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Another Pampan on list for RRC

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

State Rep. Warren Chisum is not the only Pampan under consideration for the vacant position on the Texas Railroad Commission.

Robert Wood, a retired 29-year employee of the local RRC office, is also being considered.

"I would like to maintain the rules and regulations of the RRC, and oversee the functions of the commission," said Wood this morning. He said he is interested in making sure that all rules and regulations are implemented fairly for all companies and

independents as well.

Wood joined the local office in November 1964 and retired in October 1993.

He said he was a plugger with the local office - plugging abandoned and unclaimed wells.

"The RRC is real particular about how it spends state monies," said Wood.

Wood is a native Texan. He has worked around the oil industry his entire life, he said.

Graduating from high school in Odessa, Wood attended Odessa College two years and spent four years in the U.S. Air Force before he graduated from Texas Tech. He

received a degree in business administration.

He and Chisum are among 25 candidates seeking the position.

Names of those being considered were released Monday by the Governor's office to *The Pampa News*.

In addition to Chisum and Wood, the governor's list includes Roland Sledge of Houston, John "Randy" Taylor of Austin, Eric K. Hanson of Midland, Kenneth Dale Henry of Mullin, Judge Victor Carrillo of Abilene, Carlos Griffin of Kilgore, Rep. Judy Hawley of Portland, (former state representative) Kenn George of Dallas, Julie Ellen Hollis

of Houston, Pete Almanza of Odessa, Martin Garza of Corpus Christi, A. Jo Baylor of Austin, Sam Katz of San Antonio, David Paul Deison of Weatherford, E.F. Mano DeAyala of Houston, John D. Bell of Kermit, Brent Chesney of Corpus Christi, D. Kirk Edwards of Odessa, Dwight M. Moore of Spring, Charles Renaud of Midland, George Seay of Dallas, William Siebert of San Antonio and Rex White of Austin.

According to the governor's office, three candidates have withdrawn their name from consideration - Jerry Langdon, Rep. Thomas Williams, and Lyle T. Larson.



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Officers investigate 130 pigs found dead

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether animal cruelty played a role in the deaths of 130 pigs discovered in barns and pens east of the Lubbock International Airport.

The dead pigs were discovered Sunday after authorities received a call about loose animals in the area. Deputies had shepherded the loose pigs from the road when they found the others dead nearby, according to police reports.

"We assume it was probably from starvation," Sheriff's investigator Andy Gentry said Monday. "We're considering charges."

Cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000, a maximum term of a year in jail or both.

An inspector with the Texas Animal Health Commission said he believed the pigs suffered from starvation.

DEATHS

Margie Ruff, 88, retired business owner.

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Ranch manager petitions against rain enhancement

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

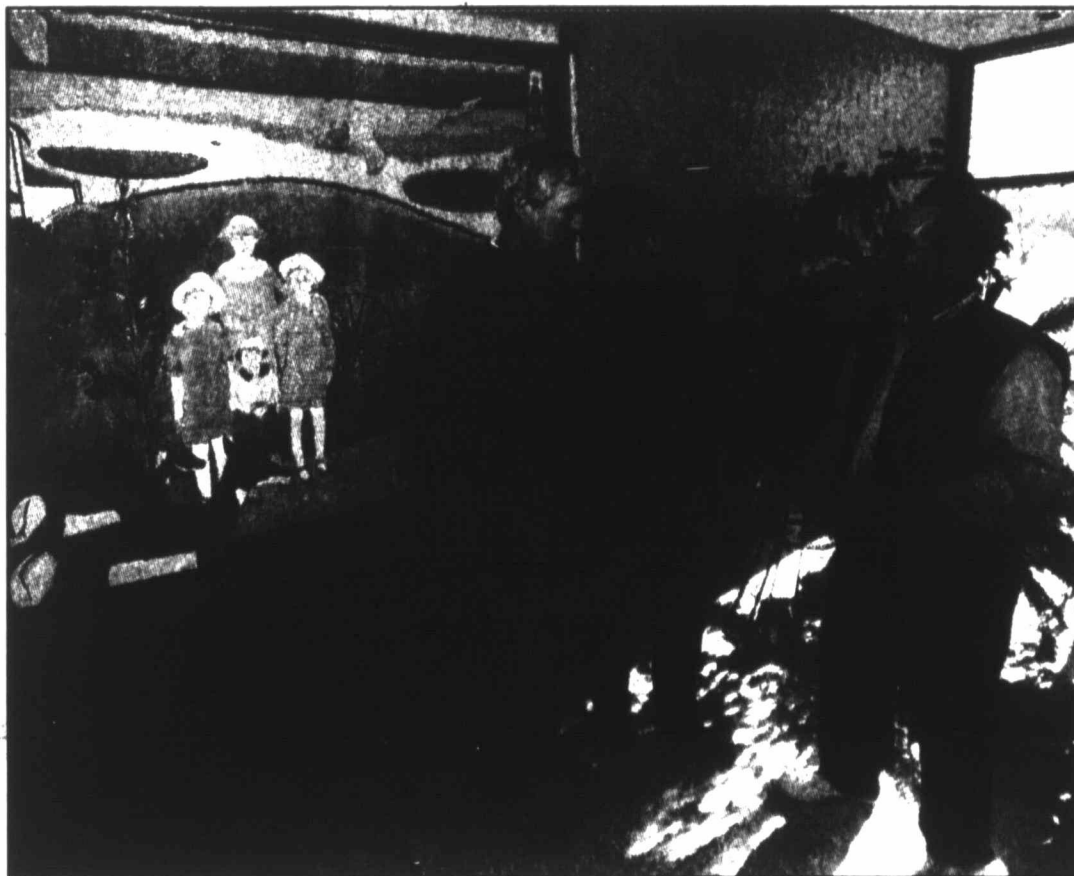
WHITE DEER — As the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) prepares to launch its fourth year of trying to increase rainfall in the region, a rancher in Potter and Carson counties wants to shut it down.

Jay O'Brien, who manages several ranches in the area including the historic JA Ranch in Carson County, said the groundwater district's cloud seeding program is based on faulty science. He said the ranches that he manages have suffered a lack of rainfall since the district began their rainfall enhancement program.

"They only seed clouds they feel are the best candidates for seeding," O'Brien said. "If they really wanted to test, they would seed at random, and you need an area larger than a seven-county area."

C.E. Williams, PGCD general manager, admits that there has been some problem in collecting data, but that it has been corrected. He said that while rainfall enhancement is an inexact science, the data the district has generated over the past three years of a scheduled five-year project indicates that it does work.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture has a contract with the National Academy of (See RAIN, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Rod and Miriam Gross of Pampa visit with Dr. Paul Katz of Panhandle at the Amarillo Botanical Garden concerning a new Northwest Texas Museum Association exhibit Katz organized concerning playa lakes. Behind them is the introductory banner painted by Robert McKenzie, an artist who specializes in fabric painting.

Playa lake exhibit opens in Amarillo

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO — Only a few panels of the traveling exhibit "Playas...Gems of the Plains" were on display here Monday as artist Robert McKenzie and his associate Deborah Kern demonstrated their fabric-painting artistry at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

When the exhibit begins its travels Jan. 13, there will be 20 panels depicting the various facets of playa lakes on the Great Plains, said Dr. Paul Katz, who with his wife Susana researched, designed and fabricated the exhibit.

Katz said there are at least 20,000 playa lakes in the Texas Panhandle-South Plains region alone.

The exhibit will open Jan. 13 and run

through Feb. 5 at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. It is scheduled to travel to museums throughout the panhandle, stopping for about two months at each museum, over the next three years.

Katz said there is a waiting list beyond that.

The exhibit, he said, is designed for small museums.

"Each panel is detachable," Katz said.

The exhibit's opening banner is artwork by Robert McKenzie, a panhandle native who now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and who is known for his painted fabric work. McKenzie created the wall covering for the Amarillo Club and for Woodstone, Boone Picken's home when he lived in Amarillo.

More recently, McKenzie's work of 11 (See EXHIBIT, Page 3)

Words may be signal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says the United States has no "hostile intent" toward North Korea, and some analysts say his choice of words was no accident.

The same phrase was used in a joint U.S.-North Korean communique of Oct. 12, 2000, during the final months of the Clinton administration, when relations reached something of a high point.

North Korea has frustrated the United States in recent weeks by insisting on pursuing nuclear weapons programs and ordering the expulsion of two U.N. nuclear inspectors. The North has suggested that the two countries negotiate a nonaggression pact.

Powell has said he welcomes communication with the North but not negotiations. On Sunday, Powell said that negotiations with Pyongyang at this stage could be seen as "appeasing misbehavior" — a reference to North Korea's attempts to develop nuclear weapons in violation of agreements.

The no "hostile intent" construction was used by Powell during several television appearances on Sunday. A senior administration official declined Monday to say whether Powell was deliberately using the phrase to ease North Korea's concerns (See WORDS, Page 3)

Investigators seek al-Qaida link to Yemen attack

JIBLA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni interrogators suspect the man accused of killing three American missionaries at a Baptist hospital may have ties to al-Qaida, officials said Tuesday, as U.S. investigators joined the search for those behind the murders.

Two of the slain Americans were buried Tuesday in the southern Yemeni town of Jibla, where each had worked for more than two decades and where the attack took place. The third was to be flown back to the United States.

An FBI team arrived Monday in Jibla and worked overnight. An American diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, would not say whether U.S. investigators were being

allowed to directly question the suspect arrested for the slayings, but said the Americans "are very close" to the interrogation.

In past investigations of attacks on Americans here, Americans working alongside Yemenis have complained of having limited access to suspects.

The U.S. Embassy said it was too early to tell if terrorism was behind Monday's shootings at a Southern Baptist hospital. But Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Kader Bajammal included the slayings in a list of terrorist acts he presented to parliament later in the day.

Officials close to the investigation said Yemeni interrogators have strong

suspensions the accused gunman has connections to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network. Yemen is bin Laden's ancestral homeland and has been a fertile recruiting ground for him.

Yemen has been a key front in the U.S.-led war on terrorism and its government signed on as Washington's partner after the Sept. 11 attacks.

In the attack, the gunman slipped past security at Jibla Baptist Hospital, 125 miles south of the capital San'a, cradling his hidden gun like a baby. He entered a room where the director was conducting a meeting and opened fire at about 8:15 a.m. Monday, officials and witnesses said.

After shooting three people in the

head, killing them instantly, the gunman headed to the pharmacy and shot the pharmacist in the abdomen. Yemeni authorities arrested a Yemeni suspect they identified as 30-year-old Abed Abdul Razak Kamel.

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention identified the dead as purchasing agent Kathleen A. Gariety, 53, of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Dr. Martha C. Myers, 57, of Montgomery, Alabama; and hospital director William E. Koehn, 60, of Arlington, Texas.

Myers — who had worked in Yemen for 24 years — and Koehn — who had planned to retire next October (See LINK, Page 3)

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Milo	3.90	Halliburton	18.09	-0.41
Corn	4.38	Triad Hospitals	29.30	-0.10
Soybeans	4.86	NOI	21.43	-0.15
Sunflowers	9.00	KMI	41.81	-0.33
		XCEL	10.66	-0.11
		Kerr McGee	43.30	-2.45
		Limited	13.82	-0.14
		Williams	2.27	NC
		McDonalds	15.80	+0.05
		Exxon Mobil	34.30	-0.45
		Atmos	23.27	+0.02
		Pioneer Nat	24.70	-0.28
		Penney's	22.56	-0.33
		COP	47.36	-0.69
		Schlumberger	41.56	-0.16
		Tenneco	3.85	+0.10
		CVK	66.00	-0.65
		Wal-Mart	49.95	-0.69
		OKE	18.90	-0.15
		NS Group	6.61	-0.10

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

Occidental	28.15	-0.35
Fidelity Mageln	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	40.42	-0.08
Celanece	21.78	-0.02
Cabot Corp	26.45	-0.06
Cabot Oil Gas	24.45	-0.31
Coca Cola	43.28	-0.23
New York Gold	343.85	
Silver	4.65	
West Texas Crude	31.37	

SHERIFF

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

Monday, Dec. 30
Melissa Partridge, 29, Fort Campbell, Ky., was arrested for simple assault. She was released on a personal recognizance bond.

FIRE

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

Monday, Dec. 30
3:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 30
1:11 p.m. — A 1991 Daihatsu driven by Steven Dale Dancy, 39, 2200 N. Dwight, and a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Richard Dwain McCarn, 37, 916 Terry Rd., collided in the 2100 block of North Hobart. Dancy was cited for backing without safety and expired Texas driver's license. No injuries were reported at the scene.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Dec. 30
2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Lynn; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville; one patient was transported to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Monday, Dec. 30
Michael Paul Brown, 20, 621 Naida, was arrested for criminal mischief and released on a personal recognizance bond.
Don Goin Abney, 53, 1230 E. Francis, was arrested on a warrant for theft by check and for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.
Dana Lynn Daniels, 38, White Deer, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces, no driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, and expired tags; and warrants for no seat belt, failure to appear, driving with suspended license (2), and criminal trespass of a habitation.
Amanda Sue Wolfe, 112 S. Clark, was arrested on municipal warrants for defective stop lamp and no insurance.
Gregorio Jame Ortega, 49, Canadian, was arrested for public intoxication.
A representative for Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported theft of two bottles of wine and a bottle of beer, valued under \$50.

Assault causing minor injury to a family member was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Two rings valued at \$100 were reported stolen.
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. The vehicle sustained damage estimated at more than \$3,000 in the break-in. A carton of cigarettes was reported stolen.
Three tires on a vehicle in the 1600 block of West Somerville were reported punctured. Damage was estimated at \$300.
The plastic covering of the Pollie's Greenhouse building, 529 N. Hobart, was cut. Damage was estimated at \$1,800.
Vandalism to a vehicle in the 1400 block of West Somerville was reported to have occurred on Dec. 29. Loss was estimated at \$300.
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Anne. Medicine and a credit card were reported stolen.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 50s, and north-west winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the southwest in the afternoon. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 30s, and south winds 5 to 15 mph. New Year's should be partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the north. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny.

Highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

STATEWIDE

Out with the rain and in with the sun. Storms that thundered through much of the state headed out of town, clearing the way for sunny skies and warmer temperatures just in time for New Year's festivities.
North Texas should be clear on New Year's Eve with lows in the lower to middle 30s. Mostly sunny skies will greet North Texans on New Year's Day, along with windy conditions to the west and highs from 55 to 65.
The Texas Hill Country and south-central Texas also

will be clear Tuesday night, with lows from the lower 30s to upper 30s south. New Year's Day should be mostly sunny with highs from the upper 60s north to mid 70s southwest.
Southeast Texas and the upper Texas Coast should be mostly clear at night with lows in the mid to upper 30s inland and upper 40s along the coast. New Year's Day should be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 60s.
Deep South Texas will see lows from 42 in the west to 52 along the coast on New Year's Eve. Wednesday should be partly cloudy and becoming breezy, with highs from 72 at the coast to 78 west.
The Texas Panhandle will be partly cloudy on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Lows will be in the upper 20s to lower 30s and highs will be in the 40s.
Far West Texas will be clear Tuesday night and Wednesday, turning breezy and mostly sunny on New Year's Day. Lows will range from 33 to 38 and highs from 52 to 57.

OBITUARIES

MARGIE RUFF
1914-2002

Margie Ruff, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor, and Nancy Ruff officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley 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. She founded and emceed the monthly gospel singing at First

Pentecostal Holiness Church.
Survivors include a daughter, Anne Zochowski and her husband George of Brandon, Miss.; a son, Mike Ruff and his wife Nancy of Pampa; a brother, Floyd Austin of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Taxpayers could pay \$165,000 to clear records in mass arrests

HOUSTON (AP) — City council members are considering hiring a law firm to help clear the records of hundreds of people arrested during an ill-fated drag-racing sting over the summer.
On Tuesday, the city council put off until next week consideration of whether to hire Winstead, Sechrest & Minick to help expunge the records of nearly 300 people arrested during the ill-fated August sting. If approved, the hiring could cost taxpayers as much as \$165,000.

trying to reduce future claims.
The city faces several lawsuits filed on behalf of some 60 people arrested in the raids. The lawsuits accuse the city and two police officers of false arrest, false imprisonment and civil-rights violations. Two lawsuits seek unspecified damages while others seek millions of dollars in damages.
Capt. Mark Aguirre directed the sweeps of parking lots outside a Kmart, a Sonic Drive-In, and a James Coney Island on the weekend of Aug. 17.
Aguirre planned the raid to crack down on drag racers. But when police found no evidence of drag racing, they swept through the parking lots and arrested those gathered there anyway.
Many of those arrested were customers of the businesses, but were charged with trespassing and curfew violations.
The arrests fueled a public uproar, with council members and Police Chief C.O. Bradford criticizing the action as heavy-handed.

City Briefs

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NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance, at Moose Lodge, 8 p.m., "Rebel Texas" Band

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VFW POST 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, are having a Black Eye Pea & Cornbread dinner on New Years Day @ 11:00 a.m. Donations Accepted.

AP poll: Economy worries Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly two-thirds of respondents in an Associated Press poll said they believe it's prudent to hold off on more tax cuts.
They also said they feel more cautious about their own spending, while expressing some optimism about their financial future.
When asked about new tax cuts, a centerpiece of President Bush's domestic agenda, 64 percent said it was better to hold off to make sure the federal budget does not go into a deeper into the red. About three in 10, 28 percent, said they favored additional tax cuts to stimulate the economy, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pa.
On the international front, the poll found people wary of a war with Iraq and much more likely to view Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network as threats than Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.
Those anxieties were voiced by Joanne Arriola, a 62-year-old retiree from a utility company in Butte, Mont. She's seen her retirement fund reduced sharply by the troubled economy and worries about the effects of a war in Iraq, and is convinced that war will return to America.
"It's a scary new year," she said. "My children are too old to go (to war), but a lot of young people aren't."
"When the war starts, it will start here too. I think that once we're in the war, we're going to see something on our soil."
Two-thirds said they were worried that war with Iraq would increase chances of a terror attack in the United

San Antonio theme parks blind-sided by flooding

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Summer flooding and rainy weather took a heavy toll on South Texas theme parks in 2002, according to an industry publication that reported steep declines in attendance.
Six Flags Fiesta Texas' attendance dropped 9 percent, to an estimated 1.87 million visitors, in 2002 compared with the previous year, while SeaWorld San Antonio's attendance fell 11 percent, to 1.6 million, according to an annual survey by trade magazine Amusement Business.
Schlitterbahn water park in New Braunfels had an estimated attendance of 810,000, a 14 percent decline from the previous year.
It is not yet known if the declines will affect ticket prices at the parks.
The downward slide extended to parks across the country, with 29 of the top 50 North American amusement parks reporting attendance declines in 2002. About 15 percent posted an increase.
The trade magazine said perennial factors such as economy and the weather were to blame.
Tim O'Brien, senior editor at Amusement Business, said many U.S. parks with declines in attendance didn't add major rides, which are near-certain attendance boosters.

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after 28 years at the hospital — were buried in Jibla Tuesday. Garity's body was to be flown to the United States.

Pharmacist Donald W. Caswell, 49, of Levelland, Texas, was recovering from surgery, his father said. The 80-bed Jibla hospital, which sits on a hilltop amid trees, treats more than 40,000 patients annually, providing care free to the poor. Hospital officials said the staff included 64 foreigners, including 25 Americans.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh condemned the shootings as "criminal and disgraceful" in a message to President Bush and said they would "strengthen our determination to eradicate terrorism," the official news agency Saba reported.

In addition to interrogating the suspect, investigators were questioning prisoners picked up in earlier sweeps of suspected Muslim militants to see what they knew about Kamel. The suspects included some believed linked to al-Qaida and some to a small Yemeni group known as al-Jihad.

Al-Jihad, which attracted many Yemenis who had fought the Soviets in Afghanistan, had chiefly targeted secular figures from once-socialist southern Yemen. It had not been active for several years.

Earlier, officials had said Kamel claimed to have ties to a cell plotting attacks on foreigners and secular-minded politicians.

Kamel told interrogators that he plotted the attack in collaboration with Ali al-Jarallah, who was arrested for shooting dead a senior Yemeni leftist politician on Saturday, Saba reported.

In his report to parliament, Prime Minister Bajammal included the Jibla shootings among 15 "major terrorist acts" in Yemen since 1997. Others included the Oct. 6 suicide bombing of a French oil tanker Limburg off the coast of Yemen and a similar suicide bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen in October, 2000. Both ship attacks were blamed on al-Qaida, which also is held responsible for last year's Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

"Terrorist acts, in particular the attack on the USS Cole and the Limburg tanker, resulted in enormous material and moral damage which have tarnished the image of our country and made it appear a fertile land for terrorism and terrorists," the prime minister said.

Anti-American sentiments are running high in the Middle East due to perceived U.S. support for Israel and the standoff with Iraq.

PHS Class of '93 seeks missing classmates

Pampa High School Class of 1993 alumni are trying to locate the following classmates for their 10-year reunion. Anyone with information about these former PHS students can contact Angel at 665-4751 or Amy at 669-3588: Danny Atley, Ascencion Anguiano, Lizeth Arreola, Tim Attocknie, Alice Bailey, Kenneth Bailey, Karry Bennett, Monte Bennett, Todd Black, Tracy Blackshear, John Blackwood, David Borsheim, Angie Brewer, Chad Bridges, Annette

Brown, Roger Browning, Lisa Cahill, Shonda Carroll, Anabel Chavez, Maria Chavez, Patsy Coombes, Christy Cotta, Jenny Coutts, Dee Dee Covill, Jane Cox, Jeffery Craven, Cherise Davis, Jason Delozier, Tamara Dreher, Hugo Echeverria, Tomar Embers, Jeremy Evans, Avery Findley, Scotty Gamble, Brenda Gee, Julie Goodwin, Melanee Grange, John Graves, Brett Greenhouse, Ricky Grubitz, Christine Gwiabda, Johnny

Dalene Hapeman, Traci Hearron, Katrina Hernandez, Melissa Herring, Michael Hodges, Nadine Hoffman, Donny Hulsey, Destry James, Tarah Johnson, Lisa Johnston, Chris Kimbrell, Mark Knighten, Laticha Landers, Mark Largin, Kathy Lessard, Joni Lewis, David Martinez, Maggie Martinez, Diana McCain, James McDuffie, Chad McFall, Michele McGovern, Crystal Mercer, Eva Montoya, Glenda Neil, Dwight Nickelberry, Lamont

Nickelberry, Andrew Norton, Terry Nunley, Delena Odom, Jerry Osby, Jerry Palmquist, Daryl Patterson, Bobby Polson, Michel Reeves, Rueben Rivera, Jeremy Roberts, Nancy Saldierna, Veronica Santacruz, Amy Saxour, Celia Sigala, Brad Smillie, Sharon Smith, Mary Solis, Brandon Standerfur, Misty Summers, Bryan Utley, Cody Wagner, T.J. Warren, Michelle Watson, Casey Wells, Mandie Wilkerson, Tabatha Williams, Robin Wilson, Cheryl Woods-Patrick, and Rachel Zamora.

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WORDS

about U.S. intentions.

But Robert Einhorn, a Korea expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former State Department official, said Powell apparently was sending a message to Pyongyang.

"I think he was trying to signal that if they address our concerns, we may be able to address their concerns," Einhorn said.

Nicholas Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute agreed. "It was no

accident that he was using those words," he said.

The 2000 joint communique was issued at the conclusion of a Washington visit by Vice Marshal Jo Myong-Rok. It came at a time when a U.S.-North Korean accommodation appeared to be within reach.

"The two sides stated that neither government would have hostile intent toward the other," the communique read.

The United States subsequently discovered that the North was secretly engaged in a uranium-based nuclear weapons project that, officials say, began

well before Jo's visit — a clear violation of a 1994 U.S.-North Korean agreement.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker reaffirmed Monday the United States has reason to believe that the project was begun four or five years ago, or at least two years before Jo's visit.

The spokesman noted that the Bush administration first became aware of the program this past summer. The North acknowledged its existence to U.S. officials in early October.

The administration wants the North to dismantle its nuclear weapons facilities unconditionally.

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RAIN

Science to review our methodology," said Williams. "We have made some mistakes, but overall, I think the numbers are in our favor. All of our work is public, and anybody is welcome to come here and review it."

Williams said that perhaps it does not work as well as many would like, but he said it does appear to be increasing rainfall. He said that the program may only squeeze an extra quarter inch out of a one-inch rain, but that's an extra quarter inch that the region didn't have before.

According to Williams, the district's data, and data from a cloud seeding program around Big Spring that has been going on for 50 years, indicates that rain is increased and falls over a wider area under a cloud seeding program.

O'Brien said the district reported 16 inches of rain from May to September 2001 at a ranch in northwest Potter County, but the foreman on the ranch reported only 7.5 inches.

"The areas with the fewest rain gauges show the most rain, with the exception of Wheeler County," he said.

Williams didn't dispute that the rain gauge was faulty, but he said the district is using all the gauges possible in remote ranch country.

"He (O'Brien) won't let us put any (rain gauges) on his acreage," Williams said.

Williams said that the technology over the past five years has improved dramatically, and he said expects it to get better in the future.

O'Brien said the district had presented faulty economic benefit data.

Williams said the district is using data from Texas A&M

University and welcomed anyone to review the data and discuss the issues at his office.

"We have found the (cloud seeding) program is positive, even if maybe it's not as positive as we'd like it to be," Williams said. "A little rain spread out over whole area is a tremendous economic benefit."

He said no science supports O'Brien's contention that seeding potentially took water away from one producer and gave it to another.

"Cloud seeding decreases the intensity of rain," O'Brien said. "Those who run ranches depend on heavy rains to fill tanks and things like that. We don't want them experimenting with our livelihood."

But while O'Brien objects to the rain-making project, Williams said there are ranchers in Wheeler County that support it.

Still, O'Brien is circulating a petition to shut the program down.

Despite O'Brien's opposition, it may be budget deficits at the state level that threatens the program.

With projected budget shortfalls estimated as high as \$15 billion, the state may cut funding for programs like rainfall enhancement. Presently, the state funds about 50 percent of the 10 cloud seeding programs around the state.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is holding a series of meetings throughout the district concerning their rainfall enhancement program. They have had meetings in Wheeler, Roberts and Potter counties. The next meeting will be Jan. 10 in Carson County.

Williams said times have not been set yet for meetings in Donley and Gray counties.

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EXHIBIT

banners depicting the story of Creation for Cincinnati's St. Timothy's Episcopal Church were exhibited at the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Monday afternoon, Robert McKenzie and his associate Deborah Kern were in Amarillo to give a demonstration on fabric painting.

Initially, McKenzie had planned to paint the Lighthouse, a landmark in Palo Duro Canyon, his backyard when he lived at Colony Catherine south of Amarillo, but because of time constraints, both he and Kern turned to floral designs instead.

Principal funding for the exhibit is from the Amarillo Area Foundation, Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, Meadows Foundation and Playa Lakes Joint Venture.

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One of the hardest things about going into a new year is remembering to write the date correctly.

It'll take me three months to get used to writing "2003" on my checks, etc.

Fortunately, this problem isn't new. My brother Keith was born Jan. 4, 1958. When Mom enrolled him in school, she discovered his birth certificate said "Jan. 4, 1957." You can imagine the red tape it took to change that mistake.

Now, here we are, turning the calendar page one more time. I hope the year is a safe and prosperous one for us all.

This may have been the longest Christmas I've ever experienced.

Ten days ago, Vic and I traveled almost 1,000 miles across the country to see our son Dave at Fort Campbell, Ky. Dave, a specialist in the Army, has to stay close to his base right now, so we decided we'd deliver his Christmas presents in person.

We created Christmas in our motel room with a tiny tree, lights, ornaments and tinsel, all bought at half-price, and a form of our family's traditional Christmas tea made from apple cider and spiced tea bags heated in a coffee maker provided by the motel.

I couldn't have asked for a better present than to be with the son I hadn't seen in a year, watching him open his presents, drinking tea from a foam cup, and simply soaking up the moment.

To my surprise, Dave said he wanted to take that silly little tree back to the base to serve as the "company Christmas tree" - a little bit of home to share with the other soldiers who stayed on base for Christmas.

After eating lunch together on Christmas Eve, Dave, wearing his fuzzy



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Santa hat, loaded his red truck with the tree and his presents and returned to the Army life.

Vic and I began our long trip back to Texas, trying not to be too worried about the winter's strongest snowstorm raging between us and home.

A cold rain fell as we left Clarksville, Tenn., but the roads weren't slick and traffic was light along the winding two-lane road leading back to Interstate 40.

As it turned out, the worst of the storm went slightly north of I-40 leaving a clear path for us Christmas travelers. We spent the night in Little Rock, Ark and returned home with no problems.

On Christmas morning, we found a Waffle House serving breakfast. The waitresses yelled a cheerful "Good morning!" and "Merry Christmas!" to everyone coming through the doors. They treated a distinguished elderly gentleman who came in dressed in a black suit and black hat and a big smile, with respect and honor. I'll always wonder what his story must be.

I was surprised to see so many other Christmas Day travelers. We shared the highway with lots of cars filled with brightly-wrapped packages and excited faces, but few of the big trucks that clog the interstates these days.

Telephone calls from my mom and dad and my best friend Cindy who after many

years as a single parent got some rocks for Christmas - the kind you wear on your left ring finger - were special highlights of my unusually long Christmas.

This weekend, a visit from my daughter Angel, her husband Chad, and my grandbabies Kaitlyn and Brendan became another special Christmas present. Kaitlyn and Brendan helped me fix spaghetti for supper and the real Christmas Tea before we gathered around the tree to open presents. We enjoyed another day and a half just being together before they returned to Vernon.

With all that was going on, I felt a little like the crew of a cruise ship. As soon as Angel's family left Sunday, I hurried to get ready for Vic's brother Doug and our niece and nephew who were due to arrive a few hours later.

Sunday night the five of us celebrated Christmas with Vic's mom who has been in the hospital for the past three weeks. That put the finishing touch on my holiday.

This year I missed sharing the holiness of the Christmas candlelight service with my dear church family, but in its place I saw Christ's light in a tiny half-price Christmas tree brightening some young soldiers' holiday, in the voice of a cheerful waitress greeting customers on Christmas morning, in the smile of a well-dressed elderly gentleman, and in the faces of expectant children drawing pictures on fogged car windows as they passed by.

I felt the warmth of His light through two happy phone calls and in the hugs and kisses of my family.

That guy who won the Powerball has nothing on me. Surely I must be the richest person in the world.

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Pipeline safety: an issue of paramount importance

From the El Paso Times:

Any map of underground pipelines in Texas would closely resemble the intricate latticework of cobwebs in an unattended attic.

A state that for half a century has depended so heavily on energy production must have a means of transporting that fuel to refineries and markets. Although pipelines have been shown to be generally safer than tanker trucks, deadly dangers still lurk beneath the state's more than 268,000 square miles.

That's why it was good to see President Bush last week sign legislation that's aimed at improving safety along the nation's 2.2 million miles of oil and natural gas pipelines. While the measure is federal in scope, it of course has a tremendous impact on Texas.

And, it has a significant impact on El Paso. Although we're not in the oil patch, El Paso is a hub for pipelines, and in the past few years the city has been in great need of a new Longhorn Pipeline that would transport fuel here from Houston. Longhorn officials have cleared numerous legal and legislative hurdles in their quest for opening that much-needed pipeline.

The law that Bush signed requires pipeline inspections at least once in the next 10 years and every seven years after that. It's encouraging that the frequency of inspections would be higher for pipelines near large cities. It's also encouraging that the bill addresses the public's right to know about pipeline hazards. It would set up environmental reviews that would emphasize more timely pipeline repairs. State oversight of pipeline safety would be increased.

Pipeline safety is a matter of life and death. Twelve people were killed in an August 2000 explosion near Carlsbad, N.M., and a June 1999 explosion killed three people in Bellingham Wash. The bill that Bush signed has its critics. Frank King, whose son was killed in the Bellingham tragedy, has said pipelines should be inspected even more frequently. "There are natural gas pipelines in the ground that have never been inspected," he complained.

The important fact is that the federal government is taking significant steps toward increased pipeline safety. It will be up to state officials to match that dedication. As the accidents in Carlsbad and Bellingham have made so startlingly clear, pipeline safety must be a matter of high priority at the federal and state levels.

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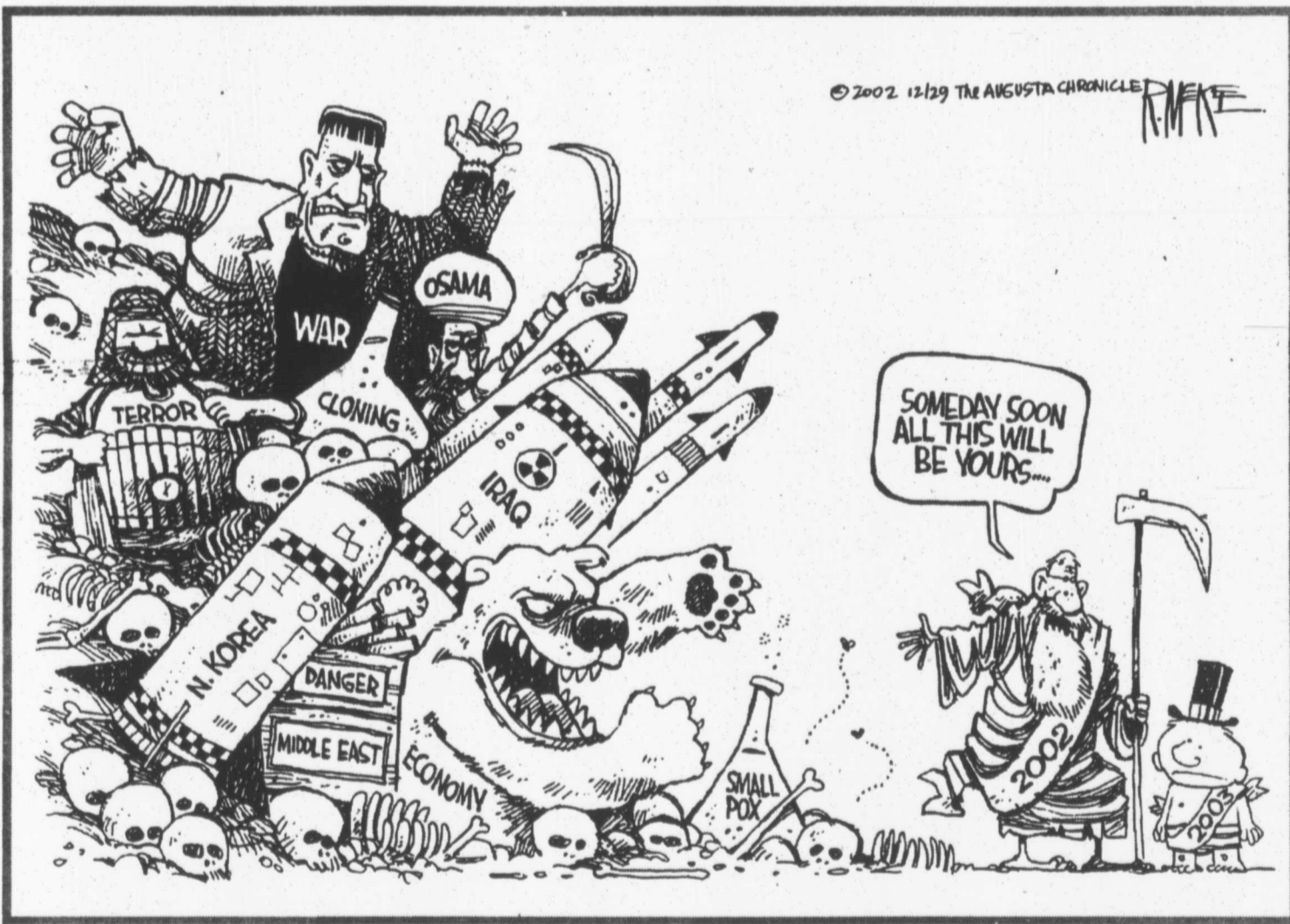
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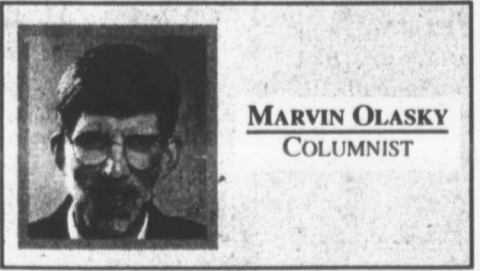
Facing down the screamers

The latest liberal attempt to blacklist pro-life conservatives failed last week. The Bush administration finally appointed W. David Hager, a University of Kentucky obstetrician-gynecologist, to the Food and Drug Administration's advisory committee for reproductive health drugs.

Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt must be hoarse now, because she screamed for over two months about Hager, who committed the sin of vigorously questioning the safety to mothers of the abortion pill RU-486 (mifepristone). Feldt called the appointment of Hager and two other gutsy pro-life doctors, Joseph B. Stanford of the University of Utah and Susan A. Crockett of University of Texas Health Center at San Antonio, "a Christmas gift to religious extremists."

Frenzied media and Democratic Party objections to the appointment have been extraordinary for two reasons. First, the appointment is to an advisory committee, one that makes no decisions. Advisory committees are usually constituted in a way to make sure that the actual decisionmakers get advice from a variety of perspectives. This appointment should have been no big deal, but Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton made it one.

Second, those objecting to Hager seem to live in a country other than the United States. The Des Moines Register editorial board was shocked that Hager has said that the place to find safe sex is "within marriage." Hasn't the explosion of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

taught us that? New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd complained that since Hager does not ignore his Christian beliefs when grappling with social problems, he is trying to bring back "medievalism." But Dowd was one of the leading complainers about Bill Clinton's Bible-plus-adultery compartmentalizing.

Hager's appointment is an excellent one for three reasons. First, he has the credentials. Hager received the "Outstanding Physician in America Award" from Modern Healthcare magazine in 1994. This year, Ladies Home Journal named him one of the "Best Doctors for Women" in the Southeast. His work has been published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Journal of Reproductive Medicine, and the Journal of the American Medical Association. He's edited two textbooks - "Infection Protocols for Obstetrics and Gynecology" (1992) and "Protocols for Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics and Gynecology" (1999) - put out by highly regarded medical publishers.

Second, Hager represents tens of millions of Americans who have faith in Christ and believe that his teaching is

relevant all through the week, not just for an hour on Sunday morning. It's good to have a variety of views on advisory committees: Why should a biblical view be excluded? As David Stevens, executive director of the Christian Medical Association, put it, "If being a religious is the criteria for public service, then most of our founding fathers would have been disqualified."

Third, Hager's compassionate conservatism animates the work at his Women's Care Center in Lexington, Ky. Recalling the treatment of a 17-year-old girl suffering from sores caused by an incurable STD, he said, "She was shattered when I explained to her that she had contracted a disease from this person who told her that she was the only person he had sex with." He added, "It's one thing to see how an STD organism reproduces in the lab; it's another to see how it destroys young people's lives, and, well, you just don't get over seeing that."

The cultural left in America is trying to silence those who do not get over seeing the real-life consequences of the sexual revolution. Gloria Feldt and Ter allies try to inflict damage on any social conservative who gets even minor attention and in that way drive a wedge between moderates and conservatives. It's excellent that in this relatively minor appointment the Bush administration stared down congressional and media liberals. The big battles - like those involving Supreme Court seats - are still to come. Those appointees, after all, do more than advise.

Palestinian leader says he supports cease-fire

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat said he welcomes a U.S.-backed call for an immediate cease-fire with Israel, but stopped short of committing to steps the Palestinians would be required to take ahead of such a truce.

In a speech Tuesday marking the anniversary of the 1965 founding of his Fatah group, Arafat also reiterated his opposition to attacks on Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

In Gaza City, tens of thousands of Palestinians gathered in the main square to mark the anniversary, with participants chanting "Arafat, Arafat" as his speech was played over loudspeakers. It was one of the largest gatherings since Arafat returned from exile in 1994 as part of interim peace agreements.

The Palestinian leader spoke to legislators and supporters at his sandbagged compound in the town of Ramallah to which he has been confined for a year by Israel. Israel accuses him of doing nothing to rein in Palestinian militias and even encouraging bombing and shooting attacks on Israelis. President Bush has said the Palestinians must replace their leader if they want to establish a state.

However, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday that Arafat must not be sidelined. "I know the Israeli position ... but you also know the position of the vast majority of the international community that until there is a new leader, since he is the only elected leader, we have to deal with him," Annan told Israel Army Radio in a telephone interview from his New York office.

The United Nations — along with the United States, the European Union and Russia — has been formulating a "road map" to Mideast peace.

In the first stage of the three-phase plan by the so-called Quartet, the Palestinians must "undertake an unconditional cessation of violence ... accompanied by supportive measures undertaken by Israel," the latest draft says.

Arafat said Tuesday he welcomes "the call by the Quartet for an immediate cease-fire between the two sides and in all areas." However, the Palestinian leader did not refer to steps the Palestinians would have to take, including declaring an unequivocal end to violence and arresting suspected militants.

In the first phase of the plan, Israel would have to withdraw from Palestinian areas it reoccupied since the outbreak of fighting 27 months ago. Israeli troops currently control most population centers in the West Bank.

Arafat reiterated Tuesday that "we are against all acts of violence against Israeli and Palestinian civilians," but stopped short of urging Palestinian militias to halt such attacks. A militia linked to Fatah, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, has carried out scores of attacks, mainly shootings of Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, dismissed Arafat's speech as more deception. "Arafat has constructed throughout the years an empire of terror and a kingdom of lies," Gissin said. "He promised us the peace of the brave and gave us the peace of the grave."

Officials: No quick end in sight for Venezuela oil crisis

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's month-old strike to topple President Hugo Chavez roiled the world's oil markets, helping push prices to a two-year high, and the government acknowledged production at its wells won't return to normal for weeks.

Oil minister Rafael Ramirez said Monday that Venezuela, the world's fifth largest oil exporter, could restore "all operations within a month."

But striking executives at the state oil monopoly, Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., insist that would be impossible, even with replacements of field crews, executives, tanker crews and dockhands.

Ramirez claimed that oil production was up to 600,000 and 700,000 barrels a day and

would reach 1.2 million barrels a day next week. But he admitted the strike had already cost \$2 billion in lost oil revenue and damage to oil installations.

"For some time, we will have distortions on the world oil markets due to this situation," Ramirez acknowledged.

The month-old strike to force the leftist Chavez from office has paralyzed industry and created gasoline and food shortages throughout Venezuela.

The oil industry represents 30 percent of Venezuela's \$100 billion gross domestic product. The strike has forced the South American nation to import gasoline and food.

Venezuela's opposition called the strike to force Hugo Chavez to call a Feb. 2 non-binding referendum on his

presidency, which runs to 2007. Strike leaders hope a poor showing will increase pressure on Chavez to resign.

Opponents blame Chavez for economic contraction of 7 percent in 2002, annual inflation surpassing 30 percent, 17 percent unemployment and chronic political unrest. They charge Chavez is trying to impose a leftist authoritarian government.

Chavez counters his adversaries are trying to mount an "economic coup" and that Venezuela's constitution allows a binding referendum on his presidency next August.

To ease the oil shortage, Trinidad said it would soon begin shipping 300,000 barrels a day to Venezuela.

Venezuela's crisis and the threat of U.S. war in Iraq sent crude futures soaring Monday,

though they eventually settled lower on talk of an output increase from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Oil prices reached a two-year high of \$33.65 in New York before settling back to \$31.37. The U.S. Energy Department reported Monday that the average retail price of unleaded gasoline rose 4 cents last week to \$1.44 per gallon. The average price at the pump has now gone up 8 cents in the past two weeks.

"It is pretty much as it has been for the past month — the two driving factors being Iraq and Venezuela," said Orrin Middleton, an oil analyst at Barclays Capital.

Tension over the strike rose Monday as police used tear gas to separate opponents and supporters of Chavez outside the

state oil monopoly's headquarters in Maracaibo, the hub of the country's oil-producing West.

Meanwhile, secret police arrested National Guard Gen. Carlos Alfonso Martinez, one of dozens who have occupied a Caracas city square for three months in rebellion against Chavez.

About 60 people protested the arrest outside the secret police headquarters. Officers tried to disperse the protesters with tear gas. An ensuing rock fight between protesters and civilian Chavez supporters injured 10 people, said city Fire Chief Rodolfo Briceno.

Strike leader Carlos Ortega, who leads Venezuela's largest labor federation, called on all citizens Monday to stop paying their taxes.

Pakistan court orders hearing in al-Qaida case

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — A Pakistani court was told Tuesday that five men, three Americans and two Canadians, were involved in "anti-state" activities on behalf of a foreign country or organization — an apparent reference to the al-Qaida terror network.

The court in Lahore ordered the men's lawyers to reply to the accusation at a hearing scheduled for Friday.

The men were arrested on Dec. 19. The most prominent of the five was Dr. Javed Ahmad, a physician with alleged ties to al-Qaida. Ahmad is a naturalized American, as are his two sons, Amer Karar Khawaja and Khyzer Ali Khawaja, all of whom are in jail. Ahmad's brother Naveed Khawaja and his nephew Usman Khawaja, who are being detained on similar accusations, are naturalized Canadians.

About a dozen family members met with Ahmad's two sons and his nephew on Tuesday at the Lahore chief of police's office, said their lawyer, Pervez Inayat Malik. It was the first time the family had gotten a chance to see the accused since their arrest, he said.

"They looked tired. They were questioned extensively," Malik said, adding that the men were being questioned by

American agents. When asked if the accused were asked about alleged links to al-Qaida, Malik said: "You know well what the FBI people could ask them."

Malik said the men said they were not subject to torture or physical abuse, but complained of psychological trauma.

Police prevented reporters from getting near the relatives after the meeting, which the court had ordered arranged earlier in the day. The court also was told of government suspicions about the men.

"The federal government is satisfied that you have been involved in anti-state activities in Pakistan on behalf of a foreign country or organization," said Punjab provincial Advocate General Maqbool Elahi Malik, in the court.

When they were arrested, authorities said they believed the men had links with al-Qaida.

"Thus your activities have

been prejudicial to the security of Pakistan," said Malik, reading from a statement that also said the men were ordered to be immediately detained in any jail in Punjab province.

However, judge Bashir Mujahed said he wanted to hear from lawyers for the five men, who were not in court.

Under Pakistani law, suspected terrorists can be held for up to one year without being charged. The government is required to report regularly to the court on their condition and whereabouts.

Malik said that the government also is invoking the 1952 Security Act of Pakistan to hold the men.

Ahmad and his relatives were arrested in a raid that was reportedly jointly carried out by Pakistani authorities and the FBI.

Their arrest and the involvement of the FBI in the raid has sparked protests throughout Pakistan.

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New type train 'inaugurated' in Chinese city

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Germany's leader and the Chinese premier took an inaugural ride Tuesday on the world's first commercial magnetically levitated high-speed train service — a gleaming \$1.2 billion addition to China's most populous city.

Shanghai hopes the futuristic German-built "maglev" railroad will burnish its image as a global business and technology center. Germany hopes the train will herald more lucrative infrastructure contracts for it across China.

The train has reportedly reached speeds of 250 mph along a 19-mile-long track linking Shanghai's new financial district and airport.

It travels faster than conventional trains because it floats on air — held a few fractions of an inch above its rails by powerful opposing magnets.

Premier Zhu Rongji and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder boarded the sleek, three-car train in Shanghai's Pudong district and shot out of a tubular station for a 14-minute journey to and from the 3-year-old Pudong International Airport. In a taxi, the round trip takes an hour.

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Business Review

A special anniversary for Bob Clements, Inc.

Neil and Mary Fulton will be celebrating their fifth anniversary tomorrow, Jan. 1, as owners of Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart.

The couple purchased the store Jan. 1, 1998, and are appreciative of their customers at the local business.

"We appreciate the customers who have been with the first five years," said Mary Fulton. "We also appreciate the many new customers who have begun coming to us for their cleaning needs."

The Fultons are grateful to Pampa residents and those from the surrounding area who are their customers. They believe in Pampa and the future of the community.

"We want to thank the people for their continued patronage," said Neil Fulton. "We look forward to continuing in business for a long time to come."

Bob Clements, Inc., provides professional cleaning for their customers' garments.

Mary and Neil Fulton are proud of their employees and their equipment at the local business.

When clothing is taken in for cleaning, it goes to the check-in desk where Linda Andrews and Olivia

Portillo mark the articles to be cleaned.

The garments are distributed to the cleaning area of the business to begin the cleaning process.

Following cleaning, a new shirt unit begins by pressing shirts. Employees then hand-finish clothes to remove any wrinkles. Then, the shirts are placed on a shirt form, remaining there until the process is finished.

After the cleaning process is complete, the garments are placed on hangers with plastic bags covering the items to protect them until the owners pick them up.

Both a petroleum machine and perc machine is offered by the staff in cleaning the clothes. Bob Clements, Inc., does not have the odor caused by chemical cleaning agents.

The Fultons are proud of the Pampa business. They credit the expertise of their employees for the success of their dry cleaning business.

"Our greatest asset is our employees," said Neil.

The Fultons know how important employees are to their business. "Our employees are experienced and they are dedicated," he said.

Some employees were at the business prior to the Fultons purchasing it in 1998.

Cleo Spencer has been working at the dry cleaners since 1961 while Lottie Cary joined the business in 1973. The Fultons speak highly of them.

Mary Fulton went to work at the business in 1984. Olivia Portillo has been an employee for 15 years.

When Mary began working at the business she was front desk clerk. She learned the business from the ground up.

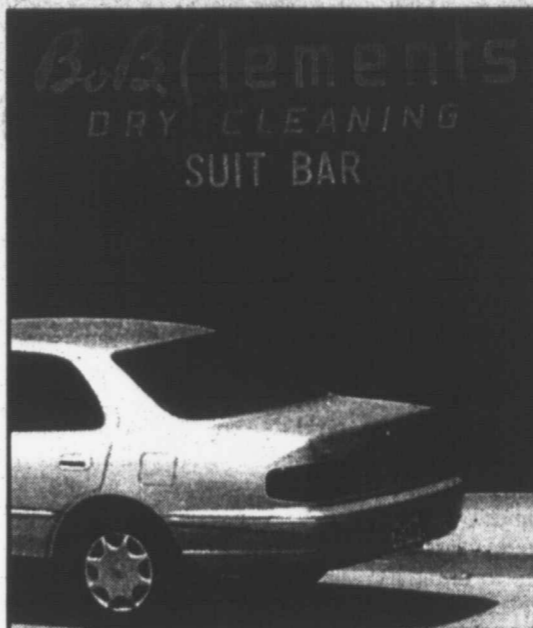
In time, she began cleaning garments in the back of the store and has learned all facets of the business.

The Fultons are proud of the expertise achieved by their staff through the years, and know the service will continue.

Brenda Gardner joined the business a few months ago as the alteration lady, and brought many years of alteration experience to the business.

A unique feature at the business is a men's suit bar. The suit bar is possibly the only business in Pampa which sells men's suits.

Experienced staff members are available to assist customers with their selection of a suit of their choice at the local business during regular business



Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart, owned by Neil and Mary Fulton since Jan. 1, 1998, is located on the corner directly west of United Supermarket.

hours.

Leslie Williams of Pampa sells many suits for the business in Amarillo, Pampa and the surrounding area. He has been traveling and selling the suits for 14 years.

Men's suits ranging between sizes 40-60 are found in stock at the local store.

Mary said she can also obtain suits in smaller sizes for her customers upon request.

Gift certificates are also available for the wide selection of the latest styles in ties and blazers.

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A distinctive feature offered by Bob Clements, Inc., is the only Ozone Room in Pampa.

The special room has oxidation which will remove the smoke odor from clothing, blankets and other household items following a fire.

As smoke is extremely difficult to remove from clothing, the Ozone Room is a welcome feature to residents whose personal items have been saturated

with the unwelcome odor.

"Removal of the smoke odor and stains is very hard work," said Mary Fulton. The Fultons said the oxidation procedure removes the odor usually in a 24-49 hour period.

"We don't do any cleaning until the process is complete," she said. "It is pure oxidation and gets the smoke smell out."

Neil and Mary enjoy working together with their 10 employees, and appreciate all of them. The staff provides a full range of cleaning services for customers.

The business offers all types of cleaning and dry cleaning. Among the services offered are heavy starched shirts and jeans.

Also, drapery cleaning, as well as bedspreads, blankets, table clothes and wedding dress preservation are among the many varied features offered by the local business. Stored in a refrigerated area at Bob Clements, Inc., are fur coats and stoles.

The couple invites the public to "come by and get the laundry and dry cleaning service you deserve."

Information regarding business services may be obtained by calling 665-5121.



Bill Arrington, center, admires a suit in the men's suit bar at Bob Clements, Inc. Mary Fulton, left, and Neil Fulton, right, are both ready to help anyone interested in purchasing a suit at the local business.



Brenda Gardner brings years of experience in alterations to Bob Clements, Inc.

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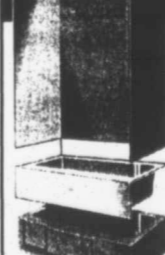
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New end-of-year clean air regs draws fire from states

By JOHN HEILPRIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major changes to clean air rules for utilities, refineries and manufacturers were being formally issued Tuesday by the Bush administration, prompting a court challenge from a coalition of New England and mid-Atlantic states.

"We think what they are doing is contrary to the Clean Air Act and it is fundamentally injurious to the American public," Eliot Spitzer, New York's attorney general, said in an interview.

The Environmental Protection Agency's easing of certain require-

ments of the Clean Air Act's "New Source Review" program was being published in the Federal Register. The program affects whether expensive new anti-pollution equipment must be installed when industrial facilities are modernized.

EPA spokesman Joe Martyak said that "what we went final with we feel will be a positive for the environment."

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman has said the new rules would encourage emissions reductions by giving utilities and refinery operators new flexibility. The old program, she said, "deterred companies from implementing projects that would increase energy efficiency and decrease air pollution."

But Spitzer said the new rules would contribute to thousands more cases of asthma and other respiratory ailments. He and his counterparts in at least a half-dozen other states say they are harmed by smog and acid rain from the nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants and other industrial sources.

They planned to file a lawsuit Tuesday in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Spitzer said New York would be joined by Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont in the lawsuit, with Maryland and Vermont also expected to petition the

appeals court to review the new rule.

According to Spitzer's office, the lawsuit focuses on four elements of the new rules affecting new technology, a new emissions test, a revised approach for calculating emissions levels and a cap on pollution levels set according to entire plants rather than specific components being upgraded.

Spitzer said the publishing of the final rule on New Year's Eve, when much of the public's attention is diverted, was further evidence the administration "continues to try to hide its domestic agenda under the cloak of darkness."

Martyak countered that it was unclear what the grounds for the law-

suit were and the state attorneys general could reap political gains from the lawsuit.

"There are those who would reach the conclusion that this appears to be more of a political step than based on other reasons," he said.

Environmental groups also planned to join in the legal challenge to the administration.

"Our argument is ultimately going to be that these are illegal changes to the Clean Air Act and the EPA has gone beyond its authority in granting loopholes to smokestack industries," said Frank O'Donnell, executive director of the Clean Air Trust, an environmental advocacy group.

As Pentagon computerizes medical records, contractor suffers theft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department is computerizing the medical records of all military personnel and their families, but just as the project gets past the experimental phase officials are grappling with the theft of thousands of records from a Pentagon health care contractor.

The theft earlier this month of computer hard drives containing more than 500,000 records with Social Security numbers, medical claims histories and other private infor-

mation from an Arizona company could become one of the largest identity thefts on record if the information is misused, the Federal Trade Commission said.

"I am not aware of a larger case, but at this point we don't know if any people have experienced identity theft," said Betsy Broader, assistant director of the FTC's division of planning and information.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Phoenix planned to unveil a reward Tuesday to help capture the culprits, according to

the Phoenix-based TriWest Healthcare Alliance, which suffered the theft.

Authorities said thieves took computer equipment and files with the sensitive information during a break-in Dec. 14 at TriWest, a defense contractor that provides managed health care for military personnel in 16 states.

With a person's name, birth date and Social Security number, someone could easily open credit accounts and create fake documents like drivers licenses, Broader said,

but officials say they do not yet know the motives or skill level of the thieves.

David McIntyre, TriWest president and chief executive, said health care service would not be disrupted as a result of the theft.

The breach comes as the Pentagon is building a network to computerize the entire military health care system, including the patient records of 8.7 million service members, retirees and their families who receive medical care under Pentagon programs.

The Pentagon is planning to roll out the project at up to seven military hospitals across the nation after successfully testing the concept at four locations. The system eventually will be expanded worldwide.

The Defense Department hailed the Composite Health Care System II, or CHCS II, as a potential "data gold mine" for military physicians and other health care professionals that will provide quick and easy access to military patient records worldwide.

Though the TriWest computers have no connection to the larger project, they did include information gathered for military health care, including names, addresses, medical claim histories and a small number of credit card numbers.

Pentagon officials nonetheless are taking the breach "very seriously" and are "going to learn from this issue and do what's necessary" to better guard such information in the future, spokesman Jim Turner said.

When the large computerization of military health records is completed, the bigger threat won't be a physical removal of computer hard drives but rather the potential theft of records from hackers who try to break into military computer networks, officials said.

Privacy experts are on the lookout for potential security lapses or unnecessary intrusions into people's personal information as the Pentagon puts more personal information into digital form.

U.S., Mexico authorities weighing whether to continue chicken tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Mexican officials are working on a plan to keep — and possibly even increase — tariffs on U.S. chicken exports set to expire this week.

Tariffs on nearly 80 agricultural goods, including chicken, are to drop from 49 percent to zero on Jan. 1 as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Mexican farm groups have complained that unless the government protects them, their country's chicken

industry will collapse after the tariffs expire.

"It's apparent that what they're doing is trying to put in place their own means of protecting themselves against a large surge of poultry imports come Jan. 1," said Jim Sumner, president of the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council.

Mexico is one of the largest buyers of U.S. poultry, especially of chicken parts, such as wings and legs. Mexican con-

sumers buy them because they are cheaper than chicken breast meat, and they usually get them at a lower price than what Mexican producers charge.

The National Chicken Council hopes the two governments agree to extend the tariffs for five more years and raise them to 99 percent for 2003 — the level they were at in 2001. The tariffs gradually would be trimmed by 20 percent per year.

"It's much preferable than going through all these other sorts of things that can be set up as roadblocks," said Bill Roenig, vice president of the National Chicken Council.

The Mexican government has been making efforts to protect its market against U.S. exports, including by strengthening disease-testing requirements. Mexican farmers also want their government to reinstate subsidies to cushion them from low prices — another trade barrier for the United States.

"At the urging of our domestic poultry industry, we are discussing with Mexico ways to keep American poultry exports to Mexico at current or improved levels," said Richard Mills, spokesman for the U.S. Trade Representative's office.

Some economists speculate that U.S. poultry producers support the tariffs because major U.S. poultry companies that own plants and raise poultry in Mexico want to shield those operations from any losses.

Tyson and Pilgrim's Pride are leading producers in both Mexico and the United States.

Scientists revive, culture umbilical cord blood frozen some 15 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even after 15 years in the deep freeze, human umbilical cord blood may be used to restore bone marrow in cancer patients, according to a study that showed cells from long-frozen specimens were able to grow and expand in laboratory mice.

"People have been wondering how long we can freeze and store these cells," Hal Broxmeyer, a researcher at the Indiana University School of Medicine, said Monday. "Our paper says it is highly likely that they can be stored for at least 15 years."

In a study appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Broxmeyer and his co-author report that human cord blood frozen in 1985 and 1986 was able to grow in laboratory cultures with the same vigor as fresh cord blood. When put into mice, the defrosted cells thrived in the laboratory animals' bone marrow.

"We showed we could take the cells after defrosting and have them expand extremely well — as well as if we had used fresh cord blood," said Broxmeyer, a professor of microbiology and immunology and a pioneer in the freezing of cord blood.

He said cells frozen for five years have been used successfully in patients. While the new study suggests the period of viability can extend to 15 years, he cautioned that 100 percent certainty will come only when the older cells are used in human patients.

Other researchers said the new study may encourage doctors to use long-frozen cord blood for patients who are in desperate need and have no other option.

Blood extracted from the umbilical cord after birth contains stem cells that can develop into bone marrow cells. Since 1989, cord blood has been used to restore the bone marrow of cancer and leukemia patients whose natural bone marrow was destroyed by radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

When compatible bone marrow transplants are available, doctors can use stronger drugs and radiation to attack the cancer and thus are more likely to arrest the disease. Restoring bone marrow using cord blood transplant has been performed more than 2,000 times worldwide, and experts say the success rate is comparable to compatible bone marrow transplants.

Dr. Celso Bianco of America's Blood Centers, an organization of blood and bone marrow banking companies, said the research finding by Broxmeyer is very important for expanding the availability of material for bone marrow transplants.

"Only in recent years have institutions started collecting cord blood to restore the bone marrow of patients," Bianco said. "As these repositories grow, you'll have more chances of finding a match" for patients.

Lengthening the time when frozen cord blood can be used from five years to about 15, he said, would substantially expand the inventory of transplantable cells.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Black Is Becoming Basic For Guests at Weddings

DEAR ABBY: Re the letter about wearing black at weddings: I am a professional pianist/organist who has played for numerous weddings. Last winter, I was asked to play for a large wedding. I chose a black dress with a fancy sequined jacket. Before the wedding, I dropped by to visit my 90-year-old mother, who questioned my black dress. I assured her that black was now appropriate.

My house was on the way to the church, and taking my mother's comments into consideration, I decided to change into a rose-colored dress. When I walked into the church, you guessed it — I was greeted by a sea of black. The groomsmen all wore black tuxes, the bridesmaids had long black dresses, and even the singers I was to accompany were dressed in black.

For a moment, I wanted to dash back home and change again, but I didn't. I just smiled at the irony.

CHARLOTTE IN LAS CRUCES, N.M.

DEAR CHARLOTTE: I hadn't realized that so many women now wear black to weddings that the few who don't have become "standouts." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the woman whose mother thought wearing black to a wedding was

taboo: That mom has obviously never been to a New York wedding, where wearing black is practically a requirement. My husband's family lives there, and at a recent wedding with more than 100 guests, I was one of only six women *not* wearing black. (Two of my three sisters-in-law had their bridesmaids wear black.)

COLORFUL IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR COLORFUL: Interesting. However, let's be clear to all my readers. Nowhere is it written that black *must* be worn to a wedding — unless the bride requests it.

DEAR ABBY: While wearing black may, indeed, be considered "classy" and "tasteful" by many women today, I personally find the trend depressing.

The last wedding I attended,

only about five of us wore something other than black. When I looked out at the couples on the dance floor, it reminded me of the crowds in the Middle East. I have told my friends repeatedly, "We are not nuns, we are not Amish and we are not oppressed women! We have the freedom to wear and enjoy beautiful, joyful colors!" This is especially true at weddings, which should be happy occasions.

And by the way, to those ladies who shop so carefully to find just the right black dress — once you

enter a room full of other black dresses, you're just another grain of sand on the seashore.

Whoever believes the myth that black dresses make one look slim — guess again. Sorry, girls, if you're fat, you're fat — that black dress isn't fooling anyone.

LOVES COLOR IN OHIO

DEAR LOVES COLOR: The old saying that color evokes emotion must be true, because from the tone of your letter it's clear you're seeing red. Please remember that what people wear isn't as important as how they feel in it. (It would be interesting to know what women in the Middle East would wear if their governments allowed them the choice we enjoy in this country — may I live to see the day!)

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Farewell to 2002 — and what a year this has been! Let's all say a prayer for world peace, and for our stalwart members of the military who are far from their loved ones today. It takes only a moment to send greetings to our troops stationed around the globe. Simply e-mail them at www.OperationDearAbby.net and wish them a Happy New Year. And to each of you, a happy, healthy 2003.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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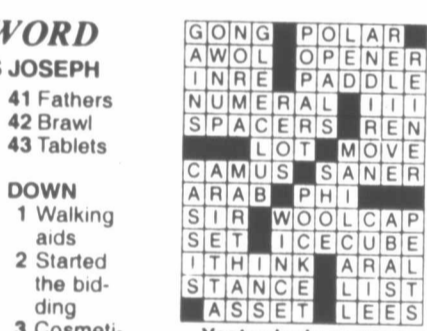
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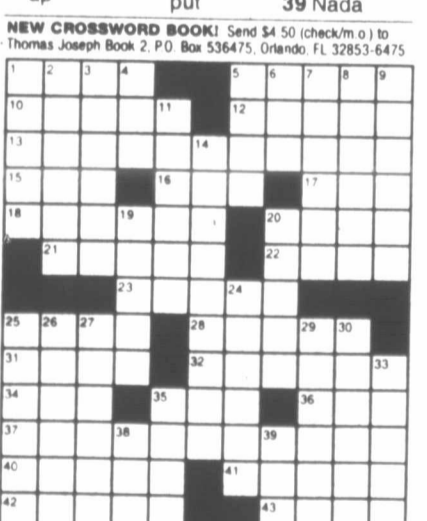
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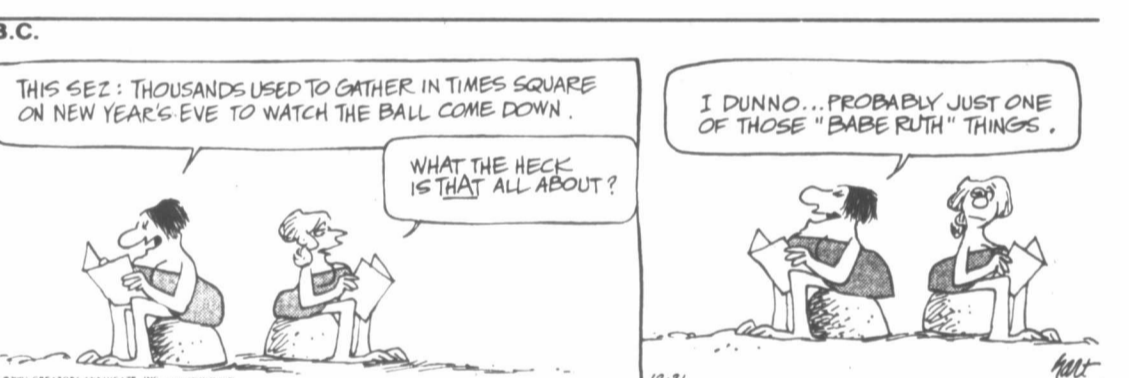
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BASKETBALL

LEFORS — Lefors girls won by the score of 22-13 in a recent basketball game with Channing.

Katie Barnes had 18 points to lead the Lady Pirates in scoring. Savannah Smith followed with 6.

Julia Moore and Sara Mason had 4 points each for Channing.

Channing won the boys game, 41-18.

Josh Gordon's 12 points led Channing.

Josh Garcia had 6 points and Ricky Vaughn 5 for the Pirates.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Brandon Mouton scored 16 points to lead No. 7 Texas to a 58-50 victory Monday night over Louisiana Tech, giving Longhorns coach Rick Barnes his 300th career victory.

T.J. Ford added 11 points and five assists for Texas (8-2), which made just one field goal over the final 12 minutes. Texas was just 5-of-21 in second half and made just one of 10 3-point tries.

But the Longhorns went 10-of-14 from the foul line over that stretch to get the win for Barnes.

Darrian Brown scored 13 points for Louisiana Tech (3-4), but fouled out with 7:49 left when he was called for a foul and then a technical for complaining about it.

Tech had cut a 10-point lead to 46-40 when Brown was called for the foul. Ford then hit three of four free throws to swing momentum back to Texas.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU set an NCAA record for fewest points allowed when the Lady Frogs beat Texas Southern 76-16.

The 16 points allowed Monday night broke a nearly 20-year-old NCAA record for fewest points in an NCAA game. Prairie View scored 19 points against Jackson State in 1983.

"To hold a national record defensively, I think, is a credit to our team," TCU coach Jeff Mittie said.

TCU also set a school record with 16 blocked shots and outrebounded Texas Southern 62-34.

The Lady Frogs (6-5) jumped to a 15-0 lead and built a 39-5 lead by halftime as Texas Southern made just two of 25 shots from the field.

Texas Southern (2-7) shot just over 10 percent (6-of-58) for the game and had 29 turnovers.

At one point, Texas Southern went without a field goal from Victoria Jones' layup with 13:32 remaining in the first half until Patricia Hunter's short jumper with 13:25 left in the game made the score 55-7.

"This game shocks me a little bit because they played a good schedule," Mittie said. "This was a case of us being very good at times and them just struggling."

Grace Gantt led TCU with 16 points, and Sandora Irvin had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Jennifer Hickmon had five points for Texas Southern, which was coming off a 67-46 loss against Texas A&M on Sunday.

The record win came just two days after TCU beat a Top 10 team for the first time in school history, a 70-53 victory over then-No. 9 Vanderbilt on Saturday night.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcels is back in a familiar position: apparently on the verge of another coaching job.

Within hours after Dallas fired Dave Campo on Monday following three straight 5-11 seasons, conflicting reports surfaced on whether Parcels had become the new Cowboys coach.

It remained uncertain early Tuesday if Parcels, who has been close to deals before only to walk away, had actually been offered the job or was willing to take it.

Even before Campo was fired, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones held two long meetings with Parcels, who won two Super Bowls with the New York Giants and also took the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl and New York Jets to the AFC championship game.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Parcels had agreed to an \$18 million, four-year deal, basing its report on an unidentified source close to Parcels and Jones. The Fort

Worth Star-Telegram, also attributing unidentified sources, reported the same financial terms and said a deal was imminent.

But ESPN, the network for which Parcels has worked as a football analyst, reported on its Web site that Parcels' agent, Jimmy Sexton, and two other unidentified sources said there was no deal.

"It will come to an end pretty quickly," Parcels said in Tuesday's New York Times. "We've been proceeding toward that end." Parcels told the Daily News of New York that he has had "productive conversations" but "nothing is imminent."

Several newspapers quoted Parcels as saying that he planned to be at his New Jersey home Tuesday.

Team spokesman Rich Dalrymple wouldn't comment on any of the reports, and Sexton did not return phone calls to The Associated Press.

When he announced Campo's firing, Jones said he

had no timetable to hire a replacement, but added, "I hope it can happen quickly."

Last year, Parcels signed with Tampa Bay, then changed his mind. Because of that contract, the Buccaneers contend they should have been asked for permission before the Cowboys and Parcels talked and that they want compensation.

The Buccaneers, however, never filed that Parcels contract with the NFL office. On Thursday, the Bucs will present their case in a hearing with the commissioner's office.

Parcels also backed out on Atlanta and Tampa Bay once before — a decade ago, when Hugh Culverhouse, then the team's owner, said: "I feel like I've been jilted at the altar."

In 1979, Parcels was hired as the New York Giants' linebackers coach. Shortly afterward, he told head coach Ray Perkins he couldn't take the job for personal reasons.

The 61-year-old Parcels has been out of coaching since after the 1999 season when he ended

a three-year stint with the Jets, who were 1-15 before he arrived. In 15 NFL seasons, he has a 138-100-1 record.

Jones said part of the reason he fired Campo was to bring in a proven coach, and Parcels fits that bill. All five coaches the Cowboys have had, including Tom Landry and Jimmy Johnson, were first-time head coaches in the NFL.

"This change is more about a change in philosophy, not about what Dave didn't do," Jones said.

Campo, a lifelong assistant, was promoted from defensive coordinator three years ago when Chan Gailey was fired. He was the last assistant coach hired for Johnson's staff after Jones bought the team in 1989, following 11 college jobs in 18 years.

Campo is the first Cowboys coach to leave with a losing record (15-33). He is also the first never to win the division or make the playoffs.

"I knew the parameters that we were going to be dealing

with from the standpoint of being a team in transition," Campo said. "Sometimes you are at the apex and sliding. I knew that we were in that position."

Campo was never above .500 in a season, and his teams never won more than two straight games. The Cowboys had only five 10-loss seasons in 40 years before Campo arrived.

After spending his first two years in Dallas as a defensive assistant, Campo became secondary coach, then defensive coordinator. The Cowboys won the Super Bowl in his first year as coordinator. He held the job four more seasons, then was picked over several assistants to replace Gailey.

Jones confirmed Monday that he has also talked with former Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green.

League officials said Jones has done all that's necessary to make a move, an indication that the interview with Green met the minority candidate requirement.

First deer



Clint Devoll, 14, of Pampa got his first deer, an 8-point, recently while hunting near Shamrock. Clint's parents are Vernon and Twila Devoll of Pampa.

G-N honors Pampa football players

Pampa football players continue to receive recognition after the Harvesters advanced as far as the Class 4A regional semifinals this season.

Three Harvesters — senior quarterback John Braddock, junior wingback Johnny Moore and senior safety Tristan Brown — were named to the 2002 Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread Super Team.

Braddock was the Super Team's Offensive Player of the Year.

He broke single-season school records in passing with 2,381 yards and 23 touchdowns. Those passing marks were also the best in the Amarillo area this year.

Braddock completed 65 percent of his passing attempts and passed for 200 yards or more in seven games.

Moore, who the Super Team sophomore of the year in 2001, combined for 1,738 rushing and receiving yards. His 94 receptions led the Amarillo area.

Moore goes into his senior season with 152 career catches.

Brown finished the season with 49 individual tackles, 59 assisted tackles, three interceptions and one fumble recovery. He also broke up 12 passes and caused two fumbles.

The Globe-News picked Perryton linebacker Tyler Merkel as Defensive Player of

the Year and Dub Smith of Tucumcari, N.M. as Coach of the Year. Canadian running back Austin English was named Newcomer of the Year and the Fort Elliott Cougars is the Surprise Team of the Year.

Earlier, five Harvesters were honored when the AGN announced its Golden Spread Class 4A-5A Super Team.

Braddock and Moore were named to the first-team offense along with tight end Ryan Zemanek and wide receiver Jesse Tarango, who led the Amarillo area in receiving with 1,086 yards. Brown was named to the first-team defense.

Braddock was selected as the 4A-5A Player of the Year.

Hall meeting on Rose postponed

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball is in no rush to call a meeting of Hall of Famers to talk about Charlie Hustle.

A meeting between Hall of Famers and commissioner Bud Selig to discuss Pete Rose had been postponed at the request of baseball officials.

The Hall had been contacting its 58 living members about a possible gathering in Los Angeles on Jan. 17. But Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating office, asked the Hall on Friday to delay the session.

Hall spokesman Jeff Idelson said Monday that the meeting would not take place, but would not go into the reasons, and DuPuy declined comment.

The meeting is likely to be scheduled for the first two weeks of February, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity, and no action on Rose is likely to take place before the meeting with Hall members.

Rose, the career hits leader, agreed to a lifetime ban from

baseball in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling. Because of the ban, he cannot appear on the Hall of Fame ballot.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 but Selig hasn't ruled on it. After years of saying he saw no reason to change the ban Rose agreed to with commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, Selig allowed DuPuy to negotiate with Rose's agent, Warren Morris, during the past year.

Selig and Rose met in Milwaukee on Nov. 25, and Rose issued a statement earlier this month confirming the talks, saying "we have been provided the forum to discuss all of the issues with major league baseball."

DuPuy met with Hall chairwoman Jane Forbes Clark, Hall president Dale Petroskey and Hall vice chairman Joe Morgan on Dec. 18, and an update on the Rose talks was part of the briefing.

Baseball officials want Rose to admit that he bet on baseball — which he has repeatedly denied, as part of

any reinstatement agreement. Morgan, who was involved in setting up the Selig-Rose meeting, has said his former teammate has "got to come clean" if there was to be an agreement.

John Dowd, who headed the Rose inquiry for baseball, wrote a report that detailed 412 baseball wagers between April 8 and July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win.

Dowd cited evidence that included betting slips alleged to be in Rose's handwriting, and telephone and bank records.

The Cincinnati Reds, the team Rose spent most of his career with and later managed, would like him to be reinstated by the start of the season, which would allow him to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Great American Ball Park.

Bob Feller has been opposed to Rose's ban, and other Hall of Famers have said it should be considered if Rose admits what baseball said he did.

Knicks beat Spurs by one

NEW YORK (AP) — David Robinson's last game at Madison Square Garden turned out to be a last-second celebration for the New York Knicks.

Allan Houston scored 28 points, including the game-winning free throws with 5.4 seconds left, and Michael Doleac added a season-high 16 as the Knicks beat the San Antonio Spurs 96-95 Monday night.

"It's one of the best sports places to play and our championship memories are here," Robinson said of the arena where the Spurs won the championship in 1999. "It's a tough way to go out."

Tim Duncan made a short jumper while being fouled with 6.8 seconds left. His free throw gave the Spurs the lead, 95-94.

But Stephen Jackson fouled Houston trying for a steal, and New York's leading scorer sank both free throws.

Duncan then missed a short jumper as time expired. "The most amazing thing to me was that we kept our poise late in the game," New York coach Don Chaney said. "We executed and hung in there."

A game that was marred by physical confrontations, technical fouls and ejections ended with one of the most unexpected sightings of the season: After the game,

Latrell Sprewell patted P.J. Carlesimo's back and put his arm around his waist as the two walked off the court.

The Knicks forward and his former Golden State coach, now a San Antonio assistant, engaged in a brief conversation as they entered the tunnel. Sprewell was suspended for the final 68 games of the 1997-98 season by the NBA after choking Carlesimo during a Golden

State practice.

Duncan had 31 points and 17 rebounds for his 13th straight double-double, and Jackson added 19 points for the Spurs, who went on an 11-2 run in the fourth quarter while Knicks forwards Kurt Thomas and Othella Harrington sat with foul trouble and Clarence Weatherspoon was ejected.

"These games are big not only because it's a win, but they are good for your confidence, too," Houston said. "We've had some big losses this season, and this was a big win."

Doleac blocked a shot by Duncan with under a minute to go, and Ward stripped the ball from Duncan seconds later.

That set up Sprewell for a free throw that gave New York a short-lived lead.

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Rams go on second-half rampage to rally past 49ers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It was the perfect playoff tuneup for the San Francisco 49ers. For a half, anyway.

Then, the St. Louis Rams came up with a point-scoring frenzy reminiscent of their dominant three-year run as the Greatest Show on Turf.

Dre' Bly returned a fumble 20 yards for the go-ahead touchdown as the defending NFC champions scored 28 fourth-quarter points to go out as winners, beating the playoff-bound 49ers 31-20 Monday night.

"It ended the season in a perfect way," Bly said. "It's a tremendous way to finish, and it's a great feeling."

The NFC West champion 49ers (10-6) played a game of keep-away in the first half, taking a 17-0 lead as they tuned up for next week's wild-card playoff game against the New York Giants. Then coach Steve Mariucci took out several of his first-teamers, and paid the price.

"That was an unusual game to coach, and to play," Mariucci said. "I was really happy with the first half. We played a very energetic, smart game in the first half."

Some of the Rams players felt it was a hollow triumph, even if it did deny the 49ers a

clean sweep of the NFC West — San Francisco finished 5-1.

"We did a good job of beating their second team," wide receiver Isaac Bruce said. "But it's cool. It's always good to win."

Bly stripped Garrison Hearst after a screen pass for the first scoring return this season by the Rams (7-9), putting them ahead 24-20 with 6:53 to go.

Quarterback Jamie Martin, who didn't start because of a bruised left knee that kept him out of three practices last week, got the Rams close first. Martin hit Brandon Manumaleuna for a 6-yard touchdown pass with 11:32 to go, and then Bruce with a 26-yarder that cut the gap to three points with 7:09 left.

On the first play after the ensuing kickoff, Bly put them over the top.

Hearst fumbled again with 2:51 to go, forced by Leonard Little and recovered by Dexter McCleon at the St. Louis 49, to finish off the 49ers. Martin, who was 22-for-35 for 245 yards and a career-best three touchdowns, tacked on a 32-yard scoring pass to Ernie Conwell with 1:53 remaining.

"We just kind of made a few plays, and that's something we weren't doing early in the game," Martin said.

"You saw what can happen when we started executing with this offense."

Jeff Garcia opened by directing the NFL's longest drive of the year in terms of elapsed time as the 49ers chewed up 12:07 on a 20-play, 81-yard march capped by a 19-yard Jeff Chandler field goal. Seldom-used backup quarterback Tim Rattay then took over, throwing touchdown passes of 2 and 27 yards to Tai Streets for a 17-0 halftime lead.

The 49ers had the ball for almost two-thirds of the first half, 19:29 to 10:31 for the Rams, and outgained them 224-33. The opening drive surpassed one of 10:04 by the Jaguars in the opening week of the season.

San Francisco had a dominating start without two offensive linemen nursing minor ankle injuries, guard Ron Stone and tackle Derrick Deese. The 49ers also were without wide receiver Terrell Owens, who missed the last two games with a groin injury.

The Rams, who had the NFL's No. 1 offense the last three seasons, produced only 33 total yards in the first half.

"I was getting ready to check the paper to look for a job," Martz said. A skittish Martz picked

third-stringer Scott Covington the starter on Saturday. But he stayed with Covington — a Bengals castoff who has been with the team since October — for only two ineffective series before going back to Martin.

"He just got a little excited," Martz said. "He had a couple of plays called backwards that hurt us early in the game. Instead of making a bad situation worse and ruining it, I got Jamie in there."

Covington disputed Martz's assessment. "A couple drives and I'm

out, but it's his prerogative," Covington said. "I was comfortable with everything."

Garcia converted four third downs in the marathon opening march before he threw the ball away on a third-and-goal from the Rams 1. The 49ers had to settle for a 19-yard field goal by Chandler.

Streets' 2-yard catch capped a seven-play, 63-yard drive with 10:34 to go in the half. The third scoring drive was less time-consuming — three plays covering 70 yards — and took up only 1:24, capped by Streets' 27-yard

reception with 3:02 left in the half.

The Rams got all but 10 their 33 first-half yards on two completions from Martin to Torry Holt near the end of the half. Martin was intercepted by Ronnie Heard at the 49ers 19 to end the brief threat with 10 seconds to go.

Rams offensive tackle Orlando Pace returned to the lineup after missing three games with a pulled hamstring, but wasn't in for long. Pace left in the second quarter with possible torn cartilage in his right knee.

Bucks trip up Mavericks, 110-107

DALLAS (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks went into Dallas struggling. So they played to the Mavericks' strength — and won.

Tim Thomas hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with 9.9 seconds remaining as the Bucks rallied from a 17-point second-quarter deficit and handed the Mavericks only their second home defeat of the season, 110-107 Monday night.

The Bucks showed they could keep up offensively with the Mavericks, the league's highest scoring team at 102.9 points per game before Monday.

Milwaukee entered as the NBA's third-highest scoring team at 99.3 points.

"We played against a team equally able to score," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "We got beat at our own game."

Thomas, a 31 percent 3-point shooter at the start of the night, worked along the baseline, getting free in the left corner for the decisive jumper.

"I was just trying to get open," Thomas said. "I started running the baseline, nobody played me and I was able to hit it."

Dirk Nowitzki, who matched his career high with 40 points,

made two free throws with 2.9 left to cut the deficit to 109-107, but Thomas hit one of two foul shots with 2.6 seconds to play.

Dallas, 14-2 at home, seemed ready to take control when Michael Finley hit a baseline jumper with 1:09 remaining for a 105-100 lead.

But the Bucks were better down the stretch, closing with a 10-2 run, including the 3-pointer by Thomas that gave Milwaukee a 107-105 lead.

"I still think our team is playing better than its record and we needed a confidence booster to beat a good team," Bucks coach George Karl said.

LSU hopes to use Cotton Bowl to help recruiting in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — The LSU Tigers had plenty of reasons for wanting to play in the Cotton Bowl. If recruiting wasn't the top one, it was a close second.

Although Louisiana shares a border with Texas, about the only time LSU crosses it is when coaches are trying to woo high school players. So getting to play the Texas Longhorns on New Year's Day provides some great exposure.

"We need to get the players in our state, that's the No. 1 priority," Tigers coach Nick Saban said. "But I don't think we can be held hostage just by the kind of football players in our state to help build our program."

"We have to have a little broader recruiting base so we can complement the good players we have in our state. I think East Texas, because it's close and there are so many good players and so many good programs, is certainly one of the prime spots to do that."

LSU (8-4) has just seven Texans on its roster, mostly

from between Houston and the Louisiana border. The only Dallasite is Ryan Gilbert, a redshirt freshman running back who has just 10 carries in three games.

The Longhorns (10-2) are loaded with home-state talent. There are 26 players from the Dallas area alone.

"They have great programs here," Saban said. "The guys are usually developed. They are used to working hard. I think they bring a lot to your program beyond ability."

The big-picture focus for Texas is ending a five-game losing streak in the Dallas area. They've even adopted a slogan of "Take Back Dallas."

The Longhorns have dropped three straight to Oklahoma in their annual meeting, lost to Arkansas in the 2000 Cotton Bowl and were beaten by Colorado in the 2001 Big 12 championship game at Texas Stadium in Irving.

"I don't know if it's a product of us not playing good there, or just facing

really good teams," quarterback Chris Simms said.

As much as he'd like to finally win in Dallas, Simms said it's more important for him to close his college career with a victory.

He's even daydreamed about doing it in record-setting fashion. While thumbing through a book of Cotton Bowl records, he noticed that Miami's Craig Erickson threw for the most touchdowns in the game — four, against Texas in 1991.

A performance like that might even start a Longhorns streak in the other direction.

"We'd like to start a new mindframe going into next year," Simms said. "We want the next crop thinking this is our city, so they have more confidence when they get back here to play Oklahoma."

Or, as receiver Roy Williams put it: "If we can get a victory here in January 2003, then maybe we can come back and get another in October."

The game is sponsored by SBC.

Clemens back with Yankees for one, probably final, season

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rocket wants to go out draped in pinstripes.

Roger Clemens and the New York Yankees capped two months of talks by agreeing Monday to a \$10.1 million, one-year contract. The six-time Cy Young Award winner also said he'll probably retire after next season, his 20th in the major leagues.

"My feeling is right now that I don't anticipate playing past this year," Clemens said. "I plan on going out the right way — like I always have, full throttle."

An eight-time All-Star who turns 41 in August, Clemens has gone 60-27 during four seasons with the Yankees, winning World Series titles in his first two years. He doesn't want to make a formal announcement about retirement and get feted with honors in each city, the way Cal Ripken did.

"I don't want to say something now and have the dissections that go along with it," Clemens said. "I don't want to be the show."

Clemens, who joined the

Yankees after 13 seasons in Boston and two in Toronto, has 3,909 strikeouts, third on the career list behind Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Carlton (4,136). With a 293-151 record, Clemens has a chance to overtake Tom Seaver (311) and Gaylord Perry (314) next season, which would put him in 15th place on the career wins list.

After going 20-3 in 2001, Clemens was 13-6 with a 4.35 ERA in 29 starts last season, battling leg problems.

"To win 300 in the Stadium or in the uniform would mean everything," Clemens said. "It would go hand in hand with the championships."

For now, New York has eight starting pitchers, a group that also includes Andy Pettitte, Mike Mussina, David Wells, Cuban defector Jose Contreras, Orlando Hernandez, Jeff Weaver and Sterling Hitchcock.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the surplus of starters allows him flexibility to make moves before opening day. Hernandez and Hitchcock are

the most likely to be traded. "Either we'll have superb depth or we'll be able to trade from a strength," Cashman said.

"When the dust settles and the season gets underway, usually injuries hit. It's like thoroughbreds — one thing leads to another. Or we'll be able to utilize that depth in a trade."

While the Yankees and Boston are still talking to Montreal about possible trades involving Colon, no deal with the Expos is imminent and New York would insist that at least one of its current starters be included in the deal, a Yankees official said.

New York wants Clemens to set an example for younger pitchers, such as Weaver. Cashman remembered the day in July 2001 that Clemens volunteered to pitch in Detroit on three days' rest when a teammate got sick.

"I'm going to be 41 this year, and I plan on leading this staff in a number of ways, on the field and off the field," Clemens said. "I'm going to continue to push those guys."

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At Shreveport, La.	
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At Charlotte, N.C.	
\$750,000	
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At San Antonio	
\$1.35 million	
Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28	
Monday, Dec. 30	
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At Nashville, Tenn.	
\$750,000	
Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14	
Seattle Bowl	
\$1 million	
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At Boise, Idaho	
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At Memphis, Tenn.	
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At San Jose, Calif.	
\$750,000	
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At Atlanta	
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Outback Bowl	
At Tampa, Fla.	
\$2.55 million	
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)	
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At Dallas	
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At Miami	
\$11-13 million	
Southern California (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)	
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003:
Don't let family matters drag you down this year. You often decide to do things differently. Attempt to look at the big picture before making decisions this year. You might like what you see. With strong focus, you'll achieve a long-term desire or goal. Networking also could play a significant role in your direction. Others often look to you for advice and leadership. If you are single, you will find that a new sweetie drops into your life during the second half of your birthday year. This person could be most special. If you're attached, the two of you need to focus more on your long-term desires. Together you make quite a team. CAPRICORN understands you well.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** A conversation puts you on edge. You might feel raw and even a touch grumpy. Use discretion when you discharge this energy. Remember, it is the first day of the new year. Handle problems in a more inventive and dynamic manner. Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Once you take stock of your finances, you could feel as if money got a bit out of hand during the past few weeks. Right now, let go of the problem. Enjoy yourself with an older relative. Say "yes" to doing something totally new. Tonight: Stretch. Continue with the new.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Deal with loved ones directly, not as a group but individually.

Nothing replaces the personal touch. Help a loved one at a distance feel a bit more comfortable. Changes occur before your very eyes. Someone heads in a new direction. Tonight: Togetherness counts.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Finish up a project that might be on your mind. You get a lot done if you simply focus, leaving plenty of time for socializing and enjoying your friends. In fact, you might want to have a day-after party. Let those around you participate more often. Tonight: Say "yes."
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Your imagination takes you down a new path if you allow yourself to have this adventure. A friend might have a totally different interest than you. Make it OK to follow your individual paths. Remember, you might need a nap. Tonight: Slow down, please.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Sleep in if you'd like. You might not want to do anything at all, but stay close to home. Trust that you will be energized soon enough. Add more playfulness to your afternoon. Start the year with something you love. Tonight: Play away.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Go through your list of people to call, and wish them a special and happy New Year. Carefully think through a situation that could have an unpredictable and costly tone. You might want to veg out and catch up on much-needed rest. Tonight: Stay home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Spread the good humor around this morning. You might find a loved one a bit unpredictable. Make calls later in the afternoon to spread New Year's wishes. Your call and thoughts do make a difference. Tonight: Don't go far.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Calming you down after the somewhat wild christening of the new year could take a hit. You might not even decide to go to sleep until some of the parades are over. Indulge yourself this afternoon, which might include doing nothing! Tonight: Go with the flow.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** You might be slow to get started, but you're close to unstoppable once you get going. You make up for lost time this afternoon as if there is no tomorrow. Remember, you have the whole year to live out some of your resolutions. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Use the early part of the day to touch base with a child and a key friend. You might not see eye to eye with others right now, but don't worry. How you visualize an event or situation might not ring bells for others. Accept these differences. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Winding down could take a while. In fact, you're more likely to wind up again once the afternoon begins. You find a lot to celebrate about. Make an effort toward a special friend or family member who might be out of sorts. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

BORN TODAY
Sen. Barry Goldwater (1909), American steamstress Betsy Ross (1752), American patriot Paul Revere (1735)
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Officers hunt five suspected terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officers along the U.S.-Canadian border and on New York City's streets are being extra vigilant for five men of Middle Eastern origin who may have crossed the border into the United States on Christmas Eve.

Officials have not ruled out a connection to a terrorist plot or cell, but they could not confirm a link, either. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday the intelligence that triggered the search came from an anti-terrorism investigation.

FBI spokesman Ed Cogswell said the information came from an investigation into a worldwide passport smuggling ring. He said the subjects of the manhunt are not those who ran the operation but probably are people who may have been smuggled across the border, Cogswell said.

The Toronto Sun, quoting police sources in Canada, said the men arrived at Toronto's Pearson International Airport about two weeks ago, claiming refugee status and living in the Toronto area for several days before being smuggled into the United States by car.

The National Post in Canada reported that a British Columbia woman said she told the FBI on Monday that she saw two of the wanted men on a Vancouver Island ferry on Dec. 10.

The FBI released photographs of five men Sunday in hopes they would be recognized. Cogswell acknowledged the FBI is uncertain about the names and birth dates released with the photos, or even that the men entered the country.

Nonetheless, federal and local officials are taking no chances.

Service Customs spokesman Dean Boyd said inspectors along the U.S.-Canada border are asking travelers more questions and increasing the number of vehicle and cargo inspections.

New York City police spokesman Michael O'Looney said his department has increased its counterterrorism efforts as a result of the FBI warning and distributed names and photographs of the five men to its various police commands.

The search comes just before large crowds gather for New Year's Eve celebrations, especially in New York's Times Square. The nation's color-coded terrorism alert system remained at yellow, the middle of five levels.

In Crawford, Texas, where President Bush is spending time at his ranch, McClellan told reporters the information on the five men was developed "in the course of ongoing investigations relating to the war on terrorism."

"We don't have any specific information that ties them to terrorist activity, but we do believe they have entered this country illegally," he said. "And any time anybody enters the country illegally, we want to know why they're here, and we want to question them."

McClellan said he would not comment on sources or methods of intelligence that tipped off authorities. The Toronto Star said the FBI was alerted by Canadian authorities.

Number of uninsured children steadily declines

By LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of children without health insurance continued to fall in the first half of 2002, the government reported Tuesday, although 7.2 million children remain uninsured.

Government-financed programs were responsible for the drop in numbers of uninsured kids, as fewer children were covered by private employers.

People without health insurance are significantly less likely to get preventive care and aid when they are sick, the government says, and health policy experts have long put providing insurance for the uninsured at the top of their agenda. By having doctors through health insurance, people can avoid long waits and high costs in emergency rooms the uninsured often face.

Overall, 38.9 million people under age 65 were without health insurance from January to July, or 15.9 percent of the population, about the same as in 2001. People over age 65 are covered by Medicare.

As in past surveys, Hispanics were the ethnic

group least likely to have coverage, with almost one in three uninsured. Just over 16 percent of blacks were uninsured. Whites were most likely to have insurance, with 10.5 percent uninsured.

Among all races, the number of uninsured children has dropped significantly since 1997, when the State Children's Health Insurance Program was created. The program is aimed at families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy insurance on their own.

Enrollment in the program, known as CHIP, reached 3.8 million early this year, an increase of 22 percent over 2001.

"More and more children are getting the health care they need, thanks in large measure to our success in working with states to expand health coverage," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement.

CHIP was created during the Clinton administration with bipartisan support in Congress. The Bush administration has not supported proposals to expand the program to cover more children or to add parents. Rather, the

administration has proposed tax breaks to help people buy insurance in the private market.

Tuesday's survey, released by the National Center for Health Statistics, found that the portion of children being covered by private plans fell in the first six months of 2002. The portion of kids with private insurance dropped from 67.1 percent in 2001 to 64.5 percent in 2002.

At the same time, the portion of kids covered by public programs, including Medicaid and CHIP, jumped from 23.4 percent in 2001 to 27.2 percent in 2002. It had been at 21 percent in 1997.

Among children, 9.8 percent were uninsured in the first half of 2002, down from 10.8 percent in 2001 and far down from 13.9 percent in 1997.

Experts fear the uninsured

numbers could rise again as states face severe budget crunches. In Kansas, for instance, the CHIP program, called HealthWave, is increasing premiums. People who now pay \$10 per month will have to pay \$30, and \$15 premiums will jump to \$45.

The increases are expected to affect about 5,800 families, and state officials predict about 2,950 children could drop out of the program, said Caleb Asher, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

"We are in such an economic hardship in the state," he said. "It's becoming more real to folks."

The data released Tuesday, which cover January to June 2002, are preliminary figures that may be adjusted in the future.

The survey also found:

—The portion of people who have a usual place to go for medical care was 87.7 percent in early 2002. It had risen slightly from 1999 to 2001 but kept constant in early 2002.

—In 2002, 4.5 percent of people were unable to obtain needed medical care because of lack of money. That number has stayed relatively stable over the last few years.

—About 22 percent of adults are current cigarette smokers. That has steadily declined since 1997, when it was 24.6 percent.

On the Net: National Center for Health Statistics: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

HHS 'Insure Kids Now' site: <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>

National Conference of State Legislatures on CHIP: <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/chiphome.htm>

Priest found dead mere days after molestation accusations

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of a Roman Catholic priest from New Hampshire who was accused of molesting a child just days before a hiker found his body off a wooded trail.

Officials with the Diocese of Manchester called the death of the Rev. Richard Lower an apparent suicide, but police in Enfield, where the body was found, said no cause had been determined.

Capt. Richard Crate said investigators do not suspect foul play, but said the cause of death was not obvious and may have been natural causes. He would not say whether Lower, 57, had left a note.

Crate said it could be weeks or months before tests by the state medical examiner provide any answers about Lower.

A written statement by the di-

ocese did not say why church officials suspected suicide, except to say the circumstances "indicate he may have taken his own life."

According to the church's statement, the diocese was contacted Wednesday by a man who accused Lower of sexual abuse in 1973 while the priest served at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Littleton.

The Rev. Edward Arsenaunt, the diocese's delegate on sexual misconduct cases, said Lower was notified that day in Manchester, and returned alone to New London.

The next day, church officials determined the allegation appeared credible and that Lower should be placed on administrative leave until the matter was completely investigated, Arsenaunt said.

But Arsenaunt said Lower could not be reached. His body was found Sunday.

Church officials said it was the first report to the diocese of sexual misconduct with a minor against Lower.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the diocese, said Lower had been accused of misconduct with an adult man in 1989. McGee said Lower denied the allegation, but participated in a psychological evaluation. The evaluation cleared Lower for unrestricted work in ministry, McGee said.

Bishop John B. McCormack said Lower also was dealing with several medical problems, including chronic back and arthritic pain, and just last month his mother died.

Representative calling for resumption of draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Charles Rangel, a veteran of the Korean War, says he plans to introduce legislation to resume the military draft in the event of a war against Iraq.

In an opinion piece published in Tuesday's editions of The New York Times, the Democrat from New York said he would ask Congress next week to support his proposal.

Rangel said the prospect of a draft would make Congress less likely to support a war.

"I believe that if those calling for war knew their children were more likely to be required to serve — and to be placed in harm's way — there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq," Rangel wrote.

Military service should be a "shared sacrifice" asked of all able young Americans, he said, noting that minorities make up a "disproportionate number" of enlisted members of the military.

Rendell advocating malpractice bailout

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a bid to keep disgruntled doctors from walking off the job Wednesday, Gov.-elect Ed Rendell unveiled a proposal to cut physician payments to a state malpractice insurance fund by two-thirds.

The plan, released days before scores of doctors said they would stop work rather than continue to pay high insurance premiums, would cut physician contributions to the MCare fund by \$220 million.

Instead, the state's health insurers would be forced to pay a one-time "special assessment" to finance the fund, which helps pay court damages to patients who have been injured by a doctor's negligence.

Rendell, who takes office next month, called the plan a temporary fix for doctors hit hard by rapidly rising malpractice premiums, and noted that it needs approval from the state Legislature before it could take effect.

But in a joint news conference, Rendell and departing Gov. Mark Schweiker asked doctors to consider the plan a "show of good faith" that permanent reforms are in the works, and urged them to keep working.

"This ought to be enough to keep you

practicing in Pennsylvania," Rendell said. "We hear you. Help is on the way. Everybody is serious about this."

Doctors reacted warmly to Rendell's proposal Monday, but it was unclear whether it would keep many of them from stopping work on Jan. 1.

Scores of physicians in eastern Pennsylvania have said they intend to close their practices Wednesday to protest high malpractice insurance premiums, which have gone up more than 50 percent for thousands of doctors this year and can run as high as \$200,000 annually.

The proposal received a sharper reaction from health insurers.

Capital Blue Cross Chief Executive James Mead said he was "disappointed and troubled" by the proposal.

"We recognize that there is a serious problem when it comes to medical malpractice in this state, and we also realize that something is going to have to be done about it. But I'm not sure how this proposal solves the problem," Mead said. "It seems to me to be putting a Band-Aid on a hemorrhaging patient."

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