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Pampa misses out on vets home

Officials: Low local veterans population a factor

Managing Editor

Pampa tried but didn't make the final cut for a Texas State Veterans' Home, according to a story in today's Amarillo Globe-News.

Local community leaders were not notified prior to reading the story in the area newspaper that McAllen and El Paso were selected for facilities to begin construction in land the state project locally.

Amarillo was listed as a to help rural counties they

funding is continued.

Disappointment expressed by County Judge Richard Peet who coordinated the effort to seek the 160-bed veterans' nursing center to Pampa.

An economic downturn in the Texas Panhandle along with a declining population caused Peet and several community leaders to attempt to

"It seems if the state wants

state agencies in rural counties," he said. "I am a little disappointed."

He said that he doesn't think all state agencies belong in Austin.

"They could put some of them in the small communities across the state," he said.

Peet said the community members who volunteered on the project gave the project a good effort.

"Not having an economic vehicle such as an economic

n't help us," he said, referring to the vote of local voters on Nov. 6, 2001, which dissolved the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. He said recruiting such projects is

a function of the EDC. "I hope the local people can see that we're not being able to compete," he said. "But I'm not giving up. We'll continue to try to land other projects."

State Rep. Warren Chisum said this morning the retire-(See **HOME**, Page 3)

School board to look within for PISD head By DEE DEE LARAMORE

EDITOR

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees Monday decided to begin the search for a superintendent of schools by looking within the district itself.

"We want to find the best person available," PISD Board President Lee Porter said today, "and we're not convinced the best person is not right here in Pampa."

Local school board members plan to interview some school district employees in a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, Jan. 20, at Carver Center.

"Although the board has not received any applications in regard to the pending vacancy, the board would like to interview some of the current employees of the Pampa Independent we gave the district (to reach exem-School District ..." Porter stated in a press release.

Porter said that if a suitable candidate is not found after searching within the school district, the board will then consider hiring a consultant to seek superintendent applicants.

The school board met in special session Monday for two purposes: to undergo training in the state's new financial accountability system with Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr and Mark McVay, assistant superintendent - finance and to consider the process of searching for a new school superinten-

Orr, after 13 years of heading Pampa's public schools, will become the Wichita Falls ISD superintendent

"Since Orr has been here 13 years, none of the board now has gone through hiring a new superintendent,"

'We want to find the best person available and we're not convinced the best person is not right here in Pampa.'

- Lee Porter **Board President**

Porter said. "We're breaking new ground. We're trying to be deliberate and make the best possible choice.

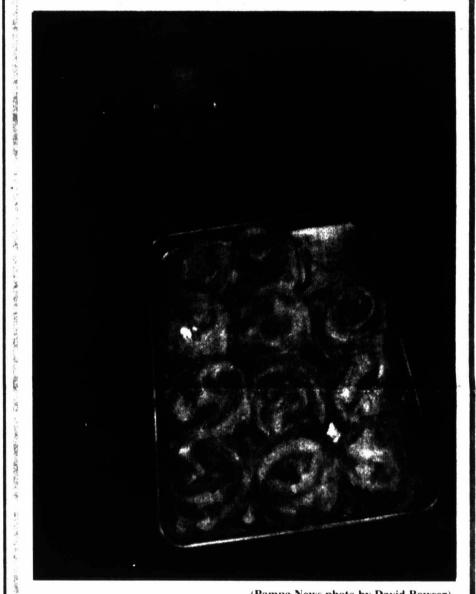
"We're continuing the charge that plary status by 2004) and we want to hire the best person to guide them in doing that," he added.

In the meeting Monday, board members voted to name only the finalist for the superintendent's position. While in closed session, they reviewed individual qualifications of possible candidates, according to Porter.

Reconvening in open session, they worked with Orr to develop criteria for the search process, including questions to be asked

Two hours of Monday's four-hour meeting was spent reviewing the procedures for determining the financial accountability ranking of each school district in the state, Porter said.

"I am happy to report that under the direction of Dr. Orr and Mr. McVay, Pampa Independent School District will receive the highest state ranking," Porter said.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Anna McAnear of White Deer takes a sheet of her fresh-baked cinnamon rolls from the oven.

Yum! Anna's buns

By DAVID BOWSER

STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER McAnear has probably caused more New Year's resolutions to be broken than anybody else in the Texas Panhandle.

The smells of brown sugar, cinnamon and fresh baked rolls wafting through her kitchen here would be enough to drive anyone to break a New Year's resolution concerning dietary habits and expanding waist-

lines Anna makes dinner rolls, cinna-

mon rolls, hamburger buns and, more recently, pigs in a blanket for a variety of people, businesses, church and civic groups, restaurants and stores in Pampa and White

"I'd rather do what I do," she said, "than go back and work for somebody else.'

Originally from southern Illinois, Anna moved to Wisconsin while her husband studied to be a Methodist preacher. When their house burned in Wisconsin in 1968, they moved to Texas.

(See BUNS, Page 3)

Texans join in debate over economic plans

Texas for the holiday break, Rep. Martin Frost got a grim view of the economy. The view was brighter in Rep. Kay Granger's district.

There's no doubt an economic slowdown exists in Texas as in the rest of the country, but how bad it is and what to do about it have become early topics of debate as the 108th session of Congress gets under way this week.

Democrats unveiled their economic revival plan Monday and President Bush planned to detail his plan in Chicago on Tuesday. Texas congressional members quickly drew distinctions between proposals, lining up along party lines.

"I spent the last month and a half in Texas and when you talk to people, they tell you, 'Business is down.' If you go to the cleaners they tell you. If

WASHINGTON (AP) - While in 'Business is down," said Frost, D-Arlington, the dean of Texas' delega-

> Granger, a Republican from Fort Worth, said while there are signs of economic slowdown, plans by Fort Worth-based Pier One and Radio Shack for headquarters construction indicate a recovery.

"We've got to be looking at something to immediately boost the economy ... But the long term is, we have to be creating jobs, stimulating investment," said Granger, a House Budget Committee member.

The Democratic plan would give workers a refundable income tax rebate of up to \$300 per person or \$600 per working couple and offer business tax breaks.

Texas Democrats said the plan includes money for states to help pay you go to the coffee shop they tell you, for homeland defense and transporta-

tion infrastructure, which will help create jobs. It also provides 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, Frost said. It would cost \$136 billion, Democrats

The White House said 92 million taxpayers would get an average tax cut of \$1,083 this year under Bush's plan a mix of accelerated income tax cuts, child tax credits, business investment incentives and the centerpiece proposal to eliminate taxes on corporate dividends. The first year cost of Bush's plan was unclear Monday.

A late 2002 report by the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank says Texas seems to be lagging behind the nation in economic recovery because of a larger concentration of industries that suffered during the recession, including transportation, high technology and energy.

The report said that while the reces-

sion is shallower than others in Texas, it probably will last longer.

"The outlook for Texas depends very much on the health of the national economy," the reserve said in an online report. "If the U.S. economy double dips, the Texas economy will be stalled in recession for some time. If the U.S. economy picks up however, we could see Texas also turning the corner early (2003).

Texas Democrats criticized Bush's economic stimulus package, saying it favors the wealthy

"The Democratic plan is targeted to be an immediate economic stimulus. It's also targeted to the middle class rather than the taxpayers that make over \$200,000 a year," said Rep. Jim Turner of Crockett, a member of the Blue Dogs Caucus, made up of fiscally conservative Democrats.

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Officers investigate burned Bible, photo A burned Bible and a photo which was damaged

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courtyard of the St.

Church, 727 W. Browning.

A deacon arriving at the church shortly after 8 a.m.,

According to Pampa

Pampa PD officers are

Monday, made the discovery.

Police Department reports,

the Bible belonged to a minor and the damaged

photo was inside the Bible.

continuing their investiga-

STATE

ORANGE (AP) - At

least three people were killed

Tuesday morning in a fatal

two-vehicle wreck just out-

side of Orange that shut

down Interstate 10 in both

directions for hours, state

wreck occurred shortly after

DEATHS

Dorothy Lee Castleman,

Ruby Pauline Denney,

Lela Comer Fore, 88,

Hattie Marie Rust

Stephens, 96, homemaker.

According to the DPS, the

troopers said.

86, homemaker

94, homemaker.

businesswoman.

8:05 a.m.

Fatal wreck closes

I-10 near Orange

tion. There are no suspects.

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ON RECORD

LELA COMER FORE

1914-2003

PLAINVIEW — Lela Comer Fore, 88, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at BSA Hospice in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Garland Street Church of Christ with Karl King of Abilene officiating and J.W. Hamby of Plainview assisting. Burial will be in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Fore was born Oct. 15, 1914, at Ardmore, Okla., and graduated from high school at Lockney. She attended Wayland Baptist College for two years and moved to Plainview in 1945. She married O.B. Fore on July 18, 1937, at Lockney; he died March 11,

She and her husband helped found Teachers Credit Union.

DOROTHY LEE CASTLEMAN

died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. Private graveside services were held recently at the Green Hill Memorial Gardens in Sapulpa, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Castleman was born Jan. 11, 1916, at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

-Sign the on-line register book at

RUBY PAULINE DENNEY

1908-2003

Ruby Pauline Denney, 94, of Pampa, died First Baptist Church. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003. Private graveside services were today in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Born Nov. 4, 1908, Mrs. Denney had been a

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She retired as food service manager from Plainview High School after 27 years of service.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Oneta

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Shanks of Capitan, N.M.; two sons, Gordon Fore of Pampa and Jim Fore of Amarillo; two brothers, Leo Comer of Lubbock and Lon Comer of Plainview; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. 12 step-greatgrandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105-9975; or to New Mexico Christian Childrens Fund, 1356 New Mexico Highway 236, Portales,

1916-2003

BORGER — Dorothy Lee Castleman, 86, Carrolton, Ga. She had been a Pampa resident for 50 years and was a member of Eastern Star. Survivors include a stepdaughter, Kay Castleman of Apache Junction, Ariz.; and a sister, Betty Bartlett of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Survivors include a nephew, Ed Caulder of Santa Fe, N.M.; and a great-niece, Marlena Caulder of Dallas.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at Pampa resident most of her life and belonged to www.carmichael-whatley.com.

POLICE

Saturday, Jan. 4

900 block of Varnon. According to the police

Monday, Jan. 6

Meesha Jo Stevens, 17, 414 E. Browning

Catherine A. Wordie, 34, 1717 Hamilton,

was arrested for bond surrender on a forgery

charge, criminal trespass, and assault by

A criminal mischief was reported in the

700 block of West Browning. A Bible and

photo were both reported to be damaged by

report, the victim had no visible injuries.

was arrested on six municipal warrants.

A domestic assault was reported in the

the following arrests and incidents.

Pampa Police Department today reported

JERRY MIGNON ELSHEIMER 1941-2003

AUSTIN — Jerry Mignon Elsheimer, 61, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at Taylor, Texas. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Elsheimer was born Sept. 6, 1941, at Pampa. She made her home in Austin from 1946 until moving to Taylor in 2001. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine Rutherford, on Feb. 21, 2000.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Gerald "Jerry" and Elma Elsheimer of Pampa; two brothers, Richard Elsheimer of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mike Savine of Pinole, Calif.; and a sister, Linda Keahev

The family requests memorials be to Lone Star Hospice, 1212 Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78664

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

HATTIE MARIE RUST STEPHENS

1906-2003

GRANBURY — Hattie Marie Rust Stephens, 96, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, at Glen Rose. Celebration of Life services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, in Wiley Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services and interment will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 10, in Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Stephens was a resident of Pampa for 22 years, moving here from Electra, Texas, after the death of her husband. Her daughters were both teachers in the Pampa Public Schools.

Mrs. Stephens was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was active in the choir program and in the United Methodist Women. She often taught and gave devotionals to the Winsome Class.

Her love for her Lord, her family, her church family, and her friends was evident in the devo tion that she gave to all of them. She had a remarkable life, one in which she was successful as a daughter, a wife, a mother, a sister, an aunt, a grandmother, and a great-grandmother, and a friend. Her example and character will be remembered by all of the many lives that she

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the

following calls during the 24-hour period

Monday, Jan. 6

responded to a minor collision and cleaned

9:46 p.m. - One unit and five firefighters

responded to a motor vehicle collision in the

1500 block of Wilks, helped load patient in

ambulance and removed antifreeze spilled in

SHERIFF

ed the following arrests during the 24-hour

Monday, Jan. 6

was arrested for hindering apprehension.

Elizabeth A. Sprinkle, 27, 1228. Williston,

Marlon Bryan LaRue, 34, 731 W. Dwight,

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

was arrested for forgery.

Gray County Sheriff's Department report-

up a small amount of spilled antifreeze.

5:40 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters

ending at 7 a.m. today.

touched. The family requests that any memorials be sent to the Pampa Sheltered

to Hospice. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law.

Workshop or

Mary Lynn and Don Case of Granbury, formerly of Pampa; a son-in-law, John Roy McBride of Little Elm, formerly of Pampa; a sister and brother-in-law, Bea and Ray Goodnight of McKinney, formerly of Pampa; five grandchildren, Mark Stephens Case of Canyon, Marian Beth Case of Philadelphia, Pa., Leslie Lynn McBride of Arlington, Mary Lisa Bell of McKinney, and Lee Anne Verret of Austin. Many nieces and nephews and a host of

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AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Jan. 6

9:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo to transport a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Christy; one patient was transported to PRMC. 3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the Baten Unit; one patient was transported 4:43 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

the 1600 block of Grape; no patient was transported.

9:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to West Highway 60 on a motor vehicle accident; one patient was transported to PRMC

Tuesday, Jan. 7

6:04 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells; one patient was transported to PRMC.

CORRECTION

Clarendon College will offer a Quick TASP was incorrectly published in yesterday's newstest-at 8 a.m., Jan. 8 at Clarendon College- paper. For more information or to register for

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Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. The time—one of the exams, contact CCPC at 665-8801

WEATHER FOCUS

shifting to the northwest 15 to 25 mph. the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 50s.

Today should be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night, partly in the mid 50s and southwest winds 5 to 15 cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly mph. Tonight should be mostly clear, lows in cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday night, the lower 30s, and west winds 5 to 15 mph, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in 20s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower

Damaging wind blamed for two deaths in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) wind warnings remained in effect Tuesday as the seasonal Santa Ana wind fanned wildfires that threatened hundreds of Malibu homes overlooking the Pacific

Two deaths had been blamed on the wind since the weekend, along with toppled trees, downed power lines and overturned tractor-trailer

Three homes in Malibu were damaged and hundreds more were threatened by a fire in the Santa Monica Mountains that had grown to 1,500 acres Tuesday morning. Wind also stoked a 150acre blaze that damaged five homes near Norco, 45 miles east of Los Angeles, and a 110-acre fire in rugged terrain on Catalina Island.

More than 700 firefighters were battling the Malibu blaze, which was 10 percent contained Tuesday morning, said Inspector Ed Osorio of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The wind was blowing at 20 to 30 mph in the canyons with gusts up to 60 mph on

the ridges. Fire officials hoped to have the blaze controlled by the end of the day, when the wind was expected to calm. About 100 people left their

homes as mandatory evacuations were ordered for Encinal and Decker canyons in Malibu. The cause of the fire was

under investigation, but a downed power line was suspected, Brown said.

The dry, warm wind hit Sunday night and gusted up to 79 mph through Monday, blowing from the desert interior toward the coast

A woman was killed by a falling tree Monday in San Diego's historic Old Town, and a passenger in a car was killed Sunday by windblown debris on a freeway in Riverside.

An estimated 250,000 Southern California Edison customers lost power at times during the two days, utility officials said. Power in the hardest hit areas may not be restored for several days, Edison spokesman Gil Alexander said.

In Los Angeles, a falling power line started a fire that destroyed a house and three cars, said fire Capt. Al Higginbotham.

In Yorba Linda, a 91-yearold pepper tree planted by the father of former President Nixon had major damage, but was expected to survive, said an official of the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace.

The seasonal Santa Ana wind typically appears from September to February. In 1993, it fanned fires that charred thousands of acres, killed three and destroyed 1,000 buildings in Malibu, Altadena and Laguna Beach.

Sources close to Daschle say not planning to run for presidency

Daschle said Tuesday he will not run for president, saying his passion "lies here in the Senate" and leaving the field to a handful of aspirants including former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt.

"After careful reflection, I've concluded that at this moment in our history, with so ly self-effacing Daschle has many important decisions to be made about our nation's future," Daschle said in a terse statement released by his Capitol Hill office.

... My passion lies here in the Senate," the South Dakotan said.

Daschle's surprise

fellow Sens. John Kerry and Senate Democratic leader Tom John Edwards, along with Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Gephardt. Sen. Bob Graham of Florida has expressed interest in the nomination, and Sen. Joseph Lieberman has said he would say this month whether he would run.

The soft-spoken, occasionalsuprised even his own colleagues with his political acumen since emerging from a relatively obscure position to take over as the Democrats' Senate leader in 1994.

"I was totally wrong about this young man," senior Senate Democrat Robert Byrd said in announcement left the field for 1996, two years after Daschle the 2004 party nomination to defeated Sen. Christopher - 11.

Dodd, D-Conn., by a 24-23 vote to become party leader. "He has steel in his spine, despite his reasonable and modest demeanor."

After six years as minority leader, Daschle took over as Senate majority leader in 2001 after Vermont Sen. Jim Jeffords switched from the Republicans Pary and tipped the balance of power to Democrats. That left Daschle with the power to set the agenda and confront the Bush White House on policy and spending priorities.

Daschle could not have anticipated the challenges the nation would face as a country at peace was staggered by the terrorist attacks of Sept.

Terror also hit Daschle directly, as anthrax was found in letters mailed to his office one month later, forcing a shutdown of the entire congressional office complex.

Partisan rifts were temporarily ignored as Congress churned out a \$40 billion package for defense, counterterrorism and rebuilding New York and the Pentagon. Daschle also led the Senate in approving a colossal new agency to gird the nation against terrorism and new curbs on corporate behavior and and campaign spending.

Daschle's tenure as majority leader was cut short in November when Republicans regained control of the Senate in the November elections.

City Briefs

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Chirac said during annual

New Year's wishes to the

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Under a resolution 1441,

inspectors returned to Iraq on

Nov. 25 after a four-year

absence, with the mission of

verifying that Iraq has elimi-

nated all weapons of mass

destruction. U.N. resolutions

require Baghdad to do so

before economic sanctions

imposed on the country after

its invasion of neighboring

Kuwait in 1990 can be lifted.

Britain argue that Iraq is still

hiding weapons and have

threatened to go to war to dis-

arm the country and end the

head of the U.N. nuclear

watchdog agency, which has

inspectors in Iraq, said it was

still too early to determine

whether the Mideast nation

was trying to develop nuclear

weapons.

In Vienna on Monday, the

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The United States and

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President Jacques Chirac

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with the U.N. inspectors.

sible war against Iraq.

Is North Korean nuclear development a crisis? Washington says no, but the signs are present

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says the dispute over North Korea's nuclear programs isn't a crisis. The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog says it is. North Korea prefers the term "issue," but routinely warns of looming war.

There's no panic in the streets in South Korea, where many people have become immune to the potential threat from their communist neighbor, and think the dispute is primarily between the North and the United States.

The debate over whether the Korean Peninsula is in crisis is not just a semantic game. It's also an indicator of the differences in style, motive and perspective of the various players.

"The crisis is very much in the eye of the beholder," said Mike Breen, a longtime commentator on Korean affairs.

The facts: North Korea has kicked out U.N. nuclear inspectors and says it will reactivate nuclear facilities that U.S. officials suspect were used to make one or two bombs in the 1990s. It also has a second, clandestine nuclear program.

The situation is urgent because experts estimate North Korea could make several more bombs within six

months or so, if it chooses to do so.

However, the United States and South Korea are eager to avoid use of the word "crisis," which could escalate alarm as they seek a diplomatic solution.

"It is not yet a crisis that requires mobilization or for us to be threatening North Korea. Quite the contrary. We have been saying to North Korea that we have no plans to invade you," Powell told CNN on Dec. 29.

"It takes two to make a crisis, as to tango," said Aidan Foster-Carter, a Korea expert at Leeds University in Britain. "So if Bush won't dance, I guess for now we're safe.'

In contrast, there is agreement that a 1994 confrontation over the same North Korean nuclear facilities was a crisis, at least outside North Korea. At the time, the United States drew up plans to bomb the reactor site, and fearful South Koreans hoarded food.

"I don't feel the current situation is a crisis because I don't think there is going to be a war, and I think the United States and North Korea will come to a compromise," said Sung-Wook Youn, a state finance worker in Seoul.

South Korean officials call it a "prob-

lem," not a crisis. And they talk about "persuading" Pyongyang to give up nuclear activity. U.S. officials, who take a harder line, say they want to "pressure" the North.

Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, has said the dispute "looks like a serious crisis situation.

But on Monday, his agency decided against reporting North Korea to the Security Council, giving it another chance to abandon its nuclear programs and readmit inspectors.

The IAEA ultimatum did not have a deadline, but sending the matter to the Security Council would add weight to the argument that it's a crisis. The Council might opt to impose economic sanctions on North Korea, a confrontational tactic that could trigger compliance, or more defiance.

"Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy," KCNA, North Korea's state-run news agency, declared on Tuesday

Such dire warnings are run-of-themill in North Korean media, which hasn't lowered its shrill tone in half a centu-

homes, because Texas has a

demonstrated need for these

He said Texas needs addi-

tional homes to serve the

approximately 500,000 Texas

veterans who are 65 or older.

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Floresville, Big Spring and

Director Clay Rice said he

was disappointed Pampa did-

n't get the retirement home,

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facilities," said Patterson.

U.N. inspectors in Iraq search with helicopters

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms experts used helicopters for the first time Tuesday in their search for banned weapons in Iraq, while inspectors on the ground visited at least six sites, including a missile factory and a cancer research center.

The helicopters were the second step in recent days aimed at improving the search for weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them. On Saturday, the inspectors opened a new base in Mosul and they've since carried out daily searches around the northern city.

Western journalists were told they could not cover the take-off since it was from a military base, but the Arabic satellite TV channel Al-Jazeera showed white U.N. helicopters lifting off from Baghdad's Al-Rashid military air base. It said three U.N. aircraft were tailed by two military choppers carrying the Iraqi liaison officers who work with the inspectors.

The helicopters were said to be making an aerial survey, but U.N. officials have said the choppers also would make it easier to swoop down on potential weapons sites.

In Britain, Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon was expected to announce the call-up of 5,000 to 7,000 reservists as part of a military build up in the Persian Gulf, news reports said.

The Ministry of Defense declined to comment, but a defense source speaking on condition of anonymity said Hoon was expected to make a statement to the House of Commons on Tuesday afternoon.

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ment centers must have a high veteran population to draw from in the the areas in which they are located.

"The bottom line is, these homes have to have an 85 percent occupancy rate," he said. "There has to be a lot of veterans in those areas. McAllen and El Paso both have high veteran populations."

Chisum said speculating that having an EDC was the reason Pampa wasn't selected was a "judgment call."

"It hurt not to have a coordinated effort," he said.

He said there were 40 cities vying for the homes, and there were other towns with EDCs who didn't get selected and said that wasn't the only reason Pampa wasn't Home and the proximity of selected.

He agreed with Peet that Pampa would have had a better chance if the community had an economic development corporation.

"It's not in Pampa's best interest not to have an EDC," said Chisum. "But the voters decided."

Jim Suydam, media representative with the TGLO, said the TVLB made their decision on certain criteria.

"In making their decision, the most important criteria considered by the Texas Veterans Land Board were the number of veterans over 65 in the service area for the proposed home, the distance of the proposed home from an existing Texas State Veterans

the proposed home to required U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities and service or the equivalent," said Suydam.

He said the number of veterans in the area was an important criteria for selection and the sites were selected from 40 applicants.

"The overriding concern was that the new homes be placed where they have the greatest chance for success," said Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

"We received many fine proposals, but we have only been awarded enough federal funding for two homes this year. We will continue applying for federal grants to construct additional veterans

> "I will not give up," he said. "We will continue to search for new business."

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DEBATE

But incoming Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said in a statement that the Democrats' plan "offers too little stimulus beyond an increased appetite for more federal spending."

"Only by empowering risk takers and entrepreneurs can we spark the economic growth that will create jobs, strengthen markets and improve the lives of every American," DeLay said.

and Plano Granger Republican Rep. Sam Johnson

go and probably the only way to go. This plan helps people who could use extra money to buy clothes and buy car insurance. That's more money for real people," said Johnson, a House Ways and Means com-

mittee member. Bernard Weinstein, a North Texas University economist, said the proposals are very similar, "but I don't see either plan doing much to encourage new business investment,

said Bush's plan will help which is sorely lacking in the bring order to the nation's tax economy.' He said tax rebates of a few

"I think it's the best way to hundred dollars will be offset by expected increases in pay roll taxes, likely increases in state taxes to overcome multibillion-dollar revenue shortages and increases in health insurance costs.

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BUNS

They were living in Pasadena in 1973 when he died.

"That's when I married a Texan." she said with a smile. Ed McAnear was an electrician and work-

ing in Pasadena when Anna met him. After they were married in 1975, they moved to Odessa. He worked in Eunice, N.M.

When the Phillips refinery exploded in 1980, McAnear was transferred to Borger. The couple settled in nearby White Deer.

"In March," Anna said, "we will have lived here 22 years. That's the longest I've ever lived in one place."

Eventually they established an appliance and furniture store in White Deer, but she said she's always enjoyed baking.

"I've always baked rolls," Anna said. Her recipe for dinner rolls was her stepmother's.

"It's called a refrigerator roll recipe, but I never put them in the refrigerator," she laughed.

Anna said Ed was line boss at work and their cook quit. That's when she started making

rolls for more than just the family. "I didn't want to do the cooking for them," she said. "I said, 'I'll make you dinner rolls."

She'd make them for church dinners and parties, but when Ed had a heart attack in 1996, Anna began looking for a way to help with the

family finances. She decided to sell her rolls.

"At that time, I made cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls and that was it," she said.

They were immediate hits.

At Thanksgiving, 1996, she took orders for 142 dozen rolls.

"I didn't really want to get that busy," she laughed.

But she did, and business grew. "I had a lot of customers over in Pampa and

She baked rolls for the bank every Friday and had rolls in Allsup's three times a week.

in White Deer," Anna said.

They still had their appliance and furniture store at the time and that was their first priority, so she quit baking rolls to help with the store, but after they sold the store, she started

baking rolls again. Anna had some friends that used to live in White Deer that had moved to Pampa, and they were excited about her re-entry into the roll business as were her neighbors in White Deer.

"I got some of the same customers back," she said. Along the way she began offering homemade hamburger buns.

sausage, and she's debating about adding chocolate chip rolls, her son's favorite. "My son," Anna said, "that's what he wants. He lives down in Alice, Tex., and every time he comes back, he wants to know where his

Now she has added pigs in the blanket to her

menu. She offers them with wieners or smoked

chocolate chip rolls are." Anna made some before Christmas, but she worries that they won't sell well because she'll have to charge more for them than the dinner rolls, even though they sold well among her best customers, who didn't bat an eye at the increased charge.

The cinnamon roll recipe is hers. It's one that she's developed over the years. Anna said she's tried other recipes but her husband insists that she stick with her own.

"I just use my dinner roll recipe," she said, "and I mix brown sugar and white sugar and lots of cinnamon. It raises your blood sugar."

She and her husband are both diabetic, so they don't get to enjoy them.

Anna laughed that the icing on her cinnamon rolls is just powdered sugar, milk and flavoring, but one of her customers in Pampa wanted to buy a quart of it.

"I don't have any kind of fancy recipes," she

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WASHINGTON TODAY

Many conflicts cluttering President Bush's agenda

By TOM RAUM ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seldom has so much uncertainty been in the air, both domestically and internationally, presenting President Bush and the incoming GOP-led Congress with an abundance of unresolved crises.

An Iraq war decision looms. North Korea has embarked on an uncertain course of nuclear confrontation. Threats of terrorist attacks are a worry at home and abroad. A month-old general strike in Venezuela is rattling oil markets. Unfinished business remains in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

As Bush prepares to make public a tax cut and stimulus program this week, investors remain spooked by the stock markets' three-year dive, consumer confidence is shaky and corporate earnings uneven. Government surpluses are gone and deficits ballooning. State governments are strapped.

Basically, we've got a mountain on our backs right now," said David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's in New York. "This is all a huge weight on our economy."

When Congress reconvenes this week, under GOP control in both chambers, the Senate will have a new majority leader: Bill Frist of Tennessee, recently chosen to replace embattled Trent

Likewise, the Bush administration has a new, untested and unconfirmed — economic team. Just last month, Bush named John Snow, a railroad executive, as treasury secretary, and investment banker Stephen Friedman as director of the White House National Economic Council, ousting Paul O'Neill and Lawrence Lindsey, respectively, from those posts.

Bush also named William Donaldson, another investment banker, to succeed Harvey Pitt as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Pitt resigned under pressure amid a series of corporate accounting scandals.

Friedman's post does not require Senate confirmation, but the Treasury and SEC jobs do.

Bush's approval ratings continue to be high — hovering in the 60s. Much of that is based on his national security performance and on personal attributes.

Right now, White House attention is most focused on Iraq, the continued war on terrorism, and homeland security as Bush begins the second two years of his term.

"I'm going to continue doing the job the American people expect, which is to safeguard America and Americans," Bush told reporters late last week near the end of a two-week holiday break at his Texas ranch.

But the president also is expected to emphasize his domestic priorities as he builds his case for re-election.

Bush is pressing for quick congressional action to restore expired emergency unemployment benefits. He will push for health care changes, easing prescription drug costs for the elderly, limiting "frivolous" lawsuits, and making it easier for religious groups to get federal money for charitable pro-

Not since 1973-74 — with an Arab oil embargo, U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, and the Watergate scandal - have "so many challenges faced a president," GOP pollster Frank Luntz said.

"We've also got a spiritual crisis in the Catholic Church, a brewing economic crisis and a stock market meltdown," Luntz said. Despite a stock market rally at the outset of this year, Luntz said: "Two words describe the political electorate today: insecure and anxious.'

Luntz said Bush is politically well-positioned to weather the crises and press a domestic agenda. "But if there's war with Iraq, voters don't want 'compassionate conservatism,' they want focused leadership," Luntz said.

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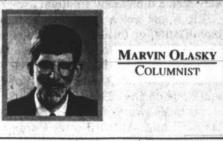
Tom Delay fits outside the box

Many journalists see liberals as warmhearted and conservatives as mean-spirited. That's why honest reporters are having a tough time with Tom DeLay, the new majority leader in the House of Representatives.

DeLay should be easy. He ran an exterminator business before hopping into politics: aha, let's write that he poisoned insects and sees Democrats as big cockroaches. He's spent eight years as the House majority whip: aha, let's evoke thoughts of sadism. DeLay's determined fund-raising techniques gave him the nickname The Hammer: aha, he sees all his opponents as nails. Even his own name is useful: aha, he has no vision of his own, and can merely delay the inevitable victory of progressive thought.

A spin through the Lexis-Nexis database shows journalists using all these gambits. But in a few stories, a disconcerting element arises. Veteran liberal columnist Mary McGrory once started a column on DeLay with three bone-chilling words, "He strikes fear," and followed that with a reference to "The Hammer" and DeLay's "ferocious skills." But then she noted something unexpected: DeLay is also "the champion of poor, luckless, loser kids."

It turns out that, as McGrory reported, "DeLay and his wife, Christine, have taken three troubled teen-age foster children into



their Houston home." DeLay has been active in working for neglected and abused kids in the District of Columbia. Mrs. DeLay is heading an effort to establish a residential facility in Fort Bend County, southwest of Houston, for kids who otherwise would be bounced around from foster home to foster home.

How do liberal journalists fit DeLay's activities into the "mean-spirited conservative" grid? It's easiest to ignore them, or to assume that DeLay is cynically using foster kids in an attempt to change his image. But having a foster home is very hard work, and it's a lot easier to accumulate political brownie points by co-hosting a charity ball.

Besides, DeLay is a straight-shooter who passionately talks about only what he passionately feels. Recently, when I visited him in Washington, I'd like to say that my incisive questions led to a conceptual breakthrough on his part, so that at the end of our late-in-the-day session he said: "Yes!

Now I fully understand how to save the Republic!" Alas, nothing of the sort happened. DeLay got excited only at one point: when he talked about foster care. "Every time you take a child out of a home, they go through the grieving process," he said. "You can imagine the scar tissue that has

How do reporters who can't ignore his passion or attribute it to cynicism handle the apparent anomaly? U.S. News & World Report discerned dualism: DeLay has a dark side and a small angelic side. Journalists often do this, asking questions like, "How can you care about the poor but also favor measures that force them to work?" (Because they should be treated as adults, not pets.) "How can you be pro-life but also support capital punishment in some cases?" (The goal is to protect innocent life.). "Since you're broad-minded in many areas, why do you favor a narrow standard of personal morality concerning marriage?" (Because the Bible says adultery is wrong.)

That last sentence is key: I tell reporters that the Bible for me is more important than our classifying boxes. DeLay believes that, too. Reporters who read the Bible and come to understand why some people take it seriously will also understand the supposed inconsistency of Tom DeLay — and maybe other inconsistencies, as well.

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Air defense key if U.S. goes to war

I don't know if Iraq has chemical or biological weapons. It is certain that I aq has no nuclear weapons. If Iraq is smart, it will have gotten rid of its chemical and biological weapons so it can concentrate on getting the sanctions lifted, then, once Iraq's economy is repaired, it can resume the weapons programs if it wants to.

We have to face the fact that how to make a nuclear weapon is, for all practical purposes, common knowledge these days. The United States did not want India and Pakistan to develop nuclear weapons, but they did, and they did it entirely with local talent. The Israelis also did it, though the United States was too chicken to even protest. Knowledge is very difficult to ban or to banish.

There are a lot of lies floating around in this buildup to war. I have no doubt that the president intends to go to war at the end of January regardless of what the inspectors find or don't find. That's a mistake, but as our elected president, Mr. Bush has two more years in which to make mistakes.

At any rate, one of the dumbest lies floated out of Washington is that Saddam Hussein needs weapons of mass destruction to stay in power. This is put out as a weak argument for the claim that he must have them. In fact, it's a stupid statement. No dictator in human history has ever relied on weapons of mass destruction to



CHARLEY REESE COLUMNIST

stay in power. Saddam controls the Iraqis the old-fashioned way - with a secret police, a network of informers and conventional torture and execution. That works just fine.

The Iraqis used chemical weapons against the Kurds when the Kurds had sided with Iran, which was also using chemical weapons against the Iraqis. There is even some question, according to an army War college study, whether the Kurds in that well-publicized attack were killed by the Iraqis or the Iranians. Both armies were in the vicinity, and both were using chemical weapons - as, by the way, we, the British and the French used them in World War I. I don't recall anyone calling Woodrow Wilson or Gen. John Pershing a war criminal.

Nevertheless, what Ira really needs is an air-defense system. In that part of the world, the outcome of the war depends on control of the skies. No tank - not even our Abrams, which is the finest in the world - has any defenses at all against an

aircraft. Therefore, to move troops and tanks, you have to control the skies. The technological superiority of the United States and Israel in aircraft and supporting systems is what makes them the 800pound gorillas in conventional war.

Offensive air capability has far out-run conventional air-defense systems, and you can bet your family car that in Russia, China, India and Pakistan, to name just a few, scientists and engineers are working to achieve a break-through in air defenses. If such a breakthrough is ever achieved, then the balance of power will readjust itself, and the outcomes of wars will become more iffy. The history of war science is that as soon as one advantage is achieved, work begins on how to counter it. But until air defense catches up with air offensive systems, the United States will enjoy the dubious privilege of whacking any small country it wishes to whack.

I personally would take great pleasure in that, except that the existence of the power seems to tempt political leaders to use it in ways that in the long run are not in our national interest. Too often it seems we are more bully than protector, more arrogant than wise. We can destroy Iraq, but we cannot avoid the consequences of destroying Iraq. But that decision rests with George Bush, not with us.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2003. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 7, 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

In 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the

nation's first president.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera.'

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr.

and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

Ten years ago: U.S. forces in Somalia unleashed tank, helicopter and rocket fire on two clan camps in Mogadishu where snipers had been taking potshots at the troops. A preliminary report prepared for the European Community said about 20,000

women in Bosnia-Herzegovina might have been raped by Serb fighters.

Five years ago: Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty when a jury deadlocked over his punishment. The government of Canada apologized for past acts of oppression against the country's native peoples.

One year ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair and nine U.S. senators swept into Bargam Air Base in Afghanistan for an unannounced visit and promised Afghan leaders their full support in rebuilding the shattered country.

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Factory orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) Orders to U.S. factories fell by 0.8 percent in November from the previous month as the nation's manufacturers coped with an economy that struggled throughout last year to gain solid footing.

The Commerce reported Department Tuesday that the decline in demand for manufacturers' products came after a 1.4 percent increase in October. November's decline marked the third drop in factory orders in the last four months and represented a weaker performance than the 0.6 percent decrease analysts were forecasting.

The report comes as President Bush was set to unveil a 10-year \$674 billion package aimed at helping the lackluster economy. The package includes speeding up tax rate reductions, eliminating taxes on stock dividends and accelerating deductions planned for business equipment. Democrats offered a competing plan, which includes tax rebates, that would cost \$136 billion in its first year.

A more forward-looking report released last week by the Institute for Supply Management said that manufacturing activity grew in December for the first time in four months, providing a dose of encouraging news for the sector.

Even with the encouraging news, manufacturing has been the weakest link in the national economy's recovery from the 2001 recession. Economic growth last year was uneven. Some sectors of the economy did well, notably a stellar housing market powered by low mortgage rates. Manufacturing struggled, shedding jobs amid sluggish demand.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 32 points, while the Nasdaq index was up four points in morning trading.

While consumers carried the economy all last year, the shoulders of business have been far less broad.

Companies haven't made big capital investments and haven't been in a rush to hire because their profits haven't recovered from the big hit they took during the recession, and they face economic uncertainities, including a possible war with Iraq.

A sustained turnaround in capital investment is considered a necessary ingredient to the economy's return to full throttle as well as the manufacturing sector's return to full health, economists say.

In November, orders to factories for transportation products, including cars and airplanes, fell 1.9 percent from the previous month, following a 1.8 increase percent October.

Excluding transportation orders, which can swing widely from month to month, factory orders went down by 0.7 percent in November, the biggest decline since June.

Venezuelan opposition march on tax agency

By JAMES ANDERSON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's opposition stepped up its call on citizens to stop paying taxes with a march Tuesday on the offices of the federal tax agency part of a month-old strike intended to force President Hugo Chavez from office.

The government warned that tax evasion can carry up to seven years in prison.

"It's not only a criminal action. It's also anti-national and threatens efforts to create a stable tax system," said Elias Eljuri, an officer of the Seniat tax agency.

The march in Caracas was also meant to pressure Chavez into accepting referendum to ask citizens if he should quit. Opponents said they will hold the vote even if Chavez ignores it, as he says he will.

"The referendum will happen with or without the participation of this regime," said Carlos Ortega, president of the 1 million-member Venezuelan Workers Confederation and against Chavez.

plans to try to break the strike by dividing the company into two parts to eliminate a faction of dissident managers based in Caracas.

Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. President Ali Rodriguez said last week that the government planned to cut some 6,000 jobs in Caracas, a center of anti-Chavez resistance, and in the western oil town of Maracaibo.

PDVSA wants to split its operations into eastern and western divisions to eliminate opposition-dominated bureaucracy based in Caracas, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez had announced that he would personally run PDVSA while managers Felix Rodriguez and Luis Marin handle separate operations in and eastern western Venezuela.

Ortega's workers confederation, Venezuela's biggest business chamber and a range of civic and political groups withstood attacks by Chavez street thugs in November to deliver 2 million signatures demanding a nonbinding refer-

Venezuelan Information

Minister Nora Uribe said

Tuesday that she was not

immediately able to confirm

the call. Venezuelan officials

in Washington and Miami did

Ferrero said the station was

inundated with congratulato-

ry phone calls, but Santos

said WXDJ owner Raul

Alarcon Jr. was "not very

my partner began blowing off the president of Venezuela,"

"He was a little bit upset that

not return calls Tuesday.

happy."

Ferrero said.

Venezuela's oil industry, a top supplier to the United States and the world's fifth-largest exporter. The strike has helped pushed oil prices beyond \$30 a barrel.

Chavez, a former army officer who staged a failed coup in 1992, was elected president in 1998 and re-elected in 2000. He is ignoring the referendum.

Cesar Gaviria, secretarygeneral of the Organization of American States, said his mediation efforts to solve Venezuela's crisis depend on a pending Supreme Court decision on the legality of the nonbinding vote.

Chavez refused a request by the National Elections Council to fund the vote. Ortega and other strike leaders are collecting money to pay for it while the council says it may ask the OAS and other international bodies to help pay for the ballot.

he march in Caracas was also meant to pressure Chavez into accepting referendum to ask citizens if he should quit. Opponents said they will hold the vote even if Chavez ignores it, as he says he will.

"What are you afraid of? Why don't you want to be counted?" Ortega asked Chavez during a nationally televised news conference Monday.

Chavez has never answered such questions. He his hand-crafted Venezuelan constitution, which allows for only a binding referendum halfway into a six-year presidential term. In-Chavez's case, that would be August.

Chavez's standing in popu-

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larity polls has remained at a consistent 30 percent since he was briefly overthrown in an April coup. Some recent polls suggest as many as 90 percent of Venezuelan voters want elections now, well before Chavez's term ends in January

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MIAMI (AP) — Two radio show hosts who use jumbled recordings of Fidel Castro to trick callers into believing they're talking with the Cuban president say they have duped another victim — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Venezuelan officials said Tuesday they could not immediately verify the call, but a recording provided by the Cuban-American radio announcers contains a voice that sounds like Chavez.

The tape appears to have Chavez, who is struggling to end a month-old national strike by opponents, happily answering what he thought would be a friendly call Monday morning from Castro, one of his closest allies.

On the other end of the line were WXDJ-FM disc jockeys Joe Ferrero and Enrique Santos, who ended the conversation by calling Chavez "terrorist" and "animal," along with a few expletives.

During the call, they played disjointed snippets of a private conversation between Castro and Mexican President Vicente Fox, which the Cuban leader released last year.

"We usually call (regular) people," Ferrero said. "We never thought that we would be able to talk to Chavez. We thought maybe we'd be able to talk to a secretary."

He said they had tried about 10 times since Friday to bluff their way past Chavez' aides at the Venezuelan presidential palace.

On Monday, Ferrero said, he and a woman posed as telephone operators and told a Chavez secretary that they needed the president's personal phone number to connect him with Castro, who supposedly was in a hidden location and could not receive calls. A recording of Castro's voice was heard in the background.

The announcers said the secretary finally consented, and they called Chavez with their tape of Castro ready to

"Hello Fidel?" Chavez answered, according to a copy of the call provided by the announcers.

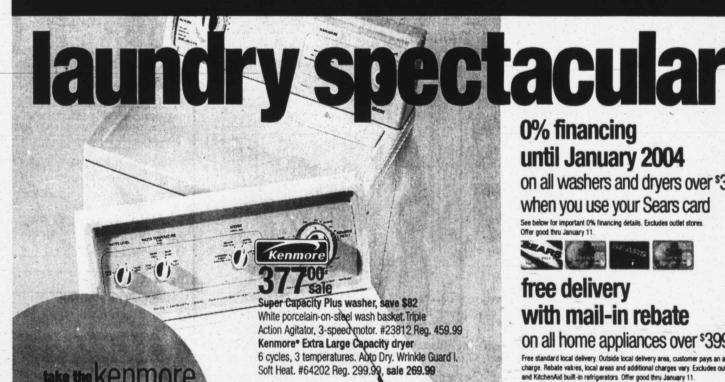
"Yes. Did you receive my letter?" Castro asked.

After greeting Castro, Chavez said: "Yes, I received everything fine."

"I am ready to cooperate with you," the voice of Castro replied.

After an exchange about the day of the week, Santos broke in and said they were calling from Miami.

"Get out of Venezuela, (expletive) terrorist! ... Animal, assassin, (expletive)!" Santos said before hanging up.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Abusive Husband Looks Inside After His Family Leaves Him

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Texas Tina," whose husband drives like a maniac with her in the car when he's angry. As I read her letter, I saw myself a few years ago.

I agree that "Stan" must make his own anger-management appointment. I would like to go further and tell Tina that until her husband is willing to examine his own behavior and make changes, nothing will change.

I went on Zoloft for a while, but chose not to take drugs to fix a problem that was behavioral, not chemical. I went to counseling, said I was sorry, and promised to change.

However, not until my wife left me, not until she took my kids away. not until I was given a citation for telephone harassment and had to show up in court, did I change. I was lucky. As a first-time domestic violence offender, I was allowed to go through a program that gave me a lot of insight.

I'm sure that with a little searching, a similar program could be found in Tina's area. I would stress that her husband must be the one to do this. If he refuses — if he "doesn't get around to it" — then Tina needs to make a choice. This is a warning sign. Things may get worse, and

Tina may wind up seriously injured. Abby, I now acknowledge who and what I once was. To deny it would be to repeat it. I live every day of my life in fear that I will return to the place where I once was. It is that fear that helps me to keep a check on myself. I was given many useful tools to help me on my

path, but the best thing I received out of all of this was enlightenment. KEVIN IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR KEVIN: You are a lucky man. You seem to possess the prerequisites necessary to change abusive behavior: remorse, willingness to assume responsibility, motivation to change and insight. These traits, however, are rarely found in abusive men. Most go into treatment not because they want to, but because they are forced into it, or are attempting to manipulate their intimates back into the relationship - or to avoid incarceration.

I commend you for not blaming your behavior on something other than yourself. Living "in fear that you may one day return to the place you once were," however, suggests that you should remain in a maintenance counseling program that can keep you on your positive track. If not, you could very well return to your abusive behavior.

Victims must realize that the obsessive need that most batterAll Occasions," send a business-sized,
ers have to control their partners
self-addressed envelope, plus check or usually escalates, is seldom satisfied, and can be fatal to entire families. The Domestic Violence Hotline ((800) 799-7233) can help them establish a safety plan and support system that could very well save their lives, particularly when they are exiting such a relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: What should you do when a friend or co-worker has a miscarriage? Someone suggested we send flowers and a card to our coworker. I am afraid that flowers would be inappropriate. Is just a card enough to send?

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DEAR WANTS: It is very important to acknowledge the loss. A card and flowers would be appropriate. So would a simple card or a note of sympathy and support "during this sad time." Your message need not be long and flowery, just a communica-tion to let her know that she and her family are in your thoughts and prayers.

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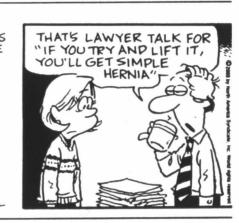
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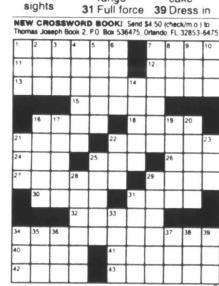
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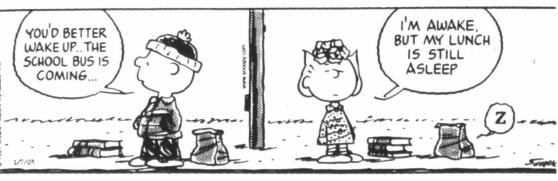
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PAMPA — Pampa, which hosts Borger at 7 tonight in a high school wrestling dual, entered in the highlyregarded Grapevine Duals last weekend.

"Six of the seven top teams in the state were in this tournament," said Pampa coach Justin Turner. "Arguably, it's the top wrestling tournament in the state."

Pampa won one of eight matches, defeating Collevville Heritage 48-

Pampa wrestlers Chance Henley and Dusty Langley had a good tournament. They each finished with a 4-4 record.

Following tonight's Pampa-Borger dual, the Harvesters are entered in the Hereford duals Friday and Saturday in Hereford.

SOCCER

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 tonight in the Ready Room at the high school athletic fieldhouse.

HOCKEY

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Columbus Blue Jackets fired Dave King on Tuesday, severing ties with the only coach the team has had since

entering the NHL in 2000. At 14-20-4-2, the Blue Jackets have the secondworst record in the Western Conference.

King was in the final year of a three-year contract.

President and general manager Doug MacLean will be the team's interim coach, spokesman Todd Sharrock said.

Columbus' 5-1 loss to the Nashville Predators on Monday night gave the Blue Jackets six defeats in their last nine games. Nashville is the only team in the West with a poorer record than Columbus.

MacLean will be on the bench when Columbus plays at the Minnesota Wild on Wednesday.

"At this time I don't think we are where we should be as a team," MacLean said, "and this will allow me to evaluate our personnel from a different perspective."

There was speculation that MacLean might dismiss King after Columbus went 22-47-8-5 last season. The Blue Jackets were 28-39-9-6 in 2000-01, their inaugural season.

King had more success in his previous NHL coaching job, going 109-76-31 and winning two division titles with the Calgary Flames from 1992-95.

But he was fired after Calgary lost in the first round of the playoffs for the third straight year.

He joined Columbus after three years as an assistant coach with the Montreal Canadiens.

King was in charge of the Canadian national team from 1983-92. The native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, also coached Canada to the gold medal at the 1982 World Junior Hockey Championships.

Vick versus McNabb, a scrambler's dream also did what no quarterback challenge."

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

Saturday night scramble: Michael Vick vs. Donovan

Except that McNabb isn't likely to scramble much when Philadelphia hosts the upstart Atlanta Falcons next Saturday night in the highlight game of the second round of the playoffs. McNabb is expected to return to lead the Eagles after missing eight weeks with a broken ankle.

The matchups were set Sunday when Pittsburgh rallied to beat Cleveland 36-33, and the San Francisco came back from 24 points down to beat the New York Giants 39-38 in the second-biggest comeback in playoff history. The Steelers also made the top comebacks list, too, rebounding from a 17-point deficit.

The second round will open next Saturday with Pittsburgh at Tennessee at 4:30 p.m. EST, followed by the Falcons-Eagles game. On Sunday, the 49ers will be at Tampa Bay at 1 p.m., followed by the New York Jets at Oakland at 4:30

But the highlight has to be Vick against McNabb, the two quarterbacks who have helped re-define the position. Vick

has done before - win in Green Bay as the Falcons upset the Packers 27-7 Saturday night.

"That was the thing we talked about all week — their winning streak in the playoffs," Vick said after he constantly made a lot from nothing in a game the Falcons shockingly dominated. "One day it had to come to an end. Why not let us be the team to

The Eagles, who finished 12-4 and lost only once to an NFC team — the season finale at the Giants — were installed as early 7 1/2-point favorites for the game. Atlanta (10-6-1) is seeded sixth and last in the

McNabb, who broke his ankle Nov. 17. He began working out last week and is expected to play, but how mobile he'll be is another question — Vick may be the only scrambler in

"It takes a second to get calibrated with the game speed," Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress said.

"You can do it in practice and we practice at pretty high speed but still with the bodies flying around, getting up to speed on some of those things will probably be the biggest

The Falcons?

"We were playing against history more than anything," cornerback Ray Buchanan

said. "We were facing history instead of the Packers. It's not history

Philadelphia. It's the Eaglés.

The other matchups: New York Jets (10-7) at

Oakland (11-5) The Jets looked like the

NFL's best team in their 41-0 demolition of the Colts on Saturday. Or maybe it was the Colts, who looked like the NFL's worst — worse even than the Bengals.

Both teams are hot. The Raiders won seven of their last But a lot depends on eight, including a 26-20 win over the Jets on Dec. 2.

But New York was in that game, which like Sunday's and a regular-season and playoff game last season - will be in Oakland.

"It's unbelievable to think we have to go play them again next year out there, too, it is laughable," coach Herman Edwards said.

The Raiders had a week to rest, helping the banged-up secondary get healthy.

But while Vick is electrifying, Chad Pennington's precision is downright Montanalike

and the offense is balanced with Curtis Martin and LaMont Jordan running and Laveranues Coles, Wayne Chrebet and Santana Moss catching passes.

San Francisco (12-5) at **Tampa Bay (12-4)**

It's hard to see the 49ers getting enough energy and emotion back to test the bruising Bucs defense after all they expended in the crazy comeback against the Giants.

But there's also no sure thing in the NFL this season as was proven in three of the four games this weekend.

But as Jeff Garcia demonstrated against the Giants, he can drive any defense crazy by slipping in and out of the pocket, scrambling and finding open receivers late.

Tampa Bay is rested and should have Brad Johnson back at quarterback.

The Bucs will need him, even against the 49ers — Rob Johnson and Shaun King mean no offense.

They also have something to prove. They've been in the Super Bowl picture the last few seasons but after nearly winning the NFC title game three years ago, were knocked out in Philly the past two sea-

"The home-field advantage

doesn't guarantee anything, Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said. "The bye doesn't guarantee anything. But we want to win a championship. To win a championship, the best way to do that is to help yourself in the playoff format. Getting a bye is a great start."

Particularly against a team coming off an emotional

Pittsburgh (11-5-1) Tennessee (11-5)

Career backup Kelly Holcomb threw for 429 yards for Cleveland against the Steelers' bruised secondary.

But the Titans don't necessarily depend on Steve McNair's arm — it's his legs that count. Still, he threw for 257 yards and two TDs in the regular-season meeting, a 31-23 home win by Tennessee on

That was the game when Tommy Maddox was hurt fortunately not as badly as it looked — after throwing three interceptions. Tennessee led 31-7 at the time before Kordell Stewart came in and made the final score close.

Maddox will be back this week.

What that means is hard to say, but the Titans seem to have a major edge.

Pampa basketball teams reach Perryton finals PERRYTON — Pampa Pampa's record is 9-2. PERRYTON — Pampa

reached the finals in the Freshmen Perryton Tournament, losing Perryton 47-34 last weekend.

Ryan Torres topped Pampa in scoring with 11 points. Tyson Hickman followed with 8, and Eric Kingcade had 6.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 42-23 win over West Texas High.

Torres was Pampa's scoring leader with 14 points. Colby Scott had 10 and Hickman 6.

Pampa reached the finals after beating Borger in overtime 50-47.

Torres again led Pampa scorers with 17 points. Weston Tiechmann and Kingcade added 9 each.

won two of three games in reaching the finals of the Perryton Junior Varsity Boys' Tournament last weekend.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 56-37 victory over Spearman. Pampa's scoring leader was Brandon Johnston with 11 points. Heath Miller and Brad Britton followed with 9 each.

Pampa posted a 41-30 win over Gruver in the semifinals. Miller and Julian Salazar led the scoring attack with 9 points each.

Pampa met Dumas for the championship and lost by the score of 39-25.

Seth Foster had 7 points and Johnston 6 to lead



Pampa's Ryan Torres (11) scores a basket against Borger in the Perryton Freshmen Tournament.

USOC executive apologizes about attempted deal by brother

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive Lloyd Ward apologized to his organization for his role in a deal his brother's company was trying to make with the 2003 Pan American Games.

In an e-mail sent to most of the USOC's policy-making executive committee, Ward maintained he did "nothing wrong" but acknowledged an "error in judgment" and offered his "extreme regret" about the situation, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

gy for my part in causing this major distraction," the e-mail concluded.

Ward is accused of helping his brother's company try to reach a deal with the Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic.

The A call from Associated Press on Thursday to Ward's office immediately not returned.

is investigating and the executive committee is to meet Jan. 13 to discuss the

"Please accept my apolo- reported in the Times, which any affiliation with EMT.

to help Energy Management Technologies gain a contract to supply power generators for the 2003 Pan Am Games. No deal went through.

Ward's brother, Rubert, is identified on at least two company documents as EMT's president; one of the brothers' childhood friends, Lorenzo Williams, is identified as CEO. Williams told The USOC's ethics panel the newspaper that Rubert Ward no longer holds that title with the company.

Ward signed a conflict-ofinterest statement in July, in The accusations were first which he did not disclose

said Ward directed his staff Ward has no financial interest in the Detroit-based company.

> Ward declined to elaborate on the e-mail in a phone interview with the Times but said, "I'm not in the mood to continue — to have this thing continue in the press. The issue is between the ethics committee, the executive committee and me, and it will unfold at the appropriate time."

Ward was scheduled to travel to Santo Domingo, where the games will be held in August, but was instructed Wednesday not to go, the newspaper reported.

Ward said in the e-mail that he "simply saw the EMT proposal as an opportunity to use their technology to help provide safety and comfort for our athletes in Santo Domingo."

Ward said he directed USOC director of international relations Hernando Madronero to evaluate the EMT proposal. Ward fired Madronero in October and said he "stayed out of the process."

Ward, a former Maytag CEO who was considered a marketing expert, was hired by the USOC 14 months

Sherrod writes final column for Morning News

generations of newspaper readers, is retiring from The Dallas Morning News after nearly 60 years in journalism.

plans in his final column Thursday. "I've had a job for 72 years, since I was 11 years old," he said Friday. "I've

Sherrod, 83, disclosed his

been working long enough." Sherrod is a 16-time winner of the Texas Sportswriter of the Year Award and a recipient of the national Red Smith Award for lifetime achieve-

"When you talk about legendary sports columnists, you routinely refer to such greats

as Grantland Rice, Jimmy Longtime sportswriter and Cannon, Jim Murray and, of columnist Blackie Sherrod, course, Red Smith," said considered an institution by Dave Smith, executive sports editor of The News. "But the list must also include the name Blackie Sherrod. "Blackie loves the English

> language, and he loves great writing. And there are few who could weave words in as masterful a way as he can." Sherrod has been the most popular Texas newspaper

columnist for decades, said Bob Mong, president and editor of The Dallas Morning News. "He has it all — writing

ability, a sharp mind, endless sources, a deep curiosity and a literary flair built on years of reading great books," Mong

In Sherrod's work with

four Texas newspapers — the Kennedy's assassination. He Temple Daily Telegram near his native Belton, the Fort Worth Press, Dallas Times-Herald and, finally, The Dallas Morning News — Sherrod mentored some of the best in the business.

At the now defunct Press, he hired Dan Jenkins, who became one of the most well known sports writers and novelists of the last century.

Jenkins once wrote of Sherrod, "I always thought he was as great an all-around newspaperman as he was a columnist."

At the Times-Herald, Sherrod covered the 1960 Democratic national convention in Los Angeles and played a pivotal role in the coverage of John F.

won a Headliners Award in science writing for his coverage of the 1969 moon landing.

"Blackie was a genius in what he did. All the young sportswriters, including me, idolized Blackie and tried to learn from him," said Denne Freeman, retired Texas sports editor for The Associated Press.

Sherrod could criticize players or coaches and still maintain their friendship. "He could inoculate you, and you wouldn't even feel it," Freeman said.

One year, when Freeman and Sherrod got together on the Nov. 9 birthday they share, Freeman recalls that the phone rang and it was University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal, calling for Sherrod.

"I thought, isn't that cool?" Freeman said. "You've got these coaches trying to duck and hide from writers and here Darrell Royal is calling Blackie, and that just showed. how much he was respected by the people he covered."

Sherrod said he always considered himself a better editor than a writer.

"I was never a very confident writer," he said. "Never

thought it was good enough." Legions of peers and fans would argue.

In a letter typical of dozens that reached The News just last month, a reader from Pineville, La., "Sherrod, you are the best that is, was and, I know in my lifetime, ever will be at the sports desk.'

Despite an off night for Kidd, Nets win 10th in a row

By The Associated Press

Jason Kidd didn't play up to his normal standards, tying a team record with 12 turnovers. Luckily for the streaking New Jersey Nets, he did it against the struggling Atlanta Hawks.

Despite the turnovers only two short of the NBA record Kidd shares with John Drew — Kidd scored 21 points and led the Nets to their 10th win in a row with a 101-94 victory Monday night.

The Nets haven't lost since a 101-99 setback at New York on Dec. 17. During the streak, New Jersey has won by an average of 16.1 points.

Kidd wasn't the only New Jersey player who struggled. but took control with an early 12-0 run and pushed the lead to 19 points midway through the third quarter.

"We played a ragged game," Kidd said. "Some of the games won't be pretty. But not too many teams have a 10-game winning streak."

row and 11 of 13 after failing to take advantage of a subpar

effort by the best team in the Eastern Conference.

Glenn Robinson stole the ball from Kenyon Martin in the opening minute, setting up a layup by Shareef Abdur-Rahim for the game's first basket. It was the only lead of the night for the Hawks as the Nets scored the next 12

Martin started the spurt with a turnaround hook, Richard Jefferson finished it with a 17-footer.

Atlanta never got closer than five points the rest of the way. Every time the Hawks made a run, New Jersey simply turned up the defensive pressure and kept them from getting any closer.

In other NBA games, it Milwaukee The Nets had 23 turnovers, Cleveland 94; Orlando 103, New York 100; Indiana 105, Philadelphia 104, OT; Detroit 82, Toronto 74; Memphis 106, New Orleans 102; Chicago 113, Utah 98; Dallas 86, Denver 71; and Golden State 99, Miami 85.

Jason Terry scored 27 points for Atlanta, but epito-Atlanta has lost five in a "mized his team's sloppy play with a sequence in the second quarter.

After an Atlanta timeout, Terry failed to get the ball across halfcourt against New Jersey's press and was forced to call another timeout.

"You can't get down 19 to the best team in the East," Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said. "I didn't like the look on our face. We looked defeated. We need to play with gusto, play like you're meant to be out there and compete against a very good basketball team."

Wizards 100, Celtics 95 At Boston, Washington won its fourth in a row thanks to 37 points from Jerry Stackhouse and a three-point play from Michael Jordan

with 32.8 seconds left.

Jordan, who also had 11 was: Washington 100, Boston rebounds, was coming off a season-high 41 points in a victory over Indiana. He had 16 points through three quarters, but hadn't scored in the fourth before his three-point

Bucks 106, Cavaliers 94

At Cleveland, Ray Allen scored 16 of his 27 points in the third quarter as Milwaukee won for just the second time in six games.

Allen scored 13 during a 3:50 span in the third when

the Bucks built a 65-62 lead into an 81-71 advantage.

Ricky Davis scored 22 points to lead Cleveland, which made a season-high 11 3-pointers.

Magic 103, Knicks 100 At Orlando, Fla., Tracy McGrady scored 28 points to

help the Magic snap a two-

game losing streak. The Magic had the ball and a 102-100 lead but were called for a shot-clock violation with 14.5 seconds left. However, Latrell Sprewell missed a jumper from about 20 feet and Orlando's Mike Miller was fouled, hitting 1of-2 free throws with 2.2 seconds left. Sprewell led the Knicks with 28 points.

New York rebounded the second miss but a last-second, full-court desperation heave by Shandon Anderson fell short.

Pacers, 105, 76ers 104, OT

At Philadelphia, Jermaine O'Neal's one-handed turnaround jumper with 1.6 seconds left in overtime lifted Indiana.

Al Harrington had 28 points for the Central Division-leading Pacers, who snapped a two-game losing Pistons 82, Raptors 74

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Cliff Robinson has season highs of 25 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, and Toronto lost its 11th straight.

Richard Hamilton scored 16 for the Pistons, who have won 10 of 13.

Grizzlies 106, Hornets 102 At Memphis, Tenn., Jason Williams scored 28 points and handed out 14 assists as Memphis nearly blew a 30-

point lead for the second

straight game. The Grizzlies led 76-45 when Shane Battier made a 3pointer with 6:47 remaining in the third. The Hornets made it 97-96 with 2:51 to play, but couldn't overtake

Memphis. **Bulls 113, Jazz 98**

At Chicago, Marcus Fizer

Jalen Rose, playing all 48 minutes two days after having the flu, scored 31 points, had seven assists and five rebounds.

Mavericks 86, Nuggets 71 At Dallas, Michael Finley scored 19 points to help the Mavericks overcome a sluggish start.

Dirk Nowitzki and reserve Raef LaFrentz had 16 points and 11 rebounds, both season highs, to help Dallas improve to 17-2 at home and a leaguebest 28-5 overall.

Warriors 99, Heat 85

Oakland, Calif., Antawn Jamison scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Golden State won for the fifth time in six games.

Gilbert Arenas also scored scored a season-high on the 22 as the Warriors snapped a bench as the Bulls snapped a six-game losing 10-game losing streak to against the Heat.

PHS soccer teams open season

Pampa boys soccer team opened the season last weekend in the Wichita by identical 4-1 scores. Falls Tournament.

came against Wichita Falls 5-0.

WICHITA FALLS — The Hirshi 4-0 and Tascosa 3-1. Losses were against Denton Ryan and San Antonio Central

In a girls match Monday, Pampa's two victories Pampa fell to Amarillo High

Steady Eddie expected to be next Baseball Hall of Fame member

Eddie Murray can surely count on a trip to Cooperstown this summer. 500 home runs and 3,000 hits, the others. he piled up plenty of big numbers to put him in the Hall of Fame.

real interesting.

What about all-time saves leader Lee Smith and allaround second baseman Ryne Sandberg? Could All-Star catcher Gary Carter also make it when the election results are revealed at 2 p.m. EST

"I know I'm deserving." said Carter, who fell just 11 many others, will announce its would seem. votes shy last year.

Murray is set to become the 38th person picked by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in his first year of eligibility. Hank Aaron and Willie Mays are the only other members of the 500-3,000 club.

Murray, Sandberg and Smith are among 17 players on the ballot for the first time. Fernando Valenzuela also is on that list and so is Darryl Kile, the St. Louis pitcher who died of heart disease last sea-

appear on the ballot early in the rare cases when an never an MVP and never was

active player dies, the customary five-year waiting period is waived and reduced to six months. Roberto Clemente The only switch-hitter with and Thurman Munson were ball's offensive outbursts —

Carter, Jim Rice and Jim ic. Kaat are among the 16 carryover candidates. So are Bruce After Steady Eddie, it gets Sutter and Goose Gossage, hoping to someday expand the Hall's ranks of relievers.

It takes 75 percent of the votes to be elected and join the current 254 members.

The reconfigured Veterans Committee, which is considering former manager Whitey Herzog, former players' union voting results Feb. 26.

Induction ceremonies will be July 27 in Cooperstown, the small village in upstate New York.

Murray, currently the Cleveland Indians' hitting coach, was an eight-time All-Star first baseman. He finished with 504 homers and 3,255 hits in 21 seasons, playing his first 12 years with the Baltimore Orioles. In 1983, he homered twice in the clinching Game 5 of the World

Series against Philadelphia. Murray never led the Kile was the third player to league in hitting, homers or RBIs in a full season, was

friendly with the media, the people who do the Hall voting. Still, his sheer numbers posted mostly before baseshould make him an automat-

Sandberg and Smith also put up big numbers. Unfortunately for them, they were stuck for a long time on the Chicago Cubs, and neither ever reached the World Series.

Sandberg was a 10-time All-Star for the Cubs, and holds the record for most homers as a second baseman (277) and highest fielding percentage (.989) at the position. official Marvin Miller and Pretty good Hall credentials, it

"I've been hearing this talk since the late '80s, early '90s that that was a possibility,' Sandberg said.

The 1984 NL MVP and a nine-time Gold Glove winner, Sandberg hit .285 lifetime. That's the exact batting average Alan Trammell had and, despite having some other very similar numbers to Sandberg, the Detroit shortstop was listed on just over 15 percent of ballots last year in his first try.

Smith recorded 478 saves and was a seven-time All-Star in 18 seasons. Too bad for him, he pitched in just four playoff games and was 0-2 with one save and an 8.49 ERA in them.

Only two relievers — Rollie Fingers and Hoyt Wilhelm — have been elected to the Hall, and some baseball observers insist Gossage and Sutter are more deserving than

Even so, Smith was consistent, going 13 straight seasons with at least 20 saves.

"You find a lot of guys pop up and be great closers one year, then you don't hear of them again," Smith said.

Carter is on the ballot for the sixth time, and has been getting closer each time. He was picked on 72.7 percent of the ballots last year, having gotten almost 65 percent in 2001, nearly 50 percent in 2000 and 34 percent in 1999.

A six-time All-Star and three-time Gold Glover, Carter helped the New York Mets win the 1986 World Series. Last January, he thought he'd get the call to Cooperstown.

"I think I was more disappointed last year because my wife was busy setting up a party to celebrate," he said.

Peppers sacks his way to rookie honor

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) His locker was nearly empty except for some wadded up socks and a half-dozen boxes of sneakers. If not for the bobblehead bearing his likeness on the award because it means that top shelf, there would not have people noticed what I did this been any sign of Julius Peppers at the end of the season.

A four-game NFL suspension forced Carolina's star defensive end out of his Panthers uniform at the end of the year, but it didn't diminish his impact. Peppers capped his strong rookie season Monday by winning The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of thè Year award.

"I thought that my suspension would hurt my chances at winning this award, because it seemed like everyone had forgotten me," said Peppers, who missed the final four games for violating the league's drug policy — he used a dietary supplement that contained a banned substance. "It feels good to win this

year. Peppers, the second overall pick in the draft last April, finished his first NFL practice with a bloodied lip. Aside from the

league suspension, it was all

smooth sailing from there. He helped rebuild Carolina's defense from worst in the league to second overall this season while helping his teammates raise the level of their

He quickly became a fan favorite, with the organization making him one of just a handful of players to commemorate with bobblehead dolls. His were given out at one game early in the season and after that, the one in his locker was just about the only one to be

The Panthers never wavered in their selection of him despite an obvious need for a quarterback — and Peppers proved immediately they made the right choice. He finished the year with 12 sacks, second among rookies to Colts end Dwight Freeney, who played the entire season to get his 13.

"I think after one year he is the best I have seen," Carolina defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio said. "He came in and had as big an impact in all aspects of the game in one year — he was a dominant force."

Peppers helped Panthers leap from 1-15 in 2001 to a 7-9 record.

Stingy defense helps lead sixth-ranked Pittsburgh to win over Notre Dame

PITTSBURGH (AP)

Pittsburgh has been a fixture—easily. in the Top 25 since early last NCAA round of 16 last March and were No. 2 in the poll the last couple of weeks.

Still, for all they've achieved, the Panthers still believe they are looked upon as a team that can handle only lower-tier opponents. A team that wouldn't be so highly ranked if it played a schedule as challenging as that of, say, No. 5 Notre Dame.

'None of us were highly ranked coming out of high school," Pitt senior guard Brandin Knight said. "We still feel like we've got something to prove. We still feel like we don't get the respect we should.

This might help.

Pitt relied on its tight defense to confuse and frustrate Notre Dame's outside shooters as Ontario Lett had 20 points and eight rebounds in a 72-55 victory over Notre

Dame on Monday night. The Panthers (11-1) have beaten a succession of lightweight opponents by big margins all season, but they in the Big East to go down so half.

Notre Dame (12-2) swept season. The sixth-ranked the season series from Pitt Panthers advanced to the the last two seasons, and the Irish's 56-53 victory on Jan. 12, 2001, was the Panthers' last loss at home.

> In other games involving ranked teams Monday, it was: No. 14 Kansas 83, Iowa State 54; and No. 23 Texas Tech 75, San Diego State 63.

The Irish took a 26-18 lead that, at least for a few minutes, quieted an enthusiastic crowd of 12,508 crammed into the new Petersen Events Center for the Big East opener for both

But the Irish's decision to play a zone defense designed to tempt Knight and Julius Page to shoot from the outside allowed Lett to repeatedly muscle his way inside.

I'm proud of how physical our guys are," Pitt coach Ben Howland said. "The Big East is known for physical play, and our guys work hard to get strong.

Lett, given a rare start by Howland, scored all the points in a 10-0 run that put Pitt up 28-26. Later, he made an excellent pass out of the post for one of Knight's hardly expected the team three fastbreak baskets dur-

"I saw they were playing a zone and weren't doubling on me and I took advantage Lett "Everybody did a great job of penetrating and that opened it up inside. Everybody on this team knows how to pass the ball."

Pitt trailed 42-38 before the run but led 54-42 after holding the Irish scoreless for nearly nine minutes. Notre Dame scored only two baskets over the final 16 1/2 minutes, both 3-pointers, in failing to beat its fourth ranked opponent this season.

It wasn't much of a way for the Fighting Irish to celebrate their highest national ranking since they were No. 4 in 1981. They advanced to No. 5 a few hours before tipoff as Pitt dropped from No. 2 to No. 6 after losing to Georgia a week ago.

And while Pitt's offense looked like a one-man production during the times Lett dominated, Notre Dame's offense really was. Matt Carroll scored 31 points, but was the only Irish player to score more than six

· Pitt had plenty of balance despite Lett's big night, with Chevy Troutman getting 12 points and 12 rebounds and that frustrates them the most ling a 16-0 run in the second. Page and Knight each scor-

players scoring, Pitt overcame its 11-of-25 night at the foul line.

Pitt is 42-1 under Howland when holding teams to 60 points or below, with the lone loss being to Notre Dame last season.

"Pitt has everybody back and is very physical," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "They didn't get rattled and we did on the road. Our younger guys looked around a little bit.

Chris Thomas, the Irish's second-leading scorer with a 17.4 average coming in, illustrated their frustration by scoring only five points on 2-of-15 shooting.

"Texas was really physical, but nowhere near as physical as Pitt," Thomas said. "We haven't played

ing 12 points. With so many against a team as physical as is expected to miss at least Pitt.

No. 14 Kansas 83, Iowa St.

Senior Nick Collison scored a career-high 31 points as the Jayhawks (10-3) opened defense of their Big 12 title by handing Iowa State its worst loss at Hilton Coliseum, which opened in

Keith Langford added 15 points and Aaron Miles scored 13 for Kansas, which won its 12th straight conference opener and extended its record winning streak in Big 12 regular-season games to 21

Kansas played without leading rebounder Wayne Simien, who dislocated his right shoulder Saturday and one more game.

Jared Homan had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Cyclones (10-2, 0-1).

No. 23 Texas Tech 75, San Diego St. 63

Kasib Powell scored 22 points and Nick Valdez added a season-high 21 off the bench for the visiting Red Raiders (10-1), who won their fifth straight. Texas Tech opened the second half with a 16-4 run, forcing San Diego State into five consecutive turnovers in the first five minutes.

Tony Bland scored 13 points for the Aztecs (8-4), who committed a seasonhigh 24 turnovers and has a six-game winning streak snapped.

Kearney transferred to Austin for rehab

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas women's track and field coach Bev Kearney has returned to Austin for rehabilitation for critical injuries suffered last month in a car accident in Florida.

Kearney has undergone two operations for vertebrae and disc injuries in her back

since the Dec. 26 accident that killed two women. She was a passenger in a sport utility vehicle driven by former world champion sprinter Michelle Freeman that went out of control and rolled several times.

Kearney, 44, was transported Monday from Shands Jacksonville Hospital to St.

Rehabilitaion David's

Freeman, 33, was not seriously injured. Her mother, Muriel Wallace, 63, and UT academic counselor Ilrey Sparks, 40, both of Austin, were killed.

Sparks' 3-year-old daughter, Imani, survived the



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and understand that you do not have end- your messages. Tonight: As you like it.

mental. You gain financially through oth- ★★★ Take your time, though you might

ers and their willingness to commit to be confused by what goes on behind the

you on different levels. Your imagination scenes. Work with others and give some-

make mistakes. Focus on your day-to- delight an associate or partner. Tonight:

tionship, though you might not realize it where you want to be. In whatever or

are attached, work as a team and value get positive results. Consider more of

downtime together. GEMINI can stress dear friend relax. You have what it takes.

less resources — be they physical or CANCER (June 21-July 22)

day life, and you'll gain. Opportunities Vanish while you can.

single, you will want an important rela-

until later in your birthday year. If you

each others' perspectives. Schedule more

5-Dynamic;

*** Situations being as they are.

you might want to do less. Actually, let

others see the exact results of their

actions. Use your creativity to problemsolve where others might not. Trust that

others will find you once they are good

and ready. Tonight: Hang at your favorite

** What appears to be a brilliant

solution might not be, given time and

opportunity. You're in a pressure cooker,

not exactly sure which way to turn.

You'll be best off prioritizing and

attempting to cover all your bases.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tonight: Use care with funds.

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others demand of you. Learn to say "no," it also looks as if you need to answer thinks he or she has them all. Be smart;

heads in a new direction financially, one the benefit of the doubt. If you're ** Relax with others, understanding

Question yourself, as you could easily tired, take a walk at lunchtime. You what is needed in order to clear out a

**** Where your friends are is

wherever you put your efforts, you will

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ** Just because you have a strong ture. You could be delighted. Tonight

Confirm details, refusing to follow

through on a hunch. Extremes mark your

actions, as well as others'. Walk through

where others are coming from when you

feel pulled in two different directions.

Realize that you need to juggle the dif-

ferent sides of your life more effectively.

* * Pressure forces you to juggle dif-

ferent forces. You might not always feel

as if you're giving 100 percent, but oth-

ers really appreciate your efforts and let

you know it. Realize limits, especially

your own. Know when to say "no" to an

Tonight: Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4-Positive; sixth sense doesn't mean you're right.

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time is right. Give others space. Tonight:

problem. Your perspective could be quite

different from an associate's. Be open to

the fact that you just might be wrong.

Allow a partner to lead. Tonight: Get

*** * You might not be as clear as

to re-evaluate facts, views and attitudes.

Someone means well, whether you real-

ize it or not. Be open to someone's over-

* * Pace yourself. You might not be

comfortable with what comes up for you.

you listen to an associate or co-worker.

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what you need to do to help a partner or you would like to be. Give yourself space

issues step by step. Tonight: Work as late A discussion holds many possibilities if

*** * You tend to go overboard, storm with these individuals. Tonight:

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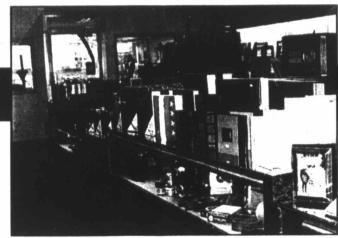
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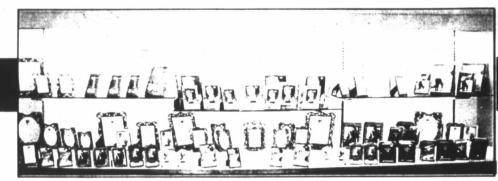
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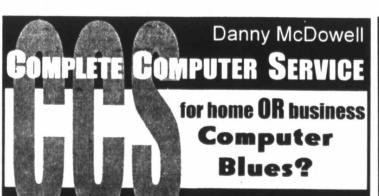
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