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# Officer finds alleged meth lab

Woman, two men arrested on related charges STAFF WRITER

Two men and a woman were in Gray County jail today on drug charges after an alert Pampa police officer decided to check their car Saturday night.

Denise Dixon, 28, Borger; Steven Payne, 34, no address given, and Darrell Duffield, 33, Borger, remained in Gray County jail today in lieu of

bonds totaling \$282,000 on intent to manufacture a condrug related charges stemming from a Saturday night traffic stop.

Dixon is charged with transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, transporting anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container and failure to identify herself to a police officer.

Payne is charged with possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a con-

trolled substance, transporting anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container and failure to identify himself to a police officer. Payne is also being held on a Carson County warrant charging him with transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Duffield is charged with possession of chemicals with

porting anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond at \$25,000 each on the transportation and possession charges and \$10,000 each on the anhydrous ammonia charges. Judge Curfman set bond on the failure to identify charges at \$1,000 each.

> Authorities said today that (See LAB, Page 3)



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### LOCAL

#### Pipe break floods city hall offices

**HIGH** 

Pampa city officials were trying to determine the extent of damage today from a broken pipe in city hall that flooded a number of offices over the weekend.

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, said today that a pipe in the administration offices in city hall broke, apparently sometime Friday night, flooding the city administrative offices and the administrative offices of the police department below.

The flooding was first reported about 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

Ken Hall, Pampa's emergency management coordinator, said carpet was being pulled up and fans were being brought in to dry the area.

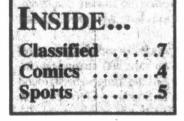
"We have to find out what all is damaged," Hall said.

Morris said there does not appear to be any structural damage to the building.

#### DEATHS

Zerold Been, 87, pipefitter. Nancy Ruth Kirklin, 62, Mobeetie High graduate. Margie Ruff, 88, retired

furniture store owner.







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Man dies, family hurt in rollover on Interstate 40

A North Carolina man was killed and three others suffered injuries in a one-vehicle rollover Sunday morning near Conway on Interstate 40.

Felipe Rivera Montoya, 43, Conover, N.C., died at the scene of the crash, according to Carson County Judge Lewis Powers, acting as coroner.

Gabriela Trejo, 9, Conover, N.C., was in critical condition with head injuries at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo after she was thrown from the vehicle as it rolled.

Fernando Trejo, 8, Conover N.C., was in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Elva Trejo Montoya, 29, Conover, N.C., was in satisfactory condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with injuries suffered in the crash.

Texas Department of Pubic Safety troopers said today that Elva Montoya was driving a 1997 Ford Explorer in the eastbound lanes of I-40, when she apparently fell asleep. The sports utility vehicle traveled onto the center median.

Troopers said the driver apparently over corrected to the right, crossing the eastbound lanes of traffic in a broadside

Officers said the SUV rolled three times, ejecting the three passengers in the vehicle. Elva Montoya, officers

said, was not thrown from the vehicle.

Troopers said none of the people in the SUV were wearing their seat belts at the time of the accident.

Trooper Lucinda Russell ith the Amarillo Texas Department of Public Safety said today that the fatal accident was the fifth one during the Operation Holiday period which ended at midnight Sunday.

Earlier there had been fatal injuries suffered in traffic accidents east of Shamrock and near Vega. Two died near Dalhart during the Christmas holidays.

Russell said Operation Holiday for New Year's Eve will begin midnight Tuesday, Dec. 31, and end at midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1.

## Whoo-ee! He's 103!



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

George Keeton celebrated his 103rd birthday at Coronado Nursing Center Friday with cake and ice cream. The longtime Pampan was joined by seven other nursing center residents who celebrated birthdays during the month of December. The eight residents were each presented with a green balloon in recognition of their birthday. Keeton was also honored with a party at the Bank of America Friday morning where the still-spry centenarian has long volunteered as the bank's customer greeter.

## County to eye agreement and **contract Dec. 31**

Gray County Commission will consider several items when it meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, in the temporary Gray County Courtroom at 315 N. Ballard during the last meeting of 2002.

Consider a cooperative working agreement with Tralee Crisis Center, a joint resolution regarding a delinquent fee collection consortium, fire contract with City of Pampa, taking credit by cancellation on juror checks dated prior to January 2002 and approval of new bonds for newly-elected officials will be among the items on the

Commissioners also plan to consider signature changes in the county treasurer bank accounts, a request by Precinct 2 to hire a new employee and a request from Phillips Petroleum Company to cross a county road.

Sheriff Don Copeland will address the court regarding advertising for new cars in his department.

Other items include recognize employee's education, pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor, and consider intrabudget amendment request and budget amendments.

**Governor: No decision yet** to fill vacant RRC position

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

No decision has been made on who will fill the current vacancy Texas Commission, but a local man is

closely watching who it will be. State Rep. Warren Chisum of that he's interested in the state morning.

the position on the three-member commission, was appointed as U.S. Ambassador to Mexico by President George W. Bush in

November. A media spokesman in Gov. Rick Perry's office said this morning that "the appointment process is still ongoing." Chisum said in November he has heard approximately 30 Texans have indicated an interest in succeeding Garza.

Perry will make the appointment to the position which regulates the state's oil and gas industry. Chisum said that Gov. Perry has 120 days following Garza's legislature is scheduled to convene resignation earlier this month to on Jan. 14. make the appointment.

A media spokeswoman in Gov. Perry's office today told *The* Pampa News to file a Freedom of Information request to obtain a list tricting takes effect in January of the people under consideration 2003 will be Childress, for the RRC spot. The request was Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall, Pampa confirmed in November faxed to the governor's office this Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson,

If Perry should appoint Chisum Tony Garza, who formerly held to the statewide post, a special election would be held. He told The Pampa News in November that in such instances the governor has the authority to order the elec-

> Chisum has been in involved in the oil and gas industry in the area for many years.

> Each of the three state railroad commissioners are paid \$92,217 annually and are responsible for regulating Texas' oil and gas industry.

> Chisum represents the residents of the 88th District as State Representative in Austin. The 78th

Current counties represented by Chisum in the 88th State Representative which will remain in his district when the new redis-Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler.

The counties of Armstrong, Castro, Bailey, Briscoe, Lamb, Parmer and Swisher will also be represented by the 88th District in January. He had previously represented Carson, Dallam, Hartley and Sherman. Those four counties have been moved to another dis-

The 88th State Representative must live in one of the counties in that district.

Chisum continues to represent the 88th District as he has prefiled several pieces of legislation to be considered when the state legisla-

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Thursday, Dec. 26

A report of child endangerment was taken. A wallet containing \$135 in cash and credit cards was reported picked from a person's

Glass was reported broken out of a door window in the 500 block of North Lefors.

Friday, Dec. 27 A gas drive off was reported at United

Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. A back door at a bar in the 2200 block of

Alcock was reported damaged.

A sign was reported stolen in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Saturday, Dec. 28

A welding unit on a trailer was reported stolen in the 2200 block of North Sumner. A gas drive off was reported at Allsup's, 300 N. Hobart.

Three people were arrested in the 800 block of West Brown on charges of transportation and possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. A gas drive off was reported at Taylor

Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Sunday, Dec. 29

A vehicle was reported vandalized in the 900 block of Murphy.

An assault by threat report was made in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 100 block of Huff Road.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 800 block of Deane.

A window was reported broken out of a door in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

About \$23 in cash was reported stolen in the 900 block of East Campbell.

A check book, credit cards, driver's license and library card were reported stolen in the 800 block of Locust.

#### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 28

7:27 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a gasoline spill at a convenience store at 2101 N. Hobart. A vehicle ran over a hose from a tanker filling the tank, spilling 25 to 30 gallons of gasoline. Firefighters removed the hazard.

10:43 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 300 block of North Hazel. None was found.

Sunday, Dec. 29

11:25 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to an alarm at a residence at Texas Highway 70 and Loop 171. Dust from workers cutting tile apparently set off the alarm.

5:30 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a natural gas leak in the back yard of a residence in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Firefighters shut off the gas until Atmos Energy representatives could repair

#### CLARIFICATION

An incorrect date was provided to The Pampa News for a caption under a photograph depicting a donation to Pampa Meals on Wheels from Pampa Regional Medical Center and Triad Hospitals Inc. Pampa Meals on Wheels was established in 1978.

#### CORRECTION

Donna Reynolds donated the quilt featured in a photograph entitled "MOW Cookbook sale," published on Page 10 in yesterday's paper.

#### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents:

Friday, Dec. 27

A 1994 Mercury Cougar driven by Deca Reynolds Dalton, 79, 113 N. Sumner, was in collision with a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire driven by Lacee Jane Sandlin, 20, of White Deer, about 12:53 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Foster and Purvaince. Sandlin reportedly suffered minor injuries and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance.

Sunday, Dec. 29

A 1999 Kia sports utility vehicle driven by Gary Lynn Hoskins, 44, 300 S. Starkweather, reportedly struck a light pole about 7:25 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Barnes and Crawford.

#### **STOCKS**

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Saturday, Dec. 28

1:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Sumner; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes; one patient was transported to PRMC.

#### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office today reported the following arrests:

Thursday, Dec. 26

Willie Thomas Lovett, 32, 192 Barnett Dr., was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of not having a valid driver's license and failure to appear. Sunday, Dec. 29

Brent Crossman, 44, 1901 Lynn, was arrested by Pampa police officers on Deaf

Smith County warrants charging him with speeding and failure to appear. Denise Dixon, 28, Borger, was arrested by

Pampa police officers on charges of transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and failure to identify herself to officers.

Darrell Duffield, 33, Borger, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Steven Payne, 34, no address given, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and failure to identify himself to officers.

Scotty Ailport, 22, rural Gray County, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### **MARGIE RUFF** 1914-2002

Margie Ruff, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died Brandon Sunday, Doc. 29, 2002, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ruff was born March 21, 1914, in Shamrock, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1940. She married Shelby J. Ruff on Jan. 6, 1934, at Mobeetie. He preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1989. She and her husband were co-owners and

operators of Shelby J. Ruff Furniture Store from 1954 until 1979.

She was a former member of Priest Park Church of God and was a current member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Anne Zochowski and her husband George of www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Miss.; a son, Mike Ruff and wife Nancy of Pampa; brother, Floyd Austin Pampa; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grand-

children. The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at

### **ZEROLD BEEN**

Zerold Been, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m., today in Memory Gardens Cemetery with grandson, Alvin Smith, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Been was born Oct. 22, 1915, at Henryetta, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1948, working for various oilfield companies and later as a pipefitter.

He was a member of U.S. Plumbers Local Union #68 and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Been, on Dec. 28, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Christine Smith of White Deer; five sons, Gerald Been and Sidney Ben, both of Moore, Okla., Dwight Been of Houston, Don Been of Ocean View, Miss., and Glen Been of Midwest City, Okla.; 23 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### NANCY RUTH KIRKLIN

AMARILLO — Nancy Ruth Kirklin, 62, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002, at Amarillo. No services are scheduled at the present time. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Kirklin was born at Texico, N.M., in 1940, and graduated from Mobeetie High

She was preceded in death by a brother,

Lonnie Kirklin, of Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Bennett and Shannon Northcott, both of Amarillo; two sons, Ronnie Northcott and Timmy Northcott, both of Amarillo; and four sisters, Lillian Payne of Amarillo, Louise Giles of Farmington, N.M., Mary Alice Reeves of Union, Ala., and Betty Kirkland of

#### **PAMPA**

WEATHER FOCUS

cloudy skies, breezy conditions and cooler winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the south 10 to temperatures with highs in the upper 40s, and north winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s and north winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday should be most-

Today's forecast is calling for partly ly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest 20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. New Year's, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows

#### **STATEWIDE**

Showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast for many parts of the state, with the possibility of conditions becoming severe Monday

night. In North Texas, showers thunderstorms are expected to continue in eastern parts Monday night, while showers are likely in central parts. Some storms may become severe into the evening. Lows should be near 30 northwest and near 50 southeast. Tuesday should be partly cloudy in the west, mostly cloudy in be clearing, breezy and turn-

the east with a chance of rain, and a slight chance of rain early in central parts. Highs should be in the mid to upper 50s.

The Texas Hill Country and south-central Texas should see showers and thunderstorms until midnight in central and eastern parts. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows should be in the upper 30s to mid 40s while Tuesday should be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 60s to near 70.

Deep South Texas should

ing cooler Monday night, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms early in the east. Severe storms are possible. Lows should range from 46 in the west to 55 along the coast. Tuesday should be sunny with highs from 69 along the coast to 74 in the west.

The Texas Panhandle should be partly cloudy Monday night, with lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday should be mostly sunny and breezy, with highs in the upper 40s to the northwest and upper 50s southeast.

## League City ZIP code boasts highest number of concealed guns in Texas LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — This Galveston Land, Baytown, Pearland and La Porte are other

County burg of about 45,000 people is the guntotingest town in a famously gun-toting state, according to an analysis showing residents in the League City ZIP code hold the highest number of concealed weapons licenses in Texas.

In some ways, the suburb southeast of Houston epitomizes the image of a state known for its allegiance to the Second Amendment. But the serene, relatively peaceful suburb contradicts the roughand-tumble stereotype of areas with high gun own-

A Houston Chronicle analysis of state records shows that three Houston-area counties have the most licensed gun holders per capita among Texas' most populous counties.

Galveston, Montgomery and Brazoria counties lead the brigade among those with at least 100,000

Since Texas began allowing residents to obtain licenses to carry concealed guns in 1995, the Department of Public Safety has issued more than 220,000 permits.

Slightly more than one in every 100 adults in Texas can legally carry a concealed pistol. But that ratio is three in every 100 adults in Galveston, Montgomery and Brazoria counties.

Smith County in East Texas and McClennan County, of which Waco is the county seat, round out the top five.

The prototypical license holder is a middle-age suburban or rural white man. White men hold 165,000, or 74 percent, of all the licenses, followed by white women with 37,766. Combined, whites, who make up 52 percent of the state's population, own 91 percent of the gun licenses.

Half of the state's 20 most-armed — or, at least, legally most armed — ZIP codes are in the suburbs of Houston.

The League City ZIP code, with 843 permit holders, outpaces any other place in the state. Alvin, Cypress, Friendswood, Deer Park, Sugar communities with high numbers of concealed license holders

Galveston County sheriff's Capt. B.J. Miller said he supports residents' right to protect their property, but he expressed the concern that neighborhoods and law officers have with heavily armed

"If we have 500 people licensed to carry guns, does that just mean we have 500 upstanding citizens clean enough to pass the stringent background check?" Miller said in Sunday's Chronicle. "Or does it mean we have a bunch of people running around putting justice in their own hands instead of where it should be?

"On the other hand, if we don't allow legal guns, only the criminals will have guns."

The relatively low violent crime totals in those areas raises the question of whether guns are making the cities safer of whether they were safe before concealed guns were allowed.

will tell you it's for protection," said Dave Smith, founder and president of Texans for Gun Safety. "Protection from whom? I'm not quite sure what we're afraid of in our mid- to upper-class neighborhoods."

"If you ask a gun owner why they carry, they

Kendal Hemphill, a Hill Country outdoors writer, said residents in the safe neighborhoods are not overprotective, but rather, those in more violent neighborhoods are foolishly underprotected.

"A great many American citizens who live in high-crime areas, and may actually need to defend themselves don't carry guns, legally or otherwise," Hemphill said. "There seems to be an unreasonable fear of guns among many.

Concealed-gun permit holders have generally followed gun laws, though, in the seven years since the permits were offered, the state revoked 2,023 licenses because their holders committed certain crimes, such as felony driving while intoxicated. Others used their guns to commit crimes.

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CLASSIFIED/CITY BRIEF Early Deadlines: For Wed. Jan. 1st deadline is **NEW YEARS** Eve Party at Tues. Dec. 31st at noon. For the Lone Star Country Club. Thurs. Jan. 2nd deadline is Featuring back again South-Tues. Dec. 31st, at 4 p.m. Hapern Sky. Providing snacks, py New Year from The Pampa champagne, and a great par-News!! . # ty!! Just \$15 cover.

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a.m. Donations Accepted.

# Three American doctors die in Yemen attack

By AHMED AL-HAJ ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JIBLA, Yemen (AP) — À suspected Muslim extremist, hiding his gun cradled like a baby, slipped into a Southern Baptist hospital in Yemen on Monday and opened fire, killing three American missionaries and seriously wounding a fourth, officials said.

The suspected attacker, a Yemeni, was arrested, and a Yemeni official said security forces were searching for a militant cell that may be targeting foreigners and secular figures in the country.

Americans have been repeatedly warned by the U.S. State Department be cautious in Yemen, a country where the central government authority is weak in tribal areas and where Muslim militants have found refuge. Yemen, the ancestral homeland of al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden, has been a key front in the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

The gunman entered the complex of Jibla Baptist Hospital in the town of Jibla hiding a semiautomatic rifle under his jacket to make it resemble a child, Yemeni officials and the Baptist organization said.

The attacker entered a room where hospital director William E. Koehn was holding a meeting and opened fire, said a statement from the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, based in Richmond, Va.

Three people were killed instantly with shots to the head, Yemeni officials said. The gunman then headed to the hospital's pharmacy and shot and wounded the pharmacist, Donald W. Caswell.

Southern International Mission Board identified the dead as Koehn, 60, of Arlington, Texas, who had planned to retire next year after 28 years of service; purchasing agent Kathleen A. Gariety, 53, of Wauwatosa, Wis.; and Dr. Martha C. Myers, 57, of Montgomery, Ala.

Caswell, 49, of Levelland, Texas, was shot in the abdomen and hospital officials said he was in critical condition. His father, 71year-old D.C. Caswell, said his son was recovering after surgery.

"We just thank the Lord that he is alive," the elder Caswell said from Texas. "He's alert and talking and everything's going to be all ty, said authorities were searching

right, they're thinking."

The killings are "a crime unacceptable in any religion. This contradicts Islam," said a Jibla woman who gave only her first name, Fatima, and said she used the hospital. "They cared for us and looked after us. I can't even count the number of children they treated and saved."

Mission Board spokesman Larry Cox said the organization was "devastated by this news" of the attack. "We are moving quickly to minister to family members" in Yemen and the United States, he

Board president Jerry Rankin said his organization would continue to operate in Yemen as long as the government allows.

Carrying weapons is common in Yemen, where people often take them openly into offices and public buildings. At the Jibla hospital, 125 miles south of the capital, San'a, guns were supposed to be checked at the door and all those entering are supposed to be searched.

"The man brought in a rifle under his coat as if cradling a baby bringing him into the clinic,' Rankin told reporters in Richmond.

He said there had been threats against his group's missionaries, but would not elaborate. "They are taken seriously," he said. "It goes with being a Christian missionary now, but also with being an American that we would be susceptible to threats in many places in the world."

It was the second recent attack on American missionaries in the region. On November 21, a gunman shot and killed an American missionary nurse in the Lebanese city of Sidon. Lebanese authorities have yet to determine who was behind that shooting.

A Yemeni Interior Ministry official identified the 30-year-old assailant in Monday's attack as Abed Abdul Razak Kamel, the official news agency Saba reported. Officials said they believed he was a Muslim extremist.

Kamel said during interrogation that he plotted the shooting in collaboration with Ali al-Jarallah, who was arrested for killing a senior Yemeni leftist politician on Saturday, an official said.

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for a five to eight extremists targeting foreigners and secular personalities in Yemen.

The U.S. Embassy in San'a condemned the attack "on American citizens who have long been providing humanitarian services to Yemeni citizens." It urged the Yemeni government. "to bring those responsible to justice."

In a statement, the embassy also asked Americans in Yemen to enhance their security, saying it was requesting additional protection for them and was sending a team to Jibla to help with the inves-

The Southern Baptist missionary board said its 80-bed Jibla hospital treats more than 40,000 patients annually, providing care free to those cannot afford it. Its missionaries also taught English and clinical skills at a nearby nursing school, according to the board.

Kathleen Gariety had been in Yemen for about 10 years and along with her hospital work had helped educate Yemeni children, said her brother Jerome J. Gariety Jr. of Colgate, Wis.

'She was a wonderful, devoted person," he said. "She loved the children very much."

Impoverished, factionalized, predominantly Muslim Yemen has for years been a haven for wanted Muslim extremists. Bin Laden enlisted thousands of Yemenis to fight alongside the mujahedeen of Afghanistan in their U.S.-backed war against an occupation Soviet army in the 1980s. Many returned when the Soviets withdrew, and they are a powerful political force

On Oct. 6, an explosives-laden boat rammed a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen, killing one member of the tanker's crew, tearing a hole in the vessel and spilling some 90,000 barrels of oil. U.S. intelligence officials suspect militants with links to al-Qaida in the

In a similar attack in October 2000, a suicide bomb boat hit the USS Cole in the southern port of Aden, killing 17 sailors in an attack blamed on al-Qaida. Al-Qaida also is held responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Yemen has signed on as Another security official, also Washington's partner in the war on One medical missionary, a Texan, planned to retire in October 2003

BY PHILLIP RAWLS ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITTER

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) one of the medical missionaries gunned down in Yemen had devoted 24 years of her life to helping women and children there, one had been there a decade and the third was less than a year from retirement.

"She loved the people very much. She felt like that was home," Ira Myers said of his daughter, Martha C.

A gunman entered the complex of Jibla Baptist Hospital in the Yemeni city of Jibla on Monday hiding a semiautomatic rifle under his jacket to make it resemble a child, according to Yemeni officials.

The attacker entered a room where hospital director William E. Koehn was holding a meeting and opened fire, said a statement from the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, based in Richmond, Va.

Koehn, 60, of Arlington, Texas, had planned to retire next October after 28 years of service, the mission board said.

The Southern Baptist agency identified the third person killed as purchasing agent Kathleen A. Gariety, 53, of Wauwatosa, Wis., and said the wounded survivor was pharmacist Donald W. Caswell, 49, of Levelland,

Ira Myers, the retired director of the Alabama Department of Public Health, said Yemen had been his daughter's home for 24 years. "She went over when she was a senior in medical school. She decided that's where she wanted to be," he said.

"She loved the people very much," Myers said. "She felt like that was home. She had the opportunity to talk to the native women. That would not have been possible for a male doctor in that culture. She delivered lots of babies."

He said his daughter also helped UNICEF with immunization programs.

"We are concerned for the people ho have been getting their care from Martha and the others at the hospital. Now where do they go?" asked

Kathleen Gariety had been in at this point."

Yemen for about 10 years. Her family had tried to persuade her to stay in Wisconsin this summer, but the Baptist aid worker from Wauwatosa, a suburb of Milwaukee, had insisted on returning to Yemen.

"We tried hard to get her to stay home," said her brother, Jerome J. Gariety Jr. of Colgate, .Wis. "She wouldn't hear of that."

"I didn't want her to go, but I think what really took her back was the children. She loved the children," he

One of Gariety's sisters, Mary Naylor of Oconomowoc, Wis., said she always feared something would happen to her sister in Yemen, but she had worried it would take place outside the hospital compound rather than inside.

"It's just so hard to believe - not unexpected but hard," Naylor said.

Caswell's father, 71-year-old D.C. Caswell of Levelland, Texas, about 30 miles west of Lubbock, said his son was recovering from surgery for a stomach wound.

"We just thank the lord that he is alive," D.C. Caswell said. "He's alert and talking and everything's going to be all right, they're thinking."

He said his son had been doing missionary work for a year and a half, and worked as a pharmacist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area before he and his wife, Terri, went abroad. They have three children, ages 5, 12, and 27.

"I'd rather they'd not be doing that," D.C. Caswell said of the missionary work. "But he felt like it was what he needed to do. I'm not going to criticize over it. I do hope that he'd come on home now."

The Richmond, Va.-based Baptist mission board has nearly 5,500 missionaries worldwide.

There were "no ongoing concerns" about an attack, said board spokeswoman Wendy Norvelle. " been there for 35 years."

Norvelle said more than 40,000 patients are treated annually at the Yemen hospital, which provides free care and medicine to people who cannot afford it.

Asked about other workers at the hospital, Norvelle said, "We've been in conversations with our personnel in Yemen and we're ministering to them

# Powell says North Korea situation less pressing than Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time remains to find a diplomatic resolution to North Korea's development of nuclear weapons, and the situation hasn't reached the crisis stage, Secretary of State Colin Powell says.

At the same time, preparations for war continued in the confrontation with Iraq, which some key senators said ranks far behind North Korea as a threat to the United

Powell, making the rounds of the Sunday television talk shows, said the United States was working with other countries to pressure North Korea into reserving its decision to restart its weapons program and expel U.N. inspectors monitoring its main nuclear complex.

calling the North Korean problem a crisis.

"We don't believe it rises to a crisis atmosphere," he said on "Fox News Sunday." "Nobody's alerting forces. It's a serious problem, and we're deeply engaged in trying to do something about

Continuing to make the case against Iraq, Powell insisted Saddam Hussein's regime posed the more immediate threat.

"Iraq is a regime that has stood in defiance of 16 U.N. resolutions, and we're waiting to see whether they're going to be in defiance of this new one," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And they have used this kind of capability against

Indeed, Powell objected to their own people, against in North Korea, a lot more and a peaceful settlement of taking a military option off their neighbors. And they have stood in this kind of defiance for 12 years."

Still, Powell said the United States has yet to decide whether to attack Iraq.

"The president has not made a decision yet with respect to the use of military force or with respect to going back to the United Nations," Powell said. "And of course, we are positioning ourselves and positioning our military forces for whatever might be required."

Others argued that the U.S. emphasis on Iraq was misplaced.

"There is no urgency in Iraq. As long as the inspectors and the international community is there, there is little or no prospect of them being able to do much mischief,' Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., told NBC. "By any measure, in my view, if things get out of hand

damage can be done to U.S. interests than can be done in the near term in Iraq.'

Powell said the United States, while willing to communicate with North Korea, would do nothing to help Pyongyang unless it changes its behavior.

"They want a negotiation where we give them something for them to stop the bad behavior," he said on ABC's "This Week." "And what we can't do is enter into a negotiation right away where we are appeasing them for bad behavior.'

Powell said Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly will go to South Korea next month to talk to U.S. allies - but not to North Korea "at this time."

North Korean officials, for their part, urged the United States to negotiate. "It is quite self-evident

that dialogue is impossible without sitting face to face, the issue would be unthinkable without dialogue," said a government spokesman quoted on KCNA, the North's state-run news

Several key members of Congress also called for talks with North Korea.

"We don't lose anything by doing that," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in a conference Sunday Connecticut reporters. administration had done.

the table and not negotiating with (North Korean leader) Kim Jong II has left us with a policy that seems nowhere and has created a crisis."

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told NBC "I suspect that there are going to be negotiations" of some sort.

"They may not be directly between the United States and North Korea. It could very well be through the Chinese, through the South Koreans, through "That's what I wish the Japanese, through a combination of multilateral interna-The Bush administration, in tional community," he said.

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Pampa Police Officer Brian Denham pulled a 1981 Lincoln Continental over Saturday night on a routine traffic stop. After seeing white pills and cans of ether on the floor board behind the front seat, he asked and got consent to search the car.

Officers said he found what appeared to be anhydrous ammonia in the truck of the car.

Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Drug Task Force was called out and an Oklahoma hazardous waste disposal team was notified.

The trio in the car, Dixon, Payne and Duffield, were arrested and booked into the Gray County jail shortly before midnight Saturday by Officer Denham and Gray County Sheriff's Deputy

Sonny Marasco.

Pampa Chief of Police Trevlyn Pitner commended Officer Denham for his observance and quick thinking.

"Good patrolling and traffic work is our first line of defense in the war on drugs," Pitner said.

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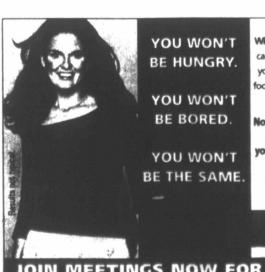
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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

## **Sibling Rivals Now Find Family Bond as Gay Adults**

DEAR ABBY: My two brothers, parents did everything possible to foster sibling rivalry, and as a result, we speak only a few times a your gesture of solidarity. year and rarely visit.

During the last few years, how-ever, I have discovered quite a bit in common with my younger brother, "Randy." Among other things, we are both gay.

Randy recently asked me if I thought anyone from our family would show up if he and his live-in partner, "Jeff," were to hold a commitment ceremony. (Many members of our family belong to the Reformed and Christian Reformed churches, both well-known for being unfriendly to gays.)

I am excited and happy for my brother. Would it be tacky of me to ask him if I could be his best man? He may have friends he feels closer to, who have played a bigger part in his life, and I wouldn't want to make him feel pressured to include me. Should I mention it to Jeff - a fantastic guy, by the way - and see what he thinks? Or should I keep

quiet? EXCITED OVER MY BROTHER'S **BIG FAT GAY WEDDING** 

DEAR EXCITED: If I were you, I would take no chances on a miscommunication. Tell your brother how excited and happy you are for him and his partner, and that you would love to be a part of his commitment ceremo-young woman. Although your capacity he and Jeff

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> DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-yearold girl with a problem. I think I'm going crazy. For a couple of years now, I have been having strange thoughts. For instance, I believe there are people who can see me. I talk to them. (My family has overheard me talking to these "people." They can be acquaintances, famous celebrities or anyone.)

I don't hear their voices or hallucinate, but for some reason I just can't shake these "feelings." I do not use drugs of any kind. I have told my parents about this, but they tell me I need to get out more, to serve others and take my mind off it.

I have done research on mental illnesses like schizophrenia and personality disorders, but I can't identify what's wrong with me. I want to see someone about this, but my parents think it's a bad idea. I love them and I know they care about me, but when it comes to my problem, it seems like they want to ignore it and hope I'll grow out of it. Please help me. I am .

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ple who aren't there and thinking they can see you is not behavior that will go away if you "get out more and serve others" to distract yourself. I urge you to contact your physician and ask for a referral to a mental health professional preferably a psychiatrist. You need more help than I can give you in a letter or newspaper column. Please don't wait.

ODE TO MYOPIA My face in the mirror isn't wrin-

kled or drawn. My house isn't dirty - the cobwebs are gone.

My garden looks lovely, and so does my lawn.

I think I might never put my glasses back on. (Author unknown; submitted by Willis A. Sterner, Madison, Wis.)

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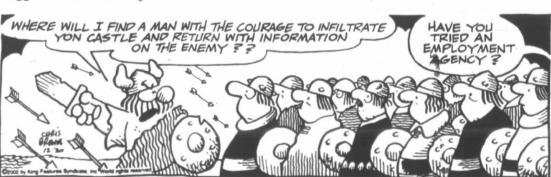


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## SPORTS

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PAMPA — Pampa's first games of the new year will be against Palo Duro on Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Dons were winners at the Caprock Holiday Tournament last week in Lubbock. They defeated Houston Humble 73-59 in the finals. Guard Austin Johnson led the Dons in scoring with 24 points.

The Pampa-PD girls clash gets the evening under way at 6.

#### **FOOTBALL**

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys tight end Tony McGee played in his 152nd game without a playoff appearance, the longest active streak in the NFL.

#### HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars and Detroit Red Wings can't beat each other this season: Four games, four ties.

"This is a building block for us. When we play the best teams, we usually play well," said Stars winger Brenden Morrow, who scored the tying goal in the second period of the 2-2 game Sunday night. "We want to stay in position and hopefully meet this team again."

The Western Conference division leaders won't get a chance at a tiebreaker unless they meet again in the playoffs, when no games end in a tie.

Holmstrom **Tomas** scored both goals for the Red Wings, who stretched their unbeaten streak to eight games and became the first NHL team to 50 points. Detroit is 5-0-3 in its last eight, including a 1-1 tie at home against Dallas on Dec. 19.

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The other two games this season between the Stars and Red Wings ended in 3-3 ties, Nov. 3 at Detroit and Dec. 6 at Dallas.

"It was pretty much the same as the other games," Detroit's Chris Chelios said. "It was a very good road game for us."

Detroit outshot Dallas 29-28, the extra shot coming for the Stanley Cup champs in overtime.

Dallas tied it at 2 with 14:34 left in the second when Morrow, on a second effort, punched the puck through Curtis Joseph's legs.

The season series is a deadlock, and the overall series is close, too, with the Stars holding an 88-86-33-1 lead.

"The resemblance is striking - look at the stats and the numbers," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "They are champions still, and we are trying to play to their level. These are good tests for our teams."

In overtime, Detroit went on the power play when Scott Young was called for high-sticking, but the Red Wings managed only Nicklas Lidstrom's shot before Brendan Shanahan was called for holding halfway through the penalty. Dallas got the only shot the rest of the game.

Just 70 seconds in, Holmstrom took a pass from Chelios and sent a shot that went over Marty Turco as the Dallas goalie sprawled trying to stop the puck.

# Jets cap turnaround with AFC crown

## Super Bowl is set for Jan. 26 in San Diego

By The Associated Press

Herman Edwards and the New York Jets have come a long way since his tirade after a 2-5 start.

"See, the problem is this is what happens when you lose, people start assuming they quit. Well, this team ain't doing that," the New York coach said two months ago.

"Hello, you play to win the game. I don't care if you don't have any wins, you go play to win. When you start telling me it doesn't matter, then retire, get out, because it matters."

And what Edwards said certainly had an impact on his team. The Jets won seven of their last nine games, taking the AFC East title Sunday with a 42-17 home victory over Green Bay.

They needed some help rival Miami lost 27-24 in New England to open the door for the Jets (9-7). Then they dominated the Packers (12-4), who lost a chance for home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs.

Chad Pennington threw four touchdown passes and Curtis Martin finished with 83 yards and 1,094 for the year, his eighth straight season over 1,000 yards.

The Jets' victory also helped Cleveland (9-7) make the playoffs for the first time since the Browns were reborn as an expansion franchise in 1999. Cleveland beat Atlanta 24-16 at home earlier in the day to set up its postseason chances.

William Green ran for 178 yards and scored on a 64-yard TD run with 3:53 left to lift the Browns. The Falcons (9-6-1) earned a wild-card berth when New Orleans lost at home to Carolina.

Browns quarterback Tim Couch broke his right leg in the first half and is out for the playoffs. Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick finished 17-of-40 for 240 yards and one touchdown.

will face The ·Jets Indianapolis at home on Saturday, and the Browns will begin the playoffs on Sunday at Pittsburgh.

On Saturday, Oakland beat Kansas City 24-0 to earn homefield advantage in the AFC playoffs, and the New York Giants edged NFC East champion Philadelphia 10-7 in overtime for a wild-card berth.

The regular seasons ends Monday night, with St. Louis at NFC West champion San Francisco.

**Buccaneers 15, Bears 0** 

At Champaign, Ill., Martin Gramatica kicked five field goals to give Tampa Bay (12-4) the No. 2 seed in the NFC and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

It was a blustery 34 degrees at kickoff, giving Tampa Bay its first victory in 22 tries when the gametime temperature is 40 degrees or below.

The Bears (4-12) struggled behind Henry Burris, who threw four interceptions in his first NFL start.

Patriots 27, Dolphins 24, OT At Foxboro, Mass., Adam Vinatieri kicked a 35-yard field goal 2:03 into the extra session to cap the Patriots' comeback from a 24-13 deficit in the final five minutes of regulation.

The Dolphins (9-7) and Patriots (9-7) both missed the playoffs after the Jets beat the

Packers to win the division. New York won because of a superior division record to Miami and a better record against common opponents than New England.

Ricky Williams rushed for 185 yards and two touchdowns for Miami. He ended the season with 1,853 yards to win the league's rushing title. It's also the eighth-best rushing season in NFL history, a yard more than Walter Payton had in 1977. Titans 13, Texans 3

At Houston, Eddie George scored on a 4-yard run with 5:14 to play as the Titans (11-5) earned a first-round bye.

The Texans (4-12) closed out their first NFL season with three straight losses.

George had 102 yards rushing on 25 carries, and Joe Nedney kicked two field goals for the Titans.

A record crowd of 70,694 booed the Titans as they came on the field to play in Houston for the first time since moving to Tennessee after the 1996 sea-

Steelers 34, Ravens 31

At Pittsburgh, the Steelers (10-5-1) rallied from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to set up a home wild-card game against Cleveland.

The Ravens (7-9) led 31-20 with 12:57 remaining. But Amos Zereoue scored on a 5yard run, and Maddox threw the go-ahead 8-yard scoring pass to Antwaan Randle El with 2:29 left. Maddox hit Plaxico Burress for the 2-point conver-

Zereoue ran for 104 yards in his second career 100-yard game, filling in for the injured Jerome Bettis.

Panthers 10, Saints 6

At New Orleans, the Saints lost their third straight after Carolina cornerback Terry Cousin had two interceptions

and a fumble to lift the Panthers.

The Saints (9-7) opened the season 6-1 but lost six of its last nine. Carolina (7-9), in last place in the NFC South, snapped a 13-game losing streak in its division.

Deuce McAllister gained 117 yards on 28 carries, the first back to have a 100-yard game against Carolina this season. Saints QB Aaron Brooks was 12-of-31 for 145 yards, was sacked three times and intercepted twice.

Colts 20, Jaguars 13

At Indianapolis, Peyton Manning threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Pollard with 2:26 left to lift the Colts (10-6) over the Jaguars (6-10).

Manning went 20-of-28 for 146 yards and a touchdown. Marvin Harrison caught six passes for a season-low 28 yards, but he finished the year with an NFL-record 143 receptions and 1,722 yards — the fourth-most in league history.

The loss probably cost Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin his job. Seahawks 31, Chargers 28,

At San Diego, Matt Hasselbeck

rallied Seahawks (7-9) to victory, throwing for a career-high 449 Hasselbeck scored the tying

touchdown on a 1-yard sneak with a second left in regulation, and Rian Lindell kicked a 24yard field goal with 5:02 left in overtime.

Hasselbeck threw for a career-high 449 yards.

It was a miserable finish for San Diego (8-8), which started 6-1 but lost seven of its last nine games Redskins 20, Cowboys 14

At Landover, Md., the Redskins (7-9) ended a 10-

game losing streak to the Cowboys (5-11).

It was Washington's first win over Dallas since Oct. 13, 1997, and it came amid a farewell party for retiring\_cornerback Darrell Green and tenuous futures in Dallas for coach Dave Campo and running back **Emmitt Smith.** 

Owner Jerry Jones has met with Campo's possible replacement, Bill Parcells, twice in the last two weeks.

Vikings 38, Lions 36 At Detroit, Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper was 21-of-29 for 312 yards and two TDs, and also ran for a score.

Gary Anderson's 18-yard field goal put the Vikings ahead by eight with 1:09 left, but Mike McMahon's third TD pass — a 19-yarder to Scotty Anderson got Detroit (3-13) within two with 13 seconds left. The Vikings (6-10) won when McMahon's 2-point conversion pass was incomplete. **Broncos 37, Cardinals 7** 

At Denver, Clinton Portis ran for a career-high 228 yards and two TDs to finish with a Broncos rookie-record 1,508 vards.

Denver (9-7), which lost five of eight after a 6-2 start, missed the playoffs for the third time in four years since winning consecutive Super Bowls.

Arizona (5-11) lost nine of its last 10 games. Bills 27, Bengals 9

At Orchard Park, N.Y., Drew Bledsoe helped Buffalo (8-8) erase memories of last year's 3-13 season.

Bledsoe was 23-of-31 for 230 yards. Eric Moulds had nine catches for 75 yards and a touchdown, and became the first Bills player — and 39th in NFL history — to reach 100 receptions.

The Bengals (2-14) set a franchise low for victories.

## Pampa teams compete in Caprock tourney

LUBBOCK — Pampa opened the Caprock Holiday Tournament with a 60-47 win over Dimmitt Thursday night.

Jed Martin led the Pampa attack with 15 points and Ryan Zemanek followed with 11.

Nick Gauna had 22 points for Dimmitt.

Pampa lost a close con-

test to Houston Humble 55-53 in second-round action.

Patrick Hunter had 11 points for Humble and Ryan Zemanek led the Harvesters with 15.

Pampa was eliminated Abernathy 56-51 Friday night. Abernathy's Nick Bowe led all scorers with 19 points.

Teammate Ryan Buffe added 11. Silva James was

Pampa's high scorer with 11 points. Ryan Zemanek and Jed Martin followed with 9 each.

In the girls' bracket, the Pampa Lady Harvesters opened with a 38-33 win

over Spearman. Valerie Velez had 9 points and Jackie Gerber 7

to lead Pampa.

Jocelyn Whitefield had 9 points for Spearman.

Pampa lost Monterey 71-37 in the second round of play.

Pampa was eliminated by Goldthwaite 57-53 Friday night.

Candace Cunrad had 20 points and Jennifer Norwood 12 to lead the Goldthwaite offense.

Valerie Velez had 12 points to lead Pampa, followed by Tara Jordan with 8.



Rachel Stubbs (above) had 12 points for Lefors in the 60-46 win over Samnorwood.

## Lefors cagers post victories

LEFORS — Lefors rolled to a 60-46 victory over Samnorwood in recent girls basketball action.

Katie Barnes had 15 points to lead the Lady Pirates offense. Rachel Stubbs and Samantha Ceniceros followed with 12 each. Savanah Smith had 9 and Amanda Daugherty

In weekend action, Lefors swept Hartley in non-district games

Lefors won the girls game

by the score of 33-29. Katie Barnes and Amanda Daugherty had 8 and 7 points respectively to lead Lefors in scoring.

Joshua Garcia and Ricky Vaughn had 10 points each to lead Lefors to a 44-43 win the boys contest.

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## Campo status as Dallas coach to be determined quickly

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Dallas Cowboys coach Dave Campo likely will get that big payday he joked about last week. And he probably won't have to wait long.

Owner Jerry Jones' first order of offseason business is expected to be the firing of Campo, who finished his third straight 5-11 season with a 20-14 loss Sunday at Washington. The firing could come as early as Monday.

Jones didn't elaborate on Campo's future after Sunday's game, but said a decision would be made immediately.

"When I said immediately, I'm talking about not here in the dressing room, but when I'm away from the stadium and as we go into tomorrow (Monday) and the next day," Jones said.

Jones and Campo, who was promoted from defensive coordinator when Chan Gailey was fired three years ago, were expected to meet Monday morning. The coach was scheduled to conduct his season-ending news conference in the afternoon.

After Sunday's game, which broke Dallas' 10-game winning streak against Washington that dated back to 1997, Campo did not address his status with the players or reporters.

"I'm not going to comment on that," Campo said. "That's Jerry's decision."

Jones already has had two extended visits with Bill Parcells, the likely replacement if he and Jones can agree on issues involving personnel matters and other controls of the team. The Cowboys owner has also talked with former Vikings coach Dennis Green.

But Parcells' negotiations with the team were complicat-

ed Sunday when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced that Parcells had signed a contract with the Bucs last year and that the team won't let him out of it without a price.

"We have put Bill Parcells and his representatives on notice that any team that wishes to speak with him must first receive our permission in accordance with the NFL antitampering rules and we will require compensation to grant such permission," Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay said in a statement during the Bucs' regular-season finale against the Chicago Bears.

The NFL quickly said it will look into the matter Monday.

Telephone messages left Sunday night for Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, were not immediately returned.

Last week, after it was known that Jones had an initial five-hour meeting with Parcells, Campo joked that he could be in for a big payday Monday, referring to the two years left on his contract worth about \$800,000 annually. He has been on the Cowboys staff for 14 seasons, and was the last assistant hired after Jones bought the team.

The expected coaching change will be just the first move in what will be an offseason of uncertainty for the Cowboys, who haven't had a winning season since 1998 and are eight years removed from the last of their five Super Bowl championships.

Jones also has to address the future of Emmitt Smith, the NFL's career rushing leader who has gotten all 17,162 of his yards in 13 seasons for Dallas.

Smith, who is 34, is scheduled to make \$7 million next season and count nearly \$10

million toward the salary cap. He likely will have to take a drastic cut in pay to stay in Dallas.

"It's certainly hard for me to even think about - I haven't even thought about Emmitt being in another uniform," Jones said.

Smith sputtered to a season-low 13 yards on 18 carries Sunday. He finished with 975 yards on the season, failing to reach 1,000 for the first time since his rookie year in 1990.

"I do want to play next year. I don't care if it's in a Dallas Cowboys uniform or anywhere else," Smith said. "I still want to play the game of football because I still feel like I can.'

Smith ranked this season "dead last" in his NFL career. He said the uncertainties surrounding himself and Campo didn't help.

It is the first time in franchise history that the Cowboys are coming off three straight seasons with at least 10 losses.

The only thing good about finishing so bad is that Dallas will likely have the No. 5 overall pick in the April draft. That would be the Cowboys' highest pick since taking defensive tackle Russell Maryland first overall in 1991, two years after quarterback Troy Aikman was also the top choice.

No matter who the new coach is, a big part of the draft decision could be made by Larry Lacewell, the Cowboys' director of scouting who was given a three-year contract extension by Jones last week.

But the status of Campo's coaching staff, including offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet and defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, remains

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS-Placed WR Qadry Ismail on red reserve. Activated WR Adam Herzing from the practice squad. Signed LB J.R. Robinson to the practice squad.

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COLORADO AVALANCHE-Assigned D D.J. Smith to Hershey of the AHL. DALLAS STARS-Assigned RW Jon Sim to Utah of the

EDMONTON OILERS—Released C Jiri Dopita LOS ANGELES KINGS-Placed C Eric Belanger and LW Eric Rasmussen on injured reserve.

## Gamble will be busy trying to shut down Miami at Fiesta Bowl

PHOENIX (AP) — From the moment Chris Gamble first played defense for Ohio State it was clear he was more than just a receiver.

An interception in the end zone on his first play was just the start for a throwback player who never wants to stop playing.

Gamble is a rarity in this age of specialization. He plays receiver and cornerback as well as returning punts and kicks, skipping only a handful of plays each game.

"I just love football," Gamble said Sunday. "I want to go out there and play every play. I want to have fun and go out there and play.'

Gamble just might have the toughest task of anyone in the Fiesta Bowl on Friday night against No. 1 Miami.

He'll be counted on to stop the Hurricanes' dangerous receiver, Andre Johnson, make key catches on offense and maybe break a return or

He could be the rare player who could do all that.

"I don't think I've played up to my potential yet," he said. "I want to show my full potential and show how good our team is.

We want to show we can play against Miami."

Gamble's most important - and difficult - job will come on defense when he matches up with Johnson, one of the top receivers in the country.

Johnson has sprinter's speed to go with his imposing 6-foot-3, 227-pound frame.

The co-MVP of last season's Rose Bowl, Johnson has been even better this year, catching 48 passes for 1,038 yards and nine touch-

downs. "They're prime-time players," Buckeyes free safety Donnie Nickey said.

"That's going to be one of most important matchups, put our best athlete on their best athlete and let them battle."

With Ohio State focusing on stopping Heisman finalist running back Willis McGahee and giving help to cornerback Dustin Fox, Gamble won't be getting much help.

If he can't control Johnson, the Buckeyes will be in trouble.

"They like to stack defenders in the box and leave the cornerbacks alone in a box playing man-to-man all game," Johnson said. "If that's what they want to do, let them do it. They have some good defenders but I don't think they can stop

Gamble has some stiff responsibilities for someone who didn't start play defense until the fourth game of the season.

In that game against Cincinnati, Gamble intercepted a pass on his first play to help spur a Buckeyes' comeback.

He added another endzone interception against Wisconsin, returned an interception for Ohio State's only touchdown against Penn State and was voted the co-MVP of the team.

"I think he plays with tremendous confidence and tremendous deep-ball judgment," Buckeyes defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio

"He's very aware and that gives him an advantage. He's also been a receiver so he knows that end of the game a little bit. He plays with great poise."

The Buckeyes first started toying with making Gamble a two-way player during spring practice. For fun one day, Gamble tried to guard All-American safety Michael Doss and an idea was born.

"They liked my technique and my footwork at cornerback," Gamble said. "I wanted to do anything I could to help the team.'

Gamble even prefers defense to offense these days, taking more pride in interceptions than touchdowns.

There are also practical reasons.

"It's just fun to hit somebody," he said. "It's good to hit somebody because as a receiver you get hit so

much." After cornerback Richard McNutt got hurt, Gamble's playing time increased. He became a full two-way player on Oct. 26 against Penn State and slept 16 hours that

night. He needed the rest. He topped 100 plays in each of the final three games, including playing 128 of 146 plays in an overtime win against

Illinois. "You don't see that in football much anymore," Miami offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski said. "That just shows you what kind of athlete he is."

Gamble is Ohio State's second-leading receiver with 29 catches, has four interceptions, 18 solo tackles and is a threat on returns. Even Johnson is impressed.

"You know if he plays 100 plays a game that he must be a great athlete," Johnson said. "He makes plays on both sides of the ball. He's a big-time player for them."

.. But even Gamble has limits. A star basketball player for high school, he doesn't have enough energy to go out for the Buckeyes hoops

"That's too much," he said. "In high school I could do that but I'm older now. I'm slipping. I get tired."

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New Year's Eve plans. For once, do what

you want, not what everyone expects.

You'll find that someone else has similar

feelings. Go for a big pajama party.

\*\*\* \* Friends won't let you alone,

you are. Christen the new year where you

most like to be: around your friends.

Whether throwing a party or going to

instead of deciding what might please

you, consider doing something for your

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TYLER (AP) — Law enforcement agencies roughout East Texas frequently violate the Texas Public Information Act, often responding to requests for information with personal questions, nests for identification and lectures about privacy, a 14-county survey shows.

County governments, meanwhile, fully coop-ted with residents requesting basic public docents, according to the study conducted by the journalism department at The University of Texas at Tyler, the Longview News-Journal and The Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph:

The survey, conducted from May through September, showed county employees produced information immediately without question in 100 percent compliance of state open records

Agents at sheriff's or police departments often resisted information requests, producing records 68 percent of the time, but complying only 36 percent of the time with a law limiting inquiries about requests.

In one case, a researcher was told she had to "earn" the right to see documents she requested. In some cases, written requests for basic offense reports were referred to attorneys, delayed or even

requirements in 125 governmental entities including cities, counties, schools and law enforce

Sixteen percent of the entities complied v three requirements: posting a Texas Information Act notice, refraining from questioning and producing the requested documents within the prescribed 10 working days.

City governments produced requested documents 87 percent of the time, but rated 41 percent concerning inquiries. Compliance rates for schools, including colleges and universities, hovered around 82 percent for producing records and rated from 20 to 24 percent concerning inquiries.

Overall, 46 percent of the entities posted the required notice.

The survey uncovered other violations, including copying charges even though researchers requested to only view documents and instances where the media received special treatment.

Katherine Garner, executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, said she was impressed with county governments' compliance but disappointed in other entities.

Gamer said in Sunday's editions of the Tyler and Longview newspapers. "I would hope this non-compliance means they don't understand or don't enough about it as opposed to ignoring the

its already exist.

Confused government officials can phone advice hotlines, flip through a layman's guide to public information law or attend one of several conferences on the topic.

County judges are required by statute to attend training. But the challenge remains of such training reaching employees at all levels.

In Gregg County, as in all other tested counties, researchers were able to view a copy of the county's budget without question.

Researchers often found that answering improper questions was the first obstacle in obtaining records. With few exceptions, state law prohibits public employees from questioning the requester, but researchers often were asked to identify themselves, their employer, their reason for requesting information and whether they were

At the Gladewater Police Department, a frowning dispatcher told a researcher she could not see any offense reports until she revealed "who you

The researcher later spoke with Capt. Clay A number of free or low cost programs aimed Robertson, who said he often asks questions about educating public officials on handling FOI who is requesting reports so he can determine if who is requesting reports so he can determine if the requester "needs to know."

"You just don't know what people are doing with this stuff," said Robertson, who then lectured the researcher about the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

In other situations, a researcher had to complete a request form before obtaining public information. Garner said public entities may ask for the form to be completed, but it's not required to receive information.

Researchers had the most difficulty obtaining offense reports or jail logs from law enforcement agencies.

Under the Public Information Act, information such as the name, age, and address of an arrested person, the offense charged, details of the arrest or crime, bonding information and the identification and description of the complainant are open to the

## Pakistan formerly prepared to wage nuclear war on India, official claims

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf said Monday he had been ready to use atomic weapons if Indian forces entered Pakistani territory earlier this year during a peak in tensions — an admission of how close

the neighbors came to nuclear war. "I personally conveyed messages to (Indian) Prime Minister Vajpayee through every international leader who came to Pakistan, that if Indian troops moved a single step across the international border or Line of Control, they should not expect a conventional war from Pakistan," he told Pakistani Air Force veterans.

Pakistan refers to the use of its nuclear arsenal as non-conventional war.

India's army chief, however, said Pakistan's nuclear capability did not deter it from war.

"We were absolutely ready to go to war. Our

Padmanabhan told reporters Monday. "Such a decision (on whether to go to war) is ultimately a political decision," Press Trust of India quoted him as saying. On whether Islamabad's claimed possession of

forces were well located," Gen. Sunderajan

tactical nuclear weapons could have deterred New

Delhi from war, Padmanabhan said, "When we assess our adversaries, we assess all its capabilities. We had evaluated it and were ready to cope with it."

Tensions between India and Pakistan peaked earlier this year when both sides sent troops to their shared border after a deadly attack on the

Indian Parliament last December. New Delhi blamed Islamabad, accusing Pakistan's spy agency of masterminding the assault that killed 14 people.

Pakistan denied the charge.

International diplomacy brought the nuclear neighbors back from the brink of war. And in recent months it appeared that tensions had eased, with both sides saying they have withdrawn troops from the border and stepped back from their previous war footing.

The United States was particularly anxious to avoid an Indian-Pakistani war at a time when it depended heavily on Pakistani support in its global fight against terrorism and as it waged its on war in Afghanistan, Pakistan's neighbor to the west.

Both India and Pakistan say they possess a minimum nuclear deterrent, although it is not known how many nuclear devices or type of weapons each country possesses.

"We have defeated our enemy without going into war," Musharraf, referring to India, wld the gathering of veterans and active members of Pakistan's Air Force.

Both Pakistan and India also possess ballistic missiles that are capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads and can hit deep within each other's territory.

The South Asian neighbors exploded tit-for-tat underground nuclear tests in 1998.

The world condemned the tests and put sanctions on both countries. But the economic penalties were lifted after Pakistan became a key ally of the anti-terrorist coalition following the Sept. 11

Pakistan said Monday it met nuclear safety standards.

"All countries accept the fact that Pakistan's command and control'structure and Pakistan's nuclear program is in completely safe hands," said Aziz Ahmed Khan, spokesman for Pakistan's Foreign Ministry.

Pakistan and India share a 1,800-mile border, a section of which is the Line of Control that divides Kashmir. Both claim the region in its entirety and have fought two wars over their dispute.

## Study: Conflict falls, threats rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The year following the Sept. 11 attacks saw the number of conflicts in the world decline, but the threat of rogue nations developing weapons of mass destruction may make new wars more deadly, a conservative-oriented study group reported Monday.

In addition, the war in Afghanistan, "which acts like a cancer in the region," spilled over into weak states nearby and threatened to destabilize even the strongest, the National Defense Council Foundation said.

The private group counted 53 conflicts this year, down from 59 in 2001. The Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa remain the most warprone regions — accounting for half of all conflicts

Looming over the conflicts is the threat of 'invisible" weapons of mass destruction — the secret development of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons — by rogue states like Iraq and North Korea, the report said. As a result, it said, wars with those states, such as a U.S. attack on Iraq, could be more deadly than antic-

Iraq is considered the site of the "most dangerous conflict" because development of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons "is almost a foregone conclusion," the report said.

"You have to be very thoughtful how you escalate, when and where you escalate," said the report's author, F. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the Alexandria, Va., think tank and a former Army Special Forces officer. Rep.

Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairs the group, whose advisers include other prominent Republican

The foundation, which annually surveys some 193 nations, defines conflict as "the level of political, social, economic and military disruption caused" by upheaval in given countries.

It added 10 countries this year to its list of conflict zones, including Jordan, Kuwait, North Korea and Venezuela. It removed 16 nations from the list, including the United States, Malaysia, Macedonia, Sierra Leone and Yugoslavia.

Milton Copulas, foundation president, said future wars will be fueled by the drive for resources, such as energy and water.

"As the world's population grows, the economy grows and the need for resources increase, competition over them is going to increase correspondingly," he said.

The report said the "stupidest conflict" occurred in Nigeria, where a newspaper reporter wrote that Islam's founding prophet Muhammad would have approved of the Miss World pageant scheduled for that African nation and might have wanted to marry a contestant. The story sparked Muslim-Christian rioting that killed more than 200 people and forced the pageant to relocate to London.

"It could have been sloughed off as just a tactless comment and that would have been the end of it," Messing said. "Everybody took the comment seriously and acted like it was the end

## Baby said to be cloned headed for testing

NEW YORK (AP) — It will be no ordinary homecoming for a newborn claimed to be the world's first cloned human.

The baby, nicknamed "Eve," was to be flown home to the United States on Monday — and almost immediately face DNA testing to determine if the cloning assertion is true.

"The baby is going home and once at home it is possible for an independent expert to go there and once a sample is taken we will see," said Brigitte Boisselier, chief executive of Clonaid, the cloning company affiliated with a religious sect that believes space aliens launched life on Earth.

"On Monday if a sample is taken, perhaps by the end of the week or early next week we should have all the details," she said, referring to genetic testing needed to prove whether the child is really a clone.

On Sunday, Boisselier said a pediatrician has seen the baby and that she is "doing fine."

Boisselier previously said the child's mother is American but has offered no further details. Neither she nor Clonaid spokeswoman Nadine Gary would say where in the United States the mother is from, where the child was born or what U.S. city they would be arriving in.

Both said details were being

and her family.

Boisselier's comments Sunday came two days after she announced at a Florida news conference that Clonaid scientists had produced the world's first cloned baby. She said a healthy 7-pound girl was delivered by Caesarean section Thursday and is an exact genetic copy of her

Boisselier offered no scientific proof, provided no photographs and did not produce the child or the mother, who she said is a 31-year-old with an infertile husband. Her announcement was met with doubt by the scientific

kept secret to protect the child community and revulsion by many ethicists.

To gain convincing proof that "Eve" is a clone, Boisselier said she had accepted an offer by a former ABC News science editor, Michael Guillen, who has chosen independent experts to draw DNA from the mother and the newborn and test them for a

Clonaid was founded by Claude Vorilhon, a former French journalist and leader of a sect called the Raelians. Vorilhon, who calls himself Rael, claims a space alien visiting him in 1973 revealed that extraterrestrials had created all life on Earth through genetic engineering.

### **Funeral home offering free burials**

motorists into staying sober free burial for anyone who signs a pledge to drink and drive on New Year's Eve.

"If I can make one person stop Home and Crematory director does. Chris Burroughs.

Burroughs, who conducts about 11 funerals every year for people who die in drunken-driving crashes, said he got the idea for the unusual offer from an antifour years ago.

Then, funeral director Barry Miller initiated Operation Stop

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) and Think after he lost a family - A funeral home director is \* member in a drunken-driving adopting a strategy to shock accident. Miller, who is from Georgia and owns a funeral home in Tennessee, and said about 10 funeral homes in the Southeast are now offering the contract. Anyone with a driver's license

and think, then our effort's not in can sign the pledge on New vain," said Grand Strand Funeral, Year's Eve — though no one "Nobody's ever signed it, nor

do we intend for anyone to sign it," Miller said. "Sometimes, you've got to go to extremes for people to take notice."

If the program has any impact drunken driving campaign started , at all, it could help reduce drunken-driving fatalities, said Trooper First Class Ashley Mew of the state Highway Patrol.

