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# **Business**, pleasure

Texas Historical Foundation director visits for two reasons

**By NANCY YOUNG** Managing Editor

The new Texas Historical Foundation (THF) Executive Director holds a strong interest in Pampa these days both historically and personal-

Keith Pitner, who assumed the THF position in August, spoke at a Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week about the organization he now heads. He came to town combining business with pleasure. His son, Trevlyn, became Pampa Police Chief a few weeks ago. The elder Pitner has been assisting his son make preparations to move into his new home this week-end.

He's also telling people about the Austin-based Texas Historical Foundation and its functions.

"History is not just in the history books," Keith Pitner told the group.

He said his office is only

two blocks from downtown Austin and is "right in the middle of history," citing early-day cemeteries and other historical locations in the area.

Pitner explained history is becoming a major industry across Texas and many historical locations are rapidly becoming popular tourist attractions. He was in Pampa Tuesday to explain what his group can do to help organizations preserve historical attractions for tourism.

Pitner told the Chamber members and guests attending the luncheon that the THF awards grants to organizations promoting the preservation of history.

Most of the grants are between \$2,000 and \$30,000, he said. He also said THF concentrates on awarding grants to Texas communities with 30,000 population or less, saying that large metropolitan areas have other sources of financial assistance with simibiggest things that we (as a lar projects.

Pitner said the Texas Panhandle is "very unrepresented on the board of directors."

The executive director plans to name some Texas Panhandle people to that board, and is seeking names of area residents who would be both qualified and interested in serving on the board.

He said THF directors are "contributing directors" meaning they are required to contribute \$1,500 a year to THF as well as be "working" directors. Lubbock is the closest community to the Texas Panhandle represented on the board, he said.

Grants from the organization are only awarded to groups of people, he said. He said the organization has inquiries and requests from individuals, but explained that a prerequisite is a group interested in preservation.

"Preservation is one of the (See PITNER, Page 5)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Keith Pitner, executive director of the Txas Historical Foundation, describes the functions of the Austin-based organization to Pampa Chamber members and guests.

**Official: Beef** 

prices stable

BY DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

cost about the same next year as they did last

year and the year before, according to Richard

McDonald, CEO of the Texas Cattle Feeders

the price of beef in 2003, McDonald said at a

\$3.38 a pound, said Jim Gill, market analyst for

"I think next year, in 2003, you can go back to

kind of a steady retail average price of \$3.38

year-end news conference here Wednesday.

the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Consumers should not see much change in

The average retail price for beef in 2001 was

"In 2002, it was \$3.31 per pound," Gill said.

AMARILLO - Those steaks on the grill will

# 3rd time's the charm

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Several local and area law enforcement agencies participated in a drug raid Thursday night at a residence at 1145 S Varnon Drive which netted drugs and weapons.

Officers Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force, Pampa Police Department Special Response Team and Gray County Sheriff's Department served a narcotics search war-

rant at 8:09 p.m. Pampa Police Department officials said the Thursday raid is the third raid made at this residence, and that all raids have netted drugs and

weapons. Officers found three male subjects at the scene, and took two into custody.

Arrested were Charles Henry Nelson, 39, 1145 S. (See RAID, Page 5)

State Rep. Warren Chisum presented the American flag which flew over the Texas State Capitol on Dec. 6 to Pampan Teresa Reed in recognition of her 100th birthday on that date. Chisum praised the retired teacher for her many years of service to Texas school children. He also presented her with a framed certificate honoring her. She has received birthday greetings from First Lady Laura Bush, Rep. Mac Thornberry and Gov. Rick Perry. Barry Loving, right, pastor of First Christian Church where she is an active member, attended the presentation.

# Flag presentation



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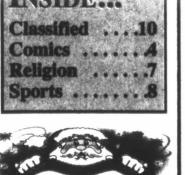
bushels.

Association.

Gill said the price of feeder cattle coming into the feedyards in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will be slightly higher, but the price of corn fed to the cattle should be lower. Corn production in 2002 was nine billion

"I think in 2003, it could be a little higher than that," Gill said. "Probably 9.5 to 9.7 billion bushels. If we have some good weather, (See **BEEF**, Page 5)

# To facilite, stimulate, and provoke change



**HIGH** 

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Two U.S. Air Force

training jets collide

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP) -Two Air Force training jets

from Sheppard Air Force Base collided Friday in a remote area of southern Oklahoma,

but those aboard survived,

The Air Force base in

Wichita Falls, Texas, issued a

statement saying one of the two T-37 jets involved in the

accident flew back to the base

and landed safely. The two

people aboard the other jet

ejected before it crashed in a

field northeast of Lake

base hospital for examination.

station KWTV aired video

taken from a helicopter show-

ing the wrecked, burned air-

half-mile from Grandview

DEATHS

Black, 64, flying enthusiast.

Grover N. 'Blackie'

David Cupell, 50, truck-

Mary Ann Speed Hawkins,

The crash occurred about a

plane in a vacant field.

Elementary School.

ing manager.

76, retired bookkeeper.

They were taken to the

Oklahoma City television

Waurika, south of Duncan.

military officials said.

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(Photo by Seth Davidson) Sam Tessen, executive director for the Office of Rural Community Assistance

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

North Rolling Plains RC&D met this week at the Gray County Annex and heard a presentation by Office of Rural Community Assistance Executive Director Sam Tessen.

State Rep. Warren Chisum introduced Tessen to the group. The RC&D, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that works with community development, is in the process of creating a new strategy for working in rural communities.

In the past, state and federal agencies have worked independently on rural development projects that are usually working to achieve the same goals. The RC&D is working to put together comprehensive community plans that will combine planning and implementation in the form of coordinated services offered by ORCA, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Panhandle Regional Planning Council, the Extension Service,

and other agencies.

James Tillman, assistant state conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a branch of the USDA, told council members to continue working as advocates for progressive change

"RC&D people work hard, work quietly, and get the job done. That has got to continue," he said.

Claude Ross, also of the RC&D, said the overall goal is to develop local leadership, tourism, grant writing, and other assets so that communities can define, plan, and implement their goals indepen-

Director Tessen described a new concept where he seeks to turn career bureaucrats into people who listen and act on the basis of rural needs rather than as selfappointed experts who "know what's best."

"My job," said Tessen, "is to facilitate change when able, stimulate change when required, and provoke change when

it's the last resort. The status quo is acceptable only in a static environment and there are no static environments."

Tessen talked about the need to consolidate rural aid programs, and explained details and procedures that act as barriers to effective implementation of grant programs.

In one case, he said, ORCA trimmed a 58-page grant application down to three pages. In another, ORCA developed an online database of rural aid programs from all state and federal agencies that can be accessed from a single site. In the past, these programs were compartmentalized to such an extent that even people within the same agency knew little or nothing about a complementary program just around the cubicle.

"We're public servants," said Tessen. "And good servants listen. We sent out more than a thousand surveys to rural Texans, trying to find out what they need. You know what we found out? They're

(See CHANGE, Page 5)

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Mrs. Hawkins was born Aug. 12, 1926, in Tulsa, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930, graduating from Pampa High School in 1944. She married Leaton Dale Hawkins on April 7, 1946, in Pampa. She worked for Hawkins Radio Lab for approximately 22 years as a bookkeeper, retiring in 1982.

She was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carrie Jean Speed, in 1963; and her parents, William E. "Bill" Speed, in 1959, and Carrie Emily Speed, in

Survivors include her husband, Leaton Dale Hawkins, of the home; a son, Stephen Dale Hawkins and his wife Gloria of Pampa; a daughter, Jean Ann DuBowik and her husband Joe of Austin; grandchildren, Steve Hawkins of Dallas, Hawkins Lubbock, Keeley Martinez, Randy Randle, and Will Randle, all Antonio;

three great-grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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#### DAVID CUPELL 1952-2002

LIBERAL, Kan. — David Cupell, 50, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis in Wichita, Kan. Services will be at 11 a.m., Monday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Bagwell presiding. Burial will be in Liberal Cemetery under the direction of Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home in Liberal.

Mr. Cupell was born Sept. 23, 1952, at Amarillo, to JoEd and Anita Williams Cupell. He graduated from Hereford High School at Hereford in 1971 and married Connie Alexander on May 26, 1972, at Hereford. He had been a Liberal resident for five years, moving from Amarillo.

He was in the trucking business with his father from 1971-78 prior to working in truck sales and management with Freightliner and Kenworth, currently serving as general manager of Liberal Kenworth.

He formerly was an active member of Kiwanis Club in Amarillo and belonged to First Baptist Church in Liberal and Believers Sunday School Class. He volunteered with AWANAS program for He was preceded in death by his mother, Anita.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; three daughters. Leigh Ann Glen of Liberal and twins, Ashlee and Amanda, both of the home; his father, JoEd, of Amarillo; a brother, Albert Cupell of Amarillo; two sisters, JoAnn Stephens of Pampa and Nita White of Amarillo; and a grandchild.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., today and from 1-5 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home in Liberal and the family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Cupell Children Memorial Fund in care of Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home, 1212 W. 2nd, Liberal, KS 67901

#### LOCAL FORECAST **SERVICES TOMORROW**

BLACK, Grover N. "Blackie" — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

**MEDLEY**, Douglass Eugene — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

MEDLEY, Winnie Rachelle "Meemaw" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WHITENER, Hiram Arthur — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.

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# GROVER N. 'BLACKIE' BLACK

Grover N. "Blackie" Black, 64, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Ronnie Goode, associate pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, and Lonny Robbins, pastor of the church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born July 6, 1938, at Pampa, Mr. Black had been a longtime Liberal, Kan., resident, working as a dispatcher for Yellow Freight Company in Liberal for 17 years. He returned to Pampa in 1995 and was a photographer for The Pampa News.

He married Louisa Perez on Sept. 1, 1992, at Liberal.

1938-2002

He was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church, was a past member of Liberal Masonic Lodge, and was Harvest House vol-

He enjoyed flying.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Keith Black.

Survivors include his wife, Louisa, of the home; a daughter, Katrina Miller of Sharon Springs, Kan.; three sons, Luez Aguilar, David Perez, and Joshua Dave Perez, all of the home; two sisters, Elnora Haynes of Pampa and Charlotte Schiffman of Fort Worth; a brother, Terry Black of Skellytown; and four grandchildren.

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Soybeans	Kerr McGee46.84	+0.34	
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	Williams 2.32	-0.03	
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#### FIRE

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

Thursday, Dec. 19

7:41 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at 1504 W. Kentucky due to an alarm malfunction.

8:01 a.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at 1504 W. Kentucky due to an alarm malfunction.

8:27 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1400 block of North Banks.

1:49 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at 1504 W.

Kentucky due to an alarm malfunction. Friday, Dec. 20

6:25 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in at 1633 N. Nelson.

### **POLICE**

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

Thursday, Dec. 19 Charles Nelson, 39, 1133 Varnon Drive, was arrested for

possession of drug parapherna-David Lee Ellison, 36, 605 Plains, was arrested for posses-

sion of a controlled substance, penalty group one, under one

A Christmas decoration, a Santa sleigh, was reported taken from a residential yard in the 1900 block of Grape Lane. The theft category was over \$50 and under \$500.

PPD officers took a report of

Pampa Police Department a forgery in the police department lobby.

> A report of a criminal mischief was taken in the 1200 block of Wells. A television, VCR and DVD player were reported destroyed.

> A report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was taken in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

> Theft of a Rug Doctor Steam Vac was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Estimated loss value was \$1,150. Terroristic threats were

reported to Pampa PD. Theft of cash was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Amount of loss was reported to be \$150.

# **AMBULANCE**

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

Thursday, Dec. 19 8:22 a.m. - A mobile

ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy on a lift assist. 6:32 p.m. – A mobile ICU

responded to the Jordan Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC.

# City Briefs

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LIFESTYLES DEADLINE (weddings, engagements, bacates for \$90 & receive 1 masby, club news, newsmakers, sage for yourself for \$35. Call etc.) in the Pampa News for The Golden Touch, 665-9711 Sun., Dec. 29th, is Tues. Dec. 24th, before noon. Happy Holidays to everyone!!

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# **SHERIFF**

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

Thursday, Dec. 19

Delton Eugene McCormick, 46, Market St., was arrested on a Gray County warrant for criminal trespass of a habitation.

Anthone Allen, 30, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a warrant out of Hamilton County for no drivers license.

## STATE FORECAST

Sunny skies were expected across most of Texas on Friday with highs in the 60s and 70s in many areas.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, sunny were expected with highs from 65 to 70. By nighttime, clear skies were expected with lows from 35 to 40 in the Hill Country to 40 to 45 in the south central area.

Sunny skies were expected in deep South Texas with highs from 70 to 75. By nighttime, clear skies were expected with lows from 45 in the west to 55 near the coast. In the Panhandle, partly

cloudy skies were expected with highs in the lower to

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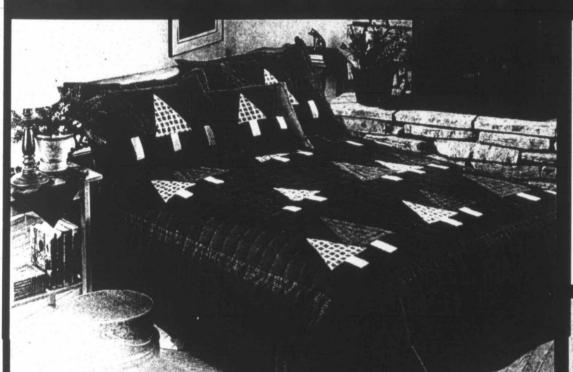
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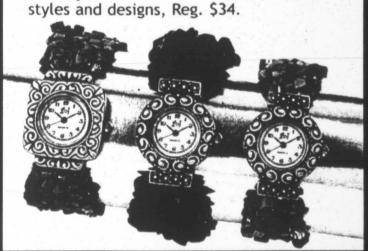
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Long sleeve split mockneck in assorted colors, Reg. price \$26.



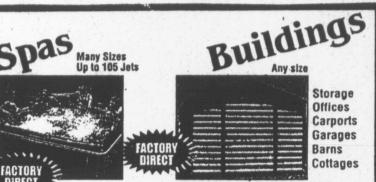
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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

# **Woman Not in Giving Mood** For Office Gift Exchange

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small company with 25 employees. Four of us are in the office all day — all women. To put it mildly, I have never felt accepted by these "ladies." During this past year, they've been especially hateful to me. Other

employees tell me it's pure jealousy.
My problem: The holidays are
now here. What should I do about participating in the traditional gift exchange at the office? Should I buy each gal a gift out of the spirit of giving, even though I have no desire to do so? Or should I make it clear that I do not wish to exchange presents, which could make matters worse? I feel stuck, Abby. Please

TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE more time, or confront him and give IN WASHINGTON STATE an ultimatum? Please help.
CONFUSED AND TIRED

**DEAR TO GIVE OR NOT TO** GIVE: Buy a lovely pastry or some other treat that everyone in the office can enjoy. Include a card with it that reads: "My budget this year does not children by age 26 - and now, allow me to give individual gifts to each of you. — Enjoy! yet another man to propose?

Merry Christmas." That way, I should think you'd be grateful for the respite. Please grateful for the grateful for the grateful for the respite. the spirit of giving" without feeling hypocritical.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old single mother of five. I have been married and divorced three times Right now that's the least of an ultimatum my problems. I've been dating prepared to lose. "Gordy" for two years, and the idea

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of marriage has crossed my mind more than once.

Gordy loves my kids and they love him, but he says he's not ready just like to have a heart-to-heart to make the kind of commitment talk with God whenever I am outthat comes with marriage. The kids doors under the stars and moonare not the problem; I don't have light sky. I think they make a great custody. I get them only every other pair. Is there a religion that encourages this? Thank you. weekend and holidays, so it's not the responsibility of taking care of a big family that's holding Gordy back. He says he'd be OK with all that. I'm afraid my past three failed marriages bother him. All he's will-

ing to admit is that he's "not ready." Abby, I feel that I am ready.

OF WAITING

DEAR CONFUSED: Let me get this straight. You've had three failed marriages and five

take more time to get to know yourself better and get counsel-ing to understand why your last three marriages failed before you embark on a fourth trip to the altar.

A final thought: Never issue

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DEAR ABBY: I am not an astronomer or a religious person. I

J.B. IN WATERLOO, N.Y.

**Bldgs** Spas Pools

DEAR J.B.: All religions encourage meditation — which is what you are describing. You don't even have to do it under the moon and the stars. Talking Should I sit back and give Gordy to the God that dwells in your heart is enough, because God is everywhere.

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

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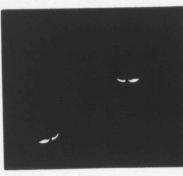








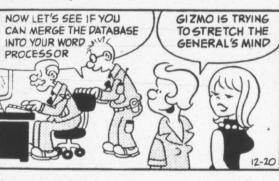
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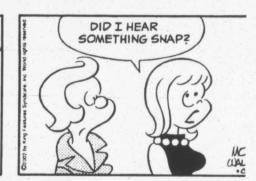






**Beetle Bailey** 













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## **PITNER**

board) can do something for someone about," he said. He said grant proposals are reviewed by the grant committee which is composed of THF directors.

Pitner said THF is a nonprofit organization, explaining if a group of people seeking financial assistance to preserve a historic structure or area establishes as a nonprofit organization the THF could assist them by being a financial intermediary for people who donate money.

He said the THF also administers endowments and trusts for certain designated projects.

"Many times these are restricted to certain types of projects. They leave the money with us, and right now we have eight different funds we are working with," he

Pitner said the funds operate from the interest earned on the principle placed in the special fund.

He said many phone calls intended for the state-run Historical Commission. "That's okay, though," he said. "That gives us a chance to tell more people about who we are."

He said he visited with Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC, just a few

"When I told him I was coming to Pampa, he told me to check on the courthouse restoration project," he said. "I have been by to see it and intend to tell him it's doing

THC awarded a \$3.8 million grant to Gray County for the restoration, and Oaks has been in Pampa in connection

with the project. Gray County received the largest grant ever awarded by the THC for the courthouse restoration project in Texas.

Pitner said he has learned the agency receives are a great deal about Texas history in the short time he has been executive director of THF.

> He said he has learned that at one time one-third of San Antonio's population was of German ancestry.

"I'm just learning things all the time," he said.

He also spoke of the efforts of groups in the area who are working to preserve the history of the Red River Wars in the area and Lyman's Wagon Train project in Wheeler County.

Learning more about Pampa's history is a goal of Pitner as he plans to be visiting his son and his daughterin-law often.

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BEEF

we could see a 10 billion bushel crop, which would be the first time since 1994 that we've seen a crop that large."

A tighter supply of cattle, the major input in the cattle feeding industry, combined with an increased supply of corn, the other major input in the industry, should translate to beef costs at the supermarket remaining steady.

"All this is going to relate to basically no change in the retail meat counter," Gill said.

Despite the tight supply of feeder cattle, cattle going into the feedyards, Gill said cattle feeders should see higher prices for the finished cattle coming out in 2003.

"The year 2002 was a pretty tough year for the cattle feeder," Gill said. "Really for about the last 18 months, up until the first of November, it's been awful tough. Equity losses in the cattle feeding business in Texas have probably been close to \$400 million. It's only around the first of November that we began to get back into a profitable position in cattle feeding."

Gill said he hopes equity in the industry will begin to be built back up.

The year 2002, generally, was a tough year for cattle feeders, McDonald said.

In addition to losses in the market, McDonald said that legislation was proposed in Washington that would have regulated the ownership and marking of cattle and that will require country of origin labeling.

While the ownership legislation was defeated, country of origin labeling was passed. Under the new law, country of origin labeling is voluntary until September 2004, when it becomes mandatory. Such labeling will be costly and complex for the beef industry, McDonald said.

McDonald said he does not think that ownership regulations will return as a major issue in the industry in 2003. He said it was primarily a function of a Senate race this past fall on the northern Great Plains.

Another disappointment for the beef industry this past year, McDonald said, has been groups that have challenged the Beef Checkoff program. Each time an animal is sold, a dollar is collected for beef industry research and pro-

"The Beef Checkoff program is what we use as an industry to fund new products for consumers," McDonald said. "It's what we use for funding consumer education and those types of programs."

The Beef Checkoff has been challenged in federal courts in Montana and in South Dakota. The federal judge in Montana ruled that the program was constitutional while the federal judge in South Dakota ruled it was unconstitutional.

McDonald said he expects the issue to be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"That's been a real disappointment for us," McDonald said.

Another disappointment was the new Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulation announced by the Environmental Protection Agency Monday, which regulate cattle feeding operations.

"This was a project that started almost five years ago. It started in March 1998," McDonald said.

While Texas cattle feeders have long been involved in establishing environmental programs in the industry, the new rule could add a burden of reporting and record keeping that will increase costs to area feedyards.

Cattle feeding operations in other parts of the nation could suffer more, Ross Wilson, TCFA's vice president for legislative and regulatory affairs, said.

"CAFO regulations will be one of the major challenges next year," Gill said.

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# CHANGE

being surveyed to death. Agencies expend all these resources assessing the status quo and planning, but don't provide resources for implementation.

"It was interesting how different agency people responded to rural needs as compared to how rural residents responded. Agency people tended to say, 'Give us more money and we'll fix it for you.' Rural residents tended to say, 'Give us flexibility, give us responsibility, and give us the resources to do it ourselves,'

"In the agency world it's a sign of failure if ou get appropriated less money by the legislature than the year before. But if we're able to take existing resources and make them more efficient by cross-fertilizing our goals with

complementary programs in other agencies, why is that failure?" he added.

Tessen said that doing more with less is a much better governmental model than doing less with more.

"What if the sufficient resources to rebuild rural Texas are already there? What if we already have enough money? What if the challenge isn't getting more, but working smarter with what we've got?" he asked.

The first-ever rural Texas summit is being held in Austin on Feb. 19-20, bringing together a wide group of multi-disciplinary people involved in rural development.

For more information. http://www.orca.state.tx.us.

(Seth Davidson can be contacted at seth@wildsteps.com or visit his website at www.Wildsteps.com.)

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## RAID

Varnon, and David Lee Ellison, 36, 605 Plains.

Nelson was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and Ellison was charged with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group one, under one gram.

According to the Pampa PD news release, officers discovered 6.7 ounces of marijuana, 4.8 grams of crack cocaine, three ecstasy tablets and one hydrocodone tablet. The total value of the drugs and marijuana is estimated at \$1,000.

A Remington 12 gauge shotgun was also taken as evidence, according to the police.

Nelson appeared before

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman Friday morning on the Class C misdemeanor. He was released to do community

Bond of \$5,000 was set by Curfman on Ellison for the state jail felony charge. He remained in Gray County Jail this morning.

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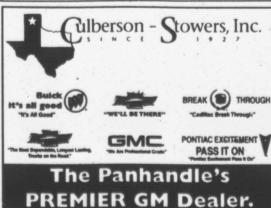
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# RELIGION

# What happens now with Cardinal Law gone?

By RICHARD N. OSTLING AP RELIGION WRITER

Rank-and-file Roman Catholics driven by the clerical sex abuse crisis to fight for reform within the church are about to find out if their movement can handle success.

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Some Catholic observers have credited pressure from the laity, in particular the fast-growing group Voice of the Faithful, for playing a role in Cardinal Bernard Law's decision last week to resign as archbishop of Boston. Voice leaders issued a call for Law to step down two days before he quit.

"Much as the institutional church is loath to admit the influence of outside pressure, especially from the laity, this time the pressure worked," said the Rev. Thomas Doyle, a longtime adviser to abuse victims.

While others question the laity's influence, the fact remains that Law — who tangled with Voice and was a prominent symbol of the church's mishandling of molestation claims — is out of the picture.

The question now is whether the laity will stay energized — particularly in Boston, the archdiocese most affected by the crisis — in the wake of Law's departure.

Deal Hudson, editor of the conservative Catholic magazine Crisis, says Law's situation

means lay Catholics elsewhere "will be emboldened to make demands upon bishops and upon the Vatican.

But William Donohue of the Catholic League, an organization which defends the church, takes the opposite view.

"They're toast," he says. "Let's face it. If you have a goal of reforming the church in the midst of crisis and the epicenter has imploded, what's

What's left, says Voice of the Faithful President James Post, is the long-term aim of changing church government, which never revolved around Law's removal.

The organization "is running a marathon, not a sprint," he says.

"When you look at this crisis you see mismanagement of personnel, mismanagement of information and mismanagement of money. Those are the arenas in which Catholic lay people have enormous talents to contribute," says Post, a business professor at Boston University.

And that's what Voice is all about, he maintains, denying the charge of some conservatives and bishops that the group seeks to undermine church teachings and the hierarchy's spiritual authority.

Voice originated in open forums at a suburban parish early this year. It grew rapidly and by July drew 4,000 supporters from 35 states to its first

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> The Rev. Thomas Doyle Adviser to abuse victims.

national rally.

Post is bullish about the group's prospects. He expects Law's permanent successor, who is still unnamed, will be more friendly toward the

Law rejected Voice's effort to channel \$56,000 to designated Catholic causes. His interim replacement, Bishop Richard Lennon, will have to decide about another \$50,000 in a few weeks.

Meanwhile, no bishops have lately joined those who forbid parishes to host Voice chapters. Also, the same day Law resigned, Voice of the Faithful learned it won federal tax-exempt status a key to fund-raising and financial survival.

Post says Voice's membership of 25,000-plus is still growing, particularly in the New York

City area and California. He thinks California could become the 2003

Events of the origin of Christmas

equivalent of what Boston has been this year because the state is lifting the statute of limitations on abuse cases for one year. Dioceses there are bracing for an onslaught of lawsuits.

"Who knows what will be revealed in these records?" Post said. "But no doubt a lot of ugly and painful information will be released."

University of Notre Dame historian Scott Appleby says that if Boston-style documents appear in other dioceses "we can predict greater impact for Voice of the Faithful."

To Post, the American bishops "have lost a tremendous amount of moral authority with their people and stature in society." That can only be overcome by restoring trust among parishioners, he contends, and "that's going to be earned back through participation, not authority, through sunlight, not secrecy.'

Even lay conservatives who distrust Voice of the Faithful agree that church culture must

Russell Shaw, a former spokesman for the U.S. bishops' conference, believes the events culminating in Law's departure "have produced a radical, permanent change in the way many American Catholics think of themselves in relation to the church and its leaders."

On the Net: Voice of the Faithful: http://www.votf.org

# CHURCH BRIEFS

#### **Zion Lutheran plans Christmas events**

Zion Lutheran Church invites the public to a Christmas Cantata "Let Us Adore Him" by Robert C. Lau on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is planned for Dec. 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Divine Service with Holy Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. For more information please call 669-2774.

#### First Pentecostal candlelight service tonight

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, presents

its Christmas candle lighting service at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20. Theme of the service will be "Jesus, the Light of the World," and includes carols sung by choir, congregation, soloists and groups, meditation and worship. The public is

#### Free Christmas luncheon planned Sunday

The public is invited to a free Christmas luncheon, Sunday, Dec. 22, at Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West. The children's group will present a special Christmas program at 11 a.m. Redeeming Grace Mission is an outreach of The Church of God of Prophecy.

## Church of Christ offers free dinner Dec. 25

Any Pampa resident who doesn't want to spend Christmas Day alone is invited to share a free Christmas dinner served by the members of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, located across from Pampa High School. The meal of turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, and homemade desserts will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 25. No

# Chicago religious leaders join in march to protest war in Iraq

CHICAGO (AP) — More than 1,000 people joined local religious leaders protesting a possible war with Iraq.

Leaving from a vigil in a packed downtown church Sunday, protesters carried lit candles and sang "We Shall Overcome" and other protest songs while marching down Michigan Avenue.

"There is beginning to move in this nation a voice of sanity in the midst of insani-Bishop C. Joseph Sprague, a leader of the United Methodist Church in Illinois, said to loud applause. "The polls are beginning to show that we are not as alone as we once thought we were."

The vigil came two weeks after the city's top Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders drafted a joint letter to President Bush explaining their opposition to a preemptive strike on Iraq.

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annual festival which celebrates the birth of Christ. This date is very uncertain and was not celebrated until possibly 300 years after Christ was born. The event is more important than the date. We will, therefore, consider the event surrounding the origin of Christmas.

Christ Was Born

The rich and people of average circumstances had found room in the inn, but Mary and Joseph were refused room and were glad, at last, to share a shelter with beasts of burden. It was upon this lonely night that Christ was born, born in obscurity. There was no telephone, telegram or broadcasting station to herald the good tidings of great joy to the world. The average man did not seem to be interested in the arrival of the newborn babe. To them it was just another baby. But there were a few God-fearing people who accepted the news with great jubilation.

The Shepherds in the Field Luke 2:8-16

There were rich and educated people living in and around Bethlehem, also in Jerusalem only six miles away. But God preferred to notify first those humble shepherds of the appearance



# Minister's Musings

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of the Savior into the world. Angels Appeared Unto Them The first angel consoled

them. "Fear not," he said and then stated his purpose, "I bring you good tidings of great joy." After announcing the birth of Christ, suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'

The Shepherds Go In Search for Him

Leaving their flocks for the wild beasts to prey upon, they sought the young child. They found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. Did it ever occur to you why God appeared to the shepherds first? It was only a pretty story to me until I learned, the deeper meaning. These shepherds to whom the angels appeared were temple shepherds. They took care of the sheep that were offered as a sacrifice. In that day, if you desired to make a sacrifice you could not raise a sheep and offer it. You had to buy it from these experts who had a corner on the market. They

were trained for this task and

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When Christ appeared in the manger, the angel appeared to these men first to let them know that they were out of a job. The coming of Christ put them out of business. God was saying to them, "If you care for the Lamb of Sacrifice, go to the manger. There is my Lamb from now on. We are shifting gears; we are going into a new era. No more sheep killing; we are moving from the shadow to the substance. We are shifting from the figure to the reality; you are out of a job. The fullness of time

has come and my Son will die on the cross for the sins of men because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Christmas Is a Time of Giving

Most of us give and receive Christmas gifts. I wonder if we know why our gifts should be significant. should be an expression of our appreciation of the gift that God gave us - John 3:16.

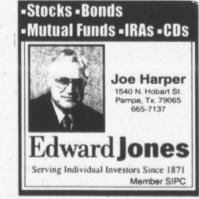
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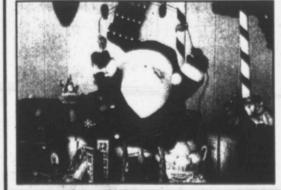
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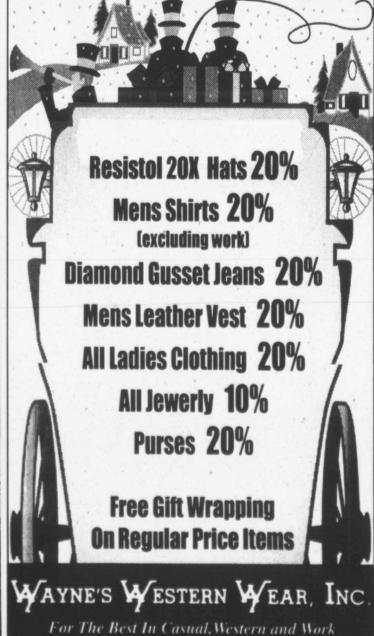
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# SPORTS



Gary Stewart (far left) of the Salavation Army was at Harvester Lanes on Wednesday night to pick up gifts donated by the bowlers. Also pictured are Belinda Nolte, president of the Pampa Women's Bowling Association; Harvester Lanes owner Ralph West, and youth bowlers Alex Romero, Brenden Rice, Andrew Winton, Laraine Hess, Daniel Winton, Ryan Lee, Chelsey Dewey, Haley Clark, Richard Leal, Wendy Clark, Zach Wilson, Michael DeArman and Phillip Rodriquez.

# Harvester Lanes has big turnout for Toys For Tots Tournament

PAMPA — It was a big turnout for the Toys For Tots Tournament at Harvester Lanes with 34 adult-youth teams and nine pee-adult teams entered in the annual bowling event.

Participating bowlers gave 129 toys to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children around Pampa. Pampa Youth Bowlers received \$640 in scholarships at the tournament and each peewee bowler will receive a trophy and a \$10 scholarship.

The Nutcracker Special, consisting of Jay Williams, Steve Williams and Tyson Williams, won the team championship.

**Toys For Tots Tournament** (at Harvester Lanes) **Association Awards** 

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Williams, 636. ABC 700 High Series Recognition: Gary Winton, 704. **Scholarship Winners** 

**Boys Division 0-75** Johnathan Melton, \$50 Jonathan Doyle, \$25 Michael Kelley, \$25 Michels DeArman, \$25 Andrew Morriss, \$35. Ryan Lee, \$25 **Boys Division 76-125** 

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9. Jolly Bowlers (Tamera Mayo, April Gomez and Hylee Gomez-Queen (pee-

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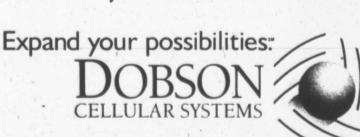


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# Pass offense made for exciting year

It wasn't a perfect season, but it had to one of the most exciting ones in Pampa's football history.

Watching quarterback John Braddock at work in Pampa's pass-heavy offense was the primary reason for all the commotion.

Braddock would end up shattering school passing records, throwing for 2,857 yards and 23 touchdowns. The 6-2, 195-pound senior didn't just throw the ball up for grabs. He had a 65 percent passing efficiency with only nine interceptions in 13 games.

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Tailback Johnny Moore and flanker Jesse Tarango, both just juniors, set records at the end of Braddock's tosses. Tarango had 83 catches for 1,083 yards and seven touchdowns while Moore had 93 receptions for 834 yards and six touchdowns.

Moore would certainly have added to those statistics if not for an ankle injury two minutes into Pampa's regional semi-final tilt with Denton Ryan. Moore finished as the team's leading rusher with 876 yards and seven TDs.

Braddock also targeted other receivers in Pampa's spread formation. Tight end Ryan Zemanek had five TD catches, fullback Seth Foster four and split end Jordan Klaus three.

Opponents would use different stunt packages and blitzes to try and slow Pampa's air attack, but few had any success.

Pampa's season would have a dubious start, losing to Class 3A Perryton 9-7 in the 2002 opener. Things would get much better.

There was more than just a touch of irony in the season. Pampa's only other regular-season losses were to Plainview and Dumas, two teams that didn't make the playoffs. But Pampa beat both Palo Duro and Randall, District 3-4A's other playoff representatives.

Pampa's heartbreaking 20-18 loss to Plainview was hard to handle because it put a damper on winning an outright district championship. Pampa's 31-21 setback to Dumas three weeks later was even tougher because it put the Harvesters in jeopardy of missing the playoffs.

If there was pressure, the die-hard Harvesters didn't show it. They chewed up Caprock 58-0 to clinch a playoff spot, then posted solid wins over Andrews 28-14 in bidistrict and El Paso Riverside 27-7. It took a defending state champion to end the season, leaving the Harvesters with a 9-4 record.

For the third time in school annals, Pampa reached the third round of the playoffs. In 1991 the Harvesters advanced to the fourth round, which was the state quarterfinals.

Braddock, Zemanek, Klaus, center Brandon McElroy, guard Aaron Burrows, tackle Brian Watts, tackle Matt Murray, will all be gone from Pampa's offense next sea-

fans. They saw exciting football in both vicduced 367 yards per game, including 402 ypg players.



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during the regular season. The Harvester would average almost five touchdowns per

There were few dull moments, win or lose, when the Harvesters were on the field.

It wasn't easy for head coach Dennis Cavalier to give up something he was comfortable with, a ground-oriented offense that emphasized ball control.

"We were venturing into untried territory, not knowing what the outcome would be," he said. "What we had to do was get our players, especially our linemen and skill position players, to buy into what we wanted to do."

A tall, strong-armed quarterback and a group of sticky-fingered receivers was a telltale sign that Cavalier and his coaching staff were willing to completely revise the offense.

"Call it an educated guess or intuition, but we felt before the season started that this was the correct way in which to go. I think their performances bears that out," coach Cavalier

Graduation had eroded the other side of the line with only alternating free safetys Tristan Brown and Andrew Curtis returning as starters, but it didn't take long for the Pampa defense to assert itself.

Progressing rapidly from one week to the next, the Harvesters would end up holding five opponents to seven points or less, including the shutout over Caprock.

Departing seniors include Brown, tackle Michael McCormick, ends Tommy Abernathy, and Landon Baker, linebackers Curtis Pritchett, Zack Cobb and Carlos Solis, cornerbacks Jered Snelgrooes, Trey Curtis, Joel Botello and Derrick Williams.

Zack Cobb would remind fans of another middle linebacker named Zack who played for the Harvesters. The 6-0, 190-pound Cobb was the team's leading tackler with close to 300 total tackles to his credit

Robson Rodriquez and James Lee were the other seniors listed on the roster.

"My goal every year is to get the players to the point where they're glad they played football," Cavalier added.

Judging from the boundless enthusiasm and energy that came from the Harvesters at practices and games, Cavalier accomplished his goal.

The annual football banquet is set for With the wide-open offense there was Jan. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. in M.K. always an air of expectancy for Harvester Brown Auditorium. This will be the final appearance for these Harvesters as a team, tory and defeat. It was an offense that pro- so let's turn out and honor these deserving

# Fans could be saying good-bye to Smith

there are two ways of interpreting the Dallas Cowboys' request that fans wear No. 22 jerseys to the home finale Saturday night against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The conspiracy theorist thinks the team is subtly saying this is the last chance to see Smith with a star on his helmet because he won't be back with the Cowboys next season.

The other view, which Smith prefers, is that the team wants fans to congratulate him for becoming the leading rusher in NFL history and to try lifting everyone's spirits as they close yet another disappointing season.

"We've been through quite a bit," Smith said. "Just say, 'We appreciate how hard, y'all have worked all year long and we understand y'all have been in some adverse situations, but you've hung in there and you've fought, and you're doing the best you can.' Period.

"That's a great way of looking at it, versus look at it that this is my last (home) game."

Smith is owed \$7 million next season, virtually guaranteeing his contract will be torn up. Team owner Jerry Jones has been tightlipped about whether he'll release the NFL's all-time leading rusher or try signing him to a new deal, possibly for as little as the veteran minimum.

Smith has made it clear he prefers to stay. After 13 seasons and two prolonged contract battles with Jones, remaining in Dallas is more important to him than cashing another big check.

"I can only think positively," Smith said. "It's just a matter of communicating, talking about what needs to be done, how it needs to be done, how I can restructure and so forth.'

It might not be that easy. Jones is considering big changes and keeping a running back who will be 34 in May might not fit the new plans.

But that's a tough call when the running back is Emmitt Smith, a four-time rushing champion, a career-best 237-yard game.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith figures three-time Super Bowl winner and former MVP of the regular season and Super Bowl.

> Though no longer dominant, he's been effective this season. He needs 68 yards in the final two games to reach 1,000 for a 12th straight season, extending a record he set last year.

What to do with Smith is a tougher decision for Jones than the one he faced two seasons ago with Troy Aikman. Jones did not immediately respond to an interview request.

Aikman's frequent concussions made him a health risk, and he was due a huge bonus. While cutting him meant a big salary-cap hit in 2001, it

was a blow that was going to happen eventually. Smith, though, is in good health and willing to help the cap. And, unlike Aikman, Smith won't

even consider retiring. Smith might accept a reduced role, such as sharing carries with backup Troy Hambrick, or help groom a rookie; Dallas is likely to have a top

10 pick. But Smith also has talked about wanting to stretch his career rushing total of 17,119 to 20,000. It's pretty likely some team will give him

that chance if the Cowboys won't. Could Smith really see himself wearing another uniform?

"I have uniforms at the house of all 32 teams and I've tried them all on," Smith said, smiling. "You know I'm lying. Obviously I can't see myself doing a whole lot of things.

"Right now, it's not in the forefront. I have a big game to play Saturday, so that's my focus not this extracurricular stuff that has to take place six, seven, 12 weeks from now. That's my mindset. I'm not going to let anyone change it."

If this is it for Smith as a Cowboy, playing one of his final games against Philadelphia provides a nostalgic farewell.

Smith has more yards rushing against the Eagles (2,436) than any other team, including

# Pampa golf team schedules Jan. 2 raffle

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"We are giving everyone a chance of staying in the raffle, of course, or having their money refunded. Let me add

tickets, so the chances of winning one these great prizes is very good," said Pampa golf coach Mona Freeman.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to the golf program. The following prizes will

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#### MIND. — AUTHOR UNKNOWN Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

21, 2002: times, you find that you go through inner Express your generosity. conflicts between what you think and CANCER (June 21-July 22) you see the right way or answer. If you Tonight: Where you want to be. are single, an important relationship will LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) give and flow with this person more eas- things better than many. Learn to play the ily. CANCER can be challenging, having role of follower. Tonight: Be discreet.

them differently. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll loved one complains, he or she lets you focus. Indulge a child or associate. 5-Dynamic;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \* \* \* Plans might have you a bit con- evening. fused. Clearly you do need to meet some LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) trying, you aren't getting out of it! but if you really are honest with yourself,

Tonight: Head home as early as you can. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Keep communication flow- Tonight: You might not have much (1879), actress Jane Fonda (1937). ing, even if you might have the impulse choice to slam the door. Ultimately, your openness to different ideas will help you make calmness. Little do they know! Tonight:

Spread Christmas cheer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* You might feel pulled in differ- might need to make an extra effort for You might often feel pulled in two different directions, trying to deal with some this person. Tonight: Let your imaginaent directions, not sure which way to go. last-minute expenses. You might not be tion lead the celebration. This duality expresses itself through comfortable with what you have to do, SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) other people wanting something from but ultimately, having others feel cared you that you don't want to give. Other about could be more important. Tonight: loved one or an associate who seems

what you feel. Learning to juggle these \*\*\*\* Others turn to you for more careful consideration to your different sides will determine the success answers and meaningful responses. You options that surround an important relaof your year. The key to your success might not like everything you hear, but tionship. Tonight: Say "yes. will be one-on-one relating until on the other hand, you find it important CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) September 2003. At this point, detaching to remain responsible and open. Your

relax and relate more openly. If you are share more of themselves. Sometimes the attached, you could find your significant strength of your personality can be quite other to be quite demanding. Learn to intimidating. You also seem to do certain AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

many of the same issues but manifesting VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* \* Understand more of what others want from you. When a child or Tension dissipates as a result of your new 4-Positive; know much more about his or her Tonight: Where the fun is. desires. You have a rare opportunity to grace this person with unusual happiness. ★★★★ Others need your feedback

responsibilities. Give up feeling pres- \*\* \* What you are experiencing now. Allow yourself to express your lovsured. Whether it is a holiday gathering might be the result of having pushed othing and caring side. Tonight: Enjoy the or a must visit with someone who can be ers way too hard. You could be miffed, you'll gain another perspective. Don't kid yourself about what you're seeing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \* \* \* \* News might force a readjustall the difference. Others appreciate your ment of plans. Yet with your happy ways Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at and dynamic energy, you'll find it more

than easy to integrate everyone's needs.

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\*\*\* Try another approach with a bent on confusion. Show your strong ability to think through problems. Give

\*\*\* Others might test your ideas, and absorbing the big picture will help popularity peaks in the next few weeks. but you will prevail without a problem. Be sensitive to others and what they are trying to do. Air out ideas, leading others enter your life this year. You will need to \*\* Step back and allow others to to your conclusion. Knowing how to move a touchy topic can and will make a

difference. Tonight: Just don't be alone. \*\*\* Dig into a project and express the zest and energy your sign is known for. Put anxiety on the back burner, allowing yourself to let go of a problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Tonight: Let love filter through the but might push you in a way you don't like. Ask a friend a question if you need an answer. Avoid making a guess right

> **BORN TODAY** Soviet Communist ruler Josef Stalin sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (1959)

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