

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## FURR'S

Amarillo, as she left the restaurant. "Guess everybody will have to go to Amarillo to eat there."

Accompanying her was Margaret Graham, a longtime Pampa resident.

"I'm dead set against it closing," said Mildred Graham. Living in Pampa over 50 years, she said she was living in Pampa when the restaurant opened.

Other Pampa residents also expressed sadness at the closing.

"I think it is terrible. Right here at the holidays for the employees," she said. "It's awful," said Joy Shelton of Pampa.

Many employees of local companies also were eating at the restaurant one last time.

"We don't want it to close. It's economical, good and fast. I've been coming here a long time," said David Stidham of Pampa.

John Hall said the eating establishment has been a popular place to take business associates.

"I'd rather it wouldn't close. I come here a lot for lunch, and I bring customers here to eat," said Hall of Pampa.

Johnnie Brazeal seemed to sum up the feelings of the restaurant's customers.

"It's a shame. It's good food and it's reasonable," said Johnnie Brazeal of Pampa. "I come here a lot."

Population has steadily declined in Pampa and many other Texas Panhandle communities since 1960, according to U.S. Census figures.

In 1960 there were 24,664 residents living in Pampa. The population in 1970 dropped to

21,726 and in 1980 21,396. In 1990, the community had 19,959 while the 2000 figure was 17,887.

Neighboring Borger's population figures have also declined since 1960 when there were 20,911 in that town. The population dropped to 14,195 in 1970, and then went up to 15,837 in 1980.

In 1990, Borger's population had dropped to 15,675 and in 2000 it had dropped to 14,302.

Borger Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mickey Blackmon said Tuesday morning that the current population is a little under 14,000. The U.S. Census figures list a 2.2 percent loss in Hutchinson County between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001.

According to Furr's Restaurant Group Inc. quarterly report issued Nov. 15, 2002, sales had decreased \$5.5 million from the same quarter in 2001.

The report also stated that sales for the first 39 weeks of 2002 decreased \$15.8 million from the same period in 2001. Six stores were closed during the third quarter.

Kmart's Chapter 11 bankruptcy also affected Furr's as the company operated 37 restaurants which were subleased from Kmart Corporation pursuant to a master sublease. Kmart filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in January 2002.

A hearing is scheduled in the Kmart bankruptcy proceeding this month to consider a motion by Kmart to assign the master sublease to them. Furr's intends to oppose the motion, according to the report.

In the quarterly report issued in mid-November and appearing on their web site, Furr's states the company may have to consider filing Chapter 11 in United States Bankruptcy Court.

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# Canada ratifies Kyoto Protocol, treaty to go back to UN

By TOM COHEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TORONTO (AP) — Canada has ratified the Kyoto Protocol — but the 1997 treaty limiting greenhouse gas emissions needs a similar gesture from Russia to take effect.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien signed Canada's ratification document Monday, then gave it to Environment Minister David Anderson to turn it over to the United Nations on Tuesday.

"Canada is a good citizen of the world," Chretien said

to applause from government officials and aides gathered in his office.

The formal ratification followed months of rancorous debate that divided the country. Parliament voted for ratification last week along party lines, with Chretien's Liberal Party majority, easily overcoming opposition from pro-business opposition groups.

Environmentalists praised the Canadian decision as a display of world leadership in the fight against global warming.

"In the face of opposition from a strong fossil fuel

lobby, he (Chretien) moved forward with the long-term interests of Canada and the globe in mind," said Jennifer Morgan, director of the World Wildlife Fund's Climate Change Program.

Now the treaty's backers need Russia to also sign up.

To take effect, the Kyoto Protocol must be ratified by at least 55 countries, including those responsible for 55 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions in 1990.

Canada's ratification brings the total so far to almost 100 countries that together represent almost 40 percent of the 1990 emissions. The treaty's rejection by the United States — responsible for 36.1 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in 1990 — means only Russia with its 17.4 percent of emissions can push the ratification total over the 55 percent threshold.

Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said in September his government would ratify the protocol "in the very near future."

Once that happens, the nations that have accepted the protocol would be required by law to start reducing the carbon dioxide and other gases pumped out by factories, cars and other sources thought to trap heat in the atmosphere, warming the planet.

The United States, which rejected the accord last year, would not face the requirements. President Bush rejected the Kyoto agreement because he said it would cost the U.S. economy \$400 billion and 4.9 million jobs. His alternative plan offers voluntary incentives for industries to reduce emissions.

Canada's energy-producing provinces, led by Alberta, and the energy industry cam-

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paigned against Kyoto, saying Canadian industry would be unable to compete with U.S. rivals operating without treaty limits.

Polls show most Canadians favor adoption of the treaty. Chretien, who has announced he will step down in February 2004, wanted ratification to be part of his environmental legacy.

The treaty calls for reducing greenhouse gas emissions — such as carbon dioxide — by 6 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

A Canadian government implementation plan calls for changes throughout society on energy use, such as homes being retrofitted to increase efficiency and people driving more fuel-efficient cars with ethanol-spiked fuel. Oil industry companies would get incentives to meet their targets.

If all the goals are met, Canada would cut its annual production of greenhouse gases by 180 megatons, still 60 megatons short of the

amount required by the Kyoto Protocol.

Canada wants some of those 60 megatons to be offset by the export of clean energy sources, such as hydroelectric power sold to the United States. The European Union opposes that plan.

Asked about resistance by the energy industry and some provinces, Chretien said the deadline for Kyoto compliance is 2012.

"We have 10 years to solve the problems now," he said.

On the Net:  
U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change — <http://unfccc.int/>  
Environment — <http://www.ec.gc.ca/envhome.html>

## Sign-up period opens for college saving fund

Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, has announced contracts for the 2003 Texas Tomorrow Fund (TTF) have gone on sale.

Each elementary student currently enrolled in Pampa ISD recently received a notice to take home to their parents describing the program.

"College education has nearly doubled in the last 10 years, the Texas Tomorrow Fund can give families a head start on dealing with rising college costs and can help all of us secure a better future for our children," Orr said.

The state-sponsored TTF program allows families to lock in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. The payments are invested, so that their steady growth will cover, for participating students, the future cost of college tuition and required fees at Texas colleges and universities at today's rates. A prepayment plan for private colleges is also included.

Based on current trends, by the time a baby born today reaches 18, the cost of college tuition and fees is expected to top \$70,000!

As long as your child hasn't finished high school, you can prepay one, two, three, or four years of college in a single lump-sum or with one of several affordable monthly payment plans.

The fund is flexible and offers a variety of options. Some of the options include transferring money to out-of-

state colleges, junior colleges, four-year universities, private schools, and even refunds.

The deadline for enrollment this year is May 31, 2003.

Today, with tuition and fees rising each year, the prospect of sending one or more children to college is still a source of sleepless nights for countless families, especially those who earn too much for their children to qualify for need-based scholarships, but who aren't so well off that the cost of college tuition isn't still a financial burden.

TTF is overseen by Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board which is chaired by the state comptroller. Other board members are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house. Board members have experience in higher education, business, and finance and serve without pay.

A detailed information booklet is available for loan at the main desk at Lovett Memorial Library or may be picked up at Pampa ISD Support Center, 321 W. Albert, or at any elementary campus.

A detailed packet and application form is available by calling 1-800-445-GRAD or by writing Texas Tomorrow Fund at Texas Prepaid Higher Education Board, Comptroller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13173, Austin, TX 78711-3173. Additional information may be obtained on-line at [www.texastomorrowfund.org](http://www.texastomorrowfund.org).

## Holidays at CHCC



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Mabelle Wall and Mary Musgrave, residents at Coronado Healthcare Center (CHCC), wait for dinner to be served during a recent Family Thanksgiving Celebration at the center.

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## Local museum to host book signing with Pampa author

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, from 1-4 p.m., Loralee Cooley will be signing her new book "A Word Fitly Spoken." Just released by Eakin Press, this collection of essays includes 26 contributors who live or have lived in Gray County, and was written in commemoration of the county's 2002 Centennial celebration.



Loralee Cooley

Cooley, who has worked as a professional storyteller since 1977, collected a variety of stories that tell what "word fitly spoken" impacted the lives of these various individuals. Influences came from parents, teachers, even from movies or T-shirts, and some came from living through a pivotal moment of history here in Pampa.

Contributors to "A Word Fitly Spoken" are (alphabetically): Thelma Bray, Dian Burnett, Milo Carlson, Bonnie Clark, Ed Cooley, Marvin Daugherty, Anne Davidson, Anne Dingus, Mike Ehrle, J. David Fatheree, Delma Field, Keith Glassey, Judy Griffin, Wes Griffin, Jackie Harper, Lynn Hart, Aubrey Hill, J.B. Horton, Eloise Lane, DeeDee Laramore, Flo Quattlebaum, Sarah Schwab, Frank Starlings, Jr., Delbert Trew, and Wayne Williams.

Books are currently available for purchase from Cooley at 665-7321 and from Eakin Press (P.O. Box 90159, Austin TX 78709) at 1-800-880-8642, or [www.eakinpress.com](http://www.eakinpress.com). Laminated paperbacks are \$8.95; hardcovers are \$12.95.

Eakin Press accepts VISA, Mastercard and American Express. Hastings Books in Pampa and Borger also has paperbacks in stock.

White Deer Land Museum will have both paperbacks and hardcovers during and after the book signings.



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## SPORTS

### Pampa swim teams place in Seminole Meet

**NOTEBOOK**

#### FOOTBALL

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech has lost two more assistant football coaches.

In the past 10 days, running backs coach Art Briles, 47, was named head coach at Houston and special teams coach Manny Matsakis, 40, was named head coach at Southwest Texas State.

Monday, Tech's defensive line coach Mike Harris, 44, and graduate assistant Dave Aranda, 26, informed Red Raiders head coach Mike Leach they will join Briles' staff.

Harris will be Briles' defensive coordinator and defensive line coach. Aranda will coach line-backers at Houston.

The Red Raiders (8-5) leave Wednesday for Orlando, Fla., in preparation for Monday's Tangerine Bowl against Clemson.

#### BASKETBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The two groups bidding for an NBA expansion team in Charlotte made their sales pitches to the league, and the winner is expected to be announced by midweek.

Robert Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment Television, was the first to make his hourlong presentation. He was followed by businessman Steven Belkin, whose group includes Hall of Famer Larry Bird.

#### SKIING

**SESTRIERE, Italy (AP)** — Croatia's Ivica Kostelic won a four-run, experimental World Cup slalom, overcoming strong back pain to edge Italy's Giorgio Rocca by 0.01 seconds.

The new format is designed to attract more TV viewers by keeping the winner unknown until the final run. The slalom winner usually is determined by the best combined time from two runs.

American Chip Knight finished sixth, 0.57 seconds behind Kostelic. Bode Miller, the United States' top skier and a slalom specialist, was eliminated during qualifying.

#### OLYMPICS

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The bid scandal that tarnished the city's otherwise successful Winter Games was relegated to three paragraphs in a 20-pound, two-volume official history of the 2002 Olympics.

To be fair, the 501-page Official Report of the Salt Lake Games wasn't meant to dig up dirt. It's an organizer's final obligation to the International Olympic Committee, a review of the mind-numbing logistics of putting on the games, covering 42 functions from security to snowplowing.

**SEMINOLE** — The Pampa High swim teams participated in the Seminole Invitational last weekend. Pampa boys scored 30 points and placed sixth in the 13-team field. Pampa girls finished with 22 points and ninth out of 12 teams.

Joe Johnson led the Harvesters, winning the 500 freestyle (5:55.58) and placing second in the 200 freestyle (2:15.57). Teammate Breck Penrod was third in the diving competition.

In the girls' division, Whitney Penrod was third in the diving competition.

Pampa is entered in the Lubbock Invitational on Jan. 3-4.

**Seminole Invitational Pampa Results**  
**Boys Division**  
Diving: 3. Breck Penrod; 11. Russell Anglin.

200 medley relay: 7. Joe Johnson, Alan Arzola, Michael Eskridge and D.J. Elliott, 2:14.65.

200 freestyle: 2. Joe Johnson, 2:15.27; 19. Russell Anglin, 2:46.29. 200 individual medley: 4. Michael Eskridge, 2:34.44; 12. D.J. Elliott, 2:53.66; 18. Alan Arzola, 3:05.75.

50 freestyle: 17. Tyler Wishon, 1:06.28.

100 butterfly: 6. Michael Eskridge, 1:10.48.

100 freestyle: 12. Tyler Wishon, 1:06.28; 25. Michael Martinez, 1:12.40.

500 freestyle: 1. Joe Johnson, 5:55.58; 9. D.J. Elliott, 6:41.02.

200 freestyle relay: 13. Alan Arzola, Michael Martinez, Russell Anglin and Tyler Wishon, 2:07.75.

100 backstroke: 19. Michael Martinez, 1:28.54.

400 freestyle relay: 8.

Tyler Wishon, Joe Johnson, D.J. Elliott and Michael Eskridge.

**Girls Division**  
Diving: 3. Whitney Penrod; 10. Wendy Stephens.

200 medley relay: 11. Kandice Maddox, Angela Henthorn, Emily Johnson and Whitney Penrod, 2:43.

200 freestyle: 18. Jessica White, 2:56.25; 25. Kendra Strickland,

3:09.67.

200 individual medley: 13. Angela Henthorn, 3:22.29.

50 freestyle: 17. Whitney Penrod, 34.50.

100 butterfly: 8. Emily Johnson, 1:33.71; 9. Wendy Stephens, 1:38.11.

100 freestyle: 13. Kandice Maddox, 1:15.80.

500 freestyle: 13. Jessica White, 7:54.06; 15. Kendra Strickland,

8:16.27; 16. Heather Kane, 8:30.53.

200 freestyle relay: 12. Whitney Penrod, Wendy Stephens, Angela Henthorn and Jessica White, 2:22.28.

400 backstroke: 4. Candice Maddox, 5:20.19. Heather Kane, 1:45.52.

400 freestyle relay: 7. Wendy Stephens, Jessica White, Angela Henthorn and Kandice Maddox, 5:18.77.

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8:16.27; 16. Heather Kane, 8:30.53.

### Harvesters explode past Dimmitt, 80-61

**DIMITT** — Pampa had an explosive second half to rout Dimmitt 80-61 in boys' basketball action last weekend.

Pampa was behind by three (33-30) at halftime, but went ahead by 11 (57-46) after three quarters. The Harvesters widened the gap with a 23-point fourth period.

Ryan Zemanek was Pampa's leading scorer with 26 points. Chance Bowers added 11.

Nicky Guana had 23 points and Matthew Guana 12 for

Dimmitt.

Pampa is 4-9 for the season. Dimmitt's record is 7-8.

Pampa goes to Hereford on Friday night to tip off the District 3-4A season. Starting time is 7:30. The Pampa-Hereford girls' game is at 6.

Pampa's district home opener is Jan. 2 against Palo Duro.

**Pampa's Remaining Games**

**Boys**  
Dec. 20-Hereford, 7:30 away; 26-Caprock Tournament, at Lubbock.  
Jan. 2-Palo Duro, 7:30 home; 4-Dumas, 7:30

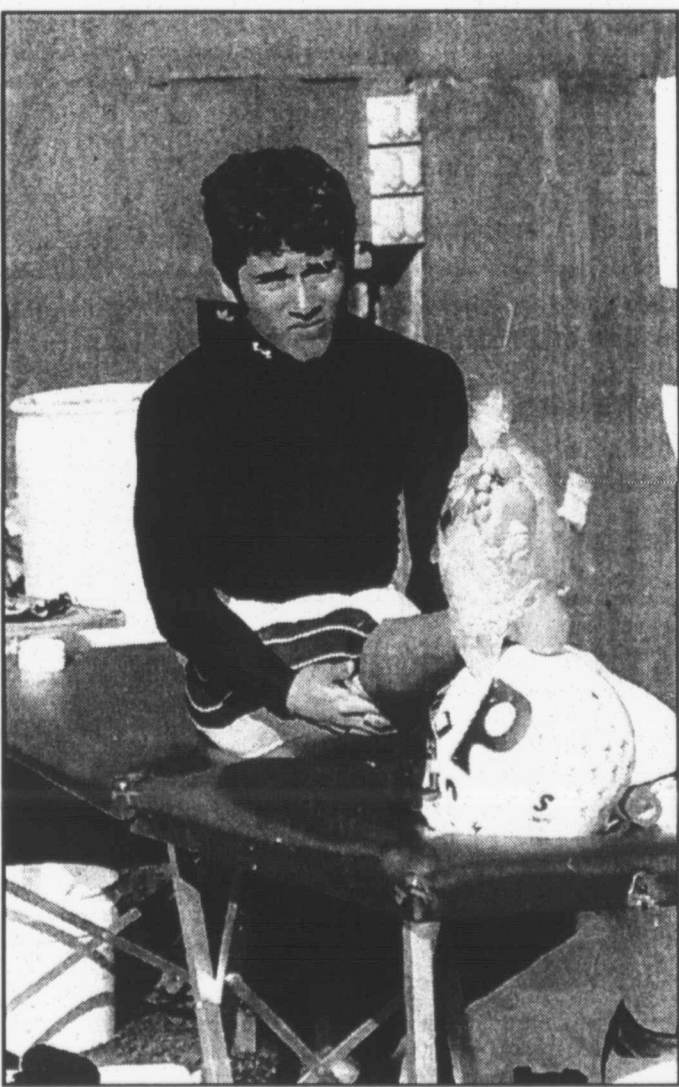
away; 10-Caprock, 7:30 home; 14-Randall, 7:30 home; 17-Plainview, 7:30 away; 21-Hereford, 7:30 home; 24-Palo Duro, 7:30 away; 28-Dumas, 7:30 home.

**Girls**  
Feb. 4-Caprock, 7:30 home; 7-Randall, 7:30 away; 11-Plainview, 7:30 home.

14-Hereford, 6 away; 26-Caprock Tournament, at Lubbock.  
Feb. 2-Palo Duro, 6 home; 4-Dumas, 6 away; 10-Caprock, 6 home; 14-Randall, 6 home; 17-Plainview, 6 away; 21-Hereford, 6 home; 24-Palo Duro, 6 away; 28-Dumas, 6 home.

Feb. 4-Caprock, 6 away.

### Athlete of the Month



(Photo by Grover Black)

Junior tailback Johnny Moore — shown above at Wichita Falls after sustaining an ankle injury early in the first quarter of Pampa's Class 4A regional semi-final game against Denton Ryan — was honored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee as the November Athlete of the Month in high school football. Moore received the honor after his all-around performance in Pampa's 58-0 win over Caprock. Moore rushed for 119 yards and scored two touchdowns while throwing for another one. He completed four of seven passes for 88 yards.

### Lefors falls to Hartley teams

**SUNRAY** — Katie Barnes had a 20-point performance for Lefors, but the Lady Pirates fell to Hartley 37-32 in the fifth place game last weekend at the Sunray Tournament.

Gates led Hartley with 12 points.

Savanah Smith added 9

points for Lefors.

In the boys' division, Lefors lost to Hartley 63-58 for seventh place.

Black had 28 points for Hartley.

Rickey Vaughn had 20 points and Joshua Garcia for the Pirates.



## Santa Letters...

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# Clippers get rare win over Spurs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It isn't often that the Los Angeles Clippers beat the San Antonio Spurs.

It also isn't often that Tim Duncan plays an entire game without going to the foul line. Or that the Spurs fail to make a 3-pointer. Or that their opponent blocks twice as many shots as they do.

All of those oddities occurred Monday night as the Clippers beat San Antonio 91-79. It was only their second victory in 20 meetings, and the first in the last nine in Los Angeles.

"A lot of things went against us," Spurs center David Robinson said. "We got very, very sloppy, which has been kind of a pattern. That's why our record is what it is. We should have a lot more wins. We're just not consistent enough right now."

The consistency of Quentin Richardson was the determining factor for the Clippers, whose 11 wins are only three fewer than San Antonio.

The reserve guard scored 10 of his season-high 21 points during a 2:23 span to give Los Angeles a 90-73 cushion with 3:12 left, after the Spurs trimmed a 17-point

fourth-quarter deficit to 10 with 7:45 remaining.

"He was incredible down the stretch. He felt very comfortable and was hitting his shots, so we tried to get him the rock as much as we could," Elton Brand said.

In the second quarter, Richardson's 3-pointer with 4:16 left capped the first of two 15-3 runs, helping the Clippers turn a seven-point deficit into a 42-37 advantage.

"They made shots," Robinson said. "They're not known as a great outside-shooting team, but they did a great job — and we didn't play good, smart basketball."

Michael Olowokandi had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers.

Clippers coach Alvin Gentry was ejected for the third time in three seasons with 1:49 left in the first after Gary Benson and Derek Richardson called technical fouls against him within 93 seconds.

"It's natural for a team to rally together when a head coach or a player gets ejected from a game," said assistant coach Dennis Johnson, who directed the team after Gentry's ejection.

"Alvin reminded me when he went out to make sure I got the guys to pressure them and make sure they stay up on them — just the same thing he would do. I really didn't change anything that Alvin would have done."

Brand helped fuel the second rally with six of his 16 points, including a tip-in that gave Los Angeles its biggest lead, 64-46, with 5:56 left in the third.

Duncan, last season's MVP, scored 32 points on 16-for-29 shooting and had 11 rebounds. But Robinson managed only 10 points, and the Spurs' usually reliable reserves contributed only 20.

"We didn't let Duncan beat us. We knew he would get his points, but we didn't let the other guys step up," Brand said. "It feels good to win this game. It's another hurdle we overcame."

**Notes:** The Spurs' fourth-quarter momentum was derailed by technical fouls less than three minutes apart against Duncan and coach Gregg Popovich. ... The Clippers shot 52.3 percent against a defense that entered the game with the lowest field-goal percentage by opponents (40.7).

## SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL									
Middle School Boys' Basketball Results									
Pampa B	9	17	26	34					
Westover B	4	6	13	26					
Pampa - Colden Fortenberry 9, Adam Anguiano 9, Jad McGuire 8, J'mico Mitchell 5, Tanner Dyson 4.									
Borger B	13	15	24	26					
Pampa B	3	4	7	13					
Pampa - Colden Fortenberry 7, Jad McGuire 2, J'mico Mitchell 2.									
Pampa B	5	11	17	39					
Plainview B	0	11	11	12					
Pampa - Tanner Dyson 14, Colden Fortenberry 10, J'mico Mitchell 6.									

FOOTBALL									
National Football League									
At A Glance									
By The Associated Press									
All Times EST									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
Miami	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New England	9	5	0	.643	337	254			
Buffalo	8	6	0	.571	337	292			
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	.500	352	378			
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	302	256			
Tennessee	9	5	0	.643	326	311			
Jacksonville	6	8	0	.429	305	267			
Houston	4	10	0	.286	200	317			
North									
Pittsburgh	8	5	1	.607	339	307			
Baltimore	7	7	0	.500	272	306			
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	306	291			
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	250	416			
West									
Oakland	9	5	0	.643	398	288			
Denver	8	6	0	.571	339	309			
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	283	312			
Kansas City	7	7	0	.500	443	353			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
y-Philadelphia	11	3	0	.786	381	228			
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	266	245			
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	200	282			
Washington	5	9	0	.357	261	341			
South									
x-Tampa Bay	11	3	0	.786	324	179			
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	413	358			

Sunday's Games									
Seattle	30	Atlanta	24	OT					
Chicago	20	N.Y. Jets	13						
Miami	23	Oakland	17						
Tampa Bay	23	Detroit	20						
Baltimore	23	Houston	19						
Buffalo	20	San Diego	13						
Pittsburgh	30	Carolina	14						
Minnesota	32	New Orleans	31						
Philadelphia	34	Washington	21						
Jacksonville	29	Cincinnati	15						
Indianapolis	28	Cleveland	23						
Denver	31	Kansas City	24						
N.Y. Giants	37	Dallas	7						
Green Bay	20	San Francisco	14						
St. Louis	30	Arizona	28						
Monday's Game									
Tennessee	24	New England	7						
Saturday's Games									
Miami	at	Minnesota	1:30 p.m.						
San Francisco	at	Arizona	5 p.m.						
Philadelphia	at	Dallas	8:30 p.m.						
Sunday, Dec. 22									
Detroit	at	Atlanta	1 p.m.						
Buffalo	at	Green Bay	1 p.m.						
Houston	at	Washington	1 p.m.						
Chicago	at	Carolina	1 p.m.						
N.Y. Giants	at	Indianapolis	1 p.m.						
Tennessee	at	Jacksonville	1 p.m.						
San Diego	at	Kansas City	1 p.m.						
New Orleans	at	Cincinnati	1 p.m.						
St. Louis	at	Seattle	4:05 p.m.						
Denver	at	Oakland	4:15 p.m.						
Cleveland	at	Baltimore	4:15 p.m.						
N.Y. Jets	at	New England	8:30 p.m.						
Monday, Dec. 23									
Pittsburgh	at	Tampa Bay	9 p.m.						

# Heisman winner, record-smashing tailbacks lead AP All-America list

NEW YORK (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer has plenty of company when it comes to his latest honor — AP All-American.

The Southern California quarterback, along with record-smashing running backs Larry Johnson of Penn State and Willis McGahee of Miami, was among 25 players selected Tuesday to The Associated Press All-America team.

Ohio State, which plays top-ranked Miami for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3, led the way with three first-teamers — strong safety Mike Doss, linebacker Matt Wilhelm and kicker Mike Nugent.

Notre Dame cornerback Shane Walton gave the Fighting Irish their first All-American since 1993, when offensive tackle Aaron Taylor made it.

Palmer threw for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns in leading the fifth-ranked Trojans (10-2) to a share of the Pacific-10 title and a berth in the Orange Bowl

on Jan. 2. The 6-foot-5, 225-pounder set seven league and 23 school records during his senior season.

Iowa's Brad Banks, AP College Player of the Year and Heisman runner-up, was the second-team quarterback. Miami's Ken Dorsey made the third team.

Johnson became just the ninth Division I-A player to top 2,000 yards, finishing with a school-record 2,015 yards and 23 touchdowns. The senior also led the nation in all-purpose yards with 2,575, and last week won the Maxwell Award as the nation's top player and the Doak Walker Award as the top running back.

McGahee, one of six sophomores on the team, set school records in rushing (1,686 yards), total yards (2,036 yards), 100-yard games (10) and touchdowns (27). He ran for 205 yards and a school-record six TDs in Miami's 56-45 win over Virginia Tech on Dec. 7.

Leading the defense were end Terrell Suggs of

Arizona State, linebacker E.J. Henderson of Maryland and tackle Rien Long of Washington State.

Suggs, with an NCAA-record 22 sacks, won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman. Henderson, who led the Terrapins to a second straight 10-win season with 163 tackles, was the lone repeater from last year. Long, with 13 sacks, took the Outland Trophy as the top interior lineman.

Charles Rogers of Michigan State and Reggie Williams of Washington were the wide receivers. Rogers caught a school-record 68 passes for 1,351 yards and 13 touchdowns, and Williams had 89 catches for 1,390 yards and 11 TDs.

Four schools had two players apiece on the team — Miami, Iowa, Southern California and Oklahoma. Miami center Brett Romberg joined McGahee, while Southern Cal safety Troy Polamalu joined Palmer.

Iowa had two offensive players — tight end Dallas

Clark and offensive lineman Eric Steinbach — and Oklahoma had two on defense — tackle Tommie Harris and linebacker Teddy Lehman.

In addition to Romberg and Steinbach, the other offensive linemen were Shawn Andrews of Arkansas, Derrick Dockery of Texas and Jordan Gross of Utah.

Derek Abney of Kentucky, who set an NCAA record with six kick returns for touchdowns, was the all-purpose player. The 5-10, 175-pound junior averaged 160.17 total yards per game.

Rounding out the defense were end David Pollack of Georgia and defensive back Terence Newman of Kansas State.

Mark Mariscal of Colorado was the punter. He led the nation with a 48.3-yard average, including 26 punts of 50 yards or longer.

There are 14 seniors, five juniors and six sophomores on the team.

The Big Ten led all conferences with seven All-

Americans, followed by the Pac-10 and Big 12 with five apiece.

The All-America team was selected by the following sports writers:

Andrew Bagnato (Chicago Tribune); Tony Barnhart (Atlanta Journal-Constitution); Bill Campbell (Dallas Morning

News); Chris Dufresne (Los Angeles Times); Dick Weiss (New York Daily News); Rusty Miller (AP Columbus, Ohio); Paul Newberry (AP Atlanta); Ken Peters (AP Los Angeles); Alan Robinson (AP Pittsburgh); John Zenor (AP Montgomery, Ala.); and Richard Rosenblatt (AP national college football writer).

## Morriss bringing staff to Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — New Baylor coach Guy Morriss is bringing nine assistant coaches with him from Kentucky.

"Our staff works well together and they are as excited as I am about the opportunity at Baylor," Morriss said Monday in announcing the moves by all nine assistants.

Two of the nine are returning to Baylor. Defensive coordinator John Goodner was an assistant for former Baylor coach Grant Teaff for 11 years, including one year as defensive coordinator. Offensive line coach Chris Lancaster was a graduate assistant for Teaff and an assistant for Chuck Reedy.

Defensive tackles coach Tom Adams played at Rice and coached at Rice, SMU and Sam Houston. Safeties coach Larry Hoefler has been on the Texas Tech and UTEP staffs.

Others making the move to Baylor are assistant head coach Gerald Carr, offensive coordinator Brent Pease, special teams coordinator and defensive ends coach Mark Nelson, wide receivers coach Harold Jackson and cornerbacks coach Wesley McGriff.

Nelson, a former Canadian Football League player and coach, first coached with Morriss for the CFL's San Antonio Texans in 1995.

# Astros trade unhappy reliever

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker went to baseball's winter meetings hoping to land a lefthanded reliever and a speedy center-fielder.

He lost out on veteran lefthander Mike Stanton, who signed Monday with the New York Mets, but may have gotten half his wish anyway. Hunsicker traded disgruntled reliever Nelson Cruz to the Colorado Rockies for outfield prospect Victor Hall.

The deal was reached during the day on Monday, but Cruz was eligible for salary arbitration, and the Rockies asked that the Astros get him under contract before completing the trade. The Astros reached agreement with the righthander Monday night on a one-year contract.

Hall is "a prototype center fielder," Hunsicker was quoted in Tuesday's Houston Chronicle. "He's got tremendous speed and is among the fastest runners in the game. He's a solid defensive player, and he's shown the ability to make adjustments at the plate during his short career. We feel like there's a chance he's going to be a pretty good offensive player as well."

The Rockies acquired Hall off the Arizona Diamondbacks' roster in the Rule V draft of minor leaguers Monday on the final day of the winter meetings.

Hall spent most of the 2002 season at Class A Lancaster of the California League, hitting .278 with three home runs and 32 RBIs in 91 games. He was promoted to Class AA El Paso, where he hit .286 (46-for-161) in 38 games. The Astros hoped to acquire Hall in the Rule V draft, but the Rockies beat them to him.

If Hall doesn't remain on the Astros' major-league roster for the entire 2003 season, he must be offered back to the Diamondbacks for \$25,000 — half the Rule V purchase price.

"The obvious challenge is that this player has only played half a season at the Double-A level," Hunsicker said. "Developmentally, he is probably not ready to be playing at the major-league level. There's great upside here, but developmentally he still has a way to go."

"That's the challenge of taking a player in the Rule V draft. But (Hall's) profile is just very, very difficult to find, whether it's the major leagues, minor leagues or amateur ranks. It's really a small gamble."

Astros owner Drayton McLane said his team is in "serious negotiations" with the representative of free agent second baseman Jeff Kent, Houston television station KRIV reported Monday night.

"The negotiations have been going on for the past three days, and it could go either way," the station quoted McLane as saying.

Kent's agent, Jeff Klein, told the station on Saturday that Kent "has some level of interest" in the Astros because he has great respect for Hunsicker and "he likes the lineup, the ballpark and he owns a ranch in Texas."

Kent is the only second baseman in major league history with 100 or more runs batted in for six consecutive seasons. He led the National League last season in extra-base hits and in multi-hit games. The Astros already have a solid second baseman in Craig Biggio and would want Kent to play another position.

## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002:

Do not overestimate the power of your self-expression. You easily command people's attention. Others often tease you or play devil's advocate. Learn to work with many different personalities, and you will gain. Detach and understand what motivates others. Consider taking a psychology course this year, or perhaps do more traveling to appreciate different lifestyles. A foreigner could open up your life to many different styles of thinking. If single, the social aspect of your life could run away with you, but you will have a good time! Don't let the right person simply slip through your hands. Be aware. If attached, the two of you will renew your commitment if you decide to open up more. GEMINI plays devil's advocate.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Someone sees the logic in your recent suggestion. Opportunities knock on your door. You see life from a different perspective. Still, someone in your circle could decide to play devil's advocate. Welcome the opportunity. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for someone else who remains close to you. This person will be very important to your emotional or financial well-being. What you can count on here is the unexpected. Remain secure and positive, if possible. Tonight: Ask for what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* The Moon in your sign energizes you, taking you in a new, positive

direction. You might feel that someone else is unpredictable, as he or she swings from one view to another. Understand that this person simply might be exploring ideas. Join in. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Slow down with spending money, as you could discover you're in a jam before you know it. You do want to enjoy your holidays, don't you? Open up to new possibilities, which could have a direct impact on your life. Tonight: Think positively. Use your creativity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep your goals in mind but don't let fun escape you. You have an unusually innovative approach that endears you to one person but distances you from another. Know that you cannot win them all. A friend proves unusually enjoyable. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Make that extra effort to reach out for those close to you. Sometimes others do not understand where you're coming from and what you feel. Don't hesitate to explain. You also might be dealing with an erratic domestic situation. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You could resolve to handle a personal matter differently. Your words are important, but so is your tone of voice. Test this out; you will see. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Trust this person. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* A partner wants to have a stronger voice in your choices. You could be uncomfortable with this person interfering. You might ask yourself whether the issue is yours or someone else's. Gain

insight through conversations. Tonight: Go along with a partner or boss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Others push and pull to get your attention. Understand how much caring might be behind these demands. Express your feelings in a manner that those around you can respond to. Detach, and you will feel quite pleased about an opportunity. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Dig into a project. You might discover that you respond differently to inquiries from a co-worker, depending on how tired you are and/or what time of day it is. A loved one or dear friend pitches in, if you express your exhaustion. Tonight: Soak away stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* You might not completely grasp how strong someone's reaction is until you get it full blast. Realize that you might need to adjust your priorities, especially those involving a child or new friend. This person might be more fragile than you realize. Tonight: Let the kid in you out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* You might not always understand the implications of a family member's mood on you. Stop denying what others keep telling you. Tune in to yourself and be willing to accept more honesty. Clear out work and errands. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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