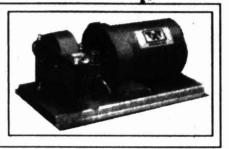
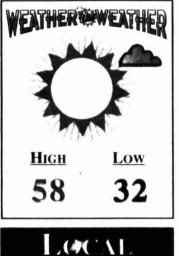


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CEUs, steak on menu

for Fall Producers

The Fall Producers Meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Armstrong County Activities Building. Five CEUs will be offered and a steak lunch served. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. To RSVP, call the Armstrong County Extension Office at 806-226-3021 by Dec. 9.

DEATHS

Ione Bruce Booth, 91. homemaker.

James Lynn Colville, 82, construction executive. Herman Earl 'H.E.' Crocker. Jr., 80, pilot. Mable Alice Johnson, 93. teacher.

Helen Purdy Maxey, 82, Sunday School teacher, elder.

One person seeks co. attorney job Asst. DA Josh Seabourn turns in only application to Gray County Judge

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2003

for the unexpired term of county attorney, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

on Dec. 31. Alvey's term of office will office. run through Dec. 31, 2004.

tive session during their regular meet- have something to contribute to the ing on Monday, Dec. 15. to interview community," Seabourn said. One application has been received Seabourn and decide whether or not to appoint him to the post.

"Since I've gone to work for the dis-Applications were accepted through trict attorney. I've discovered how after receiving his law degree in May interviews witnesses and has presented

commissioners plan to go into execu- being on that side of things. I think I attorney John Warner.

having moved here with his family law. If for any reason Seabourn's appli- when he was 5 years old. He graduated cation is rejected, Peet said, the com- from Pampa High School in 1993. He part-time assistant for 31st District Josh Seabourn, part-time assistant mission has the option of contracting attended Okłahoma University, where Attorney Richard Roach in Pampa. district attorney, has applied for the out the county attorney's work or he earned a bachelor of arts degree in position to be vacated by Todd Alvey working with the district attorney's history in 1998 and a juris doctor reviewed, and research before and durdegree in 2001

Seabourn's work for Warner has included criminal cases, probate work, Seabourn, 28, grew up in Pampa, wills and trusts, real estate, and family

On April 1, Seabourn was hired as a

Case intake, in which new cases are ing trials top Seabourn's list of duties He returned to Pampa immediately at the district attorney's office. He also

(See JOB, Page 3)



collision, 5.5 miles southwest Ellis, DPS officials said.

DALHART - Investigating DPS report released this

The wreck occurred about sion Tuesday afternoon that 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, when an claimed the lives of a Dalhart apparent "extremely high gust couple and seriously injured of wind" lifted a 2001 travelers from Chevrolet pickup pulling a travel trailer driven by Mr.

Vernon Jay Ellis, 56, and Stoughtenger off the highway his wife Violet Wade Ellis, 50, and into the path of a 1994 both died at the scene of the Ford pickup driven by Mr.

The Ellis pickup was trav-

Nellie Mae Newton, 95, former business owner.

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Olivia Portille of Bob Clements Inc. inspects a coat before placing it in the perc dry cleaning machine. The cost of perc solvent will increase from \$10 per gatlon to \$25 per gallon on Jan. 1, 2004, thanks to a new law passed by the Texas legislature.

Cost of business going up with new solvent tax

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

will mean higher costs of staying in business. Hadley said. for Texas dry cleaners beginning Jan. 1, 2004.

passed by the state house and senate last May, ment," he said imposes new sales taxes on dry cleaning solcaught by the pan.

sells solvent and will be responsible for collecting the new taxes. Two commonly used types for cleaning, must pay \$1,000 per drop station. of solvent, he said, are perchloroethylene and petroleum-based.

Iy sells for about \$10 per gallon, but a \$15-per- owner Neil Fulton of Bob Clements Inc gallon tax will be added to that cost on January Utility Oil, costs \$3.05 per gallon and will have

a \$5-per-gallon tax added on January 1.

The taxing entity which will receive the taxes paid on the solvents is the Texas New taxes, fees and equipment regulations. Commission on Environmental Quality,

"The purpose of the tax is to help with Texas House Bill No. 1366, which was cleanup of dry cleaning solvents in the environ-

Each owner of a dry cleaning business must vents and new annual registration fees. The register annually with the state. The registranew law also requires each dry cleaning tion fee for a dry cleaner whose gross annual machine to be placed in a containment struc- receipts is \$100,000 or less will be \$250. Those ture, or drip pan, so that any leak, spill or other with gross annual receipts of over \$100,000 release of solvent from the machine will be must pay \$2,500. In addition, a dry cleaner with drop stations, where customers in other Ron Hadley of Utility Oil, 501 W. Brown, neighborhoods or towns can drop off and pick up items that are transported to the dry cleaner

The annual fees and taxes will cause some cleaners to close their drop stations, or even Perchloroethylene, or perc, solvent current- close altogether, said Pampa dry cleaners

"Closing a drop station hurts all our neigh-1. Petroleum-based solvent, which is sold by boring towns." Fulton said. "Instead of drop-(See SOLVENT, Page 3)

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of Dalhart on U.S. Highway 54, according to Texas eling northeast and the Department of Public Safety Stoughtenger vehicles were headed southwest when the reports.

Verne P. Stoughtenger, 64, wind gust hit. of La Valle, Wis., and Rayna The left front of the R. Stoughtenger, 64, also of Chevrolet struck the left front La Valle, were taken to of the Ford and the travel trail-Northwest Texas Hospital in er landed on top of the Ford. Amarillo for treatment of The Chevrolet then rolled onto injuries they suffered in the its side taking northeast. according to the report. crash.

All victims were wearing Both were listed in stable condition, according to the seat belts DPS officials said.

Scientists: Government overzealous in pursuit of plague researcher

By BETSY BLANEY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

of the serious charges he faced after reporting plague samples missing from his lab was a victim of an overzealous prosecution, several scientists said.

the 69 charges stemming ed. from a federal investigation ples.

"There's a lesson in there for the Justice Department," Dick Baker vehemently Steven Aftergood of the

Federation of American Scientists said Tuesday. "They overreached. The

LUBBOCK (AP) — The jury's verdict suggests clearly researcher acquitted of most that the government was overzealous in this case."

Peter Agre, this year's Nobel Prize winner for chemistry who has worked with Butler and has known him for more than 25 years, also said Thomas C. Butler was the Texas Tech University convicted Monday on 47 of professor was unfairly target-

"They are determined to into his work with the deadly find him guilty of somebacteria. He was acquitted on thing," said Agre, who is concharges of lying to the FBI, tributing some of the money smuggling plague samples he won from the Nobel prize into the United States and to Butler's defense. "He's not illegally transporting sam- a criminal. He's not a dangerous or reckless person."

> Assistant U.S. Attorney (See PLAGUE, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

MAXEY, Helen Purdy — Memorial services, 3 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

PRESTON, Mrs. Johnnie — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

HERMAN EARL 'H.E.' CROCKER, JR. 1923-2003

Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Crocker was born May 31, 1923, at Burkburnett. He moved to Borger in 1925 and to Pampa in 1929. He attended schools in Pampa and Skellytown prior to graduating from White Deer High School in White Deer in 1941.

He married Nancy Jones in 1973 at Clarinda, Io va.

A state trooper for Department of Public Safety for four years, he later worked in the oilfield, operating an oilfield service company, was employed in the construction business, and was a corporate pilot and a certified flight instructor as well.

In 1997, Mr. Crocker received his 50-year pin from Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 www.carmichael-whatley.com.

JAMES LYNN COLVILLE

BRADY — James Lynn Colville, 82, died Methodist Church Men's Breakfast Group, Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Brownwood. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Colville was born May 23, 1921, at Floydada, to James and Mary Beady Colville. He married Esther Finkner on Feb. 7, 1942, at San Antonio; she died Aug. 23, 1997. He married Delma Jones on Jan. 9, 1999, in Pampa.

He worked for WesTex Construction in Borger for over 20 years, retiring as president, and for Austin Engineering in Austin from 1983 until retiring in 1989. He was a part-time construction inspector for City of Pampa from 1989-1998, moving to Brady in March 1999.

Mr. Colville was a member of Brady First United Methodist Church, First United

MABLE ALICE JOHNSON

1910-2003

Mable Alice Johnson, 93, of Amarillo, Hollis, Okla., and he preceded her in death. Texas, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at McLean, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Pampa from 1934 until moving to Amarillo in She was preceded in death by two sons, Jarvis 1996. She received her bachelors and masters Johnson, Jr., in 1993 and John Johnson in 1999; degrees from West Texas State University in and by a daughter, Jarvine Johnson in 1934. Canyon

Herman Earl "H.E." Crocker, Jr., 80, of AF&AM, of which he was a member, and previously served on Gray County Airport Board from 1980-84, serving as chairman from 1982-84. He also held membership in Pampa Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

> He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, enlisting in 1942 and serving as first class petty officer in the South Pacific before being discharged in 1946.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herman Earl Crocker, in November 1969.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of the home; two daughters, Kathy Brown of Odessa and Kim Jackson of Denton; a son, Kent Jones of Artesia, N.M.; his mother, Ruby Crocker of Pampa; a sister, Frankie Hamilton of Dallas; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at

1921-2003

Masonic Lodge and T. Wood Domino Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Delma, of the home; a son, James Michael Colville of Dallas; three daughter, Juanita McBee of Ennis, Lynda McCoy of Phoenix, Texas, and Martha Colville of Mountain View, Mo.; two brothers, Bob Colville of Rochelle, Ill., and John Colville of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home in Pampa and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church Men's Shuttle in Brady.

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

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Morris Johnson of Pampa; two daughters-in-law, Bertha Johnson Mrs. Johnson was born May 8, 1910, in of Pampa and Pat Johnson of Dallas; three Caddo Mills, Okla. She had been a resident of grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA

enjoyed gardening, crafts and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by a grandson,

Survivors include a son, Gene Booth of

of Lefors and Wilma Laubhan of Lake Fort

Cobb, Okla.; a brother, Glennard Bruce of

Vasalia, Okla.; a sister, Lillie Booth of

HELEN PURDY MAXEY 1921-2003

Helen Purdy Maxey, 82, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Maxey was born on Nov. 15, 1921, at Breckenridge, Texas, and was a graduate of Pampa High School. She married Glenn Maxey on Feb. 10, 1943, in Columbia, S.C. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1990.

She was a Pampa resident most of her life and was a member of First Christian Church for over 50 years where she served as a Sunday school teacher and elder. Matthew 25:21 truly applies to Helen Maxey. She gave of herself unselfishly for her family and friends, putting their needs before hers. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Tuesday, Dec. 2

Theft from a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Twiford. An ice chest was taken from the bed of a truck. Estimated loss was \$25.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Henry.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 200 block of West Craven. Taken was a small, half pit bull and half sharpei puppy. Estimated loss was \$100.

Suicidal threats were reported in the 1100 block of Terry.

Edwin Brian Thornton, 42, 1136 Terrace. was arrested for assault causing bodily injury Minor injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

William John Carter III, 36, 1017 Love St., was arrested in the 1000 block of Love Street for eight counts of issuance of a bad check and no valid driver's license.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 2 ' 10:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

Survivors include a son Rick Maxey and wife Mary of Corpus Christi; two daughters, Sue Atkinson and J 0 a n Hasenauer and husband

Leonard, all of

Amarillo; six grandchildren, Jarrett Atkinson, Grant Atkinson, Julie Seemann, Mandy Maxey, Eren Johnson and Linsey Johnson; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests. Tuesday, Dec. 2

Donna Gail Mejia, 42, 117 N Starkweather, was arrested for violation of probation on a charge of forgery.

Cynthia Ann Vargas, 44, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument, four capias pro fines and four municipal warrants.

LeRoy Wells Jr., 18, Amarillo, was arrested on a Hutchinson County commitment. Wednesday, Dec. 3

Melissa Vanover, 31, 126 S. Houston, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 2

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She taught first and second grades in Pampa Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or schools and taught at St. Vincent de Paul a favorite charity. Catholic School in Pampa.

She married Jarvis Johnson in 1932 in www.carmichael-whatley.com.

IONE BRUCE BOOTH

1912-2003

LIPSCOMB — Ione Bruce Booth, 91, a ranch wife. She married Lincoln Booth on longtime Lipscomb resident, died Monday, May 24, 1930; he died July 31, 1992. She Dec. 1, 2003, at Clinton, Okla. Graveside ⊥services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in

Lipscomb Cemetery with the Rev. Floyd Thiessen, pastor of Lipscomb Union Church, officiating. Burial will be under the Lipscomb; two daughters, Carolea Summers direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian

Born June 19, 1912, in Lipscomb County to Thomas Wallace and Hattie Mae Page Canutillo; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grand-Bruce, Mrs. Booth was a homemaker and a children; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

City with the Rev. Dale Lee, of First Baptist

where she owned Newtons Furniture. She had

lived in Orange for the past 10 years and attended

Mrs. Newton was a former resident of Pampa,

Church of Bridge City, officiating.

NELLIE MAE NEWTON

Nellie Mae Newton, 95, of Orange, died First Baptist Church of Bridge City.

four brothers and four sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Christus St. Mary's Hospital in Port Arthur. Services will be at 10 a.m. Carl V. Newton. Thursday at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge Survivors include a daughter, Madeline

Harbert of Bridge City; a son, Randall Newton of Derby, Kan.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. today at the funeral home in Bridge City.

ing at a barbecue.

District Judge

had appeared to be stumbling

drunk after a night of drink-

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Clawson suspended Maspero

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Suspended sheriff says plans to resign

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — The Williamson County sheriff, who was suspended over accusations he had been drunk in public a dozen times since taking office, says he will resign.

John Maspero announced his plans Tuesday, almost months after two Georgetown police stopped him on a complaint that he

Lawver 115 W. Foster "Across From The Coney"

1:19 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Highway 273 on a mutual aid request from Lefors EMS and transported a patient to PRMC.

-Sign the on-line register book at 2:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville. No patient contact made. 4:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

the 1100 block of Terry Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 50s and north winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the lower 30s and northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the south after midnight. Thursday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds around 5 mph shifting to the northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. Gusts up to 25 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon. Gusts up to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower-30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Breezy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, partly



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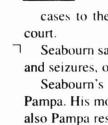
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November safety awards



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Charles Oakley, Environmental Safety Manager, presents Dave Stidham, Plant Manager, with the November Safety Award for Cooper Energy Services.



Dave Stidham, Plant Manager, presents John Hall, Senior Service Manager, with the November Safety Award for Cooper Energy Services.



SOLVENT

ping off clothes to be sent to the cleaners in another town, customers must now bring them to the facility themselves."

Fulton, who along with his wife Mary has owned. Bob Clements Inc. for six years, explained that some dry cleaners don't have to pay the annual registration fee if their gross receipts are under \$100,000 and they rent, rather than own, the facility. If a drop station is not owned by the dry cleaner, their fee is \$250 rather than \$1,000, he said.

Fulton, who employs 10 workers, uses both petroleumbased and perc solvents. He uses 20 gallons of petroleumbased solvent per week and 15

gallons of perc solvent every two months, he said.

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"We're the only cleaners in the Texas Panhandle with both machines, one for each type of solvent," Fulton said.

The drip pans required by the new law will cost \$6,000 to \$8,000 per machine, Fulton estimates.

"Some cleaners have gone out of business. Dry cleaners in Shamrock, Canadian and Amarillo have shut down already. The Canadian laundry has shut down directly because of this new law," Fulton said. Others are closing their drop stations, he said.

The new law was enacted in reaction to two cases of illegal dumping of dry cleaning solvent, Fulton said.

"One in Houston was dump-

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ism."

PLAGUE

denied that contention.

"This was not a post 9-11 overreaction," he said. "This was not an overzealous prosecution. The defendant was charged with and convicted under statutes that have long been on the books that are there to protect the public."

Butler, 62, could be sentenced to 240 years in prison, though he faces fewer years under federal sentencing guidelines. He also faces fines up to \$11.7 million. Sentencing probably will take place in mid-February.

Defense attorney Jonathan Turley said the convictions would be appealed.

On Jan. 14, Butler reported 30 vials of plague bacteria missing and possibly stolen. That report sparked a bioterrorism scare in west Texas, during which the director of the FBI and President Bush were apprised of the situation. Butler later admitted to accidentally destroying the vials.

Only three of the counts on which he was convicted

were the most serious.

Butler was convicted of exporting plague samples to Tanzania without required paperwork from the Department of Commerce, which carries a 10-year sentence. He also was convicted of mislabeling the package the samples were shipped in and illegally transporting haz-

ardous materials. Referring to the samples sent to Tanzania, Agre said: "No one was harmed and it wasn't an issue of bioterror-



days to Christmas

ing sludge behind his building. onto the ground. The water table there is only six to eight feet down. One in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area was dumping it down the drain," he said.

Sludge is the material filtered out of dry cleaning solvent that comes off of the materials being cleaned, including food particles, lint and dirt. The sludge at Bob Clements Inc. is picked up every six weeks by a company and taken to a hazardous waste site in Amarillo, at a fee of about \$200 per pickup for the Pampa dry cleaners.

"None of our neighboring

states have this law, as far as we know. California does not have this law, either," Fulton said.

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Dry cleaning customers can expect some increases in the, cost of having their clothing cleaned as a result of the new fees, taxes and requirements.

"We haven't gotten a price increase figured out yet, but there has to be an increase. We will have to make a small increase in prices, probably on a per-item basis," Fulton said. "Some cleaners are charging an environmental surcharge on each ticket, usually \$1 or so."



stemmed from the original 15count indictment. In September, prosecutors added 54 counts alleging he had illegal shadow contracts with pharmaceutical companies with which he also had clinical studies contracts. He was convicted of 44 of those counts.

Baker said the three convictions from the first indictment

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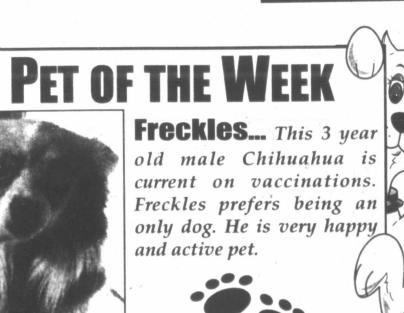
John Hall, Senior Service Manager, presents Neil

Gardner, Head of Shipping and Receiving, with

the November Safety Award for Cooper Energy

Seabourn said he has not done civil work such as forfeitures and seizures, or appeal cases, at the district attorney's office.

Seabourn's parents are Danny and Sherry Seabourn of Pampa. His mother is a Pampa native, and his grandparents are also Pampa residents.



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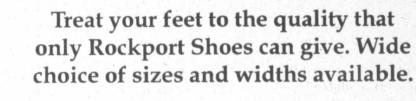
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teens Who Threaten Suicide Sometimes Do More Than Talk

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Sean," is only 13, but he will be attending his best friend's funeral. "Frank" died by his own hand. Apparently he had told many of his friends that he was going to kill himself, but no one took him seriously.

I am writing in the hope that my letter will alert children and adults that children and adolescents some-times mean it when they threaten suicide. I pray parents will instruct their children to always tell an adult if one of their friends talks about suicide. I have done that now, but unfortunately it is too late to help Frank.

GRIEF-STRICKEN IN MARYLAND

DEAR GRIEF-STRICKEN: Please extend my deepest sympa-thy to the parents of your son's friend. And thank you for giving me the chance to point out that threats of suicide, and repeated comments about suicide, can be symptoms of serious illness and should be taken seriously. Many young people are reluctant to "rat" on their friends, but when it comes to talk of suicide, experts say that keeping a secret can result in losing a friend. Skilled professional help is needed for intervention.

Professional counseling should also be made available to the survivors of the suicide and that includes family mem-bers and friends — to help them cope with their own feelings of guilt and depression.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I retired from my teaching job so I could travel with my husband, "Bill," on his international business trips. At the time, Bill earned a very high salary. Since then, Bill has been laid off and has taken an early retirement. He now putters around the house, painting the shutters, working in the yard and thoroughly enjoying himself.

This is not the life I expected, and I am becoming increasingly depressed. I was never much of a

housewife and wouldn't have left my job had I known this would be the outcome. I have a part-time job in a dress shop, but it's hardly a challenging career. I want to travel. I want to have fun.

We have a net worth in excess of \$1 million, but Bill has always been concerned about our finances and wants to manage them so that we can set up college funds for our grandchildren, leave a substantial amount to our children, and budget \$7,500 a year for vacations, including trips to visit family. This doesn't leave much.

If I tell my husband how I feel it will hurt him terribly. What should I do?

RELUCTANTLY RETIRED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR RETIRED: Before you become more depressed, have a frank talk with your husband. Explain that you were not prepared for his early retirement. It may be time for you to return to teaching on a part-time basis or to find another job that will enable you to earn the kind of money you need to travel more extensively. If your husband doesn't want to go, there are trav-el clubs and tours for "singles." You and Bill also need to

reach a meeting of the minds about how money should be allocated. If you can't manage to agree, then the two of you should seek professional coun-seling. Please, don't put it off. **Disagreements** about money have destroyed marriages.

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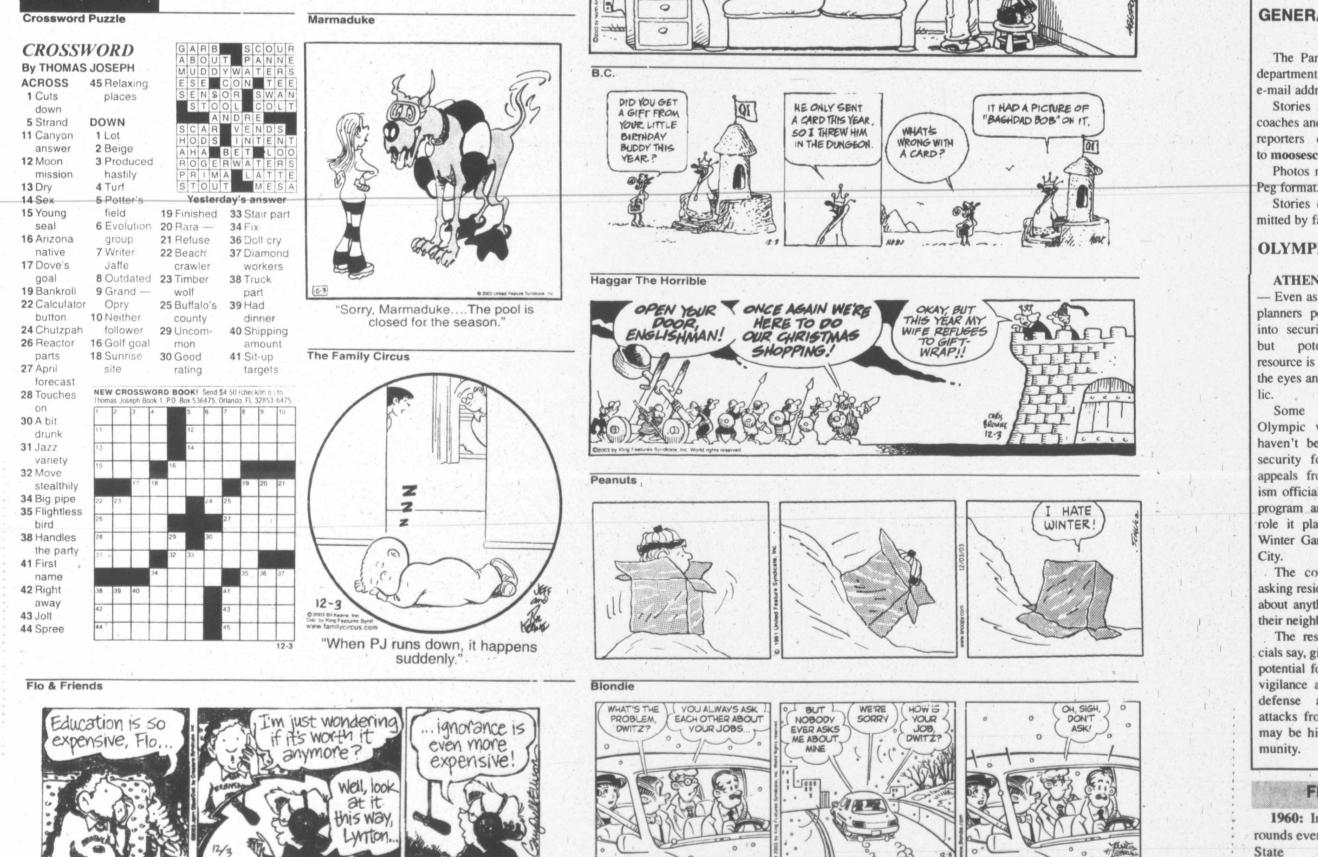




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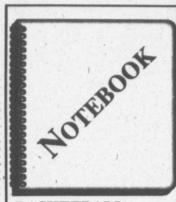
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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

PERRYTON - Pampa rolled to a 72-58 victory over Perryton in a junior varsity boys' basketball game Tuesday night.

Braydon Barker scored 23 points and Sharod Young 22 to lead Pampa in scoring.

Others in the scoring column were Brett Ferrell (8), Weston Teichmann (7), Tyson Hickman (4), Craig Crowell (4), Tyler Hall (2) and Michael Perguson (2). Pampa JVs are entered in the Miami Varsity Tournament Thursday through Saturday. Their first game is against Wheeler at 7:30 Thursday night.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Signups continue through Friday in the Junior Volleyball League.

The league is for fifth and sixth grade girls.

Signups are taking place in the middle school girls gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$35, which includes a t-shirt, volleyball basics, games and awards. Cash only please, no personal checks.

Games, which start on Jan. 15, will be played on Thursdays in the middle school gyms.

Pampa High cagers sweep Perryton PERRYTON — Both rallied to take a 31-Pampa boys' and girls' teams swept Perryton in basketball activity Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters came from 12 points behind in the first quarter for a 51-39 victory.

Sophomore forward Jackie Gerber led Pampa in scoring with 13 points. Freshman Britteni Rice fol- ble lowed with 11.

Pampa, trailing 18-8, at boys' contest. the end of the first quarter,

30 lead at halftime. They never trailed in the second half. Monreal Sasha also had 13 for Perryton. The Lady

Harvesters host Liberal, Kan. at 6 Gerber Friday night.

Four players reached doufigures in the Harvesters' 63-51 win in the

Chance Bowers led Fieldhouse. with 17 points, followed by Jed (G) Martin (14) Collin

Bowers (12), and Clayton Hall (11). Perryton's Brendan Baker led all scorers with 21 points.

The Harvesters (3-5) are 1. entered in The Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon. They play Amarillo High at 2 p.m. Senior post player Thursday in the WT Jaclyn Gage 2, Tally Merrell 1, Ogden 1.

Pampa 51, Perryton 39

Pampa - Jackie Gerber 13, Britteni Rice 11, Callie Cobb 8, Jennie Waggoner 5, Lindsey Ammons 5, Stacey Johnson 5, Cali Covalt 4; 3point goals: Ammons 1, Cobb 1, Johnson 1, Gerber Martin 2, Rodgers 1.

Perryton -Monreal 13, Cali Howard 8, Broome 6, Bo Merrell 5, Kristy Hartsfield 7, Lauren Cody Sparks 4, Brett Watson Bergin 4, Jacki McCallie 3, 2; 3-point goals: Broome 2,

Ragsdale 1, Jenny Schwier 1; 3-point goals: Monreal 1.

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Perryton - Brendan Baker Sasha 21, Luke Ogden 13, Daniel

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Good quarterbacks have tendency to hurt Titans

NASHVILLE, (AP) — Cornerback Samari Rolle and safety Lance Schulters see a potentially big problem cropping up on defense for the Tennessee Titans.

For a clue, one just needs to check the Titans' losses and see what they all have in common.

the Indianapolis Colts featuring Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning. The 38-30 loss on Oct. 5 against New England and Tom Brady. Monday night's 24-17 loss to the New York Jets and Chad Pennington.

guys, we just don't get it done," Rolle said.

Schulters, beaten on a 27yard touchdown pass to must improve quickly on 27.8 percent. defense or face an early exit

in the playoffs. fooling ourselves thinking with the 30th against the we're good on defense, pass, allowing 234.2 yards the Titans from clinching because right now we ain't,"

Tenn. well, we're going to be out the door quick."

> Asked about his players' comments Tuesday, Fisher believes the Titans have played well on defense this season

"We knew we were going to have quite a challenge. I said all week and (Monday) night, this is one of the bet-A 33-7 loss on Sept. 14 to ter offenses we've faced all year, especially with Chad Pennington leading this offense," Fisher said.

> Fisher said their problems stemmed from not. forcing the Jets into enough third-down situations.

Out of 55 plays, New "When we play marquee York had only nine third downs, and the Jets converted four of those. The Titans usually are the NFL's second-best team defensively Kevin Swayne in the third on third down, allowing quarter, said the Titans (9-3) opponents to convert only

the league overall by mixing "I don't know if we're the best rushing defense

to play with their base defense — four linemen and three linebackers - in recent weeks.

But Pennington dissected the Titans for 231 yards and a 101.3 passer rating, especially when starting middle linebacker Rocky Calmus broke his right leg in the second quarter and was replaced by Brad Kassell. Tennessee lost its fifth cornerback for passing downs

- rookie Andre Woolfolk - to injury for the season on Oct. 26.

The good news is that end Jevon Kearse, who has missed the past two games with a sprained left ankle, could be back against the Colts (9-3) on Sunday. The winner takes control of the AFC South with a one-game lead and three games remaining.

Losing to the Jets cost the The Titans rank 14th in Titans a chance to clinch a playoff berth with a victory and some help on Sunday.

The Jets also prevented

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They also have been able the edge for the AFC's No. 2 teams around the league seed.

Fisher is concentrating on said. "Right now, we're what the Titans control right starting the fourth quarter of the season. Our goal is to now

"In the last three weeks, win the division, and we we're 2-1. We won ugly in have an opportunity to win two of them. But we won this division. First and forethe ballgames, and a lot of most, that's our goal."

Jayhawks at the top

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kansas coach Bill Self is still learning a lot about his new team, which has made a quick rise to the No. 1 spot.

While Self doesn't think the top ranking means too much right now, he likes what he's seen — even if things aren't perfect.

"I know that we don't play as smart as we should all of the time, but it was a good win," Self said after the Jayhawks beat TCU 85-66 Monday night in their first game as No. 1. "We've got to be a much smarter team, but I do like our team a lot."

With the post players virtu-

Forward Wayne Simien and center David Padgett were held to just one basket each, and Simien had just six points coming off a careerbest 28 against Michigan State. The guards made up fc:" that.

"Coming on the road, and your two starting big guys combine for two baskets ... it gives us confidence knowing guys can score from the perimeter," Self said.

Sophomore Jeff Hawkins had 19 points on 7-of-9 shooting, including five 3-pointers. Freshman J.R. Sanders, starting in place of injured guard Michael Lee (broken collarbone), had 12 points on 5-of-

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OLYMPICS

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Even as nervous Olympic planners pour more money into security, one low-cost but potentially potent resource is being overlooked: the eyes and ears of the public.

Some neighbors near Olympic venues say they haven't been contacted by security forces - despite appeals from counterterrorism officials for a watchdog program and the prominent role it played in the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

The concept is simple: asking residents to be fipsters about anything suspicious in their neighborhoods.

The result, security officials say, gives authorities the potential for round-the-clock vigilance and a last line of defense against possible attacks from terrorists who may be hiding in the community.

Flashback

1960: In one of the best rounds ever played in the Tri-Seniors Golf State Tournament finals, 57-yearold Lofton Burdette of Lubbock shot even par to edge defending champion J.R. Brown of Amarillo, oneup, for the championship.

It was the first of three Tri-State titles for Burdette.

Schulters said. "We beat has defended his defense, mediocre teams with below- pointing out plenty of yards average quarterbacks. Until came with Tennessee prowe beat a team with a good tecting big leads during its quarterback and we all play six-game winning streak.

per game in the air. Fisher anything this week - and may have taken away their best chance at a first-round bye. New England (10-2), which handed the Titans their previous loss, now has

ally forgotten against a heavy pressure defense in its first road game, Kansas (3-0) got big performances from a pair of young guards and an impressive homecoming by Keith Langford.

/ shooting. "He made a lot of great plays and there's no substitute for good shooting." Self said about Hawkins. "And J.R. in

his first college start, he's one of the unsung heroes."

The Emperor's Club Sweet Home Alabama

White Deer, Canadian split basketball games

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CANADIAN - White Deer won a 57-56 squeaker over Canadian in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Andrew Parsley tossed in 17 points to lead the Bucks in scoring.

Nick Hillman followed with 14 and Josh Cochran added 12.

Canadian's Bryan Bartlett had 14 points. Others scoring were Tony Livingston (10) and Kyle Jahnel (10).

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Canadian claimed 'the girls' game 85-46. Leading scorers for

Canadian were Carlee Culver and Robison with 14 points each.

White Deer was led by Emily Nusser with 13 and Ashley Davis 10.

Also scoring for Shila Canadian were Province and Whitney Hammer with 13 points each, and Tandi Ranki Rankin 10.

The Lady Wildcats have a 6-2 record.

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Wheeler players earn district MVI

WHEELER - Wheeler running back Josh Miller was named District 3-1A's Most Valuable Player on offense this season.

Miller's teammate, James Chapman, and Jed Hudson of Claude shared Most Valuable Player honors on defense.

All-District 3-1A Football Team Offense

Most Valuable Player: Josh Miller, sr., Wheeler.

Quarterback

First Team: Jared Heck, sr., Claude. Second Team: James Chapman, sr., Wheeler.

Running Back

First Team: Jed Hudson, sr., Claude; Dusty Martindale, sr., Clarendon; Geoffry Lemons, sr., Claude.

Second Team: Tanner Collins, soph., Wheeler; Tol Coffee, sr., Wellington; Reid Christner, sr., Shamrock.

Center

First Team: Landon Sams, jr., Wheeler; Clay Conrad, sr., Claude.

Second Team: Omar Guijosa, soph., Memphis.

Lineman

First Team: Dallas Owens, sr., Wheeler ; Blaine Rutherford, sr., Wheeler; Chris Hill, sr., Claude; Aaron Flores, sr., Memphis; Evan Derrick, sr., Wellington.

Second Team: Derek Murray, soph., Wheeler; Justin Lee, soph., Wheeler; Ottis Scrivner, sr., Clarendon; Nick Lewis, sr., Claude; Brian Lalonde, sr., Memphis; Kyle Anglin, sr., Wellington; David Wagner, jr., Claude.

Tight end

First Team: Brad Masters, sr., Wheeler; Second Team: Russell Irby, sr., Claude.

Receivers

First Team: Brenton Goerend, sr., Wheeler; Jonathan Henderson, sr., Memphis; Clarence Thomas, jr., Memphis; Jeremy Howard, sr., Clarendon; Bradley Sell, fr., Clarendon.

Second Team: Joe Don Glassey, sr., Wheeler; Chris Saldana, sr., Wellington.

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DALLAS (AP) — After talking to Alex Rodriguez by telephone for the first time since the season ended, Texas Rangers manager Buck Showalter wasn't aware of any problems in his relationship with his star shortstop.

Rodriguez called Showalter on Sunday night, and they spoke for about 15 minutes.

"Alex and I haven't discussed anv issues," Showalter said Tuesday. "If there is something he is unhappy with, I'm certain at some point he'll tell me."

On the day Rodriguez won the AL MVP award last month, he confirmed that the Rangers had talked to him about a possible trade. A-Rod has a no-trade clause in his record \$252 million, 10-year contract, which has seven seasons remaining.

call reporters, with Rodriguez praised owner Tom Hicks, but refused comment several times when asked about his relationship with general manager John Hart and Showalter.

A couple of weeks later, Rodriguez told reporters in the Dominican Republic that the Rangers were considering trading him to two different teams. He wouldn't say which ones, though they were believed to be Boston and the New York Yankees.

Showalter, who wouldn't discuss the specifics of Sunday's conversation, said he didn't take it personally Rodriguez hadn't that returned several calls before then. Rodriguez was out of the country on vacation

"There are a lot of things going on. We're discussing where we're going the rest of the offseason, and I talked to Alex about some of those things," Showalter said. "I love his opinion."

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Hart has repeatedly said there have been no recent talks with other teams concerning Rodriguez.

Showalter expects Rodriguez to be with the Rangers next season

"We're not going to do anything that doesn't help the Rangers or isn't in the best interest of the Rangers," he said. "The best interest of the Rangers is for Alex to be the shortstop. I'm excited about that."

The conversation was first reported Tuesday by The Dallas Morning News and The Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Impressive practice and aggressive play turned out to be just the formula Tennessee needed.

Scooter McFadgon scored 23 points and Brandon Crump added 18 Tuesday night to lead Tennessee to a 108-84 win over Texas A&M. The Volunteers (3-0) never

trailed in the second half in a rematch of last year's meeting the Aggies (3-1) won 83-66 using 3-pointers to stymie a late Tennessee run.

C.J. Watson scored 13 of his 16 points in the second ing practice.

half, and Stanley Asumnu added 12 points for Tennessee, which hasn't opened the season with three straight wins since 2000-01.

Texas A&M, playing its first road game of the season, was led by Acie Law's 19 points. LaKeith Blanks had 12 and Kevin Turner added 10.

Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson challenged his players before the game to play more aggressively.

He got a good feeling about the game after watch-

"Our guys coming off the bench just put it to the starters (Monday in practice)," Peterson said. "That is only going to make us a better ball club. To me, that is one reason we won the ball game."

Crump scored three baskets during a 13-2 run at the beginning of the second half that Tennessee used to take a 58-46 lead and control of the game.

Turner hit a 3 and Nick Anderson scored off a rebound for Texas A&M to stop the Vols' hot streak.

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many easy points," Haywood

said. "We can't do that against

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Mavericks whip up on undermanned Wizards, 97-72

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks easily overcame a bad shooting performance to rout the undermanned Washington Wizards.

Antawn Jamison scored 21 points and Michael Finley had 16 points and a season-high rebounds 12 the in Mavericks' 97-72 victory over the Wizards on Tuesday night.

Dallas won despite shooting only 41.7 percent from the field and finishing 2-for-13 from 3-point range. The Mavericks had a season-high 63 rebounds, 19 more than the Wizards.

We won by 25 so something had to go right, but our energy level wasn't as high as it's been the last few games," Jamison said. "I don't know what it was, but we didn't come out with the effort we needed.

Steve Nash added 14 points and Eduardo Najera had 11 points and 11 rebounds, both season highs, to help Dallas improve to 10-0 at home

The Mavericks know they'll have to raise their game by several notches on Thursday night if they hope to protect their home court record against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Sometimes you play as poor as the team you're playing and I thought that was the case tonight," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "Some things may have led to that. We know the Lakers are coming in. We have to play better than that if we are going to beat the Lakers."

Larry Hughes had 12 points and Brendan Haywood grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds for the Wizards, who've lost five of six after their most lopsided defeat of the season.

The Wizards were unable to cope with the Mavericks' deep rotation and uptempo offensive style.

"I really admire the way the Mavericks play,'

Washington coach Eddie Jordan said. "It's a fun style to watch. They know how to pick out matchups. We were just out of bullets tonight."

The Mavericks were without leading scorer Dirk Nowitzki, sidelined by a ankle. sprained right Nowitzki is doubtful for Dallas' game Thursday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Dallas also played without forward Danny Fortson, serving the third and final game of a suspension.

Wizards forward Etan Thomas missed the game due to the flu. Scoring threats Gilbert Arenas and Jerry

Stackhouse are also out for for Dallas. Washington. "We turned the ball over

The Mavericks expanded an 11-point halftime lead to 67-51 with 3:07 left in the third quarter when Najera capped a 13-5 spurt by converting a layup off a behindthe-back pass from Nash.

Dallas carried a 75-58 advantage into the final quarter and went on to lead by 25 points.

39.6 percent from the field in the first half, including 1-for-7 from 3-point range. Washington hit only 36.6 percent of its first-half attempts.

Washington had turnovers leading to 26 points

through it." The Mavericks shot only

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * * You still have a bag of tricks to save the day, wherever you are. The Moon in your sign continues to make this one of your power days. A group of friends could surprise you. Followthrough counts, which is one of you significant traits. Tonight: Discuss finances with a key person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Hold back, even if you feel that a boss is outrageous. Trust that today might not be the best timing. You will want to talk through your feelings with someone you trust and understand. Just follow through on what you must do. Tonight: Nap and then decide. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** * Use the daytime to the fullest, when Lady Luck and surprising news team up together. Work as a group and a well-oiled machine with others. That interaction could be key to your success." Move now or prepare to wait awhile. Tonight: Take some time to yourself. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ With the support of a key associate, you meet another's demands, and happily so. If you would like to review a key question or matter, wait until later in the day, when others might be more amenable to that type of conversation. Tonight: Start thinking "weekend"! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Keep taking in the bigger picture. You want to understand more of what is going on than just what's on the surface. You could be surprised and delighted by what comes out if you hang in this space. Be ready to assume more leadership. Tonight: Out or working late. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * Be open to others and innovative techniques with your work. Though you might not think that what you hear will work, you could be most pleased. Look for shortcuts in your work and daily life. Save the late afternoon for calls. Tonight: Relax to music or a movie

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Others seek you out. Your ability to work with surprises is excellent, and you will get your share of them in the near future, as you shall see. Others seek you out for help and solutions. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: Indulge in some downtime with a loved one

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Dig right into work, accom-

plishing whatever you need to. You might find that calls from work are a bit distracting and add a different perspective to your day. Emphasize what you need to get done. Network and socialize later. Tonight: Go along with another's plans SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * * Remember, if someone reacts strangely, you might have given your share as well lately. Stay light, even if you are questioning some facts. Go with the moment and use spontaneity to your benefit. Tonight: Take a night off for.

vourself. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * You might want to deal with some basic personal matters, which will take

you in a new direction, if you so choose. If you can work from home, that might be the best solution. Otherwise, your mind wanders at work. Tonight: Think "weekend."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Though natural to you, your unpredictability could be upsetting to others. Work with the moment and keep communicating your ideas. You don't want to blow someone off course unnecessarily. Tonight: Snacks with a favorite friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * * Take your time, even if you feel sure of yourself. There could be a snafu where you least anticipate it. Keep an even and steady course for now, mulling over an idea. In the late afternoon, start up talks. You could be pleased by what you hear. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

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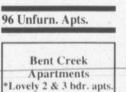
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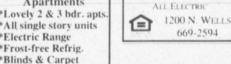
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DARMSTADT, of tension in the center." Germany (AP) — European officials space on Wednesday showed off the first pictures of Mars sent back by the Mars Express spacecraft as it heads for a Christmas rendezvous with the Red Planet.

The blurry pictures, taken from 3.36 million miles away, show little more than part of a polar ice cap. Instead, the images prove the spacecraft's German-made high-resolution camera is in working order before it begins orbiting Mars and snapping pictures close up.

The camera test, performed Monday, was one of many checks and rehearsals ahead of a sequence of intricate navigational maneuvers starting Dec. 19. That's when Mars Express will turn loose its British-built Beagle 2 lander toward the Martian surface on a mission to probe for signs of extraterrestrial life.

Mars Express will then steer away from a collision with the planet and on Dec. 25 will fire its main engine for about 30 minutes to put it into Martian orbit.

"We will have to carry out some very precise navigational operations," Gaele Winters, the European Space Agency's director for technical operations and support, said at the agency's Michael McKay said conmission control center in Darmstadt in western Germany. "You will understand there is a certain level

Previous attempts to find signs of life have been inconclusive. Of 34 unmanned American, Soviet and Russian missions to Mars since 1960. two-thirds ended in failure. In 1976, twin U.S. Viking landers searched for life but sent back inconclusive results.

Beagle 2 is not the only space craft heading to Mars. Two American Mars rover craft are due to arrive in January, and Japan's trouble-plagued Nozomi orbiter, launched in 1998, continues on its way despite technical problems.

The Mars Explorer, which cost about \$345 million, is an attempt to demonstrate that Europe can have an effective space exploration program.

The spacecraft, launched June 2 atop a Russian Soyuz-Fregat rocket from Kazakhstan, has weathered solar eruptions that bombarded it with high-energy particles last month, temporarily disrupting its computers.

In another hitch, solar panels are only generating about 70 percent of the electricity they were supposed to, but officials said that was not expected to derail the mission either.

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Israelis not happy with Powell over accord visit

JERUSALEM (AP) -Israel reacted with disappointment Wednesday after U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell confirmed he will meet with organizers of an informal Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

The comments by Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was the latest expression of Israel's stiff opposition to the meeting, seen as a U.S. gesture toward the "Geneva Accord" that Sharon has denounced.

On Tuesday, Israel's vice premier said it would be "mistake" if Powell goes forward with the meeting.

Shoval, a former ambassador to Washington, conceded that Israel cannot prevent Powell from meeting with Geneva Accord's Palestinian and Israeli authors, but said the effort would be counterproductive.

"I think the decision that Secretary Powell must make is ... what the American interests are," Shoval said in a phone interview from Italy.

"America wants to promote the 'road map' and those people in Geneva ... want to go in a different path," he added. "Therefore I think it won't be very helpful."

The Geneva Accord outlines concessions by Israel that Sharon's government has opposed in the past - including removing most settlements from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and dividing sovereignty in Jerusalem, claimed by both sides as their capital. The accord also severely limits any return of Palestinian refugees to lands in Israel, which has brought condemnations from some Palestinian leaders.

The "road map" is a formal

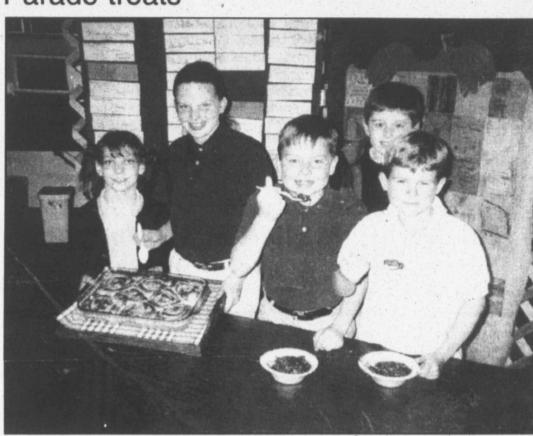
U.S.-backed peace plan that Israel and the Palestinians have accepted in principle as a basis for negotiations. The road map, which envisions an independent Palestinian state by 2005, leaves open to negotiation the specific issues addressed in the Geneva pact. The White House on

Parade treats

Wednesday said Powell was free to meet with the Geneva authors but underlined its commitment to the road map.

"The path forward toward peace in the Middle East is the road map," spokesman Scott McClellan said, adding that "The secretary of state will make determinations about who he meets with."

U.S. gestures toward the Geneva plan have been seen as ar implicit criticism of Sharon's hard-line stance toward the Palestinians. Powell on Tuesday confirmed he would meet with the Geneva accord's authors on Friday.



(Courtesy photo)

Students from Community Christian School sample some home-cooked treats. Homemade cinnamon rolls and chili will be sold by the school before and during the annual Christmas parade slated to get under way this year at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 in downtown Pampa. Above: Ashlei Taylor, Samantha Kelly, Scott Kelly, Colin Hampton and Bobby Haley.

People in the News ... Rehn ex-manager suing for cut

By The Associated Press LOS ANGELES (AP) -Something borrowed, something blue — and a lawsuit, too, for bride-to-be Trista Rehn of ABC's "Bachelorette." Rehn's former manager,

Kevin Allyn, is suing for a cut of the \$1 million fee he said he negotiated from ABC to air her wedding to Ryan Sutter, "Entertainment Tonight" reported Tuesday. The lawsuit contending he's

owed 20 percent of the fee, \$200,000, was filed Nov. 19 in Superior Court, the news magazine reported. A call to ABC seeking comment from Rehn wasn't immediately returned Tuesday.

Pennsylvania priest found guilty of assault, endangerment for pulling gun on church official

ming from a fight that both men testified was over who would control church business. Velisavljevic, who was relieved of his pastoral duties A jury found the Rev. Filip after the Dec. 9, 2002, argu-

LEBANON, Pa. (AP) — A Velisavljevic innocent of ment at the Church of the Holy Serbian Orthodox priest charges of terroristic threats Resurrection of Christ in accused of pulling a gun on the and unlawful restraint stem- Lebanon, showed no emotion going on that hasn't been sion between older, American- him in a church office and as the verdict was read Tuesday. He faces six months to two years in jail on each of the two charges; sentencing was set for Feb. 2. Velisavljevic, 55, declined asked his client to resign.

to comment after the verdict. brought out," said his lawyer, Patrick M. Reb?

Council members have said church council president "I think there's a whole lot the dispute was fueled by ten- Frederick Pantelich cornered born members and younger became threatening, including immigrants who joined more recently.

hefting a stool above his head. The gun went off during a Velisavljevic testified dur- struggle, they testified. The bullet apparently grazed the priest's foot.

council president of the church where he had presided for 15 years has been convicted of assault and reckless endangerment.

Reb said that there was a power struggle in the church and that the church board had

ing the trial that he pulled the gun to protect himself after

