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TV news helicopter crashes near I-20

PUTNAM (AP) — A pilot suffered minor injuries Thursday after the TV news helicopter he was flying made a crash landing near Interstate 20 east of Abilene.

Callahan County officials said the pilot was the only person aboard the aircraft, leased by KNXV-TV in Phoenix.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-18-23-44-49.

Estimated jackpot: \$20

million. Number matching six of

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92,183. Prize: \$5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$25

million.

DEATHS

Emmit Calfy, Sr., 62,

Lou Ella Clemens, 92,

homemaker. Cody Joe Franks Guerra, 20, carpenter and mechanic. I.W. Tinney, 87, builder.

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It's a go

Oil corporation gets approval for fresh water recovery plan despite opposition from some

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Petroleum Corporation of Mt. Vernon, Ill., will be able to pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer beneath Gray County to flood old oil wells in a sec-* ondary recovery operation despite vociferous opposition by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) and several Gray County citizens.

"In my opinion, Ogallala water is as good as any water of pumping this water into an continued Wednesday, oil well where it is mixed with brine and oil in order to squeeze more money out of the well sickens me," Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, told the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District (PGWCD) board at its meeting Wednesday.

In a 5-3 vote, the PGWCD board of directors granted PETCO's request for a high impact pumping permit.

PETCO wants to pump 95 acre-feet of water per year about a mile south of Bowers City and use it in a secondary recovery operation in several oil wells on one of their leases.

Under the permit, PETCO will be able to pump fresh water on one section of land and use it to flood two aging oil wells. The permit allows for an expansion to include a third well on the section north of the water well, depending upon legal opinions that can

satisfy the district's staff.

PETCO had filed an application for the water well last WHITE DEER - PETCO year and a public hearing was held Dec. 10 at the PGWCD offices here. At that time, the board requested more documentation concerning the project and status of the land owners. One of the land owners, Dee Vanderburg, who lives in Missouri, had objected to the project.

The December hearing was recessed until PETCO could provide the PGWCD staff with the documents requested you'll find anywhere. The idea by the board. The hearing was

PETCO said that under a lease signed in the 1920s with Phillips Petroleum, and later assigned to PETCO, they had the right to use ground water on the lease.

Dennis Laycock, representing PETCO, told the board in December and Wednesday that they had not been able to find another economically feasible way to conduct the flood recovery program other than to use ground

The major difficulties with the application revolved around the lease written some 70 years ago and signed by the person who owned both sections of land at the time, Vanderburg's great-grandmother. Since then, one section has been sold, but PETCO insisted that the lease should be considered as a

whole even though two (See WATER, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Dennis Laycock of Pampa, left, confers with C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, during a break at a hearing in White Deer Wednesday.

Crash scene



(Pampa News photo by Dec Dee Laramore) A DPS trooper, left, looks over a mangled vehicle involved in a fatal wreck shortly before 11 a.m. today at Loop 171 and Texas 273. Pampa firefighters work to open the hood and disconnect battery cables so the car won't burst into flames. Details were sketchy at press time, but officers said a woman died in the crash. DPS Trooper David O'Brien said the woman in the car was traveling south on the Loop when it collided with the tanker truck traveling on Texas 273. Both vehicles came to rest in the bar ditch on the south side of the highway. Gray County Sheriff's deputies assisted other emergency workers at the scene.

Officials investigating death of 20-year-old Pampa native

in the Randall Monday

County Jail. Cody Gilbert Guerra Jr. of Amarillo collapsed in his cell about 9 p.m. and efforts to resuscitate him were unsuc-

When he was first transported to the Randall County Jail shortly around 4 p.m. Monday, he was placed in a detoxification cell. He was County Sheriff's deputies.

After he began to behave A 20-year-old Pampa violently, according to shernative was found dead iff's personnel, he was moved to another area of the jail.

The death is being investigated by Texas Rangers, a normal procedure for in-custody deaths, according to for Randall County's Sheriff's officials. An autopsy was performed at Lubbock earlier this

Attempts by paramedics and jail personnel to recuscitate him were unsuccessful, arrested on an outstanding according to law enforce-

Guerra lived in Pampa most of his life. He attended Pampa High School and moved to Amarillo in 1997 where he graduated from Randall High School in 2001. He was employed in carpentry and mechanics.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2820 Virginia Circle, Amarillo. Burial will be at 12 noon in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa. Dr. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, will officiate.

DA: No charges in fatal wreck

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

No charges will be filed in the death in March 2002 of 11-year-old Kaid Shaller, 11, of Lefors, said 31st District Attorney Rick Roach.

The young boy was riding home with his father from school in McLean at 3:46 p.m. on March 20 when he was killed in a traffic acci-

David Shaller, 31, Lefors, father of Kaid, was driving northbound in a 1994 flatbed Chevrolet when it was struck head-on by a southbound 2001 Ford Ranger driven by Donna Montgomery, 42, of McLean.

At the time of the accident, Department of

Public Safety officials said Montgomery was traveling on the wrong side of the road. Then DPS Sgt. Don Cameron told The Pampa News that Montgomery told investigators that she thought she went to sleep. He said she was driving home after work at the Jordan Unit east of

The case was referred to the 31st District Attorney's office by the Department of Public Roach said the case was taken to the grand

jury after the lab reports came in.

"We finally got the lab report," he said. "There was a .007 level of fentonyl patches in her blood. It was below normal amount, and (See WRECK, Page 3)

Investigators recover black boxes at crash site

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The cockpit voice recorder from the commuter plane that crashed has "very good" sound but there are a few problems with the other so-called black box, a federal investigator said Thursday.

The fiery crash Wednesday morning killed all 21 aboard.

The cause of the crash was not clear and investigators said they were ruling nothing out. FBI agent-in-charge Chris Swecker said there was no preliminary indication of terrorism.

The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder were both recovered Wednesday and sent to Washington for

"Not too long ago we received word back from Washington that we

have a very good (voice) recorder," John Goglia, a National Transportation Safety Board member, said Thursday on CBS' "The Early Show."

He told ABC's "Good Morning America" that the flight data recorder has not been played out yet, because an investigator "had some problems getting data out of it.

The pilot, identified by US Airways as Katie Leslie of Charlotte, contacted the tower at takeoff to report an emergency, said Greg Martin, a spokesman the Federal Aviation Administration.

"However, (the transmission) was cut short and the emergency was never identified," he said.

US Airways Express Flight 5481 was taking off from Charlotte/Douglas

International Airport just before 9 a.m. Wednesday when the Beech 1900 twin-engine turboprop veered back toward the ground, clipping a corner of a hangar as it fell. The plane had 19 passengers and two crew members.

"It just happened so quickly," said Yvonne Hepler, who saw the crash from about 500 yards away. "It just disintegrated in a matter of seconds."

Her co-worker Dee Addison ran outside to see people running from a maintenance hangar.

"It didn't even look like a plane," she said. "It was totally demolished."

smoke poured from the wreckage, so thick "you could taste it in your

mouth," Addison said.

The NTSB brought 26 agents to help investigate. They walked the runway Wednesday and found some bolts and small pieces of debris, but had not determined whether they belonged to the plane, Goglia said.

The flight originated in Lynchburg, Va., and was heading from Charlotte to the Greenville-Spartanburg airport in Greer, S.C. Officials said none of the passengers started their trip in Charlotte, though some had connected there from other flights.

A maintenance alert for the type of No one on the ground was injured, plane involved in the crash was issued though a portion of the hangar was in August indicating that attachment scorched and battered. Layers of bolts for the vertical stabilizer were found loose on one plane during a

(See CRASH, Page 3)

Odessa and Don

Tinney of Allen;

Pampa; a sister,

Lorena Haskins

of Port LaVaca,

grandchildren,

Wanda

Skulley

Texas;

Nedra

daughter,

Mr. Tinney was born July 30, 1915, at Charlie, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1952, moving from Wellington. He married Ola Boyles on Sept. 22, 1932, at Hollis, Okla. She preceded him in death on Dec. 9, 2002.

He was a very prominent builder throughout the Panhandle for more than 40 years. He was very instrumental in the development of real estate in Pampa. He was past president of the Panhandle Home Builder's Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Everyman's Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by a brother, R.J. Tinnev.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Mary Tinney of

Rhonda Tinney Redding, Calif., Stan and wife Anita Tinney and Kavin and wife Irene Tinney, all of Odessa, David Tinney of Dallas, Mitchell and wife Jennifer Tinney of Garland, Gary and wife Sheila Winton of Pampa, and Stephen and wife Mindy Winton of Fort Worth; and several greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX

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

CODY JOE FRANKS GUERRA

AMARILLO -- Cody Joe Franks Guerra. 20, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Dr. Murray Gossett, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at 12 noon in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Ed Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brother Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Guerra was born Jan. 21, 1982, at Shamrock, but had been a Pampa resident most of his life, attending Pampa High School. He relocated to Amarillo in 1997 and graduat ed from Randall High School in 2001.

He worked in carpentry and mechanics. Survivors include his mother, Dianna Fund, 12700 San Saba, Amarillo, TX 79118.



Franks, of the home; his father, Gilbert Guerra, Jr., of Hamlin; a brother, D.J. Franks of Pampa; two sisters, Shawnna Robinson of Pampa and Sara Franks of Amarillo; and his grandparents, Edie and Allen Young of San Antonio and Julia

and Gilbert Guerra, Sr., of Hamlin. The family will be at 1018 Love in Pampa or 12700 San Saba in Amarillo and requests memorials be to Cody Joe Franks Memorial

LOU ELLA CLEMENS

1910-2003

SAN ANGELO — Lou Ella Clemens, 92, of arrangements in San Angelo. died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at San

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m., Wheeler, Johnson's Funeral home is in charge — Clemens of San Angelo.

Mrs. Clemens was born July 23, 1910, in Chilicothe.

Survivors include three children, Wanda Sunday, at Kelton Cemetery in Kelton under Newkirk of Grand Junction, Colo., Bryan the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Clemens of Lafavette, La., and David

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the lower 50s and north winds 15 to 25 mph. mixed with light snow at times. Highs around cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, 36. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy—rain—and—light—snow—30—percent. Saturday skies, much cooler temperatures with highs in night, mostly cloudy. Chance of light snow. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in percent. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the the lower 20s and light winds. Friday should mid 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Light the lower 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs winds. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in in the mid 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. the lower 20s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Saturday, cloudy. Chance of rain possibly Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night, partly

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EMMIT CALFY, SR.

Emmit Calfy, Sr., 62, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Lawton, Okla. Entombment services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

Mr. Calfy was born Jan. 25, 1940, at Walters, Okla., and moved to Pampa in 1948. He married Betty Ann Whisenhunt on Oct. 6,

1940-2003

He was a driller in the oilfield for 25 years and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons, Justin Tyler Calfy in 1988 and Guy Edrick Calfy in 1979.

Survivors include two sons, Emmit Ray Calfy, Jr., and Doug Calfy, both of Pampa; a brother, Eddie Calfy of Geronimo, Okla.; a sister, Maxine Wesson of Geronimo; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

CALFY, Emmit Sr. — Entombment services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.

GUERRA, Cody Joe Franks — 10 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo. Burial, 12 noon, Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. **ORMSON**, Donald C. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Borger.

TINNEY, I.W. — 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

UNI RECORD

POLICE

following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Police recovered several items of private property in the 1200 block of North Garland. Listed were a wooden table with five chairs, freezer, washer, stove, and television.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Catherine Ann Watie, 34, 1717 Hamilton, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants for court costs and two warrants for issuing a bad check.

Rhonda Carolina Callaway, 35, Amarillo, was arrested on three capias pro fine warrants out of Gray County Justice of the Peace Precinct One's office as well as three additional traffic warrants. She was also arrested on three warrants out of the

Pampa Police Department today reported the Ustice of the Peace Precinct Two office.

A report of criminal trespass was made to the

Burglary with commission of assault was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner was reported. One person was injured and the back door received \$100 in damages. According to the police report, the victim received minor injuries.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Darby. An auger valued at \$35 was reported taken. According to the police report, there was no forced entry.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

No injuries were reported in an assault in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 8

11:05 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 East at Mobeetie for mutual aid with Wheeler Emergency Medical Services. One patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

2:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the City of Lefors; one patient was transported to PRMC; one patient was transported to the

2:46 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Sumner; one patient was 100 block of Warren; no patient was transported.

transported to PRMC.

3:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to BSA; one patient was transported to PRMC.

7:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee; one patient was transported to PRMC

10:43 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; no patient was transported.

11:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; one patent was transported to PRMC

Thursday, Jan. 9 3:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

4:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 8

2:26 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 900 block of East Francis. The occupant put the fire out with a garden hose before firefighters arrived.

2:50 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

3:57 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at U.S. Highway 60 and Cuyler Street. Damage was limited to the engine compartment.

6:45 p.m. – One unit and four firefighters investigated a report of an unidentified odor in the 1100 block of Darby. No source of the odor was found.

11:54 p.m. – One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

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Gray County today reported the following

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Michael Wayne Blalock, 45, 1500 N. Coffee, was arrested on two bond surrenders.

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Unemployed workers welcome aid, question delays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last of Scott Carmichael's state unemployment benefits are dribbling toward extinction. So, without much faith in Congress, he cashed in his retirement pension.

After tax penalties, his \$27,000 account probably won't amount to more than \$17,000, but Carmichael, 45, of Rowlett, Texas, thought he had little choice. Counting on an extra 13 weeks of federal benefits was just too risky.

The laid-off WorldCom worker, watching Congress on C-SPAN, was stunned to see at the top of the legislative agenda a \$7.25 billion plan to extend federal benefits to 1.6 million people like himself victims of an ailing economy who would become eligible if they exhausted their state benefits before June 1.

Even more startling was the speed at which the legislation sailed through, landing on President Bush's Wednesday.

"I think it's great," said Carmichael, whose wife is a dren, ages 1 and 3. The biweekly check of \$574 helped them keep their home. "It's about time they did something.

Bush's signature also renewed 13 weeks of federal emergency benefits that were cut off Dec. 28 for more than 750,000 jobless workers who hadn't exhausted them. Congress adjourned late last year in a stalemate over the program and let it expire.

week means checks will be issued on time without a lapse

Department said. Bush placed his signature on the bill a few hours after it cleared the House on a vote of 416-4. The Senate unanimously passed the measure Tuesday.

Carmichael, a Bush supporter, said he mostly blamed Republicans — but not the president — for neglecting the nation's unemployed by waiting until January to extend the program.

He also said he is eager to But the swift action this learn more about the "reemployment accounts" that Bush proposed this week to

open its new session this week stay-at-home mom to their chil- in benefits, the Labor help people with job-search expenses. The debate in Congress also gave Carmichael a new perspective on a Democrat he didn't much care for - New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

> "She swayed me with the way she spoke," he said. "She was definitely for the people. She was very instru-

For the millions of Americans looking for work, the aid won't come a minute too soon. The nation's unemployment rate has soared to match an eight-year high of 6 percent in November. December's figures will be released Friday by the Labor Department.

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landowners involved.

Satterwhite and W.H. Earp of Pampa, spoke during Wednesday's hearing in opposition to PETCO's permit.

Satterwhite said there has been opposition to CRMWA taking water from Roberts County and supplying half a million people with it. CRMWA pipes water to 11 communities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa. A year ago, they began pumping water from Roberts County to combine with the water they take from Lake Meredith.

"I guarantee you one thing," Satterwhite said, "that decision was based on what we thought was right, not on greed.'

Satterwhite said he thinks state or federal laws should prohibit actions like the one proposed by PETCO.

"I think the ground water district should have rules that prohibit this," he said. "I think greedy oil executives that have proposed something like this should be fined their net worth and jailed until they have time to think about what their priorities are."

"All this talk is about money," Earp said. "Money is nothing when talking about the water we have."

While the ground water district's lawyer told the board that under the Texas Water Code they could determine whether PETCO's project was wasteful, he also said that PETCO's project did not appear to meet the strict definition of "wasteful" under the law.

Government: Gas prices to rise by summer

Gasoline prices are expected to climb steadily over the next three months because of highpriced oil and the unlikely prospect of significant supplies from Venezuela before summer, the Energy Department

The administration has given no indication it is ready to release oil from emergency reserves to counter tight supplies. The head of the department's statistical agency agreed Thursday it's "too close a call right now" to tap the government oil stocks.

Gasoline prices nationwide are expected to average \$1.54 a gallon by mid-spring, about 10 cents a gallon higher than this week's national average, according to the department's Information Administration.

Summer prices are likely to

be even higher as fuel demand worldwide crude shortages historically increases in June with the coming of the summer driving season. And the EIA said the shortage of crude from Venezuela could cause regional

price spikes. Such spikes already have been reported sporadically. The day after Christmas, gasoline jumped 16 to 20 cents a gallon overnight in several cities in Ohio and Kentucky. Some refiners on the Gulf Coast are asking for government reserves, fearing a shortage of crude to make gasoline.

The EIA projections do not take into account the turmoil over Iraq and assume that oil from that country will continue to be available at about 2.4 million barrels a day.

Last year, Iraq produced about 2 million barrels a day on average. Economists and energy expert have said serious could develop if war erupts in Iraq and the country's imports disappear while Venezuela's oil fields remain crippled.

Guy Caruso, EIA's director, said that even if Venezuela's political problems were resolved by February oil production there would not likely return to normal for about four

"Venezuelan production almost certainly will continue to be below pre-crisis levels for several months" once the country's political crisis is resolved, said the agency in a report.

OPEC oil ministers have indicated that they will boost production by 1.5 million barrels a day when the group meets this weekend to counter the loss of Venezuelan oil. The Bush administration has quietly been lobbying some OPEC states to boost production even more.

Caruso acknowledged that additional OPEC oil will not have an immediate impact since it takes at least 45 days for oil from the Middle East to reach the United States.

"We're watching that very carefully," said Caruso, adding that more Middle East production might results in additional European stocks of refined gasoline being shipped to the United States

While crude oil inventories are below what many view as comfortable, "a positive sign" is that gasoline inventories at this time are "in reasonably good shape," Caruso told reporters at a news conference.

Caruso, emphasizing that his agency is not involved in making policy decisions, sought to sidestep questions about tapping the federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve to make up supply shortages.

"Obviously a lot of factors go into that decision," he said. "I think it's too close of a call right now.'

Administration officials, including senior White House officials, have said repeatedly in recent weeks that no consideration is being given at this time on using any of the 592 million barrels of oil kept in the emergency reserve to ease supply pressures.

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would not have caused her to be impaired."

Roach said her personal physician gave her the fentonyl patches to replace a previous medication, Oxycontin, in January 2002 because she reported to her doctor she had become drowsy while taking the first medication. He said the medication was for pain management.

"We checked out all reports and rumors about her medications and illegal substances. However, there were no illegal substances according to the lab reports," Roach said.

The DA said when the first lab report came back clear, he asked for a more intensified one.

"There was nothing in either report that would cause anyone to be impaired," he said.

"I'm very, very sorry about the loss of the child. I can't begin to begin to understand the pain and anguish this mom and dad endured, but the law doesn't allow me to prosecute as the result of an accident," he said.

"Not all accidents are criminal," said

He said 31st District Judge Steven Emmert has signed the dismissal of the case.

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The plane, built in 1996, was one of about 50 operated by Mesa Air Lines, US Airways said. It operated under the US Airways Express name and had been flown 15,000 hours and performed 21,000 takeoffs and landings.

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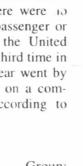
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Big Brother software blues

From the Galveston County Daily News:

No one wants the United States to lie defenseless before terrorists. But does the fact that Americans are united on that point mean they are ready to have the Pentagon rummaging through their e-mail and bank records in the name of better security?

Military planners have developed a concept called Total Information Awareness.

The theory goes like this:

Take all the digital technologies that people use including automated teller machines, e-mail and cell phones and collect the data they generate into one big electronic pile. Develop software that goes through this pile, looking for suspicious pat-

Dont worry about court orders or having a reason for this invasive behavior. Just let the software run blindly through business records and personal telephone calls until it finds something it doesn't like.

The technology that the Pentagon is developing is based on technology already used by companies to detect credit card theft and fraud.

The programs search records of transactions and send warnings when a suspicious pattern is detected.

These technologies save people a lot of money and heartache. But some consumers have had the infuriating experience of dealing with credit card companies after a mistake has been made.

It's difficult to restore ones life after one of these supposedly infallible programs has snarled things up and created billing problems that take weeks to resolve.

But what if were no longer talking of billing problems? What if were talking about treason? How long does it take to restore ones life after a mistake like that?

Are we ready to have the government going through all our digital records with no reason just looking for suspicious patterns? Is that what we wanted when we asked our leaders for better security measures?

Since the Persian and Peloponnesian wars, democracies have had to measure how much freedom they were willing to give up to remain "free."

The ancient Greeks wrote volumes about this paradox. It's possible to give up freedoms, one by one, in the name of preserving the security of a free state and one day wake up to find that the state is no longer free.

After two U.S. embassies in Africa were bombed in 1998, an advisory commission was formed to recommend ways to protect the country against terrorism.

Perhaps because it got a head start on some of the groups that formed after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Gilmore Commission, chaired by former Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, has offered recommendations with more perspective and balance than some of the more recent suggestions for improving homeland security.

The commission recently suggested that it was not a good idea to have the FBI assume intelligence collection duties while continuing to operate as a law enforcement agency.

"It is important to separate the intelligence collection function from the law enforcement function to avoid the impression that the U.S. is establishing a kind of secret police," the commission said in a recent report.

The new roles envisioned for both the FBI and the Pentagon are beyond troubling.

Gilmore, asked for a summary of some of the committees concerns, said: "If we pursue security to the point where we give up that which makes us Americans, the enemy has won."

Every American wants to win the war against terrorism. But it's important to remember that there is more than one way to lose freedom. It can be surrendered. But it can also be given

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Kids don't appreciate talent

Children are such honest creatures. They haven't yet learned to be tactful and their innocence is so revealing.

My six-year-old grandson Christian demonstrated his young honesty recently

All my life I have loved to sing. I sing in the shower, the car and around the house. I would always sing to my children in the mornings to wake them, and the children hated my "wake-up song." I would just laugh and continued singing it to them through the years.

As the children got older, their honesty could be more brutal. (But I don't think it was innocence-like being teenagers at that point.) Two of my children were talented in music and were in choir.

While working on their singing skills, they informed me that "I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket — at the bottom of the ocean." I was told that my singing was bad, and that was before "bad" meant good. It really meant bad back then.

I tried to limit my singing to reach my ears only. Sometimes I would slip and just burst out in song.

When the children left home, I began to sing more and more. I always loved to sing in church, imagining my singing sounded like the soloists and song lead-

Well, recently Christian made me realize that his mother and uncle might have been telling the truth about my singing ability all those years.

favorite songs - "Let there be Peace on Earth" — and I was really bellering out

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the words, fully enjoying the message in the song

Smiling and feeling on top of the world, I looked down at the children. Peyton, 8, was singing along with me and also smiling. (They tell me she got her singing talent from me.) Four-year-old Paige was also loudly singing something and smiling as she held her hymnal upside down. Christian, who was standing next to me, was cupping his ears. Giving him a quizzical look, I mouthed "What's wrong?" Well, he told me.

"Nana, you sing terrible," he said. Now that's pretty deflating from your grandchild. I stopped singing praises and decided I'd talk to him about it after

Paige still doesn't like to be still in church, and prefers to sit on the kneeling rail watching me most of the time. I was busy making the appropriate "shhhhh" gestures and keeping on eye on the children for the remainder of the mass. Peyton, who I call a nun-in-waiting, likes to kneel as much as possible, so she does. I think it's important they get all the We were in church singing one of my experience in prayer that they can. That is something they will always need.

As we left church and were slowly

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moving out the door to bid Father goodbye, Paige and Christian were just overcome with energy. They edged away from the line of people and before I realized what was happening I watched as they doubled their fists and were standing in a boxing stance.

In her ruffled-collar sweater and dainty hair-do, she landed one of the best left hooks I've ever seen. Luckily, it wasn't on Christian's nose. I quickly grabbed them and put them back in the line, telling them they knew better than to be boxing in church. (I was thinking about how their grandfather who had been a boxing coach would have enjoyed that left hook.)

Smiling perfectly, the two made the appropriate gestures as they filed past Father. He was laughing. I am so glad he has a sense of humor.

When we got in the car, I asked Christian about the singing incident. He reiterated that I couldn't sing very well; but his mother did. I agreed with that. I explained that I just really enjoyed singing, and he told me that I wasn't any good, and that I sounded "bad." And he meant my vocal ability wasn't good.

I still sing to them in the morning, and he doesn't think it's all that great, but Peyton does. Apparently inheriting her love for song and lack of being able to carry a tune from me, she is like her Nana — "singing-challenged."

We still sing as we sing in the car and at home. I'm just trying not to sing quite so loud in public. Christian just proved kids are so honest.



Washington's education establishment

"Fiddling Whilst Rome Burns" was my column several weeks ago. It looked at the disastrous state of education in the nation's capitol, where at only one of the city's 19 high schools do as many as 50 percent of its students test as proficient in reading. At no school are 50 percent of the students proficient in math. At 12 of 19 high schools, more than 50 percent of the students test below basic in reading, and at some of those schools it's almost 80 percent. At 15 high schools, over 50 percent test below basic in math. In 12 of them, 70 percent to 99 percent do so.

One of the points, I made is that you'll find performances like these in many predominantly black schools across the land, but what seems to be the primary concern of black politicians and civil rights organizations? It's what Sen. Trent Lott has said and whether the Confederate Flag is

publicly displayed. Recent news about the Washington education establishment makes this story even more sickening. According to The Washington Times and D.C. Watch (dcwatch.com), the FBI, IRS, Department of Labor and the D.C. Inspector General's Office have been looking into suspected criminal conduct by officers of the Washington Teachers Union (WTU). While a complete accounting has yet to be done, the FBI's affidavit for a search and seizure warrant reveals that WTU officers converted "well in excess of \$2,000,000 in union funds to their personal use by,



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among other things, (1) charging personal expenses to union-paid credit cards ... (2) writing union checks to themselves; and (3) writing and causing the writing of union checks to persons other than themselves, who then cashed the checks and made the cash proceeds available to union

Among the union-paid purchases of Barbara A. Bullock, recently resigned president, were: a \$20,000 mink coat, \$500,000 worth of custom-made clothing, \$20,000 worth of art and thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. Her union-paid purchases totaled in excess of \$1 million.

Then there's James Baxter. WTU treasurer. He received thousands of dollars in direct payments and tens of thousands in American Express charges for restaurants, bars and nightclubs, gas for multiple vehicles, vehicle repairs and maintenance, art, flowers and other purchases.

The affidavit of Katherine L. Andrews', the special agent for the FBI, reports hundreds of thousands of dollars Washington Teachers Union funds embezzled by other union personnel for items ranging from personal household furniture to a \$10,000 vacation in the Bahamas and supplying gifts for friends.

I WAS AWAY

While Washington's criminal education establishment robs its teachers, the damage to teachers pales in comparison to the damage to the children of the district. That the undying and unquestionable support that Washington teachers gave to their unions is unwarranted is beyond question. Through educational vouchers, there's opportunity for changes that benefit both teachers, students and taxpayers.

Suppose parents were to receive a \$6,000 voucher, that's less than the \$10,500 per student expenditure now, for each school-age child? A group of teachers themselves might start their own private school. If the school enrolled 400 students, its revenue would be close to \$2.5 million. Schools would emerge that tailored their education programs to differing needs.

Teachers, rather than administrators and union officials, would be in control and set the agenda. Parents would be empowered through choice. Students would get a much better education. Finally, taxpayers would be less burdened. It's a no-brainer that everyone benefits if we can get children out of high-cost, low quality schools into lowercost, higher-quality schools. The only losers I see are teacher unions and the board of education.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2003. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hotair balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury,

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

West," a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden In 1861, the "Star of the resigned as British prime

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

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Families claim bodies from Turkish crash

By SELCAN HACAOGLU
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DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (AP) — Families claimed the bodies of some of the 75 people killed when a Turkish Airlines jetliner crashed short of a fog-covered runway in southeastern Turkey, and the prime minister on Thursday ruled out sabotage.

Five survivors aboard the flight from Istanbul were hospitalized after the plane came down Wednesday at the airport in Diyarbakir. Four Britons were killed in the crash, the British Embassy said. A U.S. citizen was aboard the flight, U.S. officials said, but it was unclear whether the American was among the survivors.

Prime Minister Abdullah Gul dismissed the possibility of a terror attack and said the weather was likely to blame. Fog had been a problem in the area in recent days and forced the cancellation of flights to the southeastern cities of Gaziantep and Sanliurfa from Istanbul Thursday.

"It's clear that it was an accident. The pilot couldn't reach the runway because of fog," Gul said after meeting with the families of the victims in Diyarbakir. "It's a miracle five people came out alive. The plane was torn apart."

Two Turkish warplanes also collided in heavy fog in nearby Malatya province on Thursday, the military said. The pilots and navigators of the two F-4 jets were seen parachuting to the ground, but none

of the four aviators survived.

One of the survivors from the Turkish airliner, Aliye II, a 48-year-old homemaker, said she was flying to Diyarbakir for the funeral of an aunt.

"A strong explosion rocked the plane and everyone and everything turned into balls of fire," she said. Il struggled to unbuckle her seat belt.

"I was screaming, 'I can't unbuckle it, I can't unbuckle it,' but nobody could hear me. They were all screaming," she said.

Il managed to unfasten her belt, falling out of the plane into a large pile of dry, cut

"I think it was a miracle," she said, speaking from her hospital bed where she is recovering from a broken shoulder. Her hair and her eyebrows were burned.

Turkish newspapers reported that Diyarbakir airport lacked an instrument landing system to help pilots land in bad weather. Newspapers said Turkey's military, which owns the airport, opposed the system for unspecified security reasons.

"There shouldn't be flights to airports with no ILS system," said Faik Akin, chief public relations officer of Turkish

Investigators have recovered both the flight data and cockpit voice recorders, Deputy Prime Minister Abdullatif Sener said.

"Measures will be taken so that an event like this won't happen again,"

Prime Minister Gul said.

The crash left an 800-yard swath of

twisted metal and scattered luggage. The shape of the aircraft was barely discernible in the wreckage.

Families tried to identify the badly charred remains of passengers laid out at a nearby basketball court. Gul said 45 of the victims had been identified.

Relatives waited outside several morgues in freezing temperatures and bickered with officials overnight to claim their loved ones.

"We had hoped for more injured, so we could help them return to life. But only three people were sent to us," said Aziz Aydinalt, chief physician at a Diyarbakir hospital, adding that two others were sent to a military hospital.

Three small children were believed to be among the dead.

About 400 soldiers combed the area near the crash site for other survivors who might have been thrown from the plane. But at about midnight, they called off their search.

The British Aerospace RJ-100 crashed 40 yards short of the runway, Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said.

The RJ-100, a four-engine jet, is commonly used for domestic flights in Turkey.

There were no reports of any people injured on the ground. One man was undergoing chest surgery and was in serious condition.

Diyarbakir is 635 miles southeast of Istanbul and 75 miles north of the Syrian

Pakistani police arrest suspected al-Qaida op

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani police working with the FBI raided a home on the outskirts of Karachi early Thursday, arresting three suspected al-Qaida operatives and several other people after the surrounded fugitives threw grenades and opened fire with automatic weapons, police said.

None of the security officials were injured. Police said at least-two foreigners, both apparently of Middle Eastern origin, were among those arrested in the raid.

Officials said they had received a tip about the home and had had it under surveillance for a month.

"Three suspected al-Qaida men, including two foreigners, are now in our custody," said Aslam Sanjrani, the top lawenforcement official in the southern province of Sindh. He said it remained unclear whether they were high-level members of the terrorist network.

Six other people, includ-

ing a woman and a child who apparently lived in the home, were also taken into custody, police said.

The identities of the suspects were not immediately released. The two foreign men were believed to be from the Middle East, but their exact nationalities were not clear, said Iftihar Ahmad, a spokesman for Pakistan's Interior Ministry.

The suspects were at a detention center in Karachi and were being interrogated Thursday afternoon.

Witnesses said security agents stormed the house before dawn. Sanjrani said at least one suspect escaped, but police believe he was injured during the shootout. Authorities were searching for him.

The house where the raid was conducted is less than a half-mile from a plot where authorities last year found the remains of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was abducted and killed while working on a story about Islamic militants.

Peru legal system wrestling with legacy of crackdown

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Vincente Janampa was 18 when leftist rebels shot his uncle at the rural schoolhouse where he taught in the Ayacucho region high in the Andes.

Eighteen years later, Janampa worries that recent legal reforms induced by international pressure could free hundreds of the rebels, who were imprisoned in a crackdown that helped suffocate a civil war that left 30,000 dead in the 1980s and early 1990s.

"There are still followers out there in the countryside, and the terrorists could go back out preaching their doctrine," said Janampa, a city groundskeeper who now lives in Lima. "They should stay in prison."

Peru is having to deal with the legal legacy of the crackdown after a constitutional court on Friday struck down parts of the anti-terror laws used by former President Alberto Fujimori to crush Peru's leftist guerrilla insurgencies.

The Constitutional Tribunal ruled against the use of secret military courts with hooded judges and the harsh sentences they dished out to terrorists and

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collaborators. The ruling came in response to recommendations from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the legal arm of the Organization of American States.

The ruling could open the way for new trials for 900 people sentenced by military courts, including Shining Path rebel founder Abimael Guzman. Nearly 2,000 people are imprisoned on terrorism charges.

Legal experts say the ruling is unlikely to affect the case of New York native Lori Berenson, who was sentenced to life in prison by a military court in 1996 for a failed plot to attack Peru's Congress but was later retried in a civilian court and given a 20-year sentence on the lesser charge of collaboration. She says both trials denied her due process.

In a nationally televised address Tuesday, President Alejandro Toledo tried to allay Peruvians' concerns that rebels would walk free and asked Congress for powers to create new anti-terrorism laws. Lawmakers granted his request on Wednesday.

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"The only thing the constitutional court has done is comply with an international legal ruling — it in no way opens the doors to free terrorists," Toledo said.

But some former judges disagreed.

"I have heard the president say he will not free any terrorists

"I have heard the president say he will not free any terrorists and it is not so — he is wrong," said former anti-terrorism judge Marcos Ibazeta.

Ibazeta said if there is not sufficient evidence to stand up in a civilian court, judges will be forced to free imprisoned rebels.

Peru's bogged-down, inefficient legal system may also have trouble bringing 900 people to trial in the 18- to 36-month time limit required by law. If it fails to do so, many guerrillas could walk

Even before the ruling, petitions for new trials had begun to pile up. Judge Pablo Talavera, president of the National Antiterrorism Court said about 400 detainees had asked for new trials before Friday's decision. He expects the number to double in the coming months.

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Raul Gonzalez, a sociologist who has studied Peru's war with the Shining Path, said the authoritarian measures were a political solution for a legal system in which judges, under threats of retribution, rarely convicted rebel defendants.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

For Men of Few Words, Love Is Easier Shown Than Said

DEAR ABBY: The letters regarding the use of the phrase "I love you" reminded me of a story. The Finns are reputed to be people who don't

waste many words. An example: "'Jussi' and 'Kaisa' had been married for 25 years. One day, Kaisa asked Jussi, Why don't you ever tell me you love me?" His reply: 'I told you "I love you" when we were married. If anything changes, I'll let you know.

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DEAR ARNIE: No wonder they say it's cold in Finland! Jussi may have been a man of few words, but I'll bet his wife had more than a few for him when she heard that reply.

DEAR ABBY: You may have missed something in your reply to "Hurt in Reno." Hurt told her fiance she loved him and would be devastated if anything happened to him, and was upset when all he said in return was he "probably" felt the same. She also said he was not affectionate, but was good to her son.

You said he might be a poor communicator.

What caught my eye was the line about how he treats her son. Is it possible her fiance is engaged to her so he can have access to the boy? My second husband turned out to be a molester. During the first year of our marriage, while I was pregnant, he began to "groom" my

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daughter to be his sexual partner Please urge "Hurt" to follow her gut instincts. It could save her son's

future and years of guilt for herself.
ALMOST SANE AFTER YEARS OF THERAPY

DEAR ALMOST SANE: It's interesting how the letters in my column are interpreted through the filter of the reader's personal experience. Your warning should be enough to alert that mother.

DEAR ABBY: Phooey! on that word "love"! Seventy years ago, when I was in my early 20s, I was engaged to a man who swore he loved me with all his heart. He did

was the end of our wedding plans. Years later. I met a man I

thought was interested in a mutual friend. I was shocked when he invited me to dinner and a movie. During dinner he said, "I'm not an articulate person." "That's OK," I flip-pantly replied. "Neither am !!"

We saw each other often after that and time seemed to fly. Then I had an attack of pain that came immediate surgery. When I told my hadn't even kissed, as unbelievable included in price.)

"You do *like* me, don't you?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," I whispered. I got no further because I was stopped by our first kiss.

I'm a widow now, and more than 90 years old, nearing the end of my life's journey. Please tell "Feeling Hurt" that a happy marriage can be built on two people "liking each other" at the start. My husband of almost 50 years didn't say "love" a dozen times, but by his actions, faithfulness, consideration and dozens of ways, he proved — not only to me, but also to the world —that he did.

Now I only want to be with him.
MISSING MY MATE IN ARIZONA

DEAR MISSING: Thank you for sharing your truly unforgetuntil I became very sick. That table love story. It touched my

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

without warning. My doctor advised favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More friend, he listened, then put his hands on my shoulders. In a voice choked with tears he said, "I like the said, "I like you. Will you marry me?" I was so Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount astonished I couldn't speak, for we Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is

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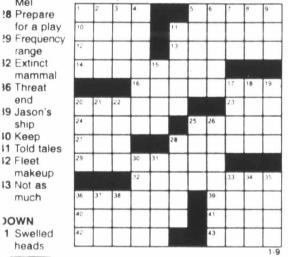
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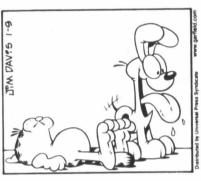
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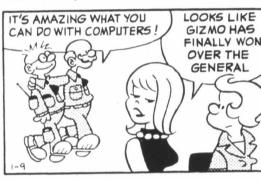
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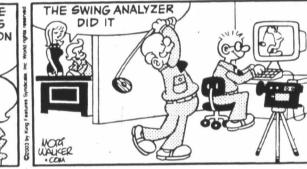


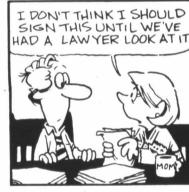




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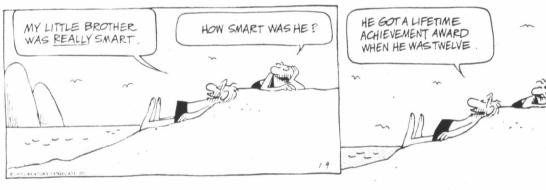








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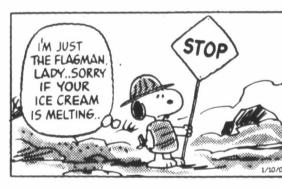


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VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's, adult volleyball league.

Men's and women's 4 x 4(four players on each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline is Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan. 20.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of eight (5) players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Modern Woodmen of America in Pampa is sponsoring a chili supper to benefit the Lady Harvesters' softball program. The chili supper will be held Friday, starting at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Admission is five dollars for adults and three dollars for students. Children under 5 will be admitted free.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a four-man scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows: 1. Fred Courtney, Jim Cantrell, Marvin Allison, Carroll Pettit and Butch Shepherd 63.

2. Jerry Davis, Ken Williams, Bob Brandon, Dale Hawkins and Billie MacMillican 63.

3. Jim Batton, Harvey Malone, Walden Haynes and Ed Langford 64.

4. Travis Taylor, Bill Harwood, Charlie Rand and George Gamblin 64. Closest to hole: Bill King, No. 12.

BASKETBALL

MIAMI Miami defeated Allison 57-50 Tuesday night in a District 2-1A girls' game.

Marium Hannon led Miami's attack with 15 points, followed closely by Tatum Butler 14.

Archer topped Allison with 17 points.

Miami won the boys' game by forfeit.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Plenette Pierson, Texas Tech's only senior starter, left little doubt Wednesday she is back as a

dominant force in the Big 12. She posted 25 points and 11 rebounds in leading the eighth-ranked Lady Raiders to a 77-56 victory over Texas A&M in the conference opener for both.

"It felt good to get back to playing in Big 12 Conference play again, especially after taking a year off," Pierson said.

The game was her first conference game since the 2000-2001 season. She sat out almost all of last season for undisclosed disciplinary reasons.

Pierson missed her first two shots. But with Tech holding a 7-6 lead, the senior forward scored the Red Raiders' next 10 points and led the team on a 15-4 run.

Aggies hope to keep up hot pace in Big 12

By MARK BABINECK **Associated Press Writer**

Texas A&M's emerging star was a toddler the last time

the Aggies started this hot. For them to stay that way in Big 12 play, freshman Antoine Wright might have to do even more than lead the team in points and rebounds. "Now we're going to say,

'Guess what? We need you to be our defensive stopper," coach Melvin Watkins said. "He will embrace that. He already knows he's capable of doing that. We don't want to wear him down and overdo it, but he's one of those players capable of doing a lot of things.'

The Aggies, whose 8-3 start is their best since 1987-88,

open Big 12 play Saturday 1999, Watkins' first season. against Oklahoma State. In a winter when talk of new football coach Dennis Franchione has dominated the sports landscape in Aggieland, A&M fans could be missing a turn in basketball.

While A&M has pushed around the likes of Louisiana-Monroe and Texas Southern, the Aggies also played Miami tough and have beaten SEC powers Louisiana State and

The Aggies haven't had a winning season since 1993-94, haven't reached the are Wright and senior guard NCAA Tournament since Bernard King. One of the two 1987 and haven't won a league title since sharing the 1986 Southwest Conference championship. The Aggies' best league record since the

With 18 games left in a league touting five Top 25 teams, Watkins knows it's too early to know whether all of that could change this season.

"We're still a little bit of an unknown even for myself," he said. "From that point of view, we're like a bunch of teams out there. We could end up being a pretty decent team, but also we could be beaten by anyone if we don't play well. I like our chances if the better team shows up.'

has led A&M in scoring in each game this season except for one.

Heading that "better team"

Wright's decision to spurn several better-known basket-Big 12 formed was 5-11 in ball schools has meant King,

for the first time, isn't expected to carry the Aggies by himself.

Wright is averaging 17.3 points and 7.5 rebounds a game, and King is scoring 15.9 points a game.

'What we're seeing now is teams on the lower end (of the Big 12), their talent has gotten better," Watkins "Antoine Wright could have played for anyone in the Big 12, so when you've got players like that, there's a chance to be competitive with those other teams.'

While A&M is solid with King, Kevin Turner and Leandro Garcia-Morales at guard and Wright at small forward, Watkins worries about his frontcourt, where 7-footer Andy Slocum is recovering from back surgery and power

forward Keith Bean's production has leveled off from last season at about six points and five rebounds per game.

"I'm still concerned about whether (those) positions are going to be good enough to win in the Big 12," Watkins said.

Not helping matters in the frontcourt is a knee injury junior that is hampering swingman Jesse King and the loss to Bean's backup, Nick Anderson, who failed to meet academic standards.

Still, the promise of the coming season hasn't translated to the stands, where attendance has cracked the 5,000 mark just twice — once Franchione because addressed the crowd at the Dec. 15 game against Texas-San Antonio.

Pampa, Caprock set for Friday night clash in McNeely

PAMPA — It's still early in the District 3-4A season. but Pampa meets Caprock in a key District 3-4A matchup at 7:30 Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa at 2-1 is tied with Randall for third place in the

district race. Caprock (3-1) routed behind 4-0 Palo Duro.

6-5 senior David Hernandez, who averages 11 a game,

High School Basketball Dumas is all alone in second place, Tuesday night. Mitchell, who is averaging 20 points a The Longhorns, led by 6-0 game, tossed in 22 against junior Cheston Mitchell and the Demons. Hernandez,

chipped in 18 points. The Harvesters held off

Dumas 60-54 in their last outing Saturday night. Chance and Collin Bowers, both 6-1 juniors, led the Pampa attack with 15 points each. Ryan Zemanek (6-3 senior) added 13.

Zemanek is aveaging 13 points a game and Chance Bowers 12 a game for the Harvesters.

In other district action Tuesday night, Palo Duro downed Randall 72-45 and Hereford defeated Plainview 75-57.

This will be the second meeting between Pampa and Caprock girls, but the first district game between the two schools this season. The Lady Harvesters defeated Caprock 59-41 at the Amarillo Tipoff Classic.

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BRISCOE — Fort Elliott claimed 74-32 victory over Lefors in 2-1A action Tuesday night.

Fort Elliott's high scorer was Jason Hathaway, who had 16 points. Cade Zybach and Wesley Hathaway fol-

lowed with 13 each. Rickey Vaughn led Lefors

with 16 points. Andrew Jennings added 4.

Holly McCurley scored 20 points as Fort Elliott won the girls' game 58-17. Tamara Hartline followed with 15.

Katie Barnes had 8 points and Rachel Stubbs 7 to lead

SHAMROCK

Wheeler, led by Hector Emillano's 20-points, defeated Shamrock 77-58 in a District 2-1A game Tuesday

Danny Spikes added 17 points for the Mustangs, who improved to 1-1 in district and 6-9 for the season.

The Mustangs went on a fourth quarter surge after leading by only four (51-47) after three quarters.

Harvey Bean paced Shamrock with 14 points. Trae Sweatt followed with 13.

Shamrock notched a 60-51 win in the girls' contest. Vanita Wright had 24 points to lead the Shamrock offense.

Amy Osborne scored 18 points and Cassi Brown 13 to lead Wheeler.

Jets' Edwards is big believer in purity of football

(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — On some NFL teams, coaches bark and players strut. Egos clash like cymbals.

A sack is cause for a dance. A touchdown is time for an auto-

New York Jets coach Herman Edwards is not of that world.

Corny as it sounds, he believes in "the purity of football," a game of hard hits and honor without the kind of histrionics and stupid personal fouls that can bury a team. "You don't want to mar the

sportsmanship," he says. "You knock a guy down, you don't teams. have to jaw at the guy ... (or) take a cheap shot."

Head coach Steve Schmidt (kneeling) goes over a play with the Lady Harvesters

as assistant coach Troy Frye looks on during last weekend's game at Dumas.

NFL Coach of the Year doesn't usually go to a man whose team is 9-7. In Edwards' case, he deserves a serious look, even if he's a long shot behind Andy Reid, 12-4 with Philadelphia.

Edwards did a whole lot of coaching this year — teaching and preaching and holding the hands, so to speak, of the Jets as

game with all that. That's not they tiptoed through the cemetery where graves are dug for 1-4

> He kept them from being spooked, kept them whistling in the dark and on the path to the AFC divisional playoff game Sunday against the Oakland

> "It's like when you're young, you're walking home from school," Edwards said when asked Wednesday how this year had been a growing experience for him and his players. "Where

my school was, it was a little ways from the house. The shortcut was through the graveyard. The thing we always learned, you whistle when you walk. When somebody whistles back, you start running."

Edwards paused for the laughter, permitting himself a slight

"We were 1-4. We were 2-5," he went on, his eyes widening, his voice intensifying: "I was whistling. I was whistling, hoping somebody was going to whistle back. That means we're still alive.

That's kind of what we went through."

> That the Jets came through, winning eight of their last 10, including last week's 41-0 tour de force against Indianapolis in the wild-card playoffs, is no small tribute to Edwards' balance between taking risks and keeping his composure.

He is a player's coach, motivating and reassuring the Jets in a way that perhaps only a man who has been in the trenches

PHS swimmers have good showing at Lubbock meet

The Lady Harvesters host Caprock at 6 Friday night.

Pampa High swim team qualified 10 swimmers for the finals in the Lubbock Invitational last weekend.

Coach Amy Howard said all the Pampa swimmers performed well in this challenging Class 5A meet.

Senior Michael Eskridge competed in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

He finished ninth in the 200 IM with a time of 2:17.51 and 11th in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:01.92.

Junior Joe Johnson competed in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. He finished seventh in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:57.24 and sixth in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:15.61.

The boys 200 medley relay placed 12th with a time of 1:57.33 and the boys 400 freestyle relay finished

LUBBOCK — The 10th with a time of 3:49.74. Relay members were Joe Johnson, D.J. Elliott, Michael Eskridge and Tyler

> In the girls division, sophomore Whitney Penrod finished in ninth place in 1meter diving and set a new school record with 213.15 total points.

Also, the 400 freestyle relay team of Angela Henthorn, Wendy Stephens, Jessica White and Kandice Maddox placed 17th with a time of 4:45.74.

Other qualifiers included Russell Anglin, boys 1meter diving; Tyler Wishon, boys 100 freestyle; D.J. Elliott, boys 500 freestyle; Kandice Maddox, girls 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke; 200 freestyle relay team of Angela Henthorn, Whitney Penrod, Jessica White and Kandice Maddox.

Pampa is entered in the District Meet Jan. 17-18 in Lubbock.

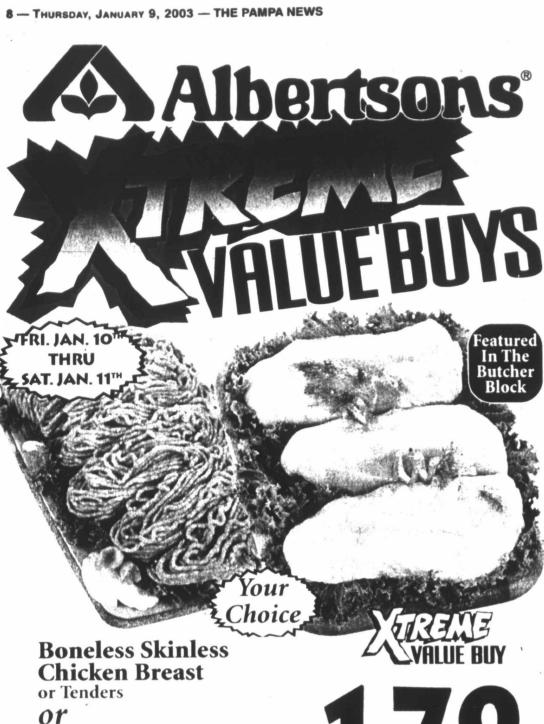
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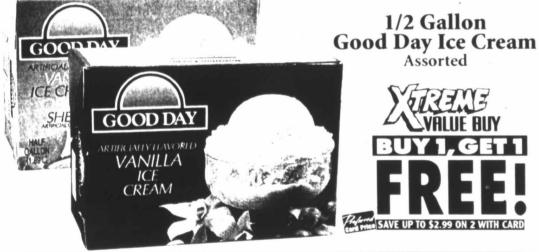


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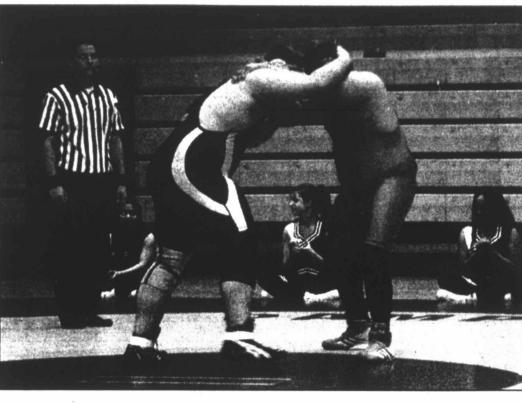


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Heavyweight battle



Pampa's Kevin Parks (left) grapples with Borger's Aubrey Munoz in the heavyweight division at Tuesday night's dual in McNeely Fieldhouse. Parks scored a pin in 5:58, but Pampa lost the dual 68-6. Borger won the junior varsity match 18-6. The Harvesters are entered in the Hereford duals Friday and Saturday.

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Excuses	27	20
Team Five	22	34
Black Gold Restaurant	20	36
White Creek Busters	19	37
Damn Yankees	18	38
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High scratch series: Jesse Cannon 681; High scratch game: Red Mills 226; High handicap series. Rocky McInturf 696; High handicap game: Morris Long 250.

Women High scratch series: O'Nita Robinson 517; High scratch game Andie Roberson 187; High handicap series: Tamera Mayo 683; High handicap game: Michelle Nolte 224

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Tuesday's Games Sacramento 101, Milwaukee 76

Houston 94, Minnesota 86 Phoenix 88, Portland 81

L.A. Lakers 119, Seattle 98 Wednesday's Games Indiana 89, New York 87

Houston 91, Orlando 81 Washington 101, Chicago 98 Dallas 117, Atlanta 99 Detroit 103. Philadelphia 94, OT Minnesota 102, Golden State 95

Denver 86, Miami 76 Boston 93, New Orleans 83 San Antonio 106. Seattle 95 L.A. Clippers 103, Memphis 95

Utah 99, Phoenix 93

Thursday's Games Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p m San Antonio at Portland, 10 p m Friday's Games Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m.

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Central Hockey League At A Glance By The Associated Press NORTHERN CONFERENCE Northeast Division

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Note. One point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss

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El Paso at Laredo

Bossier-Shreveport at Oklahoma City Friday's Games San Angelo at Lubbock El Paso at Corpus Christi Bossier-Shreveport at Fort Worth

Odessa at Memphis New Mexico at Amarillo Laredo at Austin Indianapolis at Wichita Tulsa at Oklahoma City

TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports Transactions

By The Associated Press BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS-Agreed to terms with LHP Terry Mulholland on a one-year contract and RHP Dave Burba on a minor league contract. Designated RHP Jose Santiago for assign-TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Assigned LHP Jason Kershner to

National League CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with OF Lenny Harris

a minor league contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Todd

Hollandsworth on a one-year contract Announced OF Kevin Millar agreed to terms with the Chunichi Dragons of the Japanese BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

IDENVER NUGGETS-Signed G John Crotty to a 10-day

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived F Pete Mickeal

INDIANA PACERS—Placed F Austin Croshere on the injured list. Activated F Jonathan Bender from the injured list. FOOTBALL

National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed RB Marlion Jackson and TE

DETROIT LIONS-Fired Larry Kirksey, wide receivers

coach, and Glenn Pires. linebackers coach GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed DB Jeremy Unertl, WR Travis Williams, WR Brian Haugabrook, RB Jerry Westbrooks, LB Tony Donald, LB Isaac Keys II, LB Jermaine Petty, TE Joey

Knapp and WR Shawn Mills.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Fired Willie Shaw, defensive coordinator Promoted assistant head coach George O'Leary to defensive coordinator. Named Pete Bercich assistant defensive line coach. Chuck Knox Jr. defensive backs coach and Kevin Ross assistant secondary coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS-Signed TE Brandon Christenson to the practice squad. Waived TE Ben Steele.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:

is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Spurs stop Sonics

S SEATTLE (AP) — Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Tony Parker had 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as the San Antonio Spurs beat the slumping Seattle SuperSonics 106-95 on Wednesday night.

The Spurs won their third straight game and handed the Sonics their third consecutive defeat and their seventh loss in nine games.

Steve Kerr had 10 points for San Antonio in the final



1 Public Notice

The Panhandle Gr water Conservation trict, in compliance Chapter 36 of the Water Code, will re public comment or proposed revision of Rules of the Panh Groundwater Con tion District, at a Directors on Tue January 21, 200 10:30 a.m., in the handle Ground District Office, 201 Third Street, ing is a brief outli the most notable cha 1. The District wi quire a permit for domestic and live wells on 10 acres o with existing wells 2. Procedural change

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2. Procedural changes for acquiring permits, espe> cially a high-impact production permit. 3. The addition of certain

with existing wells ex-

requirements for high-impact production permits. 4. An additional application required for Transportation of Groundwater

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Out of District. Addition of smaller and larger pump sizes to the spacing rules.

Comprehensive revision of the notice and hearing process for highimpact production per-7. The addition of an al-

ternative dispute resolution procedure for hear-8. The addition of a rule regarding a water trans-

port fee 9. Addition to the aquifer depletion rule establishing an acceptable decline rate as a percentage, removal of lower limit on production limitations and changes allowing board discretion in decreasing the time period for limiting production under the depletion rule. copy of the current Rules of the District, and proposed rule changes are available at the District office, 201 W. 3rd St., P.O. Box 637, White

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★★★ Stay in contact with your needs, his or her way. Why not? Tonight: Let the and detach can save you in tough times. as well as others. Sometimes you feel chips fall where they may. You are more than willing to work hard pushed to the limit. Review a matter that CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

might be little you can do. Relax more reacting to it. Take the time to think

the situation, and you'll gain another Singer Pat Benatar (1953), singer Rod

point of view. Surprises happen when Stewart (1945), boxer George Foreman

quickly pass with some thought. Tonight: member. You seem to be walking into a A must show. closely. You pull the wild card financial- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) * ★ ★ Push beyond your normal intense relationship this year; someone limits. Let a controversy work for you. See where you might be limiting your AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

time together. ARIES understands more Friday night? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Your efforts touch someone favorite spots. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll close. You might want to consider how to PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive: help someone see a developing situation as you do. Besides explaining, there ronment, you see many in discomfort and

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Others distinguish the differ-

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needing control. Distance yourself from BORN TODAY

you let go of a problem. Tonight: Go (1949) with plans. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) * Dig your heels in a project. You Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at make the best out of a situation that http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. stems from a misunderstanding. Perhaps you can backpedal; talk to each individ-

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quickly. At first you could be irritated by Join the work gang. Often you feel pressured by circum- certain issues that seem to plague a rela- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) stances. As a result, you approach key tionship, Remember, the misunderstandmatters differently. Have more faith in ing could also be on your side. Talk weakness. Work with your finances prior rather than close down. News flies your to making a mistake. Review a matter jams. You often decide to simply leap way. Tonight: Make hay while you can. that is close to your heart with a loved one. Pressure builds, as someone wants it

> might be close to your heart with a loved ** Visualizing and creating what you one. What you see as a problem could want could put you at odds with a family double bind. Understand that there might

Stay close to home. enter your life after August. If you are thinking. By stretching, you'll be able to ** You might not exactly be sure advance for information, incorporate a long-term goal. Still, an what is workable right now. Your caring associate could surprise you. Tonight: way opens new doors with a friend or financially and emotionally. Spend more Take off ASAP. Need I remind you it's associate. Don't take someone's statements personally. This person could be

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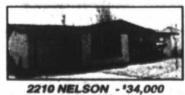
be a way to make both of you happy.

Work on dynamic thinking. Tonight:

with the moment. Accept that you cannot through a problem rather than reacting. A change someone. Tonight: Opt for close- meeting could tumble into disarray. Let time work its wonder. You could be delighted. Tonight: Treat yourself to something new.

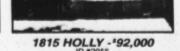
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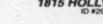
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U.S.: North Korean forces large but outdated

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea's massive military is probably backed up by one or two nuclear weapons and would present a greater challenge to American forces than Iraq's, U.S. defense officials say.

With 1.2 million troops, North Korea is considered the world's most militarized nation: It has more soldiers, per capita, than any other. Its military is the fourth or fifth largest in the world, and more than 30 percent of its gross domestic product is spent on its military, according to CIA estimates.

But for all its size, North Korea's conventional military can't match U.S. technology, despite an effort to modernize, officials said. It is short on fuel and sometimes food, even though it receives both before the civilian populace does.

However, U.S. military planners still fear North Korea's ability to wreak havoc in a fast-moving conflict on the peninsula. Some of its forces are stationed just 30 miles from South Korea's capital of Seoul, and could quickly bombard civilian areas using artillery.

North Korea also has an arsenal of long-range ballistic missiles, many of which can reach Japan, where more U.S. forces

Police arrest **Supremacist**

CHICAGO (AP) — The leader of a white supremacist group linked to a deadly 1999 shooting rampage was arrested on charges he tried to arrange for the murder of a federal judge.

Matt Hale, 31, head of the World Church of the Creator, pleaded innocent during a short hearing and was ordered held Wednesday pending a hearing on Monday.

He was taken into custody by agents of an FBI-led terrorism task force when he came to Chicago's federal courthouse for a contempt of court hearing in a trademark infringement

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said at a news conference that Hale represents a danger to the community and should not be released on bond.

"Freedom of speech does not include the freedom to solicit murder," he said. He declined to provide details of the case.

As Hale was led into the courtroom, youthful supporters, some with short-cropped hair and wearing black military garb, stood and gave a Hitlerstyle salute.

A former member of the World Church of the Creator, Benjamin Smith, went on a deadly shooting rampage against minorities in Illinois and Indiana in 1999. Smith killed two people and wounded several others before killing himself.

Hale, of East Peoria, was indicted on charges he tried between Nov. 29 and Dec. 17 to get someone to kill U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey

Arts and Crafts festival in offing

AMARILLO - The 12th annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival will be conducted from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and from 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11-12, at Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo.

Mel Prather, organizer of the event, said the upcoming festival will feature a number of new exhibitors.

"These first-time participants will offer items such as floral art, marble art, handthrown pottery, candy, woodwork, candles, clothing, jewelry, and Southwest ceramics," Prather said.

Other merchandise will include: Children's furniture, leather items, lamps, baby carriages, soup/dip mixes, quilts, outdoor decorations, and much, much more.

are stationed. The country is believed to have made one or two nuclear weapons with plutonium in the early 1990s.

The U.S. discovery of North Korea's attempts to covertly restart its nuclear weapons program, with easier-to-conceal efforts using enriched uranium, touched off the current crisis. Since diplomats confronted North

Korea with information on its uranium program, Pyongyang has taken the initial steps to restart its plutonium program at Yongbyon.

But North Korea's conventional forces, many of them stationed along the northern side of the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas, have not made any particularly aggressive moves since the crisis began, beyond

moving a few light machine guns into the area several times in December, defense officials said.

More than 65 percent of North Korea's ground forces are kept within 60 miles of the zone; the area north of the DMZ is one of the most heavily militarized stretches of land in the world, according to the Defense Intelligence Agency. This includes

an increasing number of longrange artillery and rocket systems.

Fear of bombardment on its civilian areas probably drives South Korea's push for a diplomatic, rather than military, solution to the crisis, experts said.

"The South Koreans are very, very worried about that," said James Lilley, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea and

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China. "They don't want any part of an American attack on Yongbyon."

While built around hundreds of thousands of infantrymen, the North Korean army also has 4,000 tanks and 2,500 armored personnel carriers, mostly Soviet and Chinese designs from the early years of the Cold War, according to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Facing them are more than 600,000 members of the South Korean armed forces, reinforced by 37,000 U.S. troops.

"Korea remains a place where U.S. forces could almost instantaneously become engaged in a high-intensity war involving significant ground, air and naval forces," Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, then commander of U.S. forces in Korea, told a congressional committee last year. "Such a war would cause loss of life numbering in the hundreds of thousands and cause billions of dollars in property destruction."

North Korea's air force boasts a few dozen modern MiG fighters and hundreds of older jets but also flies some 300 1948-vintage biplanes to parachute commandos behind South Korean lines.

Man pleads guilty in windshield case

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man pleaded guilty Wednesday to helping dump the body of a homeless man who was hit by a car and allegedly left lodged in the windshield until he died.

Clete Jackson, 27, pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In September, Herbert Cleveland, 24, was indicted on the same charge and pleaded guilty. He got a nine-year sentence.

Both men have agreed to testify against Chante Mallard, 26, who was indicted in April on charges of murder and tampering with evidence in the death.

The body of Gregory Biggs, a 37-year-old former bricklayer, was found in a park Oct. 27.

According to police, Chante Mallard told investigators she was returning from a nightclub Oct. 26 when she hit the homeless man.

Mallard allegedly told police she drove home with Biggs stuck in the windshield, hid the car in her garage and apologized to him but didn't seek help because she was

Authorities say Biggs could have survived with medical attention.

School officials find fault with new regs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the government decided to undertake complex and sweeping education reform, school officials said devising plans for holding schools accountable has been no easy task.

"The implementation of this law is going to be difficult, unpleasant and uncomfortable," said David Driscoll, chief state school officer from Massachusetts.

Driscoll, whose state's plan for accountability was one of five President Bush signed off on Wednesday, highlighted the challenge of meeting federal No Child Left Behind law requirements, while ensuring state and local laws don't conflict with new efforts.

The new law focuses on holding schools accountable for student achievement. States must devise and offer tests in reading and mathematics for every child each year in grades three through eight, beginning in fall 2005. Under current law, states are required to test students in reading and math three times during their K-12 years.

Schools that fail to of the education law.

improve after two years must provide transportation costs to transfer students to better-performing schools. After three years, the schools must offer tutoring at their expense. After six years, the schools could be forced to shut down and reopen with completely new

By the end of January, states must present the government with their plans for holding schools accountable for making progress each year, reporting performance to parents and helping students achieve proficiency in the tested subjects.

Massachusetts, York, Indiana, Colorado and Ohio submitted their plans early. Bush gave approval.

"The time for excusemaking has come to an end," Bush said in an event marking the one-year anniversary of the No Child Left Behind law.

Teachers unions and Democratic lawmakers complained that the president's budgets have failed to allot enough money for schools to fulfill the promise

The president rejected those arguments, saying he will propose holding federal funds steady at \$387 million, the same level as the current year, to defray testing costs. He said funding increased 49 percent between 2000 and 2002 for programs affected by the

But, he said, "this issue is not just about money."

"We must spend money more wisely. We must spend money on what works, and we must make sure we continue to insist upon results for the money we spend," Bush said in an East Room speech.

The American Federation of Teachers said that without the passage of the fiscal year 2003 budget, states, school districts and local officials are uncertain about what to expect and unable to plan for the future. The group also said achieving high academic standards will require a much more significant financial investment.

At a separate event, Education Secretary Rod Paige lauded chief state school officers from the

Paige pointed to a poll released Wednesday by Americans for Better Education showing that the majority of Americans sup-

port testing; are worried about the high number of children in the schools who can't read; and believe that high standards and accountability are more important to improving schools than increased funding.

Richard Mills, chief state school officer for New York, said the new law was very complex, and has provided for more consistent education policy on the local, state and federal levels.

"We still argue endlessly about tactics, but the debate about the goals is over," Mills said.

Lieberman camp mum about run for presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) gests very strongly that he s running for president — except his closest aides won't confirm it.

The 60-year-old Connecticut senator has told fellow Democrats he's running and that he's planning an announcement of his decision Monday at the high school he attended because "it's the place where my dreams started.

His aides are poised to hire staff and put travel plans into motion once he announces his plans to run.

That would seem to add up to certain confirmation — but earlier this week, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle was in an almost identical position, leading almost everyone to believe he would run.

The South Dakota Democrat said Tuesday he will not run; as recently as Sunday night he had said he was leaning toward a presidential campaign. Daschle aides had already scheduled an event to announce his candidacy and were planning trips to states with early contests.

So all signs are pointing to Lieberman running — but until the senator or those closest to him say so, he remains simply a very likely candidate

Veteran campaign activists

Almost everything about Sen. can take all the necessary steps Joe Lieberman's situation sug- and say they're running over has had to consider. and over, but they still must do one last bit of soul searching in the days before they commit to two grueling years of campaigning against tough odds.

Daschle said he decided in the last 24 hours, after telling people in his home state all

weekend that he would run. Those around Lieberman say they're almost certain he will

Leading Connecticut Democrats say Lieberman told them Monday that he plans to run. Several said they were virtually certain he will, based on

Connecticut Democrats said Lieberman, during the 90minute meeting at a New Haven hotel, talked about the impor-

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his recent actions and com-

caution that potential candidates tance of his ties to Connecticut and described some factors he senior

The discussions were about the process, the decision, the challenges," said John Olsen, head of the state AFL-CIO.

Lieberman aides would not confirm accounts of the New Haven meeting.

"This is the senator's decision to announce," spokesman Dan Gerstein said Wednesday.

Fellow Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina are seeking the Democratic nomination. Sens. Bob Graham of Florida and Joseph Biden of Delaware are considering a White House bid.

senator Connecticut, has also considered a presidential run. Dodd said Wednesday as he left the Capitol, "I haven't decided yet, I'm still thinking about it."

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri are also in the race, and retired Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas is considering a run.

Al Gore, the Democratic nominee, probably would have dominated the field if he had run. But he said in mid-December that he was not entering the race, a decision that freed Lieberman from a pledge that he would not run against his former running mate.

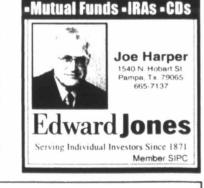


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