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## **Both dairies in dispersal sales**

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Both area dairies — Top of Texas Dairy and Moody Dairy - will be holding a dispersal sale Friday to sell their entire dairy herd of 1,400 Holsteins, according to an auction

Massey Sales Service of Midlothian will be holding the sales. Sale of the milking cattle is set to begin at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24. The Jan. 25 Saturday sale will begin at 9 a.m. with sale of

of milking cattle and dry cows.

Equipment to be sold includes tractors and heavy equipment along with several farm vehicles.

In a message on the flier attributed to Steve Massey, he said, "The Rodens and the Carrolls have always purchased top cattle and bred to the best bulls available. Selling these two herds has been a very hard decision for both families, but they have decided to hang-it-up due to other interests."

Kirk Carroll was an owner of Moody Dairy and moved his herd into equipment followed by the remainder the Top of Texas Dairy facility several

Ricky Roden is general manager of the Top of Texas Dairy while his wife Tara has managed the finances. His brother Gary was operations manager and his wife Audra handled the herd data records.

week to reach Carroll and the Rodens but went unanswered.

Both dairies were recruited to the Pampa area by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Owned by the Roden family who

moved to the area from Godley in August 1998 to begin construction on the facility, Top of Texas Dairy experienced problems soon after the dairy cattle were moved to the new dairy.

The Rodens moved in about 1,000 head of Holsteins on Dec. 16, 2000. Several attempts were made this Eight days later — on Christmas Eve — a blizzard struck the Panhandle and for a comment. Messages were left, dumped several inches of snow at the new dairy.

In October 2001, PEDC board members said the severe weather conditions were part of a high death loss a (See **DAIRIES**, Page 3)

Independent School District's 2001-2002 financial and state compensatory education audits to the PISD board of trustees at this week's meeting. Brown said the financial audit conducted under new state requirements showed the district in good financial condition. A recently-mandated state compensatory education audit monitors use of state appropriations to Pampa schools. Three minor corrective actions were required after the audit, Brown said. "I've visited with (Mark McVay, assistant superintendent - finance) on this and I think it's safe to say it has already been implemented," he told the board.

### **Kuwait offers** condolences on shootings

Kuwait's leader sent President Bush condolences Wednesday for the "terrorist act" that killed one U.S. civilian and wounded another, and officials hinted a break in the search for their attacker could come soon.

The men, software contractors for the U.S. military in Kuwait, came under fire Tuesday as they drove away from an American military base.

David Caraway, a senior engineer for the Californiabased software developer Tapestry Solutions, was in stable condition Wednesday at al-Razi hospital in Kuwait

His co-worker, Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, was killed when a gunman hiding behind bushes on the roadside fired on their four-wheel-drive Toyota with a Kalashnikov assault rifle and then fled.

A Kuwaiti Interior Ministry

official said an arrest announcement could come soon. "We have important leads," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A U.S. official also said an announcement regarding the case may be made soon.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Both men were working for the U.S. military at Camp Doha, about 10 miles west of Kuwait City.

Carraway was in stable condition and able to speak after undergoing surgery to remove bullets, said a Tapestry employee and a U.S. Embassy official. He had chest, arm and thigh injuries.

The Tapestry employee said doctors removed three bullets.

The crown prince and prime minister, Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, sent letters of condolence to Bush condemning the "terrorist (See KUWAIT, Page 3)

#### Aircraft carriers take prominence in war plans

ABOARD USS HARRY S. TRUthe Pentagon is struggling to persuade allies to host U.S. troops and warplanes needed for a possible attack. At sea, however, America's military power is unhindered and growing to possibly the biggest concentration of warships since the 1991 Gulf War.

Imposing naval flotillas — with aircraft carriers as their mighty centerpieces — are taking greater prominence in strategic planning for a possible war against Iraq as obstacles are raised to ground deployments, officers

"I think all of the aircraft carriers MAN (AP) — Around Iraq's borders, will serve as a floating air base," said Capt. Mark A. Vance, commander of the air wing aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, now in the eastern Mediterranean.

> "We are a sovereign platform that operates at international sea and airspace, and that gives us a degree of flexibility that is not shared when someone relies on a host nation," said Vance, a native of Montana.

> But military analysts note carriers come with distinct advantages and lim-

> itations. They are mobile and can deliver

round-the-clock airstrikes with more than 60 warplanes each. But the Navy fighter-bombers mostly carry a limited number of precision-guided bombs, experts said. Only missions from land airfields can carry the heavier weapons needed to open deep bunkers, carpet bomb or strike big targets.

Carriers "allow some opportunity to attack ground targets should the U.S. Air Force not be able to base its aircraft within the region or nearby," Joanna Kidd, a naval analyst with the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, said Wednesday.

She noted that carriers saw extensive

use at early stages of the Gulf War. "They were only used really in the first three or four days of the air campaign because the U.S. Air Force was

able to use Saudi Arabia," she said. But the coalition forged to fight Iraq in 1991 was far broader and stronger than the current U.S.-led pressure against Saddam Hussein.

Even key NATO allies such as Turkey, which shares a border with northern Iraq, are balking at the possibility of hosting Air Force bombers and tens of thousands of U.S. troops.

Opposition to a U.S. campaign in (See SHIPS, Page 3)

#### **Auditor's report: Fraud,** waste account for loss

when lawmakers face a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall, a new state auditor's report shows that there could be as much as \$7 billion of fraud and waste at state agencies.

"SAO audits and investigations continue to show that many agencies do not establish appropriate financial controls to protect state assets, that state resources are not always spent as the Legislature intended, and that there are many instances of fraud and abuse throughout state government and its contractors," the report from the

State Auditor's Office said. State Auditor Lawrence F.

AUSTIN (AP) - At a time Alwin wrote in a letter sent to lawmakers Friday that his office is preparing a second report to list more details. That report will make recommendations for specific savings, he said.

Those suggestions will come as lawmakers deal with a shortfall of at least \$1.8 billion in the current \$114 billion state budget. The comptroller has estimated another \$8.1 billion shortfall for the 2004-05 budget if lawmakers keep programs and services the way they are now.

The auditor's report cited several examples of problems at various agencies including: (See FRAUD, Page 3)

#### Man convicted of killing grandmother to buy cocaine executed this morning

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - A construction worker convicted of killing his grandmother to steal money to buy cocaine urged his wife and friends to be strong and not forget him shortly before he was executed.

"When it comes, you can't run from it and I'm not going to run," Robert Lookingbill said in his final statement from the death chamber gurney Wednesday night.

Lookingbill, 37, the third convicted killer put to death this year in Texas, thanked his wife, Brenda, whom he married while on death row, and several friends as they looked

"I would like to thank all my loved ones that are standing over there for all the kindness and support you have shown me over the years," he said. "Be strong. Do not hate, but learn from this experience. It has been a blessing to know all of you. Don't forget me."

He mouthed kisses to them. He let out two strong breaths and was pronounced dead at 6:18 p.m., 13 minutes after the drugs began to

Lookingbill was resigned to the lethal injection for 70-year-old Adeline Dannenberg's 1989 fatal beating with a steel bar as she slept. The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday denied two requests for stays.

Speaking from death row last week, he insisted he didn't kill his grandmother in the South Texas home he shared with her and his grandfather, Lorenz Dannenberg.

Lookingbill moved in with his grandparents in San Juan in 1987 after serving less than a year in prison on a burglary conviction.

He maintained that he returned home shortly after I a.m. on Dec. 5, 1989, and found them both severely beaten. His grandmother (See EXECUTION, Page 3)

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GRAPEVINE (AP) -

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there were two winning tick-

ets sold for the \$53 million

jackpot — one at a Kroger

grocery store in Grand

Prairie and one at a conve-

nience store in Brownsville

Texas lottery officials

The winning numbers

"The bigger it gets — the

Wednesday were 17, 25, 28,

more you buy," said 50-year-

old truck driver D.C. Edie as

he picked up a hot lunch and

five more tickets at a

Grapevine convenience store

"I'm hoping they'll have a

winner tonight because I'm

getting broke doing this,"

said Edie, who had been

picking up lotto tickets all

It was the biggest Lotto Texas jackpot since it hit \$70

million in June. Earlier that month, it had been at \$50

The winning tickets were

purchased at Speedy Stop

No. 80 in Brownsville and

Kroger 817 in Grand Prairie,

the Lottery Commission

DEATHS

Harmon Lee Staus, 47

Matthew, 35, mechanic.

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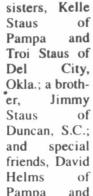
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Mr. Staus was born June 17, 1955, in Pampa. He was a 1973 graduate of Pampa High School where he was a Harvester football standout. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in agronomy from Texas Tech University where he also played football.

He worked as a sales representative in the chemical industry for many years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock where he was active as a youth sponsor.

Survivors include a son, Cody Lynn Staus of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Channa Pierce of Dallas; his mother and stepfather, Romona Staus and Claude Schmatjen of Pampa; two



Pampa and Ami Hill of Lubbock. He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Staus, in 1981.

The family will receive friends at 1901 N. Faulkner and 200 N. Faulkner in Pampa and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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PHILLIP DWAYNE MATTHEW 1967-2003

Phillip Dwayne Matthew, 35, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ed Barker, of the New Life Four Square Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Matthew was born April 17, 1967, in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1986. He worked for Universal Compression in Yukon, Okla., as a mechanic for the past 14 years.

Survivors include his parents, Sue and Richard Matthew of Hooker, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Clark of Pampa; a niece, Meagan Clark of Pampa; a nephew, Jarron Clark of Pampa; two uncles and an aunt, Ron Smith of Pampa and Mary and Jay Shaw of

The family will be at 1817 Christine in Pampa and requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106, or to a favorite charity.

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

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#### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

MATTHEW, Phillip Dwayne — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### ON RECORD

#### **POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrest and incidents.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

An assault with no injuries was reported in the 700 block of Northwest. The assault was alleged to have occurred in September.

Domestic assault was reported in the 600 block of East Craven. According to the police report, there were no injuries.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Jacob Ryan Crain, 18, 2200 Evergreen, was arrested on a Gray County warrant for possession of marijuana under two ounces and a municipal warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arson was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner. A paper bag and its contents

were reportedly set on fire and left on a porch. Approximately \$20 worth of damage was done to the welcome mat, according to the police report. The front door was also egged.

Pampa PD investigated a report of a juvenile claiming gang affiliation on the grounds of Pampa Middle School. The juvenile was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Prescription medication was reported taken from a residence in the 700 block of South Gray. According to the police report, there was no forced entry.

Attempted suicide was reported in the 500 block of North Naida.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of South Gray.

#### FIRE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 22

7:50 a.m. - City fire marshal investigated a small fire set in the 500 block of North

9:12 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 400 block

11:33 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2000 block of Williston.

7:24 p.m. – Four units and 10 firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen. According to fire reports, a fire created by heat from a fireplace insert ran up the walls and through the roof of the residence. A damage estimate was not listed on the report.

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the fol-

lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC); one

500 block of Naida; one patient was transport-

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#### WEATHER FOCUS

#### **P**AMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with highs in the lower 30s and light winds, shifting to the south 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight should see mostly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 20s and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Friday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in

the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

#### **STATEWIDE**

It will be cold today across Plateau. Lows tonight will Friday. Saturday, highs will be the state, with highs mostly in reach the mid teens north and mostly in the 50s except in the the 30s in North and West Texas and 40s in South Texas. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies are forecast. A warmup will begin Friday

in West Texas and will reach other parts of the state by Saturday. Daytime highs will warm into the 60s and 70s by Temperatures Wednesday

ranged from 77 degrees at Brownsville to an overnight low of 15 degrees at Childress. No precipitation was reported in Texas cities. The West Texas forecast

calls for cold temperatures today, with highs in the low 30s in the Panhandle and South Plains, around 40 south, in the mid 30s on the Edwards Plateau and the 60s in the far west. It will be mostly cloudy today in the Panhandle and Edwards

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

A woman who testified

against Ira Einhorn at his

murder trial is suing the for-

mer hippie guru's attorney,

claiming he damaged her rep-

utation by calling her a man-

Genie O'Brien filed her

lawsuit Wednesday in U.S.

District Court seeking

unspecified damages from

Cannon declined to com-

O'Brien managed a food

co-op where Einhorn's girl-

friend, Holly Maddux of

Tyler, Texas, shopped and

volunteered.

attorney William T. Cannon.

hater.

around 20 elsewhere, and warmer in the far west. A big warmup comes Friday, with highs 10 degrees warmer in the Panhandle, up to 20 degrees warmer in south and central regions, and skies will not be as cloudy. Saturday, highs will reach the 50s in the Panhandle, the 60s south and west, and continued fair in the far west. Sunday, temperatures will drop about 10 degrees across the region before warming back to Saturday levels on Monday.

South Texas will be cloudy through the weekend. It will be chilly today and Friday, with highs in the low to mid 40s southeast and central, mid to upper 40s south, and slightly warmer in the west. A freeze warning is forecast tonight in the west. Far South Texas will warm slightly

Witness sues over man-hater, lesbian remarks

she saw Maddux bruised and

intimidated during her years

life without parole for mur-

Cannon told reporters outside

the courthouse that she and

another female witness "seem

to be ... the kind of ladies who

are part of the pro-feminism

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Cannon also suggested to

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O'Brien testified Oct. I that Philadelphia in the 1970s,

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convicted and sentenced to ment," or biased against men.

60s far south, with a chance of rain in all areas except Southeast Texas. Sunday and Monday highs will be five to 10 degrees warmer over the region. Sunday should continue cloudy but clearing on Monday. North Texas will be partly

cloudy and cold today with highs ranging from the upper 20s in the north to the lower 40s in the south. It will be cold tonight with lows from the mid teens to lower 20s. Friday, it will be partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. Saturday it will warm up, with highs ranging from the low 50s to mid 60s. On Sunday, a slight chance of showers east. Highs will be mostly in the 50s, with clearing skies in all but the west. Monday it will be clear and warmer with highs in the 60s and 70s.

said in her lawsuit that she

was not a lesbian, a member

She said Cannon's remarks,

which were published and

broadcast worldwide, imply

she lied under oath and may

Einhorn, 62, was convicted

of bludgeoning his 30-year-

old former girlfriend and

stuffing her body into a

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Philadelphia apartment in

March 1979, 18 months after

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**Economy: Jobless claims** rise, forecasting gauge up

> activity was more promising, rising for a third consecutive month. The Conferece Board reported that its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose by 0.1 percent in December, lending support to the view that the economy will perform better in 2003. While the increase was small, it was the third straight gain and followed stronger advances of 0.5 percent in November and 0.2 percent in October.

BY MARTIN

AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) -

The number of Americans fil-

ing new claims for unemploy-

ment benefits rose by 18,000

last week, but a key forecast-

ing gauge of future economic

CRUTSINGER

Conference board economist Ken Goldstein said that the string of positive readings "suggest that the economy might turn in a better performance in the first quarter of 2003 than it did in the second half of last year."

In a sign that current conditions remain tough, the Labor Department reported that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose to 381,000 last week, up from a revised figure of 363,000 the previous week.

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Private economists had been predicting a rise in jobless claims for the week, given that claims fell by an unexpectedly large 30,000 in the previous week.

Because of that sharp decline, the four-week moving average for jobless claims, which helps to smooth out weekly variations, declined last week to 386,500, down from 388,500 the week before and the lowest level since late November.

The government reported earlier this month that the nation's jobless rate remained stuck at an eight-year high of 6 percent in December. Many economists believe that rate will move even higher in coming months as the sluggish

recovery from the 2001 recession fails to generate enough economic growth to prompt companies to start hiring back laid-off workers.

Many analysts are predicting the unemployment rate will peak at around 6.5 percent in early summer before expected stronger economic growth starts to generate more jobs.

Democrats have sought to use the current "jobless recovery" as evidence that President Bush's economic policies have been a failure. Bush on Jan. 7 unveiled a new \$674 billion, 10-year tax cut and economic stimulus program to ward off attacks that he is not doing enough to jump-start growth.

Democratic critics contend that the plan offers too little in stimulus for this year, when the economy will need it the most, and too much in large tax cuts for the wealthy in later years, when the economy is expected to be growing at a fast enough rate to pus the unemployment rate down.

What little strength the economy did exhibit last year was aided by the Federal Reserve, which in 12 steps has pushed interest rates to a 41-year low, triggering a boom in housing construction and sales and also helping other areas of consumer spending.

Fed policymakers hold their first meeting of 2003 Tuesday Wednesday. Most analysts believe they will leave the overnight borrowing rate for banks unchanged at 1.25 percent with some economists predicting the rate could stay at that low level for much of this year.

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#### **DAIRIES**

at the dairy. Also identified as problems was mastitis and a downturn in milk prices shortly after they opened their dairy operation in the Texas Panhandle.

In an interview with The Pampa News in January 2002, Tara and Ricky Roden said the weather was not the cause of problems which occurred.

Ricky Roden said the cows' teats were so sore from the mastitis that they could not produce milk. Mastitis is an infection of the teats. The Rodens brought an expert in the dairy field to their Pampa operation which they attributed to the new milking equipment which had cost them \$500,000, according to the Rodens in the 2002 inter-

Dairy Strategies, a dairy consulting firm, was hired for just under \$15,000 by the PEDC to assist the Rodens with their operation. The Rodens eventually filed a lawsuit in connection with the milking equipment.

Dairy Strategies consulting report was obtained by The Pampa News in January 2002 from the PEDC. The newspaper had requested a copy of it in October 2001. just days prior to the Nov. 6, 2001, election on whether to dissolve the local economic development corporation.

Then-PEDC attorney Don Lane request-

ed an Attorney General's opinion whether the report could be released, but did not submit reasons as to why the information should be withheld.

Reasons cited in the effort to refrain from releasing the report were geological or geophysical information or data, trade secrets and commercial or financial information.

The Attorney General released the opinion on Jan. 14, 2002, that the report was public record and should be released to The Pampa News. It was released Jan. 24.

was public record because it was paid for by the PEDC. The PEDC was funded by a halfcent sales tax in Pampa.

The report identified finances, somatic cell count, and monitoring herd performance as major problems and made suggestions for correcting the problems.

The Roden family moved to the dairy location in 1998 after receiving \$500,000 in grant money from the PEDC and a forgivable loan of \$250,000.

In order to not be required to repay the forgivable loan, the dairy must keep a certain number of employees on the payroll.

When asked whether the dairy would be The newspaper had contended the report liable for any funds to the PEDC, Board President Doug Locke said the dissolving PEDC has excellent attorneys who would determine that if needed.

#### Four die in crash of two marine helicopters

FALCON HEIGHTS (AP) to help them." Two Marine helicopters helping Border Patrol agents AH1W Super Cobra helion an anti-drug mission copters flying above Falcon crashed late Wednesday killing all four reservists on

We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," said resident Larry Shoal. He saw another

ball of fire close by. "There was nobody that could have survived that," the 67-year-old said Thursday morning. "There was no way

The Marines were in State Park in far South Texas, near the Mexican border, at the time of the crash about 9:30 p.m.

crew of two Marine reservists and there were no survivors,

"The helicopters were con-

ducting a nighttime aviation reconnaissance counter-drug operation in support of the U.S. Border Patrol, Laredo Sector, at the time of the acci-

leave their homes until

entrance.

 Poor documentation, lack of "basic con-Department.

A significant mismanagement of money at the Texas Human Rights Commission resulting in overspending its budget by \$1.1

The report said there were "financial management and accountability issues" at other agencies, including the Texas Education Agency, Department of Health, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and

Texas could lose as much as \$7 billion over two years because of fraud and abuse at

The state is more susceptible to fraud or abuse because of weak controls over contractors and personnel, it stated.

From 2000 to 2002 the Auditor's Office logged 443 complaints of alleged fraud and abuse totaling \$214 million, but the report lion settlement.

ing agency heads to sign a letter each year assuring that financial risks and other operat- any wrongdoing.

dent," Carrasco said.

Each helicopter carried a Thursday morning.

said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six, a Department of Defense unit that helps the Border Patrol in counter-drug efforts.

SHIPS

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Shoal said the wreckage in the remote state park filled with brush and cactus was on a road leading to the lake, so park residents were not able to

"The helicopters are lying right on the road," he said. He said the wreckage was about 50 to 100 yards from the park

Turkey has reportedly forced planners to scale back from initial plans to base 80,000 U.S. troops there. Now, planners are reportedly consid-

> ering 15,000 to 20,000 troops. Another important regional ally, Saudi Arabia, is also reluctant to host a large number of U.S. ground forces. Saudi Arabia was the main staging area for ground forces during the Gulf War.

> The Pentagon has turned to smaller and more distant places, such as Qatar and Oman, as it tries to organize its biggest military build up in more than a decade. In Qatar, the U.S. military has two bases: Camp As Sayliyah. where the U.S. Central Command has a mobile headquarters, and Al Udeid air base, where a midair refueling squadron, F15 fighter wing and drive-through maintenance hangars are in place.

> In addition, B52 bomber squadrons operate from the British-controlled island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

> "Carriers are good for smaller conflicts, but if you need to have a big war you are really going to have to get bases around there ... because it's just a lot more efficient," said Ivan Eland, director of defense policy studies at Washington's CATO Institute.

Meanwhile, the Navy is

moving more firepower into

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the region.

Military planners could send up to six carrier battle groups — half the U.S. fleet within striking distance of Iraq, officials say.

The USS Constellation battle group already is operating in the northern Gulf and the USS Harry S. Truman is in the eastern Mediterranean. They will be joined by the USS Abraham Lincoln and the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which is conducting training exercises off the coast of Puerto Rico.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is said to be con-

sidering even more deploy-

Possibilities include the dispatch of the USS Kitty Hawk from its home port in Japan, the USS Nimitz in San Diego and the USS George Washington from Norfolk, Va.

"We are 4.5 acres of U.S. territory, and basically we can show up wherever we need to," said Capt. Michael R. Groothousen, commander of the USS Harry S. Truman.

In addition to the F-14 and F/A-18 fighter jets squadrons aboard the Norfolk-based USS Truman, its battle group comprises 12 ships, including five destroyers.

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#### FRAUD

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trols and oversight" and noncompliance with state laws at the Texas Parks and Wildlife

million this biennium.

the Department of Economic Development.

agencies, the report said.

said that number is likely far higher.

The report recommended that lawmakers a report saying National Heritage had strengthen financial management by requirbreached its state contract.

ing issues have been studied.

The report showed problems with private contracts and grants given to carry out state business. Texas spends about a third of its budget — \$20 billion — on such awards.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board has serious management problems with \$1 billion in grants and could not show the Legislature that it had awarded the grants as lawmakers intended, the report stated as an example.

The report also cited problems with the state's main Medicaid contractor, Planobased Electronic Data Systems Corp., as an example of trouble with private contrac-

EDS was paid \$107.9 million last year to help administer Medicaid this biennium.

Subsidiary National Heritage Insurance Co. settled a lawsuit this summer filed by a former state employee alleging the company failed to collect millions owed to taxpayers.

A grand jury investigation into the expenses the company charged taxpayers ended after NHIC agreed to pay the state a \$3.4 mil-Also, the attorney general's office released

EDS and company officials have denied

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#### KUWAIT

act," the state-run Kuwait

News Agency said. The U.S. Embassy said it was urging Americans to be alert to their surroundings and to continually assess their security.

"I feel like I have a big bull's eye pinned on me," said Jack Blair, 54, a television director originally from Pittsburgh. Still, he was not considering going home. "The majority of people are kind and generous

EXECUTION

was in bed with fractures to

her skull, jaw and hand and

bone fragments in her brain.

She died 10 days later. Lorenz

Dannenberg, 77, was found with similar head injuries on the living room floor. He sur-

vived for about a year but was comatose, unable to help

Investigators noticed blood spatter on Lookingbill's clothing and boots and he was charged in both attacks. He

received a death sentence for his grandmother's murder, and was sentenced to 75 years

in prison for attempted capital murder in his grandfather's

Lookingbill, while maintaining he had found his

grandparents beaten, eventually signed a confession saying he arrived home "all coked up," beat his grandparents and took more than \$500 from his grandmother's purse. Prosecutors said he

took the money to buy drugs.

that night was earnings from

his construction job.

Lookingbill said from death row the \$568.31 found in his jeans pocket by police

police.

attack.

The shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians in U.S. soldiers in their civilian Kuwait and the third on car on a highway on Nov. 21. Americans since October in the oil-rich emirate, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling for a possible war

Muslims opened fire on Marines taking a break from training, killing one and injur-

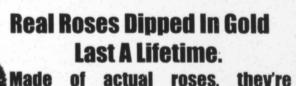
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we don't know the facts ing another. Other Marines shot and killed the assailants. A policeman also shot at two

Kuwaiti officials have described the attacks as isolated incidents, distancing themselves from any terrorist connections. Most of Kuwait's 2.2 million population welcomes Americans, a lingering senti-On Oct. 8, two Kuwaiti ment from the U.S.-led coalition that drove out Iraqi invaders during the 1991 Gulf

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tion Lookingbill had a bad money to get cocaine," he said. "They were worth more Sophia Arizpe, one of the his drug use and that he knew Hidalgo County prosecutors the Dannenbergs had money who handled Lookingbill's at home, she said.

"I didn't have to steal the case, said there was no indica-

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#### VIEWPOINTS

## The vicious cycle of poverty

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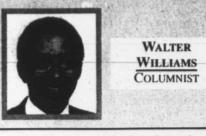
A typical belief among the world's foreign aid agencies is there's a "vicious cycle of poverty" that makes economic development virtually impossible for the world's poor nations. This idea holds that poor countries are poor because income is so low that savings cannot be generated to provide the kind of capital accumulation necessary for economic growth. Thus, it is alleged, the only way out of

the poverty quagmire is foreign aid. As popular as the vicious cycle of poverty theory is among economic development "experts," it has to be one of mankind's most foolish ideas.

"Explain yourself, Williams!" you say. "That's what my professors taught when I went to college, and they're teaching the same thing to my kids." Let's look at it.

The vicious cycle of poverty theory can't even pass the straight-face test. After all, how did countries such as the United States, England, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland and others break that cycle and become rich? Were they simply "born" rich? That's a big fat no.

So how in the world did these once poor and backward countries become wealthy without what today's development experts say is absolutely necessary for economic growth -- foreign-aid handouts, and World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans? Maybe part of the answer lies in the fact that there were no foreign-aid handout programs and economic development experts around during their economic development.



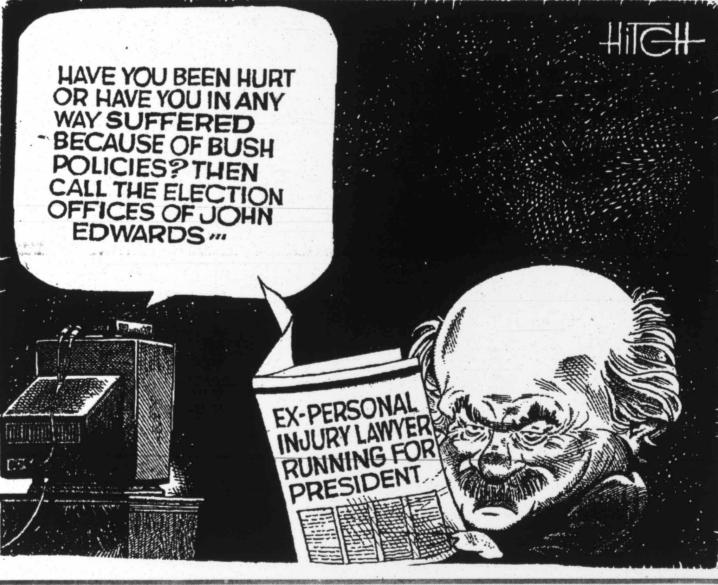
According to a recently released report by Heritage Foundation policy analysts Paolo Pasicolan and Sara Fitzgerald, "The Millennium Challenge Account: Linking Aid With Economic Freedom," despite decades of economic aid, most recipient nations are poorer now than they were before they first received development assistance. What foreign aid usually achieves is the enabling of Third World tyrants to retain power by having the resources to build grandiose projects that make little economic sense, pay off cronies and buy military equipment to suppress their people, not to mention setting up multimillion- and even multibillion-dollar Swiss bank accounts.

Then there's the population myth that holds that countries are poor because they are overpopulated. That's nonsense. For example, the population density of China is 409 people per square mile; in Taiwan it's 1,478 per square mile and in Hong Kong, it's 247,500. Which people have higher incomes? If you said Hong Kong, you'd be dead right. But for people who see overpopulation as a cause of poverty, China should be the richest, and Hong Kong the poorest. The late economist Lord Peter Bauer said, "Economic achievement and progress depend on people's conduct, not on their numbers."

The latest mythical explanation for Third World poverty is globalization and multinational corporation exploitation. Peaceable trade and contact with other nations have always raised the potential for higher living standards. In fact, Third World countries least touched by the West, whether the contact was in the form of imperialist conquest, trade or multinational corporations, are among the poorest of the poor -- countries like: Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan in Asia, and Ethiopia and Liberia in Africa.

Poverty is mostly self-inflicted -indigenously created. What are some of the most commonly held characteristics of the non-poor world? In non-poor countries, people tend to have greater personal liberty, property rights are protected, contracts are enforced, there's rule of law and there's a market-oriented economic system rather than a socialistic one.

A country need not be rich to create these wealth-enhancing institutions. That's much of the story of the United States. In 1776, we were essentially a Third World nation, but we established an institutional structure to become rich -an institutional structure that not only attracted investment but talented, hardworking immigrants, as well. Contrast that to today's poor countries, whose policies and institutional structure do just the opposite -- repel investment and cause their most talented people to leave.



## One of the greatest Americans

CHARLEY REESE

COLUMNIST

Jan. 19 is the birthday of one of the greatest Americans, Robert E. Lee. He was as close to perfect as any human being can get. A brilliant soldier, a superb educator, a loving husband and father, a Christian gentleman and a tall, athletic and strikingly handsome man.

One of the first things Lee told a class at Washington College after he became its president was that they would find no large book of rules for behavior, "but each of you is expected to act like a Christian gentleman." To Lee, that included all the virtues.

It's impossible to summarize his accomplishments and virtues in one column, so I will recommend two books. One is a new one, "Robert E. Lee on Leadership," by H.W. Crocker III. This is an excellent study of Lee's leadership qualities that every American would do well to emulate. Worked into the chapters is a skillfully abbreviated biography.

My favorite book on Lee is "The Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee," by his son, Robert E. Lee. There are some touching stories in this book. One involves a federal soldier who showed up at the door of Lee's Richmond Va., home after the surrender. He had a big basket of food. Lee's sons came to the door, and he told them that he had served under Lee in the Second Cavalry and had heard that the family was hard-up. As long as he had a cent in his pocket, he said, his old colonel should not suffer.

They said the soldier was Irish, and I always visualize that wonderful old actor

Victor McLaglen. Lee came to the door and refused the food, but when the old soldier seemed deeply hurt, Lee said he would accept it, provided he could give it to the wounded soldiers at the hospital. Before Lee's sons could stop him, the old Irishman in his Yankee uniform grabbed Lee and tried to kiss him. "Good-bye, Colonel. God bless ye! If I could have go over in time, I would have been with

A few days later, two bedraggled Confederates came to the door, presenting, they said, about 60 men. They had found a farm in the mountains reachable only through a narrow pass that they vowed they could defend against the entire Union army. They wanted to make a gift of it and their service to Lee, whom they heard might be tried for treason. Tears came to Lee's eyes, but he declined

Gen. James Longstreet put his finger on a unique quality of Lee. "As a soldier, his men respected him," Longstreet said, "but as a man, they loved him." Robert E. Lee is the only general I've ever heard of who was genuinely loved by the men who served under him. Time and again when he came to the front, common sol-

diers would beg him to go back, and the remnants of Pickett's division, seeing his sorrow, begged him to order them to

make another charge. By the end of the war, though defeated, Lee was world-famous, and offers poured in, including the offer of an estate in England, but unlike today's generals, Robert E. Ldd did not wish to profit from the sacrifice of so many good men. He finally accepted, for a modest salary and a house, the presidency of Washington College, which was near bankruptcy. Today it is Washington & Lee University.

It was Lee's decision to urge Southerners to accept defeat and to become good Americans, which no doubt saved the country from being forever Balkanized. There were many fine cavalry leaders who could have with guerrilla warfare, dragged the conflict out for years, but Lee knew that would create ineradicable bitterness, and he chose surrender.

Winston Churchill said Lee was "one of the noblest Americans who ever lived, and one of the greatest captains known to the annals of war." Teddy Roosevelt said Lee was "without any exception the very greatest of all the great captains that the English-speaking people have brought

He is a man worth knowing. A father could give a son no finer gift than a book about Robert E. Lee. He was what all men should be but so few are. (Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.)

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### ¬ Before making a judgment, consider these dairy facts

Today is Thursday and I've just learned that the dairies are selling out at an auction tomorrow. I know some of you will chuckle and say, "Yep, that's another failure of PEDC," but before you do consider these facts:

These dairies have been in our community for four years, contributing more than 50 jobs a year. Assuming an average wage of \$7 an hour, that means \$700,000 per year into our economy. Multiply that times four years and you have some \$2.8 million dollars in payroll. In a community the size of ☐ Pampa, that's nothing to chuckle about! Add to this payroll, the amount of property tax that has been paid. Again, nothing to chuckle about!

Now consider the families involved. These three families brought 10 children into Pampa - eight are school age. These eight students have participated in school and our athletic programs: One was a star this year on our winning football team, one is just as good coming behind his brother, the girls play on our high school basketball, volleyball and softball teams, and the boys participate in our rodeo program. The younger ones participate in soccer programs and the Optimist baseball and softball programs. One of the dairymen is even a coach in this program. And one of the girls is a leader at our middle school. What wonderful additions to our community!

Maybe someone will come along and buy the two facilities. Or, maybe, buyers will purchase only the equipment, ☐ leaving Pampa again on the loosing end - without jobs, without young people living here and without property tax rev-

These losses, along with the some 20 other small businesses that have closed this past two years, are taking a devastating toll on Pampa. I wonder if we can ever recoup?

Susan Tripplehorn **Rural Pampa** 

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#### **Kuwaiti official** says shooter not working alone

KUWAIT CITY (AP) - A suspect arrested in Saudi Arabia in the shooting of two Americans in Kuwait was not working alone, a Kuwaiti security officer said Thursday.

The security officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the man arrested by Saudi border guards Wednesday was now being interrogated in Kuwait. The official identified the suspect as Sami al-Mutairi, a Kuwaiti civil servant in his 20s, and said he was the prime suspect, but "had partners, maybe two."

The suspect "follows Osama bin Laden's school of thought," the official said.

The official Saudi Press Agency said border guards arrested the suspect early Wednesday and "the initial investigation revealed that he was the assailant who fired on the American citizens." One of the Americans was killed.

U.S. Embassy spokesman John Moran said the United States hoped "the investigation will move rapidly to apprehend those responsible for this crime and determine if they have ties to any larger organization.'

The shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians and the third on Americans since October in Kuwait, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling ahead of a possible war on Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy said it was urging Americans to be alert to their surroundings. About 8,000 American civilians live in Kuwait, in addition to 17,000 personnel stationed at the main U.S. military base here and thousands of other troops who come for regular exercises.

"We're always told to watch what you're doing, change routes often, be vigilant," said Shirley Gustas, an American living in Kuwait who attended a wreathlaying ceremony Thursday at the shooting site. "But this was on their way to work. What are you supposed to do?"

In Tuesday's attack, a gunman hiding behind a hedge ambushed the sport utility vehicle carrying two civilian contractors working for the U.S. military, killing one and critically wounding the other. The attack took place at a stoplight about three miles from the U.S. military's Camp Doha, which is 10 miles west of Kuwait City.

One of the victims, David Caraway, was in stable condition Wednesday at al-Razi hospital in Kuwait City. His co-worker Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, was killed.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Caraway's relatives in Florida said he was in a lot of pain but in good spirits. His relatives told The News-Press of Fort Myers that they have spoken to him twice over the phone since the attack.

"You wouldn't believe how good it was to hear his voice. That's my little brother, you know?" Wayne Caraway of Cape Coral, Fla., told the newspaper.

In an interview with ABC news Wednesday, Caraway said the intersection where the ambush occurred was not the one he and Poulio normally used. He said he felt the attacker was just 1 waiting for any American to pass

#### **Timeless Treasures Ouilt Guild to meet**

GUYMON, Okla. Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25 at Victory Memorial Methodist Church Center Enrichment Guymon.

Darlene Christopherson will deliver the program on fabric selection and will present a trunk show of quilts. Christopherson began quilting in 1979 and has published her own patterns.

Morning refreshments will be provided. Attendees should bring a cold dish for a potluck noon meal. New members are welcome.

#### Relatives mourning after Mexico quake

By LISA J. ADAMS ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

COLIMA, Mexico (AP) Vicente Rodriguez sat beside his mother's coffin, barely noticing the crews noisily shoveling away the remains of homes leveled by a powerful earthquake that killed at least 25 people in Mexico.

"I did what I could to save her but it was useless," he said as friends and relatives embraced him at an outdoor memorial for 83-year-old Maria Rodriguez Macia.

Rodriguez, 53, was already in mourning, praying for a deceased friend at a neighbor's home Tuesday night, when the 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck, shaking the walls, cutting power and causing the earth to ripple like water beneath him.

Like thousands of others, he ran outside, stumbling several blocks down the darkened streets to find both his mother and sister trapped beneath a mountain of earth, metal and stone that had been their humble adobe house.

"I was able to get my sister out, but couldn't find my mother," Rodriguez said. "She was trapped behind her and by the time I got to her she no longer had a pulse."

Maria Rodriguez was one of at least 25 people killed in the quake, which injured 300 people and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes.

One of the worst-hit areas was this Colima's historic downtown, where adobe houses built 50 to 100 years ago were pulverized. On Filameno Medina street, where Rodriguez's mother area following Tuesday's lived for more than 75 years, quake.

three of the 25 houses crashed to the ground, reduced to piles of dirt and cement.

Others were rendered uninhabitable after the quake ripped away large chunks of brick and tore cracks that stretched the lengths of plaster walls.

President Vicente Fox toured the devastated neighborhoods Wednesday, promising to help rebuild the houses from newer, stronger materials that would withstand the force of future quakes.

In nearby Guadalajara -Mexico's second-largest city bells from one of the colonial city's ancient churches fell from the tower and dozens of homes partially collapsed.

The Tuesday evening quake also rocked Mexico City, 300 miles east of the epicenter, sending frightened residents fleeing into the streets. But damage in the Mexican capital was limited to minor cracks in several buildings.

Mexico's national seismological service put the quake's magnitude at 7.6. The U.S. Geological Survey calculated it at 7.8.

The earth continued to shudder on Wednesday. As 79-year-old Jose Guadalupe Barbosa began to point out where the quake had cracked cement walls and tore away brick from his home and furniture store, the building began to shudder from the force of a 5.8-magnitude aftershock.

"Get out, quick! It's another one!" a neighbor yelled.

At least 10 other tremors ranging in magnitude from 3.9 to 4.5 shook the Colima

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## Senate wrapping up spending package

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is nearing completion of a long overdue \$390 billion package financing much of government after Republicans fought off a Democratic effort to pump up farm spending.

Leaders of both parties said they hoped to finish the package Thursday, the sixth day of debate. The bill is for the federal fiscal year that began last Oct. 1 and covers the entire swath of government agencies except the Pentagon, whose budget was enacted last fall.

The legislation is a mix of 11 bills that Congress never enacted last year because of an election-year political fight in which President Bush insisted on lower spending than was preferred by many lawmakers, including some Republicans. Bush has insisted on holding down the package's price tag, citing revived federal deficits, but Democrats have battled to provide more funds for schools, domestic security and other areas.

"Right now we're getting a slow walk to what should have been a relatively brief and painless process," Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., complained Wednesday as senators waded through a stack of amendments.

Led by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Democrats tried doubling the \$3.1 billion for farmers the bill contained and focusing it on growers who had been hurt by last year's drought.

He was defeated by 56-39. Instead, senators voted 59-35 for an alternative by Sen. Thad

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Cochran, R-Miss., focusing more of the money already in the bill for growers and ranchers hurt by natural disasters.

As they have with several of the amendments they've offered, Democrats contrasted the GOP's stance against farm spending with Bush's proposed \$674 billion, 10-year economic package, all but \$4 billion of which is for tax cuts.

"At the very time the administration says we can't afford \$6 billion in disaster assistance, they come forth with a \$670 billion tax cut, a tax cut that helps those at the very top with very, very little support for anyone else," Daschle said.

The Senate did agree to include an extra \$1.5 billion for education for disabled children. But the money will be for the government fiscal year that starts next Oct. 1, which under Congress' budget rules means it won't count toward the bill's price tag for this year — a limit President Bush has fought to keep intact.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and other sponsors originally hoped the extra funds would be added to the \$8.5 billion the bill already contained for the program, but Republicans objected.

As momentum for finishing the bill grew in both parties, the Senate used voice votes to accept the added education funds and smaller amendments.

Those included a Democratic proposal providing \$180 million to combat AIDS in Africa, and a GOP plan to add \$165 million for security screening of people entering the United States. They were largely paid for by new congressional estimates that parts of the bill, including higher Medicare reimbursements to rural hospitals, will cost less than expected earlier.

Republicans had hoped a final House-Senate compromise on the bill could be sent to Bush before his State of the Union speech next Tuesday. But Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said he expected complicated negotiations with the House that would prevent its completion until early February at best.

#### Wal-Mart donation



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Wal-Mart Assistant Manager Tammy George recently presented Theresa Doyle,
volunteer coordinator of Meals on Wheels, with a \$1,300 check for their organi-

#### **Annual High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop slated**

zation. The money was raised during the store's Holiday Charity Event.

AMARILLO — For 15 years, the High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop has provided members of the grain storage and processing industry an educational forum for discussion as well as a training environment.

The partnership behind the event slated Jan. 28 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo includes Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas membership of the Tri-State Chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society and Texas Cooperative Extension.

"This is the only such event, designed especially for industry education and training, held in this region," said Carl Patrick, Texas Extension entomologist of Amarillo.

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Participants can earn continuing education units (CEUs) approved for licensed commercial, non-commercial and private applicators by Texas Department of

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Agriculture.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with refreshments. Preregistration is encouraged. The workshop fee is \$30 per person.

Greg Cronholm, Extension integrated pest management agent of Plainview, will be the morning program moderator beginning by 8:30 a.m. Transportation of hazardous materials will be addressed by Texas Department of Public Safety official Harry Taylor of Amarillo.

Also, Joe Joe Zotter, Wildlife Damage Management Services of Canyon, will discuss bird and rodent control around grain handling facilities followed by Bill Sturtz with The Boone Group of Boone, Iowa, who will cover stored grain aeration issues.

The recertification program on phosphine safety and proposed new label requirements will be addressed after the break by Thad Bigler of Professional IPM Services, Inc., Liberty, Mo., and Dick Bigler, Commodity Services, Inc., of Kansas City, Kan.

After the noon meal, spon-

sored by Texas Grain and Feed Association, the final session will be moderated by Stephen Tillery of Attebury Grain, Inc., Amarillo. Tillery is the president of the Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

Grain Jakob with Hedley

Craig Jakob with Hedley Technologies, Inc., of Whitney will discuss the alternative grain protectant, DE. Calvin Parnell, agricultural air quality engineer and director of the newly established Center for Agricultural Air Quality and Engineering Sciences at College Station, will discuss mineral oil control strategies to reduce dust

explosion and aid pest management.

Gary Gilbert, IPM project manager, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, will discuss sampling strategies needed to make sound pest management decisions in stored wheat.

The workshop will wrap up at 3 p.m. with evaluation and CEU completions.

To pre-register, contact Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 Amarillo Blvd West, Amarillo, TX 79106; or call (806) 677-5600.

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# Kerry wants foreign policy refocus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry says it is not a sign of weakness for the United States to work closely with other nations, but rather "it amplifies America's voice and extends our reach."

"Working through global institutions doesn't tie our hands," the Massachusetts senator said in prepared remarks provided to The Associated Press late Wednesday. "It invests U.S. aims with greater legitimacy and dampens the fear and resentment that our preponderant power sometimes inspires in others."

Kerry was to deliver the speech Thursday at Georgetown University on a signature issue in his campaign.

Kerry has formed an exploratory committee to seek the Democratic presidential nomination. His backers say that as a decorated Vietnam War hero, he is the Democrat best able to counter an expected effort by President Bush to make foreign policy and the war on terror central to the 2004 campaign.

Kerry said the United States must work to "bridge the divide between Islam and the rest of the world" and he is calling for a trade effort to bring the Mideast into the world market.

"We must embark on a major initiative of public diplomacy to bridge the divide between Islam and the rest of the world," Kerry said.

"What America needs today is a smarter, more comprehensive and farsighted strategy for modernizing the greater Middle East," Kerry said. "It should draw on all of our nation's strengths: military might, the world's largest economy, the immense moral prestige of freedom and democracy - and our powerful alliances."

The four-term senator first elected in 1984 joined in the call to disarm Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, calling him "a particularly grievous threat," but warned against a quick assault on Iraq.

He proposed efforts to "bring about Iraq's peaceful disarmament or the decisive military victory of a multilateral coalition."

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"The United States should never go to war because it wants to. We should go to war because we have to," Kerry said. "But we don't have to until we have exhausted the remedies available, built legitimacy and earned the consent of the American people, absent, of course, an imminent threat requiring urgent action."

## GRANDVIEW HOPKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Co <b>nt</b> Co <b>de</b>		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Governments Funds
	REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 928,254	\$ 326,287	\$ 2,576	\$ 1,257,117
5800	State Program Revenues	25,369		5,772	31,141
5900	Federal Program Revenues			3,366	3,366
5020	Total Revenues	953,623	326,287	11,714	1,291,624
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)011	Instruction	188,805		5,461	194,266
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Service				4,885
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Develop				17,137
0023	School Leadership	62,684			62,684
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033	Health Services	1,246			1,246
034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	34,407			34,407
035	Food Services	1,060		33,034	34,094
036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	992			992
0041	General Administration	44,520	***		44,520
051	Plant Maintenance and Operation	106,050			106,050
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0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term del		285,000		285,000
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0091	Contracted Instruction Services Between	274,508	***		274,508
030	Total Expenditures	750.231	325,988	38.495	1,114,714
100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	203,392	299	(26.781)	176,910
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	ER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In		-	25,521	25,521
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(25,521)		47.44	(25,521
080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(25,521)		25,521	
200	Net Change in Fund Balances	177,871	299	(1,260)	176,910
100	Fund Balance -September 1 (Beginning)	764.954	193	1.885	767.03
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#### Democratic attempt to delay Bush air rules unsuccessf

WASHINGTON (AP) concerns to trump party loyalty-in winning his first environmental battle of the new Congress. Senate Democrats from three states bolted from party leaders and presidential hopefuls to help affirm Bush's air pollution policy.

Democrats from Arkansas and Louisiana, large timber and refining states, respectively, and Zell Miller of Georgia joined with Republicans in worrying about the effect of the cost of new air pollution controls on industry.

By a 50-46 vote Wednesday, the Senate defeated a measure that would have delayed **Environmental Protection Agency** rules from going into effect. Four Democrats — Dianne Feinstein of California, Tom Harkin of Iowa, Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., also states against the EPA. They from some sources as long as take effect as scheduled.

Ernest Hollings of South Carolina making a White House run, like- charge that the administration's overall, plant-wide air emissions President Bush relied on local and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii did not vote.

> Echoing the prevailing views of his party, Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., the new chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said delaying the rules would have "put jobs and economic stability at nearly 220,000 manufacturing facilities nationwide in jeopardy."

The rules represent a major change in the way older industrial plants including refineries, timber mills and manufacturers deal with air pollution when they expand, make major repairs or modify operations to increase efficiency.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a 2004 presidential hopeful, had proposed the measure. Sen.

wise supported postponing the EPA rules until at least Sept. 15 so Air Act, undermine their efforts to they could be studied by the National Academy of Sciences.

Typically, it has been the Bush administration calling for more studies of complex environmental issues and Democrats and environmentalists urging more immediate action.

But among Republicans, senators from Maine and New Bush administration. They joined 39 Democrats and one indepen-

Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island are part of a lawsuit brought by nine Northeastern sources may increase pollution

changes violate the 1970 Clean protect public health and will increase the air pollution blown in their direction from the Midwest and Ohio Valley.

The changes give companies greater flexibility to modernize or expand without having to install new pollution controls, though greater emissions might result.

For example, plants that already Hampshire, along with Lincoln have installed state-of-the-art pol-Chafee of Rhode Island and John lution controls will not be McCain of Arizona, bucked the required to install more effective equipment for 10 years even if they expand or change operations in a way that results in more pol-

Plants with numerous pollution

are not increased. Companies also gain more leeway in calculating their pollution.

Edwards' proposal was an amendment to the \$390 billion government-wide spending bill the Senate is debating. He had argued that the proposed rules would result in increased air pollution and health problems. The regulations are supposed to take effect in March.

"This administration has made new rules that are the biggest rollback of clean air protections in history," he said.

Before Edwards' amendment was rejected, the Senate voted 51-45 for another by Inhofe that called for the National Academy of Sciences study but let the rules

#### **England set to raise** college tuition fees

LONDON (AP) — The British government said it plans to sharply increase tuition fees at English universities in a bid to improve their finances and make them more competitive with U.S. Ivy League colleges

Students currently pay \$1,750 a year in tuition, but the change announced Wednesday would allow universities to charge up to \$4,800.

Students in England and Wales wouldn't have to pay the fees until after graduation. The changes also would increase the number of study grants that are given to the poorest stu-

Supporters of the tuition increase say the cash injection would allow colleges in England and Wales to improve research programs and attract the best brains from Britain

Opponents, including students, say the increase in fees would make higher education elitist and leave many graduates in debt.

In England and Wales, all universities are state schools, relying heavily on government financing.

At U.S. private colleges such as Harvard and Yale, undergraduates often pay more than \$25,000 a year in tuition

The English proposal, which wouldn't apply to universities in Scotland, is expected to be approved by the legislature, where the governing Labor Party has a large majority.

Charles Clarke, the government's education secretary, told parliament that there were no other options to overhaul Britain's lagging college system and to provide equal access to students from all backgrounds.

Paul Lewis, president of the Cambridge University Students Union, said the system meant some students would leave universities with big debts and would create a class system among the country's universities.

"Cambridge already has a problem with attracting students from lower income backgrounds and that problem is going to be exacerbated," said Lewis. "It is a disaster for access."

Thousands of students marched through central London in December to protest the expected changes. They wanted the government to fund universities through an income tax increase, but Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor Party had ruled out that measure in both its 1997 and 2001 general election manifestos.

Clarke also said Wednesday the government planned to increase university science and research expenditures by 30 percent, or \$2 billion a year by 2005-2006. But he said the lion's share would go to the best performers, a move critics suggest meant the money would go into the coffers of already superior universities like Oxford and Cambridge.

In addition, Clarke said the government wanted to foster an American-style "endowment" system, under which U.S. colleges use the interest on private donations to fund research.

#### **Dutch parties face knotty post-election talks**

By TOBY STERLING ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch voters split their support between two centrist parties and relegated an anti-immigration party to the far-right fringe in national elections, setting the stage for months of bargaining to assemble a governing coalition.

The Christian Democrats edged out a resurgent Labor Party by a 44-42 margin in the 150-seat parliament in Wednesday's vote, ensuring that Jan Peter Balkenende will remain prime minister for a second term.

But lacking enough support from like-minded pro-business parties, Balkenende appeared to have little choice than to strike a deal with Labor, his party's traditional center-left rival.

Balkenende, 46, refused to consider another alliance with the anti-immigration party of murdered populist Pim Fortuyn, blaming its internal chaos and power struggles for the collapse of his first government after just 87 days in

The road to a coalition pact with Labor looked long and

"If you talk about finance, welfare, education and health care, we have great differences," Balkenende said after Wednesday's vote. Reaching an agreement with Labor couldn't be done quickly - if it could be done at all, he said.

Although the two parties have governed together before, most recently in the late 1980s, there was no guarantee they could come to terms again. After the 1977 election, they negotiated for

six months before abandoning the attempt.

One point of conflict was over foreign policy. Although it had not been a campaign issue, Labor Party leader Wouter Bos said in a postelection speech he would "work to head off a war with Iraq." Balkenende's previous government had pledged to offer the United States logistical support in the event of

Bos said an alliance of the parties was major inevitable, and Balkenende shouldn't waste time while the nation suffers from the global economic

"Other coalition possibilities are mathematically possible, but they would be extremely unwise. The voter has spoken very clearly: the only stable, two-party gov-

Democrats with Labor," Bos

Balkenende was a largely unknown political researcher and part-time university lecturer on Christian philosophy when he was chosen leader of his deeply divided Christian Democratic Alliance a few months before the 2002 elec-

Earlier, he held executive positions in a Christian television and radio broadcasting station and served on the municipal council Amstelveen, a town outside Amsterdam.

With his rimless glasses and haircut, he liked to joke about his resemblance to the movie character Harry Potter, a useful balance to his often stern, clipped manner and speech.

Balkenende says his task is to restore confidence in government is the Christian ernment following the mas-

sive protest vote against the political elite last year expressed in the support for Fortuyn's party.

Balkenende "perfectly fit into the old Christian leadership tradition: solid, reliable, anything but innovative," said Dutch historian Henk te Velde on Radio Netherlands.

Although Fortuyn's party was sidelined, the anti-immigration, crime-busting legacy of the assassinated politician will be continued by the mainstream parties who have co-opted much of his plat-

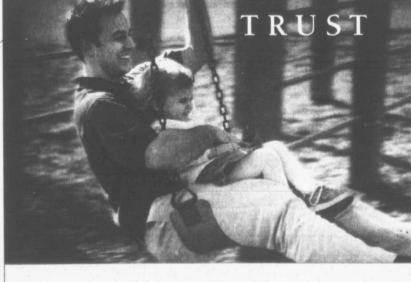
A dapper, gay newspaper columnist and academic, Fortuyn turned the quiet, consensus-based world of Dutch politics on its head by speaking openly about immigration problems and crime. He was shot dead by an animal rights activist nine days before elections last May.

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#### **DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

#### Disabled Man's Sexual Fling **Meets Parents' Diapproval**

for advice, but to help others in a situation that I recently encountered.

I have a dear friend I'll call "Kent" who has muscular dystrophy. Kent is 95 percent paralyzed, but mentally he is one of the most intelligent, mature, open-minded, wonderful people I have ever met. At age 40, he is confined to his parents' home, to his bed and to a ventilator. Kent lives every day knowing that his next breath could be his last.

Kent has never had a girlfriend nor any sexual experiences, although he has all the normal sexual feelings and desires that any able-bodied man would have. For the past four years, Kent has asked me to arrange a sexual experience for him. He called and asked again recently, so I agreed.

I contacted an escort service and before I could finish two sentences, the manager said, "Don't worry about it. We've got it covered — and we'll do it for free." The encounter went very well. The woman had a medical background and was not shocked by his disability or life-support devices.

When Kent's religious parents found out (they were not at home at the time), I was banned from their house, from contacting him, and his phone book suddenly "disappeared." regret that I may have lost a dear friend, but I am more saddened to realize that a 40-year-old man can be held captive in his room by his disabled body and by his parents' morals and values as though he were a 13-year-old adolescent.

**Crossword Puzzle** 

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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ible" people with disabilities that we never see because they are trapped inside. I hope this letter will open the lines of communication in some homes, and also make people understand the normal, natural needs of these individuals.

VIC IN GRAHAM, N.C.

DEAR VIC: So do I, because the situation you describe is tragic. Too often, assumptions that have nothing to do with reality are made about people with disabilities. One of these is that people with disabilities do not have sexual feelings. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Healthy relationships help a person build self-esteem. They

should be encouraged because they are an important part of a person's development. It is wrong for a person in control to project his or her own moral values on another adult who is dependent. For parents to confine an adult child, to prevent that person from having relationships, and to discourage Los Angeles, CA 90069. fully as possible is to me both cruel and ignorant.

I would only hope that someone in your community who understands this could intercede and explain to Kent's cases like this one.

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 21 and am engaged to be married in May. My fiance and I have been together all through college, but I have been feeling hostile toward him for the last couple of months. I get mad for the stupidest things and don't know why. Lately I've been feeling I want to go out and "experience life." Should I call off the wedding?

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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,

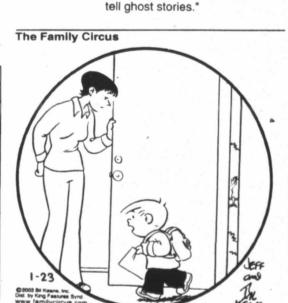
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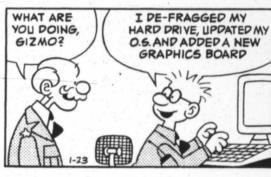








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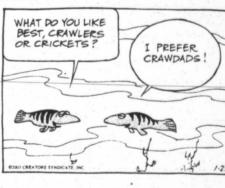








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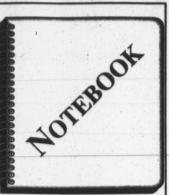
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#### **SPORTS**

#### Raiders, Bucs used different paths to Super Bowl



BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) -Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane is considering a contract extension request by 14-year veteran Craig Biggio, who will be moved from second base to the outfield this season with the arrival of Jeff

McLane and Biggio met for two hours Wednesday and the Astros owner planned more meetings Thursday with team officials to consider keeping Biggio beyond the end of his contract at the end of this season. McLane said he didn't expect a decision until next week.

"I told (Biggio) we'd review it and get back to him," McLane said. "We'll have to look at our longterm finances and see how we can fit this into the budget."

Biggio has spent his entire major league career with the Astros and ranks as the team's all-time leader in games played, years played, career hits and runs scored. McLane has said he wants Biggio and first baseman Jeff Bagwell to end their careers with the Astros.

Biggio signed a fouryear contract worth \$33 million in 1999. He will earn \$8 million this season.

The Astros signed Kent to a two-year \$18.2 million contract last month.

#### **TENNIS**

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Venus Williams did her part to set up a fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament final with her sister Serena. Williams reached Australian Open final for the first time by beating Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals Thursday.

She skipped across the court, clapping her hand against her raised racket, and then waited for Serena to play Kim Clijsters, who beat both Williams sisters to win the WTA Tour Championships November.

Serena beat Venus for the title at the French and U.S. Opens Wimbledon last year, but missed the Australian with an ankle injury. She now is trying to complete a "Serena slam" — all four major titles, but not in the same calendar year.

"It's so exciting. You know, I've struggled and failed, done everything but get this close to winning the Australian Open," said Venus, who never had gone past the semifinals here before and lost in the quarterfinals last year.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Oakland Raiders found a missing ingredient in guys like Rod Woodson, Bill Romanowski, Sam Adams and Jerry Rice — all owners of NFL championship rings.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers needed fire and flare and got it from their coach, Jon Gruden.

Two franchises that made regular visits to the playoffs in recent years were smart enough to recognize their deficiencies and then set about fixing them with vastly different approaches.

"I think whoever makes the personnel decisions for the Raiders did a great job," Romanowski said Wednesday. "We have the

right chemistry on this team. "I think people feed off guys that make plays, when your action talks. This is a great group of football players that feeds off what we all do on the field."

Romanowski has done enough to win four Super Bowls with, oddly, two of

the Raiders' most-hated rivals, San Francisco and Denver. His experience and leadership made him a prime candidate to help Oakland over the hump.

So the outside linebacker now in his 15th NFL season was signed as a free agent. So was Woodson, who had another All-Pro season at free safety. So was Adams, who along with Woodson won the Super Bowl two years ago with Baltimore.

They joined Rice, who came aboard in 2001 after 16 superior seasons in San Francisco where he helped the 49ers win three titles. Together, that quartet has lent an air of achievement to

the Raiders, who made the

playoffs the last two sea-

sons, but haven't been to the

big game in nearly 20 years. "They bring stability to the younger guys," said rookie linebacker Napoleon Harris, a starter as a rookie. He believes the addition of Woodson, Romanowski and

Adams, a tackle, to the

defense established the unit's combative personality. "They bring a lot of experience and knowledge. They've played in the big game and won it. They know the answers."

It might not be the young players who have benefitted most from the presence of so many Super Bowl winners. Tim Brown, like Romanowski now in his 15th season, thinks many of the veterans learned some new lessons, as well. That group includes Rich Gannon, the league's most valuable player, Charlie Garner and Lincoln Kennedy.

"Because of our age and maturity, we are able to stick together," Brown said. "When we lost four in a row, those were some of the guys who made sure we didn't fall apart. They all said,

'Let's just go ahead, forget all this other stuff, and win a championship.'

Gruden never has won a championship as a coach or coordinator in the NFL.

Still. when

Buccaneers fired Tony Dungy and couldn't convince Bill Parcells, a twotime Super Bowl winner, to come aboard, they pursued him. And they got exactly what they wanted.

Gruden's intensity and up-front style directly contrasts with Dungy's laidback, cerebral demeanor. But while all of Tampa Bay's players pay tribute to Dungy at every opportunity — as does Gruden — they also make it clear why Gruden has made enough of a difference that the Bucs are playing for the championship.

"Jon came in and put his stamp on this team," defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks said. "He put his stamp on the offense and they got better as the season went along. He let the defense do what it has always done.

"Jon came in with a presence. He came in with an attack mode. From the first minicamp, he came out the Super Bowl. It's pretty attacking, kind of making a simple, really."

statement about himself and the kind of product he was trying to put together."

What he has put together is a team similar to the Ravens who won the Super Bowl in 2001: overpowering defense, efficient-enough offense, fiery leadership. The formula worked Baltimore, which knocked off Oakland to get to the Super Bowl two years ago. Gruden saw it firsthand as coach of the Raiders.

Now he is trying to implement a replica in Tampa Bay. Whether the formula works on Sunday, both teams found the correct course to the big game.

"Anytime you leave," Bucs quarterback Brad Johnson said, "you can't make everyone happy. I don't know if there is a right way to leave.

" We got our guy, they got their guy and we are both in

#### Stars defeat Bluejackets

something about the Columbus Blue Jackets that brings out the best in Scott Young.

Young bailed the Dallas Stars out of a tense situation by turning a steal into a shorthanded goal midway through a five-minute penalty kill early in the third period, protecting a lead that turned into a 4-2 victory Wednesday night.

The Stars stretched their unbeaten streak to 12 and Young upped his career goal total against Columbus to 12 in 13 games. It's the most by any opponent in the Blue Jackets' 2 1/2-year history. Young has 10 goals this season, with two coming in three games against Columbus.

"Younger's goal was huge for us, and that whole kill was lier in the year and that bothbig because it gave us the ered me, so I was hoping I'd mental edge in the third period," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said.

The Stars were up 2-1 when Brenden Morrow received a major penalty and a game misconduct for ramming into Duvie Westcott from behind. Columbus ended up not even getting off a shot during that span and came out of it down by two

Young's play started when he snagged the puck from Derrick Walser at the blue line. He skated in untouched and beat goalie Marc Denis. "It was an easy pass, and I missed it," Walser said. "It went off the heel of my stick and it went about a foot. It happens, but you don't want to contribute to a goal like

Mike Modano also had a special night, tying Neal Broten for the most games in franchise history (992), then breaking Broten's assist record by helping set up a goal by Bill Guerin in the second period.

Modano, who also assisted on Dallas' fourth goal, already held club records for goals, points, game-winners and short-handed goals.

of players nowadays, and I've been lucky to hang around

DALLAS (AP) - There's here," said Modano, whose NHL career began when the franchise was the Minnesota North Stars. "It's special."

> The Western Conferenceleading Stars are 9-0-3 since losing in Nashville on Dec. 26. It's the longest unbeaten streak in the NHL this season and the third-best in franchise history. Dallas is three games from matching its best run, which came during the 1998-99 Stanley Cup-winning sea-

Dallas' Ron Tugnutt, making his second start against the team he spent the last two seasons with, stopped 17 of 19 shots. It was much better than his previous attempt against the Blue Jackets, when he gave up four goals on 28 shots in a 4-2 loss.

"I lost in their building earget another chance here," Tugnutt said. "I'm pleased."

Tugnutt already scheduled to start this game, but Dallas had little choice when All-Star Marty Turco was suspended for one game for high-sticking Colorado's Peter Forsberg in the first period Monday night. No · penalty was assessed on the play, but the punishment came down Tuesday.

The Blue Jackets fell to 4-4 since general manager Doug MacLean fired Dave King and took over as coach. They were coming off a victory in Chicago that ended a three-game losing streak.

This hard-hitting game featured a game misconduct, an official knocked off his skates and driven into the ice and a check that split a board and cracked the glass — and that was just the final 10 minutes of the second period, before Morrow's penalty. More punches were thrown later in the third, with Westcott involved in two late brawls.

Columbus led 1-0 in the first period on the first career goal by David Ling. Guerin's goal tied it, then a one-timer by rookie Niko Kapanen put Dallas ahead. It was his fourth "There's a lot of movement of the season, and the first wasn't that . against Colorado's Patrick Roy.

#### City champions



(Rice's Photography)

The Storm was Pampa's 2002 3rd-4th grade City Football Champions. They finished the season with a 6-0 record. Team members are (front row,l-r) Cory Phillips, Rance Schindler, Aaron Rodriquez, Farmer Schaeffer, Nate Towry, and Trace Carter; (second row, 1-r) Latigo Collins, Desmond Jackson, Gavin Jimenez, Cody MacIntyre, Tyler Fry and Collin Doyle; (third row, 1-r) Trent Carter, Travis Chester, Dwight Hamlin, Lane Hall and Kyle Keith, Cole Wilson and Jonathan Polasek; (back row, 1-r) Terry Conn, Clint Miller, David Carter and Eugene Polasek.

#### Grizzlies end losing streak against Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Memphis Grizzlies are so young, they didn't even know when the losing streak

They just knew they needed a win against the San Antonio Spurs.

Pau Gasol had 28 points and 17 rebounds as the Grizzlies defeated San Antonio for the first time in nearly six years, snapping a 21-game losing streak to the Spurs with a 98-93 victory Wednesday night.

"I only lost six times to this team," Gasol of his two-year tenure with the team. "I felt really good to get a win against them, especially on you're supposed to beat, in a

the road. We're trying to strange way, teams have to build for the future; get this

the Spurs since Feb. 12, 1997, when the franchise was based in Vancouver. The Grizzlies are now 4-26 against San Antonio.

"With a young team like Brown Hubie worked down the stretch."

four-game win streak.

team in the right direction." Memphis hadn't defeated

we are, the effort and willingness to learn has been terrific," Grizzlies head coach "Tonight's win definitely shows how hard they have

The loss ended the Spurs'

said.

"When you play a team

coach Gregg Popovich. "Its a tough loss. Jason Williams added 18 points, 10 assists and no turnovers, while Drew Gooden started in place of Shane Battier and had 12

focus more than when they

play a team with the same

record," · said Spurs head

points. Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 30 points and 21 rebounds despite doubleteam coverage. He also added five assists and four blocks.

"Putting up 30 or more points and 20 rebounds in any kind of a defensive situation is amazing," Brown said.

#### Marlins, Rodriguez agree to \$10 million, one-year contract

Florida Marlins and 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez agreed Wednesday on a \$10 million, one-year contract.

Rodriguez played 1,479 games with the Texas Rangers, hitting .303 with 215 homers and 829 RBIs and developing a reputation as one of the best catchers in baseball.

The Rangers refused to offer the 31-year-old Rodriguez salary arbitration

MIAMI (AP) — The last December in a payrollslashing moving. Rodriguez received a \$2 million severance payment from the team as the end of his previous con-

His deal with Florida includes a no-trade clause and an agreement that the Marlins will not offer him salary arbitration after the season.

Rodriguez, who had been negotiating with Baltimore, missed nearly two months early last season because of a herniated disk in his back, but

hit .314 with 19 homers and 60 RBIs in 108 games.

He replaces sluggers Cliff Floyd and Preston Wilson in the middle of the lineup and working with a young and talented starting rotation that includes A.J. Burnett, Brad Penny and Josh Beckett.

The Marlins traded catcher Charles Johnson to Colorado in November as part of a sixplayer deal that brought lefthander Mike Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to Florida. Hampton was then

traded to Atlanta. Rodriguez made his major

league debut as a 19-year-old kid midway through the 1991

He won 10 straight Gold Gloves, started nine consecutive All-Star games from 1993 to 2001 and was voted AL MVP in 1999.

Since his MVP season, when he was the first catcher since Thurman Munson in 1976 to win that award, Rodriguez has been hampered by injuries. He also missed the

end of the 2000 and 2001 seasons, and has missed 176 games in three seasons after missing just 153 the previous nine years.

Rodriguez was hitting .347. with 27 homers and 83 RBIs through 91 games in 2000 when a broken thumb ended his season. In 2001, he played 111 games (.308, 25 homers, 65 RBIs) before having knee surgery for tendinitis.

Florida plays at Texas from June 13 to 15.

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set up a fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament final with her sister Serena.

Williams reached an Australian Open final for the first time by beating Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals Thursday. She skipped across the court, clapping her hand against her raised racket, and then waited for Serena to play Kim Clijsters, who beat both Williams sisters to win the WTA Tour Championships last November.

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- Venus Williams did her part to but missed the Australian with an ankle injury. She now is trying to complete a "Serena slam" - all four major titles, but not in the same calendar year.

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Serving for the match at 5-2 in the second, she reached her first match point but double faulted three times and lost the game.

She wrapped up the 74-minute match when Henin hit a forehand long to set up match point and

aimed at Williams' open backhand corner.

"She's a great player. It seems like I'm playing her all the time in the big matches," said Williams, who improved to 7-1 against the 20-year-old Belgian.

"I couldn't come out here and play immature. I had to play my best," she said.

Earlier Thursday — at 12:47 - Andy Roddick finally a.m. overcame Younes El Aynaoui 4-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-4, 21-19 in a 4hour, 59-minute match to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal.

"Strategy was out the door; it

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) Opens and Wimbledon last year, Sunday, tested Williams at times then hit just wide with a forehand was just pure fighting," the ninthseeded Roddick said.

> At 19-all, Roddick handed his racket to a ball boy to play the next point, then staggered to the corner of the court and plopped himself down, gasping air.

"I think that was a really cool moment," Roddick said. "Whatever crazy number we were at, still kept some humor about the game."

Roddick's next opponent will be 31st-seeded Rainer Schuettler, who eliminated Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0. Three-time champion Andre Agassi played Wayne Ferreira later Thursday in the other semifinal.

#### Report: Police collect blood, hair samples from Cowboys player's car

carDALLAS (AP) — Blood and hair samples have reportedly been collected from Dallas Cowboys player Dwayne Goodrich's car following a fatal hit-and-run accident. Court records made public Wednesday show that investigators collected hair and blood from a point of impact in the center of the windshield of the backup cor-

nerback's 2002 BMW 745i. Tissue and hair were also found underneath weatherstripping near the windshield, and fiber and hair were found near the right headlight, the records show. They stated that fragments of glass with blood were collected from the

right dashboard, and hair samples Dallas Morning were taken from the right front seat.

Goodrich, 24, was free on bonds totaling \$50,000 on two felony counts of manslaughter in the Jan. 14 deaths of Joseph "Joby" Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, both of Plano.

Dallas police said the department has secured Goodrich's vehicle at the city auto pound and would not allow it to be viewed Wednesday. "We're working closely with the district attorney's office, and the car should be made available at a later date," Dallas police spokeswoman Janice Houston told The

News Thursday's editions.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill would not provide details on the investigation, but said evidence such as hair and blood found on a windshield of a car could be helpful in reviewing a case involving pedestrians.

"Hypothetically," that kind of physical evidence would lead me to believe that whoever was driving that automobile would have known he hit a person," said Hill.

Investigators were expected to perform DNA tests on the hair and blood.

Through his attorney, Goodrich has

in said he initially thought he'd He said he had not yet seen the struck only debris from an accident on Interstate 35E in northwest Wood and Matthews were trying Dallas. Goodrich told investigators he was the driver and sole occupant of the car.

Reed Prospere, Goodrich's Dallas attorney, said the court documents didn't offer anything unexpected.

"This is what you would expect from a vehicle that's been involved in a collision with more than one individual," said Prospere. "This tells me the police are doing a good and thorough job, and as far as I'm concerned, if they continue mph. Police said Goodrich's car doing as good and thorough a job, also struck the third man, who sufit will benefit my client."

damage to his client's car.

to rescue a man from a burning car when they were hit. That followed an accident in which a car had rear-ended a disabled tractor trailer rig and caught fire on the northbound lanes of Interstate 35. A passenger in the burning car had emerged and began trying to free the driver when the two victims also began assisting.

Witnesses told police the BMW was traveling at more than 100 fered a broken leg.

## Texas' Conradt joins 800 victory club

Eventually, Texas coach Jody Conradt will retire, even though she says that won't happen any time

But when she does, Conradt hopes people will remember the things that were even more important to her than a few losses and a whole lot of wins. Things like the sacrifices she and others made in promoting women's college basketball and making sure fémale athletes could get scholar-

Conradt became just the second women's coach to reach 800 career victories Wednesday night when the 17th-ranked Longhorns beat No. 7 Texas Tech 69-58.

Summitt (802) as the only women's game winning streak and kept Texas coaches in the 800-victory club. (12-4, 5-0 Big 12) in first place in the Summitt got in Jan. 14 with a win over DePaul.

The 61-year-old Conradt is 800-

championship. She and Summitt crowd chanted "Jody! Jody!" and started the season tied at 788 wins.

"I don't remember a lot of the 800. I hope that when I decide not to coach anymore that it won't be about number of wins," said Conradt, who started her career in 1969 coaching for free at Sam Houston State.

"I hope it will be about a little contribution, the same contribution a lot of people made early on to try to provide opportunities for young people," she said.

Texas fans are likely to remember win No. 800 for a long time.

Stacy Stephens scored 16 of her 20 points in the second half, and Heather Schreiber had 15 points and a careerhigh 15 rebounds in a tense confer-Conradt joined Tennessee's Pat ence battle that snapped Tech's 15conference.

After the final buzzer sounded, Stephens dumped a water bucket full 262 in 34 seasons, with one national of confetti on her coach's head, the

Longhorns players mugged for courtside television cameras.

"If there ever was an occasion that was about team, it's this one," Conradt said, "because 800 times, young women just like these have gotten on the court and fought for the University of Texas and come out victorious."

Only three Division I men's coaches - North Carolina's Dean Smith, Kentucky's Adolph Rupp and Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's — have 800 or more wins. Texas Tech's Bob Knight has 798.

Smith retired in 1997 with a record 879 victories.

Conradt's Longhorns secured No. 800 with clutch free-throw shooting in the final minute.

Stephens, 1-of-8 from the floor in the first half, hit her first three shots after the break in a scoring outburst that gave the Longhorns a 36-25 lead. Schreiber, who also had a tough for some because it was a loss.

tenacious rebounding and two key baskets in the final four minutes. Texas hit 21 of 24 free throws, won

shooting night, made up for it with

the rebounding 46-36 and forced Tech into 20 turnovers. Jia Perkins and Plenette Pierson led the Lady Raiders (15-2, 4-1) with 16 points

"This was the sweetest way she could get it, here at home, against a big team like Texas Tech," Texas senior guard Tai Dillard said.

Conradt arrived at Texas in 1976 and quickly turned the Longhorns into a national power. Her 1986 squad was the first undefeated national champi-

In 1997, Conradt was the first women's coach to 700 victories. In 2001, she was the first to work 1,000 games. She was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998.

The 1.000th game had a sour taste

Stephens said she didn't want another loss to spoil another party.

"I was in the group that went to Kansas State and lost that 1,000th game," Stephens said. "When this one came around, I was like 'I am not going to lose this one.' She deserves better."

Besides her coaching career, Conradt also served 10 years as the Texas women's athletic director, ushering the program through an era of expansion. She gave up those duties in April 2001 to concentrate on basketball. The result was the team's first run to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament in 11 years in

"She's done a lot for women's basketball," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "I have a lot of respect for

#### passes him in career wins Smith hopes Knight

By STEVE WILSTEIN AP Sports Writer

Dean Smith, like Bob Knight, was never big on milestone victories.

The double-zeroes, as they mounted up; 500, 600, 700, 800, were nice round numbers that didn't mean much. The only numbers that counted were conference and NCAA championships, and Smith always contended that those belonged to his players, not

At Indiana, Knight kept the balls from a few of his milestone games, marked with the dates, scores and victims, but tossed them into the back of a closet and left them to get soft and dusty.

The No. 800 ball, when it comes in the next week or so with two more victories by Texas Tech, might not get much more regard.

team ever won. I have no idea who my team beat for No. 500 or No. 700 along the way," Knight said a few days ago. "It just never meant anything to me."

What No. 800 means, mainly, is that Knight will be 80 away from passing Smith and becoming the winningest men's coach in college basketball

"I'd be very happy if Bob was the one that moves up to 900 or 1,000," Smith said Wednesday from his office at North Carolina. "His motivation techniques are the only things that get him in trouble. But he sure motivates. He's certainly one of the great coaches of all time.'

Like him or not, consider him a genius or a bully, Knight resurrected his career at Texas Tech the past two years after he was fired after 29 sea-"I can remember the first game my sons at Indiana in September 2000.

He sat out a year, then showed he hadn't lost his passion for the game, though he had learned to tame his temper a little.

"I didn't think for a moment that he wouldn't be back coaching, because he loves it," Smith said. "And he's still good at it."

The 800 club in college basketball has gotten less exclusive this year. At the start of the season it had only Smith (879), Kentucky's Adolph Rupp (876) and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan (819). Tennessee's Pat Summitt last week became the first woman to join the club and Texas' Jody Conradt became the second Wednesday night. Knight's arrival

will swell the ranks to six. If there's no magic in the number, 800 certainly signifies, at the least, decades of dedication and persever-

Recruiting, practices and games. Late nights studying films. Bus rides, plane trips, checking in and out of hotels. Phelan said last week that he'd finally had enough and would retire at the end of this season after 49

'Sometimes, it's just time," he said. "I'm not going for 50 years just for the sake of making 50. That's just a number. It just means I'm terribly

Knight is 62 years old and could pass Smith before turning 65, a year younger than Smith was when he retired in 1997. Once the boy wonder of college coaching at Army before he went to Indiana, Knight could go on coaching for years after that. Basketball, with all the tinkering of lineups and strategies, still fascinates

"As long as it does," he said, "I don't liness of Smith.

see any reason not to be involved in

There was a mutual friend of Knight and Smith who walked away from coaching when he might have gone on for many years and chose, instead, to stay in the game as one of its wittiest commentators.

Al McGuire, who died two years ago on Sunday, coached for 20 years, the last 13 at Marquette, and won 405 games before stepping away.

Among the several books about McGuire, Knight wrote the foreword for one and Smith wrote the foreword for another.

In "Cracked Sidewalks and French Pastry," a recently published collection of McGuire's wit and wisdom, his comments on coaching echo both the biting humor and toughness of Knight and the sensitivity and court-

#### NASCAR driver suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) car until May.

— Years of breathing fumes in a race car has given NASCAR driver Rick Mast carbon monoxide poisoning that will end his career.

Mast, who has not raced since May, said Wednesday he is suffering from acute and chronic carbon monoxide poisoning that carries symptoms similar to "the worst hangover in your life."

"You wake up feeling nauseated and you want to throw up and you can't," Mast said. "Your head is pounding all the time and you just feel awful. That is what I lived with for eks, seven

days a week."

Mast, who made 364 starts over a 15-year Winston Cup career, said he began feeling ill in March but didn't get of the

It took dozens of visits to various doctors before he was finally diagnosed in November — he said he lost 43 pounds in that time - and there is no timetable for when the poisoning will be out of his system.

The only thing he knows for certain is that he can no longer be around chemicals that are spinoffs of carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is in everything from a car's exhaust to poorly ventilated heating systems.

That means everything from racing cars to using a lawnmower and riding a tractor on his Virginia farm are off limits to Mast.

"I cut grass one day in June and the air was blowing just a certain way and the fumes were blowing and I was down for five days after it," Mast said.

Virginia can't pin his illness on NASCAR, although he is now working with the sanctioning body to educate other drivers on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Because he has been around race cars since he was 4-yearsold, Mast said the lifetime of exposure to the fumes is probably to blame. "I was a grease monkey of

sorts," he said. "In the winter time, we worked in the garage with the doors shut and the windows closed and all the cars running.'

Still, NASCAR is taking a proactive approach to the prob-Nelson, NASCAR's Gary managing director of competi-

he discussed the illness during side through a hose into the hel-The 45-year-old driver from an informal announcement at the annual media tour.

Mast first told NASCAR about the poisoning after he was diagnosed in November, and the sanctioning body immediately went to work on ways to Homestead, Fla. prevent it.

A lab was built into NASCAR's new research and development center, and all drivers were asked if they had an air filter system they used in their car that they wanted NASCAR to test for them.

"We have found plenty of systems that didn't work that were being used," Nelson said. "What we're looking for is a way to get drivers to breathe the freshest air possible in the

"The way to do that is to find a tion, accompanied Mast while way to bring air from the out-

met."

NASCAR has even tested some drivers for toxic levels in their body, including Jimmy Spencer following his fiery wreck in the season-finale in Nelson said Spencer's toxic

Major problems begin when the level nears 20 percent, Nelson said. Spencer, the only driver on the

Winston Cup circuit to still use an open-face helmet, thinks that choice has kept his levels of toxicity fairly low. "I think I get less of the carbon

monoxide than the full-face helmet guys because I've got a lot more circulation," he said. "You have to have the air circulating and moving. You cannot sit there in that unity an.

Both Mast and Spencer applauded NASCAR for aggressively targeting the problem. Earlier this week, even before Mast's announcement, the sanctioning body said developing an air filter level was less than 3 percent. system for the cockpits of the cars was a goal for its new R&D center.

> "I have been pleasantly surprised with the way NASCAR has handled this and attacked this," Mast said. "From the moment I told (NASCAR-president) Mike Helton, they have taken this thing and run with it in trying to get data on it and soive this problem."



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the moment. A late afternoon meeting LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) proves to be even more of a party than \*\*\* Start up an active conversation you anticipated. Go with it. Tonight: in which you hear what someone else feels. Sometimes you unconsciously run over someone's feelings, causing your- cific vision, especially if it concerns a \*\*\* Accomplish what you need in self a lot of problems. Work on your lis- relative at a distance. Tonight: Opt for order to clear out as soon as possible, tening skills. Delight a child or loved one You have quite a few social demands on with a surprise. You can see the pleasure your calendar, though you won't feel like in his or her eyes. Tonight: Your treat. yourself unless you approach the week- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

end with a clear desk. Schedule meetings ★★★ Getting what you need to get for later in the day. Tonight: Find your done might involve letting someone know that you don't have enough time for all the chitchat. Screen calls and \*\*\* Your efforts impress a loved focus on what must be done. By mid- Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at one or a friend. Express greater clarity afternoon, you'll be able to see a clearing about what you want. What might feel in the haze. Tonight: Be your happy self. like an adventuresome idea to others SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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> Tonight: Till the wee hours. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Your enthusiasm leads you right into a partner's arms. You could wonder exactly what you're doing here, but you like it. Let go and make the very most out of the moment. Let go of a spe-

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#### Even Outer Banks feels front

A rare snowstorm hit the Outer Banks Thursday and was expected to drop as much as 10 inches - the first significant snowfall for the North Carolina coast in 13 years.

Dare County, which includes most of the Outer Banks, closed schools and suspended trash collection until Monday after the first 3 inches fell, and the state was sending in snow plows because the county doesn't have any of its own.

Ace Hardware in Nags Head had about 50 shoppers stocking up on storm essentials Wednesday.

"We've sold all the snow shovels we had, which was about five," said manager Renee Thompson, adding that the shovels are usually used for sand, not snow.

The frigid air, which has been hurtling in from Canada

NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AP) for more than a week, froze most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, and schools were closed in several

> Minneapolis and Fargo, N.D., weren't expected to reach zero degrees Thursday, and temperatures were forecast to remain below freezing even as far south as Atlanta. Wind chill warnings and advisories were issued for more than two dozen states.

The Outer Banks are usually immune to such chills because it is insulated by relatively warm water, said Roy Pringle, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Morehead City.

This storm was expected to bring winds of up to 30 mph, resulting in near blizzard conditions at times at the coast, Pringle said.

The area's last snowfall of any consequence came on

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Christmas 1989. The snow arrived with bitterly cold temperatures statewide, with highs forecast for the teens and 20s Thursday. Schools were closed across the state and the commute for workers was

police to close the I-277 loop around downtown Charlotte. Families scavenged for sleds but, finding few in stores, they had to improvise.

slowed and, in some cases,

delayed. Icy conditions forced

"In Wanchese, the kids slide on fish boxes that have wax on the bottom of them," said John LaCount, photo manager at the Kmart in Kill Devil Hills.

In South Carolina, 9 inches of snow fell in Clover, near the North Carolina line. The forecast there meant more work for Oliver Ellis, who sells firewood in Greenville,

#### Deputies' heroism saves day after blast

CAMERON, W.Va. (AP) - The explosion thundered 940 feet underground just as workers, using dynamite and acetylene torches, were in the final stages of digging a 24foot-wide ventilation shaft at Consol Energy Inc.'s McElroy Mine.

The early morning blast Wednesday killed three men. Three others remained trapped after local emergency crews said they weren't qualified to attempt the rescue.

That's when — and why -Marshall County sheriff's deputies Brent Wharry and Steve Cook got involved.

"Nobody would get the guys out, so we had to jump in," said Wharry, who entered the still-smoking shaft with Cook about an hour after the explosion. They successfully rescued the surviving miners.

"We just did what we do every day," Wharry said. "This one is just blown out of proportion."

The deaths were West Virginia's first mine-related fatalities of the year — the state had six last year.

Officials said the suspected methane explosion tore through the bottom of the shaft where the six employees of Central Cambria Drilling Co. were working. The shaft was about 60 feet from a coal seam when the blast occurred; the seam is known to release methane

Central Cambia has been involved in 11 other accidents at the same mine since 2001, but the blast was the Ebensburg, Pa., company's first fatal accident since 1995, according to contractor records on the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration's Web site.

From 1995 to 2003, the company had 43 nonfatal accidents and injuries at the McElroy Mine and other mines in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Injuries recorded at the McElroy Mine since 2001 involving Central Cambria ranged from cut fingers to those caused by rock falls during drilling, according to the MSHA Web site. The last accident occurred Nov. 21 when a worker was hurt while dumping a muck buck-

Company officials did not return telephone calls Wednesday. Company president Jack Williamson was at the mine, according to a woman who answered the phone at the company headquarters.

State and federal mine inspectors were expected to return to the site Thursday to determine what sparked the explosion.

'We're pretty convinced it was a methane explosion," said C.A. Phillips, deputy director of the state Officer of Miners' Health Safety and Training.

Investigators also plan to interview Aaron Meyer, 28, of Moundsville, who was the only worker to be treated and released after the explosion.

Two other men — crew boss Richard Brumley, 51, of Waynesburg, Pa., and Benjamin Bair, 23, of Pentress - were being treated for second-degree burns and other injuries Pittsburgh's Mercy Hospital.

The dead were identified as Ohio residents Richard E. Mount, 37, of Shadyside; David W. Abel, 47, of Belmont; and Harry P. Roush III, 23, of Colver, Pa.

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#### Ridge confirmed as security chief

WASHINGTON (AP) -Tom Ridge has been unanimously confirmed as homeland security chief by the Senate, handing him the reins of a makeshift operation that's evolved into one of government's largest agencies.

Ridge, 57, will head a department that originated in legislation signed by President Bush last'November and won't formally come into being until Friday, when the president plans to swear Ridge into office.

"With today's historic vote, the Senate has demonstrated our shared commitment to doing everything we can to secure our homeland," Bush said Wednesday after the 94-0 vote to make Ridge, former Pennsylvania governor and the president's top adviser on domestic terrorism, the first secretary of the new Homeland Security Department.

The agency will be comprised of 170,000 civil servants now working at 22 separate agencies with security-related functions, including the Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Secret Service, Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration and the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. The Department Homeland Security's headquarters will be at a secure office complex in northwest Washington that is run by the Navy, spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Wednesday. The department will take over a four-story building that will initially house Ridge and his senior staff, but is expected to grow as Homeland Security takes on more of its duties.

The site, the Naval District of Nebraska Washington's Avenue Complex, is near the American University campus and a few blocks from Vice President Dick Cheney's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory. It has an operations center where officials will monitor potential terrorist targets and manage crises.

The department's creation marks the largest reorganization of the federal government since the 1947 creation of the Defense Department.

Ridge is likely to be joined soon by former Arkansas congressman and Enforcement Administration director Asa Hutchinson, who testified before a Senate committee Wednesday on his nomination to be the new department's undersecretary for border and transportation security.

Hutchinson said he did not favor using the military to patrol the border.

Committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., urged him not to betray the trust he has with Congress by concealing problems. "There's bound to be some mistakes made," McCain said. "Your charter is too large, your responsibilities are too great."

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Susan Collins, R-Maine, said during debate on the Ridge nomination Wednesday that the Cabinet post Ridge will assume "may well be the most challenging position created by Congress during the last 50 years." That committee sent Ridge's nomination to the full Senate on Friday.

#### Breaux pushing insurance plan

an attempt to get millions of tion. Americans with no health insurance access to medical coverage, Sen. John Breaux is pushing a plan that promotes a group insurance rate at the lowest cost.

"Fifteen percent of Americans — one in seven — is uninsured," Breaux, D-La., said in remarks prepared for a Thursday announcement of his plan. "That is simply too many. Providing insurance to all our citizens is simply our duty as a nation."

The Census Bureau reported in September that increasing unemployment rates had' pushed the ranks of the uninsured to 41.2 million people in 2001, 1.4 million more people than the previous year.

Breaux, a moderate who has been able to work well with Republicans and Democrats, is proposing that all U.S. citizens have access to a group insurance rate. It would be similar to the federal employees' health program, in which employees are pooled together and the government negotiates the lowest premiums and offers a menu of health plan options. Under Breaux's plan, states would offer the group rates to residents.

States could even join with neighboring states to create larger pools under the proposal. Insurers participating in the pools would be barred from denying a person coverage

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Tax credits would be offered to low- and middle-income \*Americans to help pay for premiums. Premiums for the poorest would be fully subsi-. dized.

The government also would establish individual health accounts for the poor. Families could use the money for doctor co-payments, premiums or other health expenses.

President Bush also is weighing in on the political battle over how to increase Americans' health insurance coverage. On Jan. 29 he is to unveil a plan to overhaul Medicare by allowing for more private competition, aides have said. Bush also will ask Congress to pass a GOPbacked prescription drug program for the elderly.

And the president is expected to propose allowing small businesses to pool together and offer health insurance for employees under federal law, skirting state regulations.

Recently, Sen. Edward Kennedy said he planned to introduce legislation that would require all employers with more than five workers to provide health insurance for employees and their dependents. The coverage would have to be as good as that provided for federal employees. For those with low incomes, the government would offer subsidies to help pay pre-

#### Talking pictures subject of film series

Museum of Art will present the first segment in a series on "Talking Pictures" beginning at 2 p.m., Jan. 26 in the museum library with Ben Lifson facilitating discussion on the film "Bringing Up Baby."

Directed by Howard Hawks in 1938, "Bringing Up Baby" stars American film legends Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant. The story evolves around a man, a woman, and a baby leopard and is comedic, romantic,

and chaotic. The series is being orga-

AMARILLO - Amarillo nized by Lifson who holds a master of arts degree from Yale University. He has taught and lectured at a number of universities across the U.S. as well as founded and led the photography program at California Institute of the

Lifson has also contributed to various art journals and publications including "Art News," "Art in America," and "Art Forum" and was photography critic for "The Village Voice" from 1977-82.

For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

