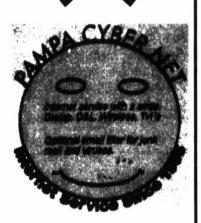
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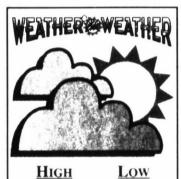
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LOCAL

Pickup hits pole; two hurt in collision

A pick-up's collision with an electric pole at Tignor and Frederic streets Thursday sent a Pampa couple to the hospital.

According to Texas Department of Safety officials, the accident report had not been completed, but initial reports state that Elvin Totty, 85, 1112 Neel Rd., was driving a 2002 tan Ford Ranger pickup when it struck an SPS electric pole and building belonging to M. Patel at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

Totty and a passenger in the pickup, Drucilla Totty, 1112 Neel Rd., were both taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center Rural/Metro Ambulance.

A condition report on the couple was not available at press time today.

PFAA plans dinner

Pampa Fine Association (PFAA) is planning its Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Pampa Country Club.

Participants must RSVP by Jan. 27 by calling 665-0343.

DEATHS

Kenneth Robert Wagoner, 33, engineer.

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CHILDERS BROTHERS



"There's no other place for us to get the money," said Craddick, R-Midland.

Even with \$700 million in cuts, the state still will have a shortfall of at least \$1.1 billion this fiscal year.

(See CUTS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Carol and Dawson Orr react to the announcement of a \$3,000 scholarship in their honor, one of several parting gifts from Pampa Independent School District staff, school board members and the community. Dr. Orr is leaving as Pampa ISD superintendent on Jan. 31 to become superintendent of Wichita Falls ISD.

Scholarship honors Orrs' service to PISD

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE

EDITOR

School library Thursday evening for a reception honoring Dr. Dawson Orr, school superintendent, and his wife Carol. Orr is leaving Pampa after 15 years to become superintendent of the Wichita Falls Independent School

Approximately 150 to 200 people attended the event which opened with members of the Pampa High School Band playing "The Eyes of Texas" and the University of Texas fight song. A screen flashed pictures of student activities, including some of Dr. Orr when he first came to Pampa ISD.

"While we are so excited for the opportunity at Wichita Falls, we're going to miss them. Dawson and Carol have been so important to our community," said Lee Porter, president of

Cut it out

Gov. Perry orders agencies

to slash budgets 7 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's top officials on

The order by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick —

all Republicans — was detailed in a letter sent

Dewhurst said they hope to come up with \$500 million to \$700 million in savings to ease

The Children's Health Insurance Program,

portions of Medicaid and some education pro-

The trio ordered agency heads to trim admin-

Agencies can seek exemptions, but those must be approved by Perry's office and the

The leaders said they expect hiring freezes,

including layoffs, if necessary; limits on travel,

purchasing and the use of consultants, among

The cuts must be identified by Feb. 6.

Legislative Budget Board. Perry said exemp-

Thursday ordered agencies to slash 7 percent from their budgets to help Texas close a project-

ed \$1.8 billion shortfall for fiscal year 2003.

to state agencies.

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budget problems through 2005.

grams were exempted from the cuts.

istrative costs first and cut services last.

the PISD board of trustees.

He told of the Orr's participation in the community, including work in their church and Well-wishers packed the Pampa High civic organizations. Porter also pointed out Orr's leadership in the Chamber of Commerce and the local United Way and commended him for the changes he had made in the school district during his 13 years as superintendent.

> "Dawson's been good for our town. Carol's been good for town," he added.

> Orr's leadership now extends statewide as president-elect of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Porter said.

> "I know you'll do a great job and get us more money," he said, drawing a laugh from

> On a more serious note, he added, "In your role as a school administrator and in this community, you have always given 100 percent."

In honor of their contributions as Pampa cit-(See **ORRS**, Page 3)

Not a clue

Investigation hasn't revealed a cause for helicopter crash

FALCON HEIGHTS (AP) military helicopters that killed 47, of Suffolk, N.Y.; Maj. four reservists has prompted suspension of the Marines' participation in an interagency drug enforcement operation along the Texas-Mexico border. A crash investigation has not yet yielded clues.

a remote state park near the Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, Rio Grande where witnesses saw the two helicopters collide. The Marine crews were taking part in a nighttime anticrashed and burned late Wednesday night in dusty scrubland.

states mourned the crew members' deaths. Wreckage from one of the AH1-W Super Cobra helicopters blocked the sole exit from Falcon State Park, requiring volunteers campers in and out.

The dead were identified as — The fiery collision of two Lt. Col. Robert J. Theilmann. John M. Walsh, 36, of Oakland, Mich.; Capt. David C. Cross, 34, of Centre, Pa.; and Maj. Steven G. Palombo, 36, of Sterling Heights, Mich.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these Security was tight Friday at valiant Marines," said Lt. commander of the Marine Forces Reserves in New Orleans.

The victims were members drug patrol when their crafts of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, based at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Family members in four detachment of six helicopters and 53 Marines, deployed to Laredo on Jan. 17, was ordered to return to Camp Pendleton this weekend, the Marine Forces Reserves said.

Cameron Palombo, one of from a nearby natural gas well the first family members to bulldoze a path to allow reached for comment late (See CRASH, Page 3)

Traffic stop ends in 7 drug arrests

A routine traffic stop Thursday afternoon in Pampa resulted in the arrest of two women on drug charges.

Making a routine traffic stop at the intersection of Francis and Ward streets around 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Gray County deputies arrested two women on possession of illegal drugs with intent to deliver.

Arrested were Elizabeth Diane Lang, 29, 105 S. Wells, and Kacie Virginia Ferguson, 17, Borger. Both were taken to Gray County Jail.

Ferguson was arraigned this morning by Precinct Two Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman who set bond on the charge

Lang was not arraigned. Both women remained in the Gray County Jail Friday morn-

Not their finest hour





(Courtesy photos by Jaye Howell)

Two Pampa public servants willingly gave up the dignity of their respective offices to help raise money for the Pampa Lions Club by participating in a Donkey Ball Game Wednesday at the McNeely Field House. At left, Mayor Lonny Robbins gets unceremoniously dumped in the floor by his steed, while Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey, right, gets a little help with his donkey from the referee. Approximately 1,100 residents attended the event benefitting the Lions Club's service projects.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Jan. 23

8:34 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block East Frederic; two patients were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home; one patient was transported to PRMC

11:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma; one patient was transported to PRMC

Friday, Jan. 24

5:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee; one patient was transported to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests during the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Jan. 23

Elizabeth Diane Lang, 29, 105 S. Wells, was arrested for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Kasie Virginia Ferguson, 17, 313 Hedgecoke, was arrested for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Beverly Ruth Anderson, 48, 108 S. Sumner, was cited for failure to yield right of way when the 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass she was driving was southbound on Banks as it collided with an eastbound vehicle on Oklahoma. The second vehicle, a 1985 GMC Sierra pick-up, was driven by Hollie Mark Carter, 44, 947 Brunow.

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FIRE

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

Thursday, Jan. 23

8:42 a.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1100 block of East Frederic.

11:53 a.m. – Two units and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at 18th and Sumner streets.

6:26 p.m. - Three firefighters in one unit presented a fire prevention program at Lamar Elementary School.

8:18 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 200 block of North Gray.

9:04 p.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 800 block of North Wells. The smoke was coming from a fireplace.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. in the mid 50s.

Tonight's forecast is calling for cloudy Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. skies with lows around 17 and south winds 5. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the to 15 mph. Friday should be mostly cloudy upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Warmer. with highs in the mid 40s and south winds 5 to Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night, partly 15 mph. Friday night should be partly cloudy. cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, part-Lows in the mid 20s. East winds 5 to 10 mph ly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday shifting to the northwest 5 to 15 mph. night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the 50s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in east. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs

STATEWIDE

Chilly weather will linger over the state today before a slow weekend warmup. By Monday, daytime highs will reach the 60s and 70s.

Temperatures Thursday ranged from 60 degrees at El Paso to an overnight low of 14 degrees at Wichita Falls.

The West Texas forecast today calls for highs mostly in the low 40s in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau, but it will be colder in the northeast. Skies will be cloudy, but clearing Saturday. On Saturday, highs will be in the mid 50s in the Panhandle and Edwards Plateau, around 60 degrees in the south, and

around 70 in far west Texas. Sunday, temperatures will drop about 10 degrees across the region before warming back on Monday into the 60s.

South Texas will continue chilly today, with highs in the low to mid 40s southeast and central and the mid to upper 40s west and south, with a chance of rain in the west. It will be cloudy over the region through Sunday morning. Saturday will also be chilly over the region with highs ranging from the upper 40s to mid 50s, warmer south, and a chance of rain over the region Saturday through Sunday morning. Sunday and Monday highs will be about 10 degrees warmer, with temperatures mostly around 60. North Texas will be partly

cloudy and chilly today, with highs ranging from the mid 30s northeast to mid 40s west. Saturday it will be mostly cloudy and warmer, with a chance of showers south central and east. Saturday highs will range from the mid 40s northeast to lower 60s southwest. On Sunday, partly cloudy and continued cool, with a slight chance of showers in the morning central and east. Monday will be clear and warmer, with highs in the 60s

Judge throws out perjury case

HOUSTON (AP) — With his perjury charge dismissed and a mob of well-wishers hanging on his every word, Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford stepped out of the downtown courthouse and back into his old

"I need to relax for a few days," Bradford said. 'Having a felony hanging over your head is no fun and there's not a single night that you lay down and you rest in comfort

with your family." There may be better days ahead for Bradford, who had his perjury trial thrown out Thursday afternoon after a judge ruled that prosecutors failed to prove their claims.

The decision set off a wild celebration inside and outside the courtroom as family members and about 50 supporters mobbed Bradford, who waded through the crowd to kiss his beaming wife, Dee.

Bradford, who had been suspended with pay and temporarily surrendered his badge and his gun while under indictment, was reinstated a few hours later by Mayor Lee Brown.

"As I have consistently stated, I have the utmost confidence in Chief Bradford," Brown said during a hastily staged press conference at City Hall. "He is still my police chief, he is an excellent chief and I'm glad he'll resume his position at police headquarters."

If convicted of aggravated perjury, a thirddegree felony, Bradford had faced a range of punishment from probation to 10 years in prison. He also could have lost his license as a certified Texas peace officer and his license to practice law.

Bradford was indicted Sept. 6 based on discrepancies that surfaced in a disciplinary case involving alleged use of foul language by Houston Police Capt. Mark Aguirre, a 23-year police veteran.

Bradford was the first Houston police chief to be charged with a crime while in office over the city's 166-year history.

At a May 22 hearing, Bradford testified he had never used profanity with subordinates. The testimony later was contradicted by J.L. Breshears, the police department's executive assistant chief.

On Thursday, Breshears testified he had warned Bradford that an officer's hearing to appeal a reprimand for use of foul language would reveal Bradford's own history of using profanity on the job.

Breshears told jurors that he was "surprised, shocked even" when Bradford testified he hadn't cursed him and two other officers in

"It was clear (Bradford) had not admitted to the use of that word," he said.

Prosecutors wrapped up their case a few hours later, having called a succession of police officers who testified that Bradford had used the vulgarity during a meeting.

POLICE

the following incidents. Tuesday, Jan. 21

Forgery was reported in the 800 block of

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Theft is being investigated in the 600 block of North West. According to the police report, gas services were turned on in a person's name without their knowledge.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. Items reported missing were two prescription medications, change and a money card. Estimated loss was \$200. Damage of \$100 to a leather coat was also reported. Theft was reported in the 1600 block of

North Sumner. Reported stolen was a television set. No forced entry was reported. Estimated loss was \$119.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. Items were an air tank, air compressor, air hose, air hose spool and jet air sprayer. Estimate of loss was \$275. According to the

Pampa Police Department today reported police report, the items were borrowed and never returned.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Harassment and threats were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Assault by threats was reported at Pampa Middle School.

Several reports of forgery were made at a business in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A business in the 900 block of North Hobart received damage when a front door glass was broken out. Items reported missing were a chrome rack, two rings, and two glass fake diamonds. Estimate of loss was \$400.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of South Farley. The back window of a vehicle was reported broken out. Estimated loss was \$200.

Graffiti claiming gang affiliation was reported at Pampa Middle School.

Phone harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

A runaway was reported in the 1100 block of South Varnon.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH ROBERT WAGONER

home to be with the Lord Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003. Ken passed away while training church for the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 150 Charity Bike Ride.

Ken was an employee of Florida Gas Transmission and a Navy Veteran of the Gulf War. Ken graduated from Pampa High School in 1987. Shortly afterwards, he entered the Navy with his best friend from Pampa, Clint

After leaving the Navy, Ken attended the University of Houston in the Control Systems Engineering School. Ken worked as a Field Engineer for Dashiell in Deer Park, Texas, and was currently employed by Enron, Florida Gas Transmission.

Ken is survived by his wife Amy Connelly ward to one day seeing him in Heaven.

Kenneth Robert Wagoner, age 33, went Wagoner and two sons, Shane Michael, age 5, and Bryce Robert, age 1. Also surviving Ken are his parents, Michael and Ruby Sunday afternoon with his friends from Wagoner of Seabrook, Texas; his grandparents, Kenneth P. and Clara Mae Wagoner of Wichita Falls; his sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and SSGT Joseph Yantosca of Parris Island, S.C.; and a niece and nephew, Crisana and Paul Yantosca.

Memorial services are to be held at 1 p.m., today, Friday, Jan. 24, at Fellowship of Cinco Ranch in the Ken Lay Y.M.C.A. at Westheimer Parkway and Peek Road in Katy.

In lieu of flowers, there will be a trust fund for Shane and Bryce Wagoner at the Wells Fargo Bank in Katy, Texas, account no. 2856718362.

We will miss Ken very much but look for-

President finalizing proposal on prescription medications

WASHINGTON (AP) age would have to join some type of government-subsidized private health insurance being considered by the Bush administration, officials said Friday.

The plan is similar to a Republican proposal passed by the House last year and debated by the Senate, said officials who are working on the plan with Bush.

It would allow current beneficiaries and those close to retirement to remain in the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program, but it would include inducements for them to join a private plan.

The inducements would include drug coverage and a new provision covering catastrophic medical costs. The plan, first reported by The Washington Post and The New York Times, is not final because key decisions remain to be made, officials said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., immediately blasted the plan as "an outrageous attempt to force senior citizens to give up their family doctor and join HMOs.

Bush plans to devote a section of next Tuesday's State of

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the Union address to health different times in various Medicare beneficiaries who care, and will outline the prinwant prescription drug cover- ciples of his Medicare and ing on how successful the prescription drug plans government is at persuading Wednesday in Michigan. Final details of the package

won't be nailed down next week, officials said.

According to The New York Times, a recent description of the proposal in government documents envisions "no prescription drug coverage" for people in traditional fee-forservice Medicare.

More than 85 percent of the 40 million Medicare beneficiaries are in the fee-for-service program.

The plan strives to slow the growth of Medicare costs over the coming decades by attracting patients into what administration officials hope will be a less expensive system dominated by health maintenance organizations and other private health plans

Medicare beneficiaries would have three options the existing fee-for-service benefits, HMOs with drug benefits and private plans offering "enhanced fee-forservice benefits," according to the Times report in Friday's editions.

The plan would be phased in over a period of years and would perhaps take effect at

parts of the country, dependprivate health plans to take part, the Post said.

told the Times early estimates indicate that the drug benefits in the proposal would cost \$388 billion over 10 years.

Private health plans would make bids each year, detailing a price they would charge for the package of goods and services covered by Medicare. The government would choose three of the lowest bidders in each of 10 geographic regions, the Times said.

Mechanic's widow sues repair shops following his death

WACO (AP) - An auto mechanic's widow is suing his former employers and three major auto manufacturers, claiming long-term exposure to asbestos in brake parts caused him to die from lung

Gertrude Duty's 86-yearold husband, Vernon, had been a mechanic more than 30 years when he died in 2001, a few weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

She is seeking unspecified damages in her wrongful death lawsuit against three Waco companies where her husband worked: Joe L. Ward Co., Gordon Rountree Motors and Marstaller Motors

Other defendants include Daimler-Chrysler Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., which ghetti Supper. All You Can manufactured the brake com-

> Spokesmen for the companies declined to comment.

The lawsuit filed this week claims the defendants negligently packaged their products, failed to warn the couple of the dangers of asbestos exposure and did not properly train Duty to handle the products safely.

The suit also alleges that Gertrude Duty suffers from health problems related to asbestos exposure.

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call 665-2631.

City Briefs

Club Dance, Sat., Jan. 25th, to DeAnna Kaiser Western Swing, 8-11:30 p.m. Public Welcome.

COUNTRY

OUTSIDE FENCED in storage for boats, RV, trailers, etc. \$30 mo per unit. Inside storage also avail. Call for rates. Billy Scribner, 665-1520.

ROLANDA'S & Kayla's Moved- Next Door to Sears, Hobart St. New Items.

WILL DO Housecleaning. Reasonable price. 665-8914.

U.S. official says weapons inspections may be extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is weighing the option of extending U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq in an effort to placate European allies and Russia. A decision will be based on whether the inspections are productive, a senior U.S. official said Friday.

The inspectors are due to report to the U.N. Security Council Monday on two months of searches. So far, they have turned up few of the thousands of weapons the administration insists President Saddam Hussein has concealed.

If the inspectors turn up new evidence on Monday, that would influence a decision to keep hunting for illicit weapons of mass destruction, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

France, Germany and Russia all have been urging the inspectors be given more time and have been arguing that any attack on Iraq be deferred.

After hearing briefings on Capitol Hill Thursday from Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Sen. Richard Lugar said he thought inspections would be continued.

Two key lawmakers, meantime, continued to urge Bush

to resolve the situation diplomatically.

Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, a top Republican on Foreign Relations the Committee, warned Friday against a "rush to war in the absence of a strong multilateral coalition." And Senate Democratic leader Daschle said "we have yet to see any evidence that Saddam still has weapons of mass

At the White House, presispokesman dential Fleischer said President Bush considers failure of Iraq to make its scientists fully available to U.N. inspectors "unacceptable."

Fleischer said Saddam's conduct will make "the end of the line come even closer. His refusal is further evidence that Iraq has something to hide."

In Vienna, a spokesman for Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Friday ElBaradei will tell the Security Council that his inspectors need more time.

Agency spokesman Mark Gwozdecky also told The Associated Press he believed ElBaradei and U.N. inspector Hans Blix would give Iraq "quite satisfactory" grades despite stating a need for improvement.

an obligation to comply" with every provision of last November's United Nations resolution that sent weapons inspectors back to Iraq. The resolution included a requirement that Saddam make scien-

not a monolith. European governments represent many different points of view... The president is confident that, if the call is made, that Europe will answer the call," he said.

Russian Foreign Minister

Igor Ivanov said Thursday

"we deemed there are no seri-

ous reasons for war with Iraq."

And he said that Moscow

would do all it could to pro-

mote diplomacy to deal with

Bush interceded with

Russian President Vladimir

Putin, but the Kremlin said

Putin told Bush on the tele-

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tists available for unfettered interviews

"President Bush believes that Iraq's refusal to allow Iraqi scientists to submit to private interviews with U.N. inspectors is unacceptable," he

The strong words came as European opposition to an attack on Iraq appeared to be growing — opposition that includes Russia, Germany and France — despite Powell's offer for a fresh U.N. debate on using force.

Fleischer acknowledged the divisions among European allies.

"The president respects Fleischer said Saddam "has those nations... but Europe is

are due to report Monday on the results of two months of inspections. With U.N. inspectors having

difficulty talking to Iraqi sciabout suspected entists weapons programs, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the administration was providing inspectors with "names of individuals whom we believe it would be productive to interview."

And, Wolfowitz said, the administration was giving them information about sites suspected of containing hidden weapons and helping the inspectors on ways to thwart Iraqi infiltration.

In what was the most extensive description by an administration official of U.S. intelligence support, Wolfowitz sus.' also said, "We know from multiple sources that Saddam has ordered that any scientists who cooperate during interviews will be killed, as well as their families."

Also, the Pentagon official said, "Scientists are being

U.N. weapons inspectors, who U.N. inspectors and Iraqi intelligence officers are posing as scientists to be interviewed by the inspectors."

But in Baghdad, Lt. Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, a senior Iraqi official, said Iraqi scientists had refused to submit to private interviews with U.N. arms inspectors despite government attempts to encourage them to do so under an agreement with the United Nations.

In his speech at the University of Notre Dame, Hagel said, "At this precarious juncture in American history, America needs more humility than hubris in the applications of American military power, and the recognition that our interests are best served through alliances and consen-

Daschle, talking to reporters after an economic speech in Cleveland, said Saddam "still poses a threat. The question is, can we remove that threat without the use of military force, especially unilateral military force, and I'm still tutored on what to say to the convinced that's possible."

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ORRS

izens, the Orrs, including their two daughters -Helen, a college student, and Vanessa, a PHS senior - were presented with bricks to be placed at the base of the Harvester statue in front of Pampa High School.

And in recognition of the Orrs' achievements at PISD, Porter announced that \$3,000 has been donated towards a scholarship fund in their name for a 2003 PHS senior student or

"I'm rarely speechless and I'm not now," responded Orr. "A scholarship to honor the students ... I can't thank you enough. That's what I sought to do in Pampa.

"I can tell you this, I received far more than I gave," Orr, obviously moved, added before having to stop and regain his composure.

"When we hired you, I hoped you would stay with us two or three years. You stayed 13," said Joe VanZandt, past president of the PISD board which hired Orr. "You have excelled my expectation. It's been a privilege to have known you," VanZandt said, his voice breaking.

"School was the reason I came here and Pampa was the reason I stayed," Orr said. "It's the only place, the only school, my girls have known. The pull of Pampa, the people in the community, the things we were doing in the schools - that's the reason I stayed."

He mentioned the Pampa High School Hall of Fame, the Harvester statue and the bricks, the work of the students and Ramona Hite.

"Stay the course, keep the faith, take care of the kids," Orr admonished those attending the reception. "And remember, Pampa is a great

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CRASH

Thursday, said of her brother, "He was (a) pilot, he loved to fly. That was his life, from the time he was a little boy to the time of his death."

Richard Theilman of Brooklyn described his brother as a "self-sacrificing kind of guy" who was proud to serve his country.

"He'd make sure everyone was comfortable before he was comfortable," Theilman said.

The Marines were only a week into a mission that sent them flying over Falcon Lake, a binational reservoir that straddles the U.S.-Mexico border and is a known haven for smuggling of drugs and undocumented immi-

Under guard overnight were the crash sites, with debris from one copter just inside the park entrance, with burn marks extending about 40 yards, and more wreckage about 300 yards away, with rotors and other charred helicopter parts strewn between them.

Blackened brush and prickly pear cactus surrounded the wreckage. Two other helicopters were involved in the operation but landed safely, officials said.

"We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in the helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," said Larry Sholl, 67, who witnessed the crash shortly before 9 p.m. CST.

Military investigators offered no clues what went wrong. Each Super Cobra has a crew of ☐ two — a pilot and a co-pilot.

Their Department of Defense mission, known as Joint Task Force Six, comprises volunteer active duty and reserve members of various branches and offers high-tech support and

training to federal, state, and local anti-drug agencies. It has been ongoing since 1989 as part of President George H. W. Bush's war on

This deployment was assisting U.S. Border Patrol agents that patrol parts of the lake and miles of rugged brushland surrounding it.

"These Marines were helping to detect the flow of contraband into the U.S. and maintain the security of our border," McCarthy said.

The lake dates back to 1953, when the U.S. and Mexico agreed to create a 40-mile retention area for Rio Grande waters. Hurricanes filled the basin and created one of South Texas' few recreation areas for boating and

It is also a sprawling international waterway, and drug busts have been made in the middle of the lake. A decade of drought has sapped water levels, hurt tourism and provided migrants easier access to cross the border ille-

A few dozen campers — almost all retirees from northern states and Canada - were inside the state park when the crash occurred. While accustomed to seeing military fly overhead, several said it was only during the last few days that they noticed aircraft flying at night, apparently without lights.

The Marines were using night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared sensors before the crash, officials said.

"At first I thought it came down where the other campers were," said Eileen Ruiz of Milpitas, Calif. "My heart was racing. Everybody came out to watch."

"They definitely collided," said 63-year-old Norman Ross of Forest Lake, Minn. "You heard the explosion. ... We could feel a slight vibration in our camper from it."

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CUTS

The state constitution requires a balanced budget, so lawmakers will have to find enough savings from cuts or use revenue meant for the next budget to fill the hole for fiscal year 2003, which ends Aug. 31.

"We're just going to have to cut back during that period to make it work. If not, we'll be starting out in the hole, which we can't do," Craddick

"This is a very, very tough budget session," said Senate Finance Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. "We've got a difficult revenue picture and I think that is a realistic way to begin dealing with the problem.

Some have suggested tapping into the state's emergency fund, called the Rainy Day Fund to help balance the budget. But Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said fund, projected to be about \$1 billion this budget cycle, and save it "for a true emergency."

Strayhorn, the state's chief financial officer, projected earlier this month that the \$114 billion budget would be \$1.8 billion short unless spending is cut or new revenue is found.

She predicted another \$8.1 billion shortfall for the next 2004-05 spending plan if lawmakers keep programs and services the way they are

She said she cut 6 percent of her agency's remaining \$86 million and would look for more places to save money.

"I said when I gave the revenue estimate that Texas families have had to adjust their budgets in this weak economy and that state government must do the same," Strayhorn

The cuts include a hiring freeze that will save about

\$950,000 and a salary freeze that will save another \$800,000.

Perry said he cut his office's budget 14 percent for the remainder of the fiscal

"Like many Texas families and businesses, state agencies must prioritize and make wise use of every taxpayer dollar,"

Perry, who's promised no new taxes, last week responded to the bad news by proposing a state budget that spends nothing. He's since ordered \$221 million in state grants for libraries, education and health care be frozen.

Meanwhile, Auditor's Office report said there could be as much as \$7 billion in waste and fraud at state agencies. It cited several problems, including financial mismanagement at various offices and with private contractors hired to do state busi-



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Priest leaves Silicon Valley for new life

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AUSTIN — To an outsider, Ivan Tou's career change six years ago might seem radical. He had all the right credentials. Bachelor's and master's degrees from one of the world's top universities. Several years of cutting-edge research on artificial intelligence in Silicon Valley. A doc-

torate in computer science.

But just as the high-tech industry was exploding, Tou, whose education and experience assured him financial and professional success, wasn't thinking about six-figure salaries, bonuses and stock options. Instead, he was preparing to take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience at the Paulist Fathers Novitiate in Oak Ridge, N.J.

Tou, 42, who was ordained as a priest in May, now serves at St. Austin Catholic Church. "It seems like a drastic change," said Frank Camacho, a college friend. "But knowing Ivan as I do, I know where his values and core beliefs are. I know, for him, making money and having a good career ... were not his driving forces." It wasn't that Tou didn't love where his family ran a string

After earning a master's in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he landed his dream job at Hewlett-Packard Co. in California. The salary was "excellent," the Bay Area "fabulous."

his work.

Tou played tennis during long lunches with co-workers and enjoyed the freedom of setting his own hours at work.

"to help make machines smarter so we can work less and enjoy life more."

But dissatisfaction lurked beneath the surface.

"The fire," Tou said, "was

The son of Chinese immigrants — a Catholic mother and a Buddhist father — Tou grew up in Gainesville, Fla., of restaurants.

His father, an engineer, taught at the University of Florida. His mother poured her energy into the restaurants, an enterprise that came to interfere with Sunday church attendance. The family stopped going to Mass when Tou was in the third grade.

"I always continued to pray," he said. "Finally, when my brother got his driver's He had a professional mission: license, we decided we should

go back to church."

From that point on, Tou stayed active in the church.

He first encountered the Paulists, an evangelical order that ministers to Catholics and non-Catholics, at MIT.

"I admired that these men were down to earth," Tou said. "My childhood experience. with priests is that they walked between earth and heaven."

After college, Tou began meeting with spiritual directors and tried to determine whether he felt called to the theology. priesthood.

"Even when he was working, going to graduate school, he was always involved in ministry of some form," said the Rev. John Duffy, president of the Paulists in New York City, who was director of formation for seminarians when he met and began advising Tou

more than 12 years ago. He the future. At (Hewletthas a natural affinity for people. He's naturally compassionate, extremely intelligent and a truly humble person."

Tou's move to the priesthood, Duffy said, was a "gradual unfolding."

After a year at the novitiate, Tou traveled to different Paulist parishes across the country for various ministerial assignments and added another degree to his collection: a master's of divinity in

The fire that was missing from his first career burned brightly in his new vocation. It was difficult to give up the possibility of marriage and children, Tou said. The financial sacrifice, on the other hand, was surprisingly liberating. Paulists take a vow of Gospel simplicity, or poverty, meaning they cannot accumulate personal wealth.

"In one sense, life is easi-We don't have to worry about be in life."

Packard), I had to worry about IRAs and 401Ks."

The celebration of his entrance into the priesthood, though, was marred by sadness. Tou's father died about a month after his son's ordina-

While they never found common spiritual ground, the two worked together for a short time at a software company that the elder Tou started in Florida. Still, when Ivan Tou announced that his plans to become a priest were definite, his father "was disappointed, because here I have all these degrees."

It wasn't an unusual response, Camacho said. "The typical reaction is, why would you go to school all those years and get a Ph.D. if you're going to become a priest? What's the point of that?" he said. "Maybe that's what he needed to do to finally figure er," Tou said. "It's amazing: out what his path was going to

Isaiah offers comfort for the hurting

One of the greatest attributes of our Lord and Savior is the fact He can bring comfort even in the toughest experiences of life.

COMFORT (Isaiah 40:1-2) - The Southern Kingdom (Judah) had sinned against God and He had sent several prophets to warn them of His impending judgment on them. God calls Isaiah to comfort His people by telling them He had forgiven them and their J suffering was over.

The Hebrews would eventually be released from captiv-7 ity by Cyrus, King of Persia (v.44:28). They would experience God's pardon or forgiveness for their sins. God's call to the prophet sought to change. He wanted the people of Israel to know that God was alive and in charge.

The Bible often mentions God's role as comforter of His suffering people. He is described as the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-4). Paul writes of His comfort,



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and Jesus told His disciples in the upper room that God would send the Holy Spirit to be the comforter after He offered comfort and help to those who felt weary and burdened by life's demands (Matthew 11:28-30).

REVELATION (Isaiah 4:3-5) - God had a construction project underway - a highway of hope. The gospel writers understood this text as a prediction of the role of John the Baptist's announcing the arrival of Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 3:3). The description of the preparation of the highway (v.40:4) reflects the ancient custom of road building for a king.

The purpose of God's arrival would reveal His glory

(v. 40:"5). God's command for His people to prepare the way reminds us to be open to His coming to us. Our sin acts as road barriers between us and God. We need to confess our

sin to make smooth His way to

PROBLEM (Isaiah 40:6-8) - His message was about human limitation. Like the grass, humans are temporary; like the flowers, humans flourish for a while but pass away (v.40:7). In sharp contrast to the temporary nature of humanity is the enduring word of God that never passes away. The word of God is not obsolete; it is eternally powerful and relevant.

CONTENT (Isaiah 40:9-11) - God's power is like a military victor. God is strong enough to liberate His people from their captivity. Isaiah describes God as a shepherd gathering His flock. He is like a gentle giant; He is all powerful. Isaiah's description of God's strengths and tenderness reminds us that He is always available to help us in life's difficult times. He is the almighty Lord of the universe but also tender and compassionate.

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Columbian rebels kidnap American, Brit

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian rebels kidnapped an American photographer and a British reporter traveling on assignment for the Los Angeles Times, marking the first time in recent memory that foreign journalists have been abducted in Colombia's long-simmering civil war.

Scott Dalton, a native of Conroe, Texas; and Ruth Morris, a British citizen, have been "retained" by the National Liberation Army, or ELN, the guerrilla group said in a statement Thursday on a clandestine rebel radio station.

Rebels stopped the two Tuesday on a road south of the town of Saravena, 200 miles northeast of Bogota, in one of Colombia's most embattled regions. Their driver, who was also briefly held, said the rebels placed hoods over the heads away from the taxi.

The driver, Madiel Ariza, told The Associated Press that the journalists were told they were being taken to meet with a rebel commander and would be released to the Red Cross to deliver a message to the international community.

In their statement, the ELN said they would free the journalists "in due time ... when the political and military conditions permit."

The rebels added that the journalists had entered a rebel stronghold without permission.

"You must take into account that Arauca state has been declared a war zone by the American government and the Colombian state," the rebel statement said. "For that reason, the National Liberation Army is on a war footing and is (acting) in

of the two journalists and lead them the defense of the dignity of all the people of eastern Colombia."

> The United States has given Colombia almost \$2 billion in mostly military aid in the past three years. Last week, dozens of U.S. special forces troops deployed to Saravena and nearby towns to train Colombian troops to protect a key oil pipeline. The rebels have long considered Washington's support for the Colombian government an act of aggression.

The ELN said it was "prepared to guarantee the lives and security of these journalists," and did not issue any demands for their release.

The U.S. Embassy in Bogota was following the situation.

"We are concerned about the individuals who have been reported missing," an embassy spokesman said. "We continue to monitor the

situation closely with the Colombian government and State Department in Washington to obtain the most accurate informa-

Both Dalton and Morris are veteran journalists with experience in

Dalton, 34, is a freelance photographer based in Bogota. He had been a photographer for the AP for about nine years, based in Panama, Guatemala and then Colombia, until the summer of 2002. He left to pursue video projects while freelancing for Bloomberg News, The New York Times, The Miami Herald and other media.

Morris has written articles as a freelancer for the Los Angeles Times, Time magazine, the Sun-Sentinel in south Florida and other publications. She previously was a staff writer for Dow Jones Newswires in Bogota.

"The situation is very fluid, and our primary concern is for Ruth and Scott's safety," the Los Angeles

Times said in a statement. The kidnappings come just days after three other foreigners were reported missing and believed taken by a Colombian paramilitary group in Panama, just north of the Colombian border.

Robert Pelton, Megan Smaker and Mark Wedeven were reportedly seized by the right-wing United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia. They were turned over to church officials Thursday. Pelton gained worldwide attention with an interview of American Taliban suspect John Walker Lindh while covering the war in Afghanistan for CNN.

Venezuela blast kills one, injures 14 others

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's opposition leaders took their case against President Hugo Chavez to Washington on Friday, joining six nations to discuss ending the country's strike.

Chavez's opponents were to meet with delegates of six nations that support negotiations mediated by the Organization of American States. Among the proposals is one offered by former President Jimmy Carter to end the 54-day-old strike in exchange for early elections.

Venezuela's opposition called the strike Dec. 2 to demand that Chavez resign or call early elections. The protests have crippled production in the world's fifth largest oil exporter.

Opposition leaders contend Chavez's leftist policies have damaged business and scared away foreign investment.

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opposition negotiator, told local Union Radio from Washington on Friday. "We need to be sympathetic, optimistic and supportive of this

initiative." The countries attending the talks are the United States, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Portugal and Spain.

Chavez has said he welcomed international help but warned against outside intervention in Venezuela's affairs. He urged the six nations to recognize that he was elected democratically and warned them not to give equal weight to an "undemocratic" opposi-

Adding to the tension, a pipe bomb exploded in downtown Caracas on Thursday, killing one and wounding at least 14 as about 300,000 people were rallying to support

A homeless man who was rummaging in the trash where the bomb was apparently hidden was killed in the blast, said Col. Rodolfo Briceno, the Caracas fire chief.

The rally went on as planned, with Chavez insisting that his left-wing, populist regime would outlast the strike.

Chavez accused strike leaders and the Venezuelan news media of using the strike to weaken the economy and orchestrate a coup like the one in April that briefly forced him from office.

"The Venezuelan people don't want violence," Chavez told the crowd.

The rally followed a decision earlier this week by Venezuela's supreme court to invalidate a planned Feb. 2 referendum aimed at forcing

Ivory Coast negotiators drafting accord

BY PAMELA SAMPSON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PARIS (AP) — Ivory Coast negotiators trying to end a four-month-old civil war that has left hundreds dead and thousands displaced have reached a draft peace settlement, Prime Minister Affi Nguessan said Friday.

He did not give details of the agreement but confirmed that it had been forged during peace talks outside Paris.

The accord seeks to resolve ethnic, regional and political tensions that have contributed to years of bloodshed in Ivory Coast, once regarded as a haven of stability in volatile West Africa.

Toussaint Alain, the official spokesman of Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo, cautiously welcomed

"It is a step toward the return of peace in Ivory Coast," he said. "We neighboring Liberia and France was welcome the accord with interest.

Toussaint refused to speak about specifics, other than to say that Gbagbo, who is due to hold talks with President Jacques Chirac in Paris later Friday, would remain in power.

"The final word on the accord lies with President Gbagbo and the Ivorian people, who need to be consulted on the implementation of some of its principles," he added.

Previous negotiations aimed ending the conflict foundered on rebel demands that Gbagbo step down as leader of Ivory Coast, the world's leading cocoa producer.

France-Info reported the negotiators agreed on the establishment of a government to include all political parties and representatives from the three rebel factions.

The transition government will be led by a prime minister with increased powers who will fix a date for new elections, France-Info radio said. Gbagbo's term expires in 2005, and the rebels' main demand was that he quit and allow new elections.

RFI radio reported that the accord called for disarming rebel forces under French supervision, restructuring the army and requiring candidates for president to be of Ivorian nationality, with a least one Ivorian parent.

The accord comes just hours after Ivory Coast Defense Minister Bertin Kadet demanded that France enter full-force into the war bloodying its former prize colony, saying Ivory Coast had come under attack from obligated by treaty to defend it. The government says Liberians are fighting alongside the rebels.

Delegates from Ivory Coast's warring factions began closed-door talks 10 days ago at a sports stadium south of Paris. The French-brokered talks included representatives of the government and the three rebel groups fighting to oust Gbagbo, who came to power in flawed 2000 elections.

In Ivory Coast, a spokesman for the northern-based rebels said he still had concerns over rebels in the west, where sporadic clashes have continued despite a cease-fire agreement.

"If a deal is signed, we're OK with that," rebel leader Antoine Beugre said in Bouake. "It's at the level of application that there is still uncertainty. The development of the crisis in the west worries me. I can't understand why there's fighting there while negotiations were going on in Paris."

One of the observers at the talks, Mario Gido, a representative of the Sant'Egidio religious community, said the accord was reached in the early hours of Friday.

"Everybody signed and we celebrated with champagne. We embraced each other ... and many people were crying," he told France-Info.

Delegates had been discussing critical issues of Ivorian nationality and land ownership, and eligibility rules for presidential candidacy. Ivory Coast until now has barred opposition leader Alassane Ouattara, a former prime minister with heavy support in the rebellious north, from running, claiming his parents were not Ivorian citizens and he is therefore not a citizen.

The issue was the main spark behind . ethnic, regional and political violence that killed hundreds in recent years, even before the outbreak of war.

The same rules have been used to bar countless people from owning land, even if their families have lived in Ivory Coast for generations.

The toughest issue in the talks has been Gbagbo's continued term as president. Negotiators had to resolve rebels' demand that he step down, and Gbagbo's insistence that he would serve until 2005.

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This year, 2002-2003, is the first year of the top 25 percent scholarship offer. About 225 WTAMU freshmen are taking advantage of the \$1,000 guarantee.

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Graham to undergo surgery, bid for presidency must wait

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Graham of Florida said Thursday he will undergo heart surgery in early February, postponing announcement of a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Graham told reporters in his office that he had made up his mind to run and was planning to announce his candidacy in Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 3. Now, Graham said, he will have surgery to replace a faulty aortic valve that same week.

"While I am a fire horse ready to get in harness out with the people of the early states, I recognize I am going to have to stay in the barn longer than I anticipated," he said. Graham said he had been eager to enter the race because of his concerns over the Bush administration's handling of the war on terrorism and the economy.

"The war on terrorism is imminently winnable," Graham said, "but we are about to lose that war because we have allowed ourselves to be diverted to not meaningless activities, but activities that are of a lower priority."

The 66-year-old senator said he will wait a month to six weeks after the surgery to reassess whether he should run. One of his doctors, Warren Laskey, said the procedure should return him fairly quickly to good health.

"The week of Feb. 3, I'd rather be on an airplane on the way to Des Moines, Iowa," Graham said. But he added: "I consider myself fortunate" to have doctors warn him that the medical step was necessary.

Florida's senior senator was told of the need for surgery after a catheterization that was part of medical tests he had conducted to find out if he should proceed with a presidential run.

His wife, Adele, was at the meeting with reporters in his office Thursday and said the senator's health is the primary concern of his family, but they are supportive of a presidential bid if his health allows.

Graham said he has experienced shortness of breath in recent weeks but has been exercising by taking walks in his Miami Lakes neighborhood and using an exercise bicycle regularly. He said he has been aware that the uring the surgery, doctors will replace the aortic valve, which enables blood to flow from the heart's left ventricle into the aorta, the main artery carrying oxygen-rich blood throughout the body.

valve had problems for several years but didn't know until recently that surgery was recommended.

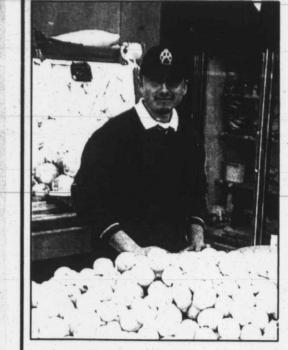
During the surgery, doctors will replace the aortic valve, which enables blood to flow from the heart's left ventricle into the aorta, the main artery carrying oxygen-rich blood throughout the body. A note from the physician recommending the surgery, John Eisold, told Graham his "heart remains very healthy" but he said prompt action to replace that valve would ensure that this continues.

Graham has been a leading Democratic voice in the war on terror and is the one member of Congress considering a run for the White House who voted against the resolution giving President Bush the authority to use force against Iraq.

He was governor of Florida from 1978-1986 and has served in the Senate since then. While Graham has broader experience than most currently considering a run, he would be getting a late start in fund raising and organizing in early states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

Graham's name has surfaced periodically as a possible candidate in past presidential elections, and he was considered as a vice presidential contender in 2000. Graham's popularity in his native state could be a valuable asset because Florida has 27 electoral votes presidential election.

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Jackpot winners not 'in the money' if owe on child support payments

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

(AP) — So, you just hit a slot machine jackpot?

Congratulations. Now, wait for your money while we check to see if you're on Uncle Sam's blacklist.

This could be the future of gambling.

The Bush administration wants to garnish the winnings — at casinos, racetracks and elsewhere — of gamblers who owe child support.

Child support collection advocates say they would welcome any tool to recover some of the estimated \$89 billion owed by deadbeat parents. But critics worry it would turn pari-mutuel clerks, card dealers and others into collection agents.

"Good intention, good cause, but it's implausible," said Chris Scherf, spokesman for the National Thoroughbred Associations, which represents 45 racetracks. "It's no more practical than saying you're going to do it in every bar, when someone orders a drink, taking the money and saying 'He's a deadbeat dad, and this money should be sent to Washington."

Under the plan, announced Jan. 13 by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, President Bush's upcoming 2004 budget will include a proposal to aggressively pursue gambling winnings to raise \$700 million for families over five years.

Currently, the government can garnish lottery prizes, but not winnings by child support scofflaws at casinos, horse tracks, keno parlors, jai alai arenas and off-track betting parlors.

Indian-run casinos would be

exempt from the garnishing, unless they are owned by tribes with federally funded child support enforcement agencies, according to Horn. Eight tribes fit that distinction, he said.

It would cost about \$40 million to establish a secure Webbased system allowing gambling establishments to check government-provided lists of people who owe, Thompson

In the year 2000, Americans reported \$25 billion in gambling winnings on their income tax returns.

Under Bush's plan, which needs congressional approval, anyone who wins more than \$5,000 would have their name checked by the Federal Parent Locator Service before they could collect, according to Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

The FPLS is used by the IRS, state lotteries and other govern-

ment agencies to keep track of parents who owe.

If the person owed child support, the money would be deducted from the jackpot and given to the state child support collection agency for payment to the custodial parent.

"We're not saying people shouldn't be allowed to gamble," Horn said. "But there are people who owe child support and their kids need that. We hope this will discourage them from gambling it away, and instead direct it to the children.

"If they don't, it seems reasonable to us to then require that those winnings be applied against the outstanding child support debt," he said.

The system could also work by discouraging deadbeat parents from going to gamble in the first place, leaving them more liquid — and more likely to pay what they owe on their own, Hom said.

WT lecture series to focus on legal issues in education

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Future Educators Society and Kappa Delta Pi will present the first of a six-part lecture series, "Legal Issues in Education," beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 in Old Main, Room 220.

Dr. Eddie Henderson, associate professor and head of the Division of Education, will present each of the six, two-hour lectures on topics of interest to future educators. The remaining lectures are scheduled for Feb.13, March 6, March 27, April 10 and April 24.

The lecture topics range from educational law and student rights to religion in schools and discipline. Henderson's first lecture is titled "Understanding Education Law: The School and the Legal Environment."

Henderson is a licensed attorney in the state of Texas and has experience representing public school districts. He teaches education law and legal issues in special education at WTAMU.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Friends and Family Flee When **Husband Shares His Feelings**

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this have to say to them is this: Count Help! your blessings!

My husband shares all his feelings and thoughts (mostly negative ones) with me all the time. Every night I am forced to sit for hours listening to him verbalize his thoughts and feelings. He has no thinking and feeling or verbalizing as important as his own. his endless criticisms.

(sedentary) job, and some of the ping away at your self-esteem ways he gets in touch with his feelings - through music and poetry are positive. However, when I was in a car accident last year and should have been resting and recuperating, my husband "didn't have time" to help with housework because his piano had to be played and his novels had to be read.

When we were first married, we moved to a small rural town hundreds of miles away from our friends and families. It has been hard to make friends in this closed community. Once every few years a family member or friend is willing to come and visit us, but my husband almost always finds a way to alienate our visitors. He will start arguments, tell them what he didn't like about the Christmas presents they gave us, complain about how much money we spend on food

I'm afraid that soon I'm going to have no one left. I've talked to my for those female readers who wish the men in their lives would share their feelings with them. What I Help!

TALKED TO DEATH

am all for sharing thoughts and and veil, adding or deleting feelings, but the person you gloves or other accessories, have described is one who is time to do yard work or household self-obsessed, verbally abusive, repairs because he's either too busy and thinks no one's feelings are

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> and isolating you from friends pictures. and family. It's important that you give this some thought and not allow yourself to be his scapegoat. Also, I hope you have Van Buren, also known as Jeanne a job outside the home, because Phillips, and was founded by her mother, it may be your only way to have www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, meaningful contact with others. Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: I bought my wedupset. She and her fiance insist we are being selfish and inconsiderate of their feelings. Do you think we are wrong to be angry?

are entitled to your feelings. That said, there is still time for you to return to the shop where you purchased your bridal gown IN MINNESOTA and discuss how to individualize your attire for the wedding. DEAR TALKED TO DEATH: I (Consider a different headpiece adding or subtracting a train.)

DEAR P.O.: No, I do not. You

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail

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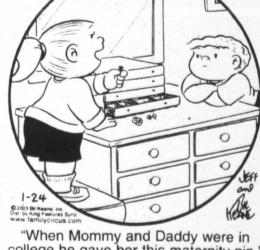


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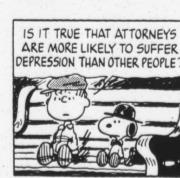
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FORT WORTH (AP) -Corey Santee had 25 points and six assists, leading TCU past Tulane 93-84 Wednesday night.

Jamal Brown added 16 rebounds for TCU (7-9, 1-4 Conference USA).

Tulane (7-10, 0-4) was led by Waitari Marsh, who had 20 points on 7-of-9 from the field and 5-of-6 from the free throw line.

Tulane made 34-of-61 field goals to 30-of-65 for TCU, but the Homed Frogs had a huge edge at the free throw line, making 28-of-35 to 12-of-20 for Tulane.

Santee hit 9-of-16 field goals, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, and hit all four of his free throws. Junior Blount backed Santee with 15 points on 4-of-8 free throws and 6-of-6 free throws, and Nucleus Smith added 11 points on 3-of-7 from the field and 5-of-6 from the line. Tulane led at the half 41-39.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) -

Hart Lee Dykes, a former Texas high school standout and two-time All-American wide receiver at Oklahoma State in the 1980s, says he feels his college alma mater has never honored him for all his accomplishments.

But Dykes, who is still Oklahoma State's career record holder in receiving yards, told Houston television station KRIV he attributes the snub to his acceptance of money from recruiters, which helped prompt the NCAA to put the university on proba-

Dykes, who was one of the country's most recruited high school football players when he played at Bay City, played for Oklahoma State from 1985 to 1989.

While he said he decided to play for the Cowboys because he had family in the state, friends at the school and liked the offense, Dykes also told KRIV Thursday he accepted money and cars to go to Oklahoma State.

Dykes, who now lives in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land, said he was 18 years old when he accepted the payoffs.

"The right thing would have been to say, 'Hold on guys, I'm not interested.' But you take a kid from a small town that has never experienced that type of money or the lifestyle these guys are promising, then yeah I'm going to take it," he said.

PRO BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP)

- Antawn Jamison scored 30 points and Earl Boykins had five of his 16 points in the final 38 seconds as the Golden State Warriors held on for a 114-110 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night. After getting charged with a turnover, missing a shot and then committing a threeshot foul against Derek Fisher, Boykins hit an 8foot turnaround jumper for a 109-105 lead with 38 seconds remaining.

Devean George scored for the Lakers, but the 5-foot-5 Boykins drove the lane, looped in a shot, was fouled and made the free throw for a 112-107 edge with 9.7 seconds left.

PHS swimmers win fourth district meet in a row

LUBBOCK — The the old district record by 5:15.02 time. has won the District 4A championship for the fourth year in a row. Both the Pampa boys and girls teams defeated Seminole, Caprock and Lubbock Estacado to sweep the district meet.

Numerous records were broken by the Pampa swimmers.

The first record to be broken was by Michael Eskridge in the 200 individual medley with prelims. That time broke eight seconds, with a freestyle;

Shot clock is

under review

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) -

Big 12 officials are review-

ing video of Texas Tech's 69-

64 overtime loss at No. 7

Oklahoma to try to deter-

mine whether there was a

glitch in the game clock dur-

ing the final seconds of regu-

Television replays of the

Monday night game, which

was broadcast by ESPN,

show that two pauses on the

clock may have affected the

final seven seconds of the

second half and given

Oklahoma extra time before

a game-tying shot that forced

The outcome of the game

"We're aware of an appar-

ent clock problem," Big 12

spokesman Bo Carter said Wednesday. "We're just

going to evaluate things.

We're working to correct any clock problems and doing a

review with all the schools."

The Lubbock Avalanche-

Journal reported on its online

edition Wednesday that TV

replays showed the Sooners

may have gotten an extra 1.7

seconds before Hollis Price

hit an off-balance jumper to

tie the game at 60-60 and

The first clock pause

appeared to have happened with 6.7 seconds remaining

when the game was tied at

Tech then went ahead 60

58 after Will Chavis made two free throws with 4.5 sec-

onds left. On the ensuing

inbound pass, Price appeared

to dribble the ball twice

before the clock started, and

went the length of the court

for his game-tying shot,

which was in the air as the

ESPN broke down the

apparent clock problem dur-

ing a segment Tuesday night.

Dale Kelley, supervisor of

officials for the Big 12, said

that if any clock problems

had been noticed before the

teams left the floor, offi-

cials could have reviewed it

and might have adjusted the

clock if they found it neces-

Big 12 commissioner

Kevin Weiberg contacted

Tech coach Bob Knight and

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Pampa High swim team four seconds. Eskridge also broke another record in the prelims with a 1:00.39 in the 100 butterfly. It broke the old record by two

> In the finals, there were three more recordbreaking events.

Joe Johnson broke the old 200 freestyle record by two seconds with an outstanding time of 1:58.80. He also established a new record a time of 2:16.33 in the in the 500 freestyle by the 200 and 500

Penrod broke both the district and her own school record with a score of 228.45.

Other first-place finishes were by the girls medley relay team of Maddox, Kandice Jessica Hall, Emily Johnson and Whitney Penrod; the boys med-Russell Anglin, Alan Arzola, Michael Martinez and Breck Penrod; Jessica White in Angela Stephens,

Tyler Wishon in the 50 and 100 freestyle; Russell Anglin in diving; Emily Johnson 100 butterfly; Kandice Maddox 100 freestyle; the boys 200 and 400 fréestyle relay teams of D.J. Elliott, Tyler Michael Wishon, Eskridge and Joe ley relay team of Johnson; Jessica Hall in the 100 breaststroke; Alan Arzola in the 100 breaststroke; the 400 freestyle relay team of Jessica Hall, Wendy

Angela

Henthorn in the 200 IM; Henthorn and Jessica White.

Pampa placed first in 20 of the 24 events. Both Pampa teams

finished with 125 total points. In the boys division, Seminole was a distant second with 59 points. Seminole was second (86), Caprock was third (6) and Estacado fourth (5) in the girls division.

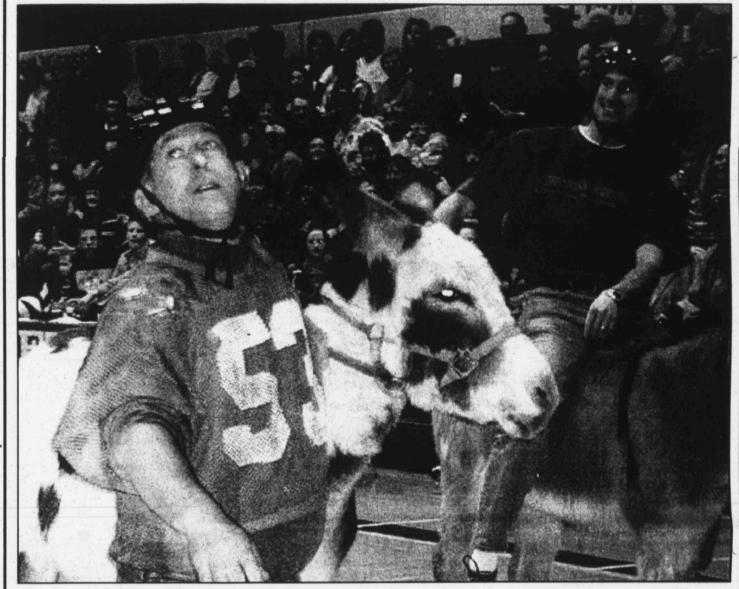
The Harvesters are entered in regional competition this weekend in Lubbock.

Pampa captured all the top individual honors after winning the District 4-A swim meet at Lubbock.

Joe Johnson was voted 4A Male District swimmer of the year, Whitney Penrod, 4A Female diver of the year, and Russell Anglin, 4A Male diver of the year.

Pampa coach Amy Howard was named 4A swim coach of the year and 4A Diving coach of the year.

Donkey ball



(Photo by Tess Kingcade)

Jackie Curtis (standing) of Curtis Well Service and high school band director Bruce Collins are maybe wondering what they're going to do next during Wednesday night's Donkey Basketball Game. The event, sponsored by the Pampa Lions Club, drew 1,100 fans to McNeely Fieldhouse.

Just pay, baby: NFL slaps Raiders with fine

SAN DIEGO (AP) — This and Buccaneers persuaded the "It only stands to reason that if time, petulance came at a price for the Oakland Raiders.

The NFL fined the Raiders \$50,000 on Thursday for violating the NFL's Super Bowl media policy the previous day by skipping the mandatory morning interview session.

"The failure to make all players and coaches available for the required media session Wednesday was the result of a communications breakdown on the part of the club," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Communications breakdowns involving the Raiders have been common over the decades, and the leadup to the Super Bowl against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers hasn't been any

On Tuesday, Oakland's media day interview session started 50 minutes late. At the time, Steve Alic of the NFL told an Associated Press reporter it was because of a "miscommunication" between the team and the league. The Raiders blamed it on an ABC-TV interview that

NFL to close part of practice to pool reporters, a practice not done for at least the last 19 years — the last time the Raiders were in the Super Bowl.

In announcing the fine, Aiello said the Raiders had "fully participated in all other required media sessions this week," even though a number of them missed the Thursday media session, as well.

If the scheduling problems bothered coach Bill Callahan, he sure didn't show it.

"We're right on schedule," Callahan said. "We've really acclimated well in our time down here. Our goal was not to leave the state of California during the playoffs, so that's really worked out well for us."

Earlier, the NFL Players Association announced that it was in favor of a change in overtime, the first major group to support altering the suddendeath system that has been in place since 1974.

"If you look at the games this year, you see how much closer they're getting," NFLPA execu-On Wednesday, the Raiders tive director Gene Upshaw said.

you get into overtime, you should have a fair chance to

Upshaw said players favor a system in which both teams would get a chance with the ball.

There were a record 25 overtimes in the 2002 regular season, four more than the previous high set in 1991. Nine of those games were won by the team that got the ball first and scored without the other team getting possession. The same thing happened in the playoffs, when Tennessee

beat Pittsburgh 34-31. Upshaw said the union is not in favor of the college rule, which gives each team the ball at the opponent's 25-yard line at least once.

"We'll let the football people decide" the system, Upshaw said. "But we do need a change."

The NFLPA also released its biennial report on turf conditions and, to nobody's surprise, Stadium Veterans Philadelphia was rated the worst field in the league.

The Vet hosted its last football game ever last week — Tampa Bay's 27-10 win over the Eagles

in the NFC title game. It will be replaced next season by a new stadium nearby in South Philly.

"Everybody's glad," Upshaw said. "It's a horrible field. Just awful."

Second worst was the grass field at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., followed by another natural surface in Cincinnati.

In fact, five of the 10 worst fields in the rankings were grass, a result that flies in the face of conventional wisdom that dictates artificial turf is always

"It just shows that a bad field is a bad field, no matter what the surface is," Upshaw said.

The grass field at Qualcomm Stadium, where the Super Bowl will be played, ranked 10th worst

Upshaw also said the union's diversity committee is working with the league to get more minorities into front offices. He said internship programs have been established so players who are interested in futures in the front office can start learning while they're still in the league.

Rose holds another meeting with top baseball official

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball commissioner's top deputy met with Pete Rose and his business agent in Florida last month, part of negotiations that could lead to the reinstatement of the sport's career hits leader.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's president and chief operating officer, traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to speak with Rose and his business agent, Warren Greene, on Dec. 16.

Commissioner Bud Selig

ment on the status of negotiations, which became public Dec. 9.

DuPuy declined to com-

Milwaukee on Nov. 25.

"We've got a pending application. We're continuing to review that petition," DuPuy said Wednesday. "The commissioner has discussed it with Pete. Other than that, I

don't have anything to say." - reported Wednesday that a friend of

Rose, who was not identified, had met secretly with Rose in said the former player was prepared to admit he bet on base-

> The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Friday that two of Rose's acquaintances, whom it did not identify, said he is willing to publicly admit that he bet on baseball, as long as he gets full reinstatement in return. Another unidentified acquaintance said Rose had admitted privately that he bet

Baseball officials have said that for there to be an agreement. Rose must admit he bet on baseball, an accusation he has repeatedly denied.

"When there's a time and place for Pete to make a comment, he will. Pete's always been very cooperative, and will continue to be. For now, we still have no comment," Greene said.

Baseball officials say the next step is to schedule Selig's meeting with Hall of Famers.

Rose is ineligible for the Hall of Fame as long as he is on the permanently banned list.

Selig originally planned to talk with them on Jan. 17 in Los Angeles, then called it off. He said last week he still intends to talk with them but has not set a date for a meeting, possibly before the start of spring training in mid-February.

Rose agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

possible softball complex

District is in the planning stages for a new high school girls softball complex.

Dr. Tim Powers, assistant superintendent of facilities, had a Wednesday meeting scheduled with architects after visiting with athletic directors and softball coaches in Canyon and Pampa.

"I've gone to Canyon and walked through their complex to get an idea of what we need," Powers said.

Powers has also met with Club members to get their imput on the proposed facility. meet the needs of our softball players while also staying within our budget," he said.

The Lady Harvesters have been playing their softball

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Pampa Independent School games at Optimist Park. The new complex would be located next to the PHS baseball field, and would include bleachers, concession stand, press box, handicapped ramp, among other amenities.

> The installation of both outdoor and indoor batting cages between the softball and high school fields will also be considered, according to Powers.

Powers said the next step is hiring an architectural firm, but the final decision to build the complex would be left up Harvester Softball Booster to the school board, Powers

"We want these girls to "We want to move forward to have something to play on next year. We're hoping at the next board meeting an architect will be selected and we'll give him a time frame to work

PISD making plans for Nowitzki leads Mavs by 76ers, 107-94

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Dirk Nowitzki thinks he has room for improvement. That should keep his opponents awake at night.

Nowitzki had 30 points and 14 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 21 points and 13 assists in the Dallas Mavericks' 107-94 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers Thursday night.

When the 76ers made a run in the third quarter, Nowitzki scored seven straight points, on a a 3-pointer, a 19-foot jumper, and a driving layup, allowing the Mavs to pull away.

"I still think my post game is not where it should be," Nowitzki said. "I try to take advantage more and more. I should be able to punish the little guys down there a little more. I just have to keep on working at it and I should be

In other NBA games Thursday night, Golden State beat New Jersey 105-97, and Sacramento edged Memphis

The 76ers had no answer for the 7-foot Nowitzki, or for the rest of the Mavericks.

Michael Finley scored 19 points and Nick Van Exel added 16 for the Mavericks. Dallas improved the NBA's best record to 33-8 with its second straight win after a dismal West Coast trip on which it lost three in a row.

At the halfway point of the season, Dallas is on pace for a franchise-best 66 victories.

"Guys don't care if we win 60 games if we don't win a championship," Nash said.

Allen Iverson and Keith Van Horn each scored 25 for the 76ers, who have lost 12 of 16.

games after losing nine of 10. The 76ers, who opened the season 10-0 at the First Union Center, are 1-7 in their last eight home games. "This is not the team we

Philadelphia has alternated

wins and losses in its last six

thought we were going to have," 76ers coach Larry Brown said, referring to injuries that have hampered

Philadelphia, down 18 in the second quarter, closed to 50-47 following a three-point play by Iverson early in the third. But the Mavericks answered with seven straight points and 11 of the next 13.

During the run, Nowitzki displayed all the skills that have made him one of toughest players in the league to defend. His 3-pointer, 19-footer and layup gave the Mavericks a 61-49 lead.

The 76ers didn't get closer than eight the rest of the way. Nowitzki, guarded by sever-

al different players at various points, finished 12-of-19 from the field. "Most power forwards I can

defend, but they're not that big," Van Horn said. "He's so long and he shoots the ball so well, he's really tough.' Brown started the fourth quarter with five guards on the

floor — Iverson, Eric Snow, Aaron McKie, Greg Buckner and John Salmons. It didn't Three-pointers by Van Exel and Finley made it 85-67. Another 3 by Van Exel

increased the lead to 88-69,

and Brown went back to a reg-

ular lineup, which also wasn't

successful. "They're a great team, they have great players and they're well-coached," Brown said.

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TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports Transactions

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terms with RHP Jon Lieber on a twoyear contract TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS-Agreed to terms with C Jorge Fabregas on a minor league contract.

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COLORADO ROCKIES-Agreed to terms with RHP Rich Garces on a minor league contract. FLORIDA MARLINS-Agreed to terms with C Ivan Rodriguez on a one-year **National Basketball Association**

ATLANTA HAWKS-Signed G Corey Benjamin to a 10-day contract. MILWAUKEE BUCKS-Placed C Joel Przybilla on the injured list. Activated C-F Jamal Sampson from the injured

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BUFFALO BILLS—Signed CB Ronald Hardge, TE Ryan Neufield, RB De'Mond Parker and LB Josh Stamer. DENVER BRONCOS—Signed CB Jeff

DETROIT LIONS-Announced the resignations of Kevin Warren, senior vice president of business operations and legal counsel, and Kent Newhart. special assistant to the president. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Named Ken Anderson quarterbacks coach, Reynolds defensive backs coach, and Mike Haluchak linebackers coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Placed Marcus Williams on injured reserve. Signed KR Ronald Curry, S Keyon Nash, TE Ben Steel and TE David Lucas to the practice squad. REDSKINS—Named WASHINGTON Robert Nunn defensive ends coach. National Hockey League

and the New York Islanders \$25,000 each for becoming involved in an altercation during the warm-up peri-

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS-Recalled C Samuel Pahlsson from Cincinnati of

CALGARY FLAMES—Traded F Jamie Wright to Philadelphia for future considerations. Acquired D Mike Mottau from the New York Rangers for a 2003 or 2004 sixth-round draft pick. Recalled D Micki DuPont from Saint John of the AHL

COLORADO AVALANCHE-Assigned D Bryan Muir to Hershey of the AHL. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated C Bryan Smolinski and D Aaron Miller from injured reserve. Placed LW Kip Brennan and D Lubomir Visnovsky on injured reserve'. Recalled D Tomas Zizka from Manchester of the AHL. Assigned C Michael Cammalleri to Manchester.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS-Recalled G Rick DiPietro and D Ray Schultz from Bridgeport of the AHL OTTAWA SENATORS-Recalled RW Brad Smyth from Binghamton of the

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned RW Mark Greig to Philadelphia of the

COLLEGE IONA-Named Fernando Barboto

Major comeback keeps 'Serena Slam' bid alive in Australia

(AP) — Amid a flurry of errors, Serena Williams hung her head and stared at her racket.

Trailing 5-1 in the final set of an Australian Open semifinal against Kim Clijsters, Williams didn't look like the most dominant player in women's tennis. Neither her shotmaking nor her body language was quite right. Then, suddenly, the zip came

Williams started pushing Clijsters around the court, saved two match points and surged to a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory Thursday, leaving her one victory away from a Serena Slam. "I really didn't think I'd win it," said Williams, who was bothered by blisters on her feet. "I just kept fighting, one point at a time. Next thing I knew, the match was over."

For the fourth consecutive

Venus beat 2001 Wimbledon runner-up Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-3, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

It will mark the first time in more than 100 years of Grand Slam tournament history that two women have met in four straight major finals.

"We love to play each other," said Serena, who beat Venus in last year's championship matches at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open. "Getting this far is just amazing for both of us, and I think I was a bit fortunate to get through, because Kim played a wonderful match.

Whoever wins the latest installment of the Sister Slam series will have a 5-4 career edge in major titles, and a 6-5 edge in head-to-head matches. Serena will try to do what

time in the final of a major, her Tiger Woods accomplished in

RNE, Australia foe will be family: Older sister golf during the 2000-01 sea- like to bring my work home." sons — winning the last three major tournaments of one year and the first of the next year. Because the accomplishment didn't occur in the same calendar year, some people didn't consider it a true Grand Slam, instead calling the accomplishment a Tiger Slam.

Serena missed last year's Australian Open with an injury, and this is the first time she's gone past the quarterfinals of this tournament. Venus reached the semis in 2001 but also hasn't won this event.

Looking to the final, Serena said Venus "is actually playing a little better than me at this tournament. I've just got to pull something out of my back pocket to be able to go on to the next level."

They probably won't talk about the upcoming match, Serena said, adding: "I don't

The Williams sisters also will try to win the doubles title after beating Lindsay Davenport and Lisa Raymond 6-2, 6-2 in a semifinal. Team Williams will face Virginia Ruano Pascual and Paola Suarez for the championship.

On the men's side, meanwhile, Andre Agassi easily dismissed Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the final. He's trying to win his fourth Australian Open and eighth Grand Slam title overall.

Agassi, who won here in 1995, 2000 and 2001 but missed last year's tournament with a wrist injury, has a 20match winning streak at Melbourne Park

Things looked bleak for Serena against Clijsters, who beat her in the final of the WTA Championships last year.

Williams won despite 65

Clijsters had. But Williams overcame that thanks to 42 winners - 28 more than the fourthseeded Belgian.

Clijsters served for the match at 5-2 and 5-4 in the third set. Her biggest regret: two double faults that sent Serena on the way to winning the 10th game.

While Williams improved her play, Clijsters seemed to tighten. Toward the end, Williams "hit everything a little harder and closer to the line," Clijsters said.

On the two match points for Clijsters, Williams forced an error and then put away a volley after a long rally.

Earlier, there was a nineminute break in the action while a trainer taped blisters on Williams' right foot

"I just needed to be retaped," she said, because the original tape slipped, "so it was starting

Although Williams received some boos when she came out, Clijsters said the timeout didn't make any difference, since "I won the next few games."

It was Clijsters' first loss since Lindsay Davenport beat her in the quarterfinals in Zurich, Switzerland, in October. Clijsters then won three tournaments in a row and a total of 22 straight matches.

But she couldn't quite finish off Williams, who's intent on making some more history.

No man or woman has won four straight major tennis titles since Steffi Graf added the 1994 Australian Open title to her victories in the other top events in 1993.

Graf also is among three women with a true Grand Slam. She did it in 1988, following Maureen Connolly in 1953 and Margaret Court in 1970.

No. 10 Creighton defeated by Evansville, 74-66, to end six-game winning streak

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) Dana Altman expected better.

He'd been complaining the past couple of weeks that his Creighton Bluejays weren't themselves, weren't playing like they needed to if they wanted to keep winning.

Evansville took advantage of that Thursday night.

Clint Cuffle scored points, 21 in the second half, as the Purple Aces upset No. 10 Creighton 74-66 for their first victory over a top-10 team in nearly two decades.

"We seemed to have lost our hunger," Altman said. "Our guys felt awful good about themselves and the team, and when that happens, you get complacent."

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday night. Virginia beat No. 17 Wake Forest 85-75, No. 23 Oregon defeated Washington 91-66, and No. 25 California J beat Southern California 73-

Creighton had its six-game winning streak snapped and lost a chance for the best start in school history.

Nothing went right for the Bluejays (16-2, 7-1 Missouri Valley), who have lost three of their last four games in Evansville.

Kyle Korver entered the game averaging 20 points and leading the nation with 77 3-pointers, but he hardly played like it. He scored a season-low five points, went 1-of-12 from the field, 0-for-7 from 3-point range and

was never a factor. His struggles symbolized those of his teammates, too. The Bluejays had been scoring at an 83.5-point clip, but shot just 37.9 percent from the field and got outrebounded by a team it had beaten 93-56 eight days earlier.

Only one starter, Larry House, reached double figures. He had 11. Mike Grimes led Creighton with

To Altman and Korver, the explanation was obvious.

"There just wasn't any fire tonight," Korver said. "I don't know what it is, but we definitely have to figure it out soon or we're going to have more of these types of games. That's not the kind of season we want.

The Aces (6-9, 2-4), however, might have changed their season because they followed coach Merfeld's blueprint perfectly.

They stayed close throughout and their players turned in some of their best games. Dan Lytle hit a career-high

three 3-pointers and finished 15 points, Lucious Wagner, who also had 15 points, put Evansville. ahead for good with a 3pointer at the 4:32 mark. Ian Hanavan just missed a tripledouble with 11 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

And Cuffle played 38 minutes, primarily defending Korver, while dominating the head-to-head matchup. "There's just no explana-

tion for what he did," Merfeld said. "I'm just elat-

The players and fans were excited, too. When the horn sounded, Cuffle chestbumped one of his teammates to the ground while students rushed to midcourt where they bounced up-and-

Why not? It was Merfeld's biggest win since leaving Hampton for Evansville this season, and the last time the Aces had celebrated a win over a top-10 team was December 1983 when they beat Purdue 80-65.

"It was a great team effort," Cuffle said. "It's a great stepping stone for the season and the program."

Altman believed the game also illustrated how much Creighton improve after earning its highest national ranking in school history earlier this

Altman hoped to see more intensity, more desire, more passion. All of those elements were missing.

"We just weren't very sharp and they were," he said. "We never got into the flow of the game.

"We didn't have the energy, we didn't have the passion. And we're not talented enough to play the way we did tonight and win." Virginia 85, No. 17 Wake Forest 75

At Charlottesville, Va., Todd Billet scored 23 points to help Virginia end a threegame losing streak.

The Cavaliers (11-6, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) put an ambarrassing 18-point loss, at Virginia Tech two nights earlier behind them and improved to 8-0 at home.

Josh Howard and Vytas Danelius each scored 20 points for Wake Forest (12-2, 2-2).

No. 23 Oregon Washington 66

At Eugene, Ore., Luke Ridnour had 15 points and 11 assists, and James Davis scored 18 points in Oregon's third straight victory.

Ducks forward Jackson, the left-hander averaging 17.1 points going into Thursday's game, left in the first half with a cut on his right ring finger that required 10 to 12 stitches. He did not return for Oregon ((13-4, 3-3 Pac-10).

Nate Robinson had 18 points for Washington (7-9, 2-5).

No. 25 California 73, Southern California 68

At Berkeley, Calif., freshman guard Richard Midgley had a career-high 23 points as California won its sixth straight.

Joe Shipp added 13 points for the Bears (13-2, 6-0 Pac-10). Errick Craven had 20 points for the Trojans (7-7,



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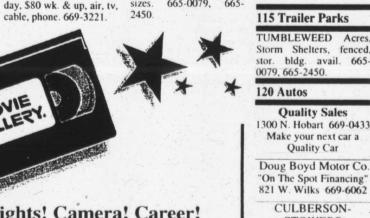
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long-term goals than you have been in a new. while. Others gather around you, allow- CANCER (June 21-July 22) future. Learn to grow and flow. If you are request. single, a relationship will knock on your LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) door. To do or not to do? That is your *** Make an effort at breaking You find answers that help you gain a choice. If you're attached, your relation- down others' resistances. You might be perspective. Realize what might happen ship will grow through greater sharing more instrumental than you realize in and centering on your goals. AQUAR- forging peace. Use your ability to detach the ball. Tonight: Your treat.

IUS is a soul mate. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll the same old problems. Tonight: Say in melting down a problemed person.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** * Extremes mark your actions. You might want to juggle all the different forces at work. Input from someone at a distance helps. You actually might decide to meet halfway. Review a matter that is close to your heart. Tonight: Round up your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Your ability to come to an understanding with others helps you juggle two opponents. Each person wants something very different. How you merge various interests proves to be

unique. A partner or dear friend plays a

significant role in your plans. Tonight: In

the limelight. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Reach out for someone at a distance. Your sense of humor comes through with a loved one or a friend who another. Adapt your spending to a new could be having a difficult time seeing request or someone else's need. Speak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. the whole picture. A new beginning your mind. Tonight: Invite others over. becomes possible with someone at a dis- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

ing many new possibilities. Consider *** Deal with someone directly, might be changing in the next few weeks. what is important to you ultimately. Once You might wonder what is going on with Transform a personal situation in a more you attain a long-term desire, you might a partner or associate who is testy. Pitch positive way. Put your best foot forward. just decide that you don't want exactly in and help. Your ability to see the trees Remember, there are two of you that. Understand that you, too, are trans- from the forest helps out a friend who involved. Tonight: Find a favorite spot. forming, thus what you think you want might be a bit touchy. Build on a close CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) might not be what you will want in the tie. Tonight: Go along with someone's

and gain a perspective. Help others see AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) alternatives instead of getting stuck in 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; "yes" to an invitation. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Pace yourself. You might need some time to yourself. If you relax, you here. People will be people. Give others will come to a place of understanding. Work on realizing more of what you

want. Your family supports you in a key

project. Allow more feedback and help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Add more playfulness to your life, realizing what you want from a personal relationship. Keep communication flowing. What one person wants might not be what someone else desires. You gain by reaching out and talking. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

* * Lay down and think before taking

action. You might not be sure what is

necessary to flex with a loved one. This

person can flip from one opinion to

You might be more in touch with your tance. Tonight: Try something totally **** You can flex. You don't need to say "no" or "yes." In fact, everything will flow with ease. You'll find that a lot

** Remain optimistic with others. New beginnings become possible to those who are capable of going within. if you relax more. Let a partner run with

Laugh with a loved one and loosen up together. Your circle of friends could be changing. You cannot run interference

the space to grow. Tonight: Whatever

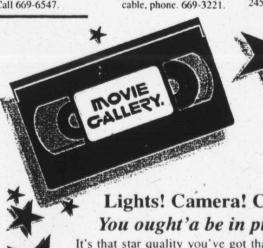
*** * Your smile goes a long way

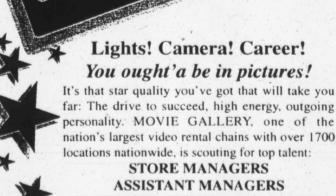
makes you happy. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might want to step back Ask for more help. Tonight: Put your feet some and consider your different options. Someone close to you makes a must appearance. Reach out for a parent or an older relative. Not everything is as you would like it to be. Your instincts

lead you in a tough situation. Tonight: A

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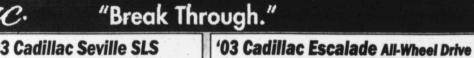
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