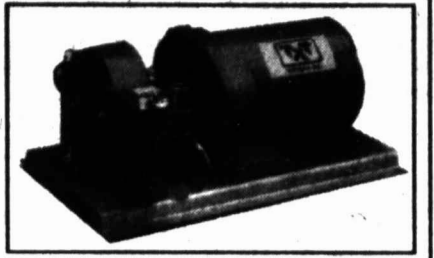


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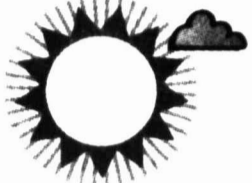
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Flu surges among pregnant women

DALLAS (AP) — Flu cases among young pregnant women surged at a large public hospital, calling attention to yet another group at serious risk of the flu.

About 80 expectant mothers have been diagnosed with the flu since early October, and more than 60 were treated for a time in the intensive care unit at Parkland Health and Hospital System.

DEATHS

- William E. Campaigne, 88, chemical engineer.
- Jewell Weatherford Courtney, 98, homemaker.
- Juanita 'Sis' Massengale, 95, teacher, business owner.
- Annie Pearl Pirkle, 86, services pending.
- Charles Ernest Sanders, 78, bank executive.

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Reorganization plan draws fire from one city commissioner

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Power issues surfaced at the City Commission meeting Tuesday when City Manager Mitch Grant presented a plan to restructure the city's organizational chart.

A draft of Grant's plan, which he gave to commissioners at the start of meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, showed the movement of several Community Service employees into different departments and changed the title of Personnel Director, presently held by City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers, to Human Resources Coordinator. By doing this, the number of department directors would be reduced to four.

Last summer, city officials eliminated Community Services Director when Bill Hildebrandt resigned.

Commissioner Faustina Curry grilled Grant on his purpose in changing Jeffers' from Personnel Director to Human Resources Coordinator, pointing out that a coordinator is a clerical job and Jeffers' expertise is in the legalities of hiring, handling grievances, and testing employees. She demanded to know why Grant was making this change.

"I feel this more clearly indicates kinda the way we're doing it now," Grant explained. "What I plan to do is rely on the resources we have... We have a cracker jack human

resources person."

He said his main reason for making the change is that the title of Personnel Director implies that the person is in a supervisory position and he does not feel that is the case.

"I think you're making a major mistake," Curry warned. "You told me (when they discussed the matter previously) it gives the personnel director too much power. The person with the most power in this room is the man in the corner - the budget man, John (Horst, director of finance). Richard (Morris, director of public works) has power over the streets. Trevlyn (Pitner, police chief) has the power of fear, the power of putting people in their place."

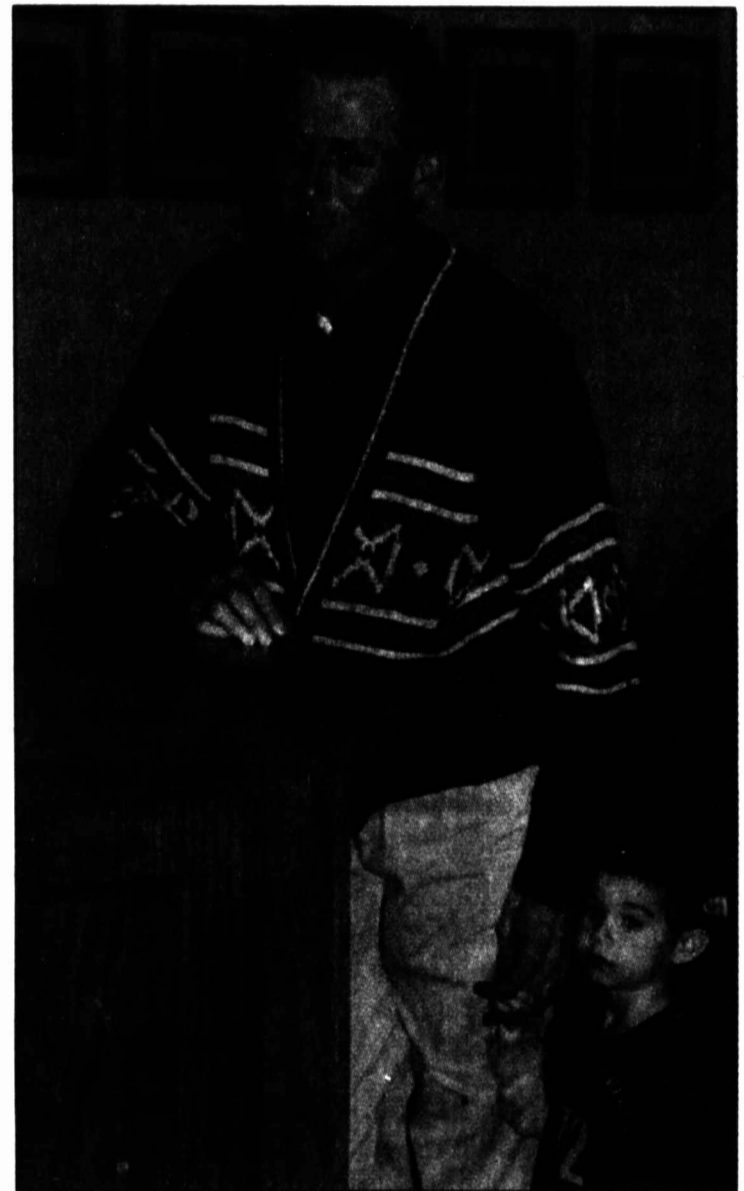
She pointed out other supervisors that she did not feel had as much power as the ones named.

"I think you're taking away a central part of the organization," she told the city manager. "To me, power is not the issue here... I don't know what the issue is."

"I think when we hired a city manager we give him mission to take over and do what is best for the city," responded Commissioner Robert Dixon. "The power starts there with the city manager."

Dixon said he and others feel that the city's organizational structure is "top heavy" and an

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Monty Danner of Lubbock, with his son Braden, 3, asks the Pampa City Commission to name a city park after Danner's grandfather George Keaton, a longtime Pampa who will turn 104 on Dec. 27. "He's an icon, just like the Coney Island (Cafe)," Danner told commissioners.

Commission decides to keep golf board

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Five ordinances passed and one failed on first reading during the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall.

Commissioners unanimously passed ordinances amending the budget to allow the purchase of a \$22,000 Mad Vac trash vacuum for the city landfill, changing the zoning of the land for the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter from agriculture to commercial, eliminating the Cable

Advisory Commission, and changing the height and area limitations of the sign ordinance to allow a large sign to be placed at the Supercenter site.

An ordinance eliminating the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board, however, failed. Commissioners, with the exception of Jeff Andrews who was absent from the meeting, unanimously voted against it.

David Teichmann, Hidden Hills manager and golf pro, said the board was formed initially to set fees and oversee the building of the golf course. Now that the course is established, the

board has met sporadically. He said there's been difficulty getting a quorum when the board did meet.

An original annual budget of \$480,000 has dropped to approximately \$300,000, Teichmann said.

"Now that the budget is so set," he explained, "There's not many projects you can do."

He said that generally players come to him with concerns about the course and he tries to address the problems.

"I'm in no way against an advisory board," he added.

Commissioners agreed that public

input and accountability is needed for the community golf course.

"We need an advisory board and it needs to have a purpose and some of that communication needs to come from you," Mayor Lonny Robbins told Teichmann.

Public Works Director Richard Morris reported on a plan to address two Texas Environmental Quality Commission (TEQC) violations the city received in November.

The violations concern late filing of a federal operating permit, due in 1998.

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Police investigating assaults on Sumner

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A Pampa man was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Lifestar helicopter Monday evening as the result of alleged aggravated assault and domestic violence.

Ismail Juarez, 20, 717 N. Sumner, suffered head injuries when a male reportedly arrived at his home and attacked him and another person at the residence. Susette Stubbs Rangel, 21, 605 N. Christy, later went to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of unknown injuries, according to police reports.

After the assault, Juarez went to a house across the street to seek help, and the neighbor called 911 at 9 p.m. to report the incident. Several Pampa

police officers responded, followed by Rural-Metro Ambulance Service. The alleged assailant had left the scene.

The Criminal Investigation Division of the police department was notified, and Detective Donny Brown is handling the investigation, which is continuing.

The assault is also considered domestic violence because one suspect is a former boyfriend of Rangel, police said. Police declined to identify the type of weapon or weapons used in the assault.

It is unknown whether any other persons were present at the time of the assault besides the two victims and the assailant, according to police reports.

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Fires ruled accidental

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Fire officials have concluded that two fires, including an apartment fire in which an elderly man died, were accidental.

The fire investigations had to be postponed Tuesday morning when a strong winter storm swept through the area, but continued later that day after the storm had passed.

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said this morning that he and Richard Beals of the Texas Fire Marshal's Office in Lubbock completed their investigation of the fatal blaze on Dec. 4 that claimed the life of 61-year-old William R. Provence.

"We have ruled that it was an accidental fire death," Stevens said.

Provence died as a result of smoke and soot inhalation, said Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who ordered an autopsy after the man was found dead

on the kitchen floor of his burned apartment at 521 Montague. Curfman said the autopsy showed the victim's lungs had a 77 percent saturation of smoke and soot.

Stevens said an exact cause of the fire which destroyed Provence's apartment and damaged four others is not known.

"We feel like a cigarette was dropped in the love seat where (Provence) sleeps," he said. "It probably started there."

Stevens also ruled a trailer fire in the 700 block of East Frederic Monday night as accidental. This was the second fire at the location in recent months. A fire on Oct. 8 destroyed the trailer and the occupant, Charles M. Ashley, 57, suffered burns.

Last October, Stevens determined that a homemade fireplace made of a circle of bricks around a metal pan caused the fire.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

COURTNEY, Jewell "Adams" Weatherford — 10 a.m., New Life Assembly of God Church, Pampa.
HALL, Agnes Watson — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
SANDERS, Charles Ernest — 10:30 a.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.

WILLIAM EDWARD 'BILL' CAMPAIGNE
1915-2003

William Edward (Bill) Campaigne died peacefully on Dec. 8, 2003, at 9:20 p.m. in Seguin, Texas, with his daughter and son by his side. The body will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12th. He has been a resident of Pampa since 1957. Bill married his beloved wife, Christine Schneider in 1964.

Born in Cusson, Minn., June 20, 1915, Bill was the son of Mabel Nelson and Casper Campaigne. At the age of 16, Bill carried railroad spikes for a logging railroad construction in Northern Wisconsin. He joined the CCC at the age of 17. Bill graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree as a chemical engineer. He first worked in Coshocton, Ohio, developing the first latex gloves. He then worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Akron, Ohio, for 20 years, before joining the Cabot Corporation. While at Cabot, he was head of Research and Development of European Plants before returning to Pampa to manage the Southwest Texas Technical Service with Cabot Carbon Black Division.

Mr. Campaigne was commissioned at Notre Dame and served honorably and bravely with the Sixth Submarine Force during World War II in the Pacific. He served for 26 years, retiring as Lt. Commander from the Naval Reserves.

Bill was a life member, and a Master Mason in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. He delivered Meals on Wheels, drove the Volunteer Cabot Van, and taught marksmanship at Boys Scout



Camp at Lake Marvin. He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

An avid hunter and fisherman, and an outstanding marksman, Bill lived life to its fullest and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Schneider Campaigne of Pampa; daughter, Carol Ann Campaigne of Austin; son and daughter-in-law, William Charles (Bill) Campaigne and Lynn Marie Mayfield Campaigne of Seguin; daughter and son-in-law, Heidi Schneider and David Roupp, of Aspen, Colorado; grandson, William Caspar Campaigne and wife Andrea Lynne Campaigne of San Antonio; grandson, Caleb Charles Campaigne of Seguin; and sister, Margaret Campaigne Frasier of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by Ellen Scobey Campaigne.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Texas Commission for the Blind, c/o Terrell Murphy, 4800 North Lamar Blvd., Suite #340, Austin, TX 78756-3178; or Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053. Memorial tributes can be made on-line at www.mem.com.

JEWELL 'ADAMS' WEATHERFORD COURTNEY
1905-2003

Jewell "Adams" Weatherford Courtney, 98, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in New Life Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Harold Eggert, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington, Kan., under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Courtney was born Oct. 8, 1905, in New Mexico Territory to William Perry and Carey Elizabeth Weatherford. She married James Arthur Courtney in June of 1922 in Loveland, Colo.; he preceded her in death. She was a member of New Life Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James Ira Courtney; 10 brothers and sisters; and five half-brothers and half-sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Mae Johns of Leesburg, Fla.; two sons, Robert L. Courtney of Kansas City, Mo., and Glen W. Courtney of Branson, Mo.; six half-brothers and half-sisters, Mary Travato of Semi Valley, Calif., Lorna Bryan of Carlsbad, Calif., Carl Weatherford and Alice Fitzpatrick, both of Grand Junction, Colo., Galen Smith of Fruita, Colo., and Willa Edling of Agaura Hills, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

JUANITA 'SIS' MASSENGALE
1908-2003

Juanita "Sis" Massengale, 95, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Robin Gantz, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarendon, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Hoover. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a member of the Wayside Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Nita Tomlinson and husband Mart of Marble Falls; a granddaughter, Cara Tomlinson of Austin; and two sisters, Minnie Olive Jackson and Roberta Pugh, both of Pampa.

Mrs. Massengale was born Jan. 4, 1908, in Bell County, Texas, and came to Pampa that same year. She was a graduate of Miami High School and attended West Texas State Teachers College in Canyon. She was the first student and the last teacher at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" north of Pampa. She married Joe Massengale on Dec. 21, 1935, in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1986.

She and her husband owned and operated Hoover Mercantile and the Post Office in

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

ANNIE PEARL PIRKLE
1917-2003

Annie Pearl Pirkle, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Plainview. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pirkle was born Nov. 23, 1917, in Quanah to Jim and Lenora Templeton. She married James Vernon Pirkle in Eldorado, Okla., on June 16, 1934. During their married life they lived in Hall County, Dalhart, and Pampa. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker and he was a firefighter. She was a member of the Fireman's Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church of Pampa. She moved to Plainview in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband in February 1985, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include one son, Joe D. Pirkle and daughter-in-law Yvie of Amarillo; one daughter, Barbara Ann Davis and son-in-law Harold of Plainview; one sister, Naomia Harper of Amarillo; four grandsons, Harold Davis Jr. of Rockport, J.D. Davis of Austin, Glen Davis of Lubbock and Glenn L. Cavett of Wichita Falls; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, Texas, 79106 or Vistacare Family Hospice of Plainview, 4418 Olton Rd., Plainview, Texas, 79072.

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

CHARLES ERNEST SANDERS
1925-2003

Charles Ernest Sanders, 78, of Shamrock, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Shamrock. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Church of Christ in Shamrock with Cottie Tarbet officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock, Texas, under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock, Texas.

Charles E. Sanders was born March 30, 1925, in Shamrock, to John Franklin and Dillie Ann Griffith Sanders. He married Bonnie Ruth Johnson on Oct. 21, 1950, in Shamrock; she died April 13, 1997.

Mr. Sanders was graduated from Texas University and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Sanders was a lifelong resident of Shamrock and was born in Dr. J.W. Gooch's office located on the second floor of the First National

Bank Building where he later served as President for 27 years.

Mr. Sanders loved raising horses, he was an avid golfer, hunter and enjoyed motorcycles. He was a member of the American Legion and the Sheriff's Posse.

Mr. Sanders was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Johnny Sanders.

Survivors include a son, Chad Sanders of Amarillo; two daughters, Carol and Ken Fields of Pampa and Cathy and Lynn Ramsey of Shamrock; a brother, Joel Sanders of Dallas; six grandchildren, Kate Devoll, Sarah Bauman, Mary Grace Fields, Lester Ramsey, Rachel Hale, and Rebecca Ramsey.

The family requests memorials be to Shamrock Community Educational Foundation or to a favorite charity.

City Briefs

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FIRE
Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
4:29 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a rekindle at the scene of a trailer fire in the 700 block of East Frederic. Firefighters extinguished a small spot still smoldering from the earlier fire.
8:18 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of East Browning.

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BP	45.15	+0.08
Celanese	34.42	-0.49
Cabot Corp.	30.90	-0.18
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Coca Cola	47.87	+0.11
VLO	44.40	-0.74
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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents as of 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 5

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. A tribal bracelet valued at approximately \$100 was taken. Entry into the house was unknown.

Monday, Dec. 8

Aggravated assault and domestic violence was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. (See related story, Page 1.)

Assault by threat was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Claiming gang affiliation at school was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Cash totaling \$140 and approximately \$170 in checks was taken from a money bag in a teacher's desk in a classroom.

An unattended death was reported in the 1100 block of East Browning.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Davis Minit Mart, 1106 W. Alcock. Taken was \$82.39.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Allstate Insurance, 222 N. Cuyler. A cash box containing approximately \$200 was taken. Method of entry was unknown.

Forgery of a check was reported at D & K Glass, 315 W. Foster.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9

11:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Browning. No transport.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

3:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baten Prison Unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Randall Lee Dorman, 45, Suppington, Mo., was arrested on a bond surrender for a charge of possession of marijuana.

Vernon Debrail Jacobs, 22, Pawnee, Okla., was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a Roberts County charge of theft under \$20.

David Lane Hutchison, 28, McLean, was arrested on warrants for theft by check, allowing a child age 4 to 14 to ride unsecured, no insurance and failure to appear.

Jess David Simpson, 21, 1134 N. Coffee #1, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 40s and northwest winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the mid 20s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 40s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the north 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Thursday night, partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent

chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Saturday, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, mostly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 40s.

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PLAN

effective way to cut expenses would be to "cut from the top."

"I think we can do just as well with four directors instead of five," he said.

Curry asked if Grant intended to cut Jeffers' salary.

"There are no plans for that right now," he said.

"Why are you doing this then?" she said.

Curry said that if Grant could show her a definite plan and job description regarding the changes, she might feel differently about it.

"The details, I believe, can be worked out," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. "My perspective is, we've hired him, it's his neck. If he thinks it will work then let him work it out."

Commissioner Jeff

McCormick added, "I've been through this very same thing and I know what happens. I'd like to see a job description, what you're going to do and how you're going to do it."

"This is just the draft. We're just getting started on the reorganization," Dixon said.

"I think you need to get some things on paper," Robbins told Grant.

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BOARD

and a design capacity plan due in June 1996, Morris said. City officials did not file the plans, he said, because they did not think the requirements applied to Pampa's landfill.

"I looked at it, I remember looking at it, but I didn't file it. I didn't think our landfill would not meet the capacity," Morris said.

Lack of the two filings surfaced when TEQC area enforcement inspected the landfill in May, Morris said. The city received the order of violation in November with an administrative penal-

ty of \$2,600.

Morris told the commission he wants to request TEQC to allow the city perform a supplemental environmental project in lieu of paying the penalty.

He asked the commission to approve a plan to control erosion along the steep banks of Red Deer Creek in Central Park as the project. He said the commission would need to draw up a Letter of Intent to include in his proposal to the TEQC.

In other action Tuesday, commissioners canceled the Dec. 23 meeting and heard a request from Monty Danner of Lubbock who asked that a

city park be named after his grandfather George Keaton, a longtime Pampa resident who will turn 104 on Dec. 27.

City commissioners plan to meet in special session again today for second hearing of the ordinances approved Tuesday and approval of the final plat for the Wal-Mart addition.

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ASSAULTS

No charges have been filed as of today, and the investigation is continuing, police reported. No information on Juarez' condition was available at press time today.

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FIRES

After Ashley was released from the hospital, he apparently took up residence in an enclosed carport behind the trailer, fire officials say.

Stevens said that the second fire was also caused by a homemade fireplace in the carport similar to the one that caused the first fire. The fire spread from the carport to the trailer and burned the trailer a second time, he said.

Fire officials have been unable to locate Ashley, he added.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Flashing Game Goes Too Far When Boys Start Playing Rough

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and I have two questions. I was shopping with my friend "Crystal," and we saw some guys we know. They're a year or two younger, so I thought they were just being stupid kids when they not-so-subtly tried to get me to flash them. I'm ashamed to say I played along and lifted my top a little and unintentionally gave them a glimpse of my bra. They kept pestering me for more. It was just annoying until one of them reached for my top and tried to pull it down twice. Then one of them said to grab my arms and hold me down, which two of them did, while another one held Crystal back. They nearly succeeded in removing my top and bra, and more than one of them got a hand down my bra.

Was I at fault for this incident because I encouraged them? Am I making a mountain out of a molehill, or is this kind of thing no big deal?

HUMILIATED
IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

DEAR HUMILIATED: The answers to your questions are yes and no. Children who play with fire run the risk of being seriously burned. And girls who engage in sexual teasing run a similar risk. That's the lesson you should have learned from this embarrassing and, I'm sure, frightening incident. When you lifted your top, you sent a signal to the boys that you were willing to "play" — and things got out of hand. However, whether or not it was intended as horseplay, the boys went too far. Because of that, you should inform your mother and/or dad so they can discuss it with the parents of the boys involved. An authority figure — preferably a parent — needs to talk to those boys about the definition of sexual assault and battery, because that's what occurred. Unless they are warned, it will happen again. And next time, the police could be involved.

DEAR ABBY: Every year you discuss practical gifts for senior citizens. When my late second cousin, "Pat," turned 94, she was having serious problems with her vision. She loved corresponding with friends, but could no longer write in a straight line, so her envelopes could not be read correctly by the post office.

I asked a friend if she would create some stationery that my cousin could use; she removed the thread from her sewing machine, and on the back of each sheet of paper "stitched" parallel lines about 1/2 inch apart. I asked her to do the same with the envelopes, but to make only four lines where the address would go.

Cousin Pat loved her beautiful — and useful — stationery. Her friends were able to read her handwriting, and so could the U.S. Postal Service. It's easy to write in a straight line when your fingers can feel the tiny "bumps" that the needle makes.

I'm a retiree former Braille teacher, and machine-stitching is one of the techniques I would use to make geometry drawings for blind students. (I wonder if banks would permit this on personal checks?)

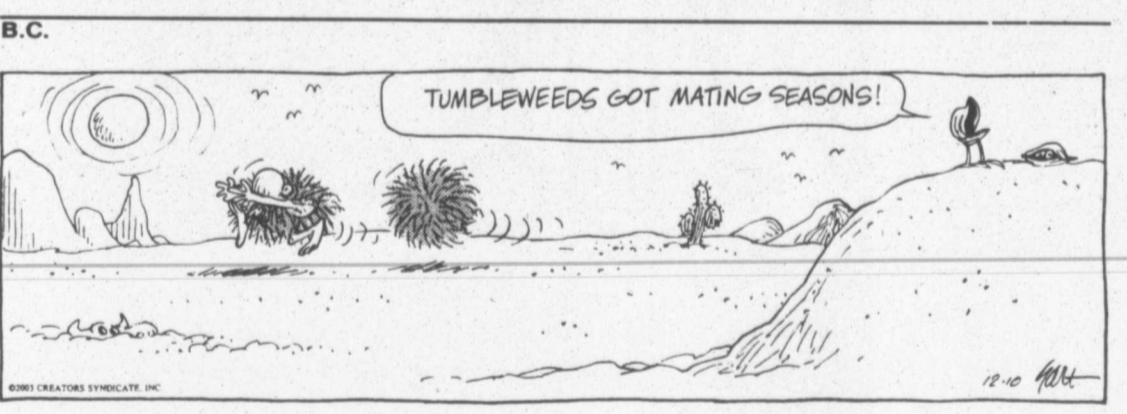
I hope this idea will help more people with fading eyesight to keep in touch.

NORMA L. SCHECTER,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR NORMA: Your idea is innovative, inexpensive and terrific. I hope that readers who use it will be sure to include stamps with the stationery.

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

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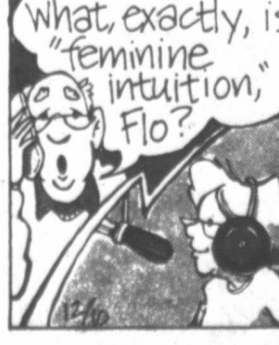
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SPORTS

Randall claims district opener over Pampa

PAMPA — Pampa hung in there for three quarters, but Randall continued to pull away and went home with a 53-36 win Tuesday night in a District 3-4A girls basketball opener.

Randall is 5-6 for the year and Pampa is 5-7.

Pampa never had the lead, but stayed within striking distance at half-time (22-14) and after three quarters (30-20). Randal hit a pair of 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter to go up by 14 (36-22). Pampa didn't get closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Jordan Gore led Randall in scoring with 22 points. Morgan Smith followed with 11.

Stacey Johnson paced the Lady Harvesters with 18 points and had a team-high 6 rebounds. Britteni Rice added 12 points.

Pampa visits Plainview for another district matchup Friday night. The Lady Harvesters next home game is Dec. 19 against Hereford.

Randall 12 22 30 53
Pampa 7 14 20 36

R - Jordan Gore 22, Morgan Smith 11, Melissa Ceja 7, Adriene Monden 6, Stephanie Flores 4, Cassie Simpson

3; 3-point goals: Smith 2, Gore 1, Flores 1, Simpson 1.

P - Stacey Johnson 18, Britteni Rice 12, Callie Cobb 3, Jaelyn Spearman 3.

PLAINVIEW — Pampa grabbed third place at the Plainview 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament.

Pampa slipped by Hereford 43-41 in the final game to clinch the third-place spot.

Thomas Fraser had 11 points to lead Pampa in scoring.

Plainview Tournament

Pampa A Results
Pampa 46, Dumas 24
P - Matt Smith 12, Haydn Skinner 11, Alex Torres 11.

Plainview 52, Pampa 50
P - Matt Smith 22, Thomas Fraser 10.

Pampa 43, Hereford 41
P - Thomas Fraser 11.

Pampa B Results (third place)
Pampa 46, Dumas 24
P - Heath Skinner 19.

Pampa 41, Hereford 38
P - Casey Trimble 13, Heath

Plainview 47, Pampa 38
P - Casey Triable 15, Chris Binge 7.

Regular-Season Games
Plainview A 54, Pampa A 23
P - Thomas Fraser 8, Alex Torrens 6.

Pampa B 51, Plainview 48
P - Casey Triable 19, Heath Skinner 15.

Pampa was entered in the Canyon 8th Grade Boys Tournament last weekend.

The Pampa 8th grader lost their first two games, but came back to beat Canyon White 34-30 in the final contest. Shavious Kelley led Pampa with 18 points.

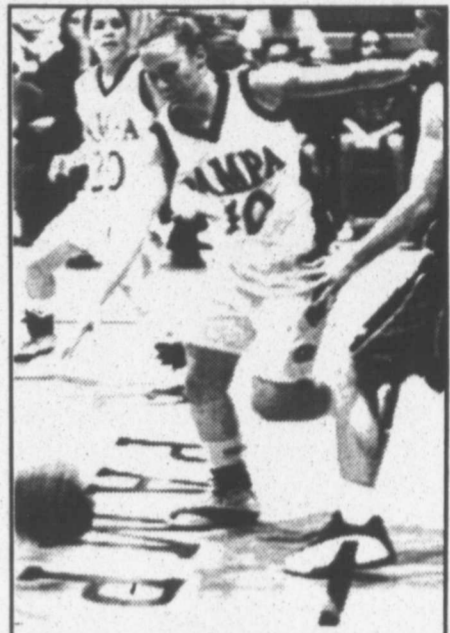
Canyon Tournament

Pampa A Results
Canyon Purple 72, Pampa 40
P - Adam Estrada 14, Mark Stone 10.

Dumas 57, Pampa 34
P - Kenny Hightower 11, Adrian Anguiano 10.

Pampa 34, Canyon 30
P - Shavious Kelley 18, Mark Stone 6.

Regular-Season Games
Plainview A 47, Pampa A 24
P - Kenny Hightower 7, Jad McGuire 7.
Plainview B 31, Pampa B 29
P - Colby Copeland 9, Dane Howard 9.



Stacey Johnson (10) had 18 points for Pampa.

NOTEBOOK

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's adult volleyball league. Men's and women's 4 x 4 (four players on each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 14 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan. 19, 2004.

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

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204. For more information, please call 669-5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Coaches meeting Sat. Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Optimist Club for 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grade Boys Basketball.

Anyone interested in coaching is urged to attend. Sign-ups will be Dec. 16, 17 & 18 From 6:00 to 8:00 at the Optimist Gym.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL on Tuesday showed off the centerpiece of its annual Super Bowl invasion, the traveling "NFL Experience" football theme park that will cover nearly half the George R. Brown Convention Center for five days leading to the big game on Feb. 1.

The league gave about 100 Houston-area schoolchildren a sneak preview of the skill-oriented games that will be among the 50 interactive displays covering 800,000 square feet of the downtown convention center.

"I love it because I play football ... wide receiver and backup quarterback," said Christopher Hall of Orange Grove Elementary School. He successfully caught a pass among a maze of padded dummies on the floor of Reliant Stadium. "It makes me feel like I'm there."

Despite coming from a big family, Christopher said he looked forward to visiting the full-scale version next month and wasn't put off by the \$15 tickets for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under. Then again, at 10 years old he probably won't be asked to pony up.

Proceeds go to NFL-supported charities in Houston.

Jim Steeg, the league's senior vice president of special events, said the NFL Experience is a major drawing card to attract tourists to Houston and its newly redeveloped downtown area, even those who aren't planning to be here Super Bowl weekend.

Injury toll was unavoidable for Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Dom Capers wasn't in a smiling mood.

He watched his Texans suffer their first shutout in person Sunday. Then he and his staff watched the game film Monday, although the movie was just as bad and had the same sorry ending, 27-0.

Capers predictably gave the effort two thumbs down when he met with reporters afterward for his weekly press confab. He was understandably subdued as he discussed the stagnant offense and defensive breakdowns.

He also revealed that a 13th Texan was headed for the injured reserve, meaning he was out for the season. Outside linebacker Charlie Clemons' season officially became a bust Monday thanks to a bum left ankle.

A reporter asked Capers if he could remember a team in his 32 years of college and pro coaching that has been hampered more by injuries.

The question evoked a bit-sweet smile.

"My last year in Carolina," he said. "I think we had 15 players on injured reserve."

Injuries, age and the salary cap decimated his Panthers

and he was out after four seasons. The Year Two Texans have managed to exceed expectations despite a fierce schedule and a training room that resembles the battlefield hospital scene in "Gone With the Wind."

Capers said last month he thought the last six weeks would define the 2003 Texans. That was before David Carr injured his right shoulder, backup Tony Banks had a season-ending right hand fracture, standout rookie running back Domanick Davis missed last week with a deep right thigh bruise and Pro Bowl cornerback Aaron Glenn reinjured his problematic groin.

The Texans, without years upon years to stockpile draft picks like every other team except the Browns, have little to no proven depth at most positions. The wide receiving corps is the only area that hasn't had a player miss time this season, and every other position has contributed to the injured reserve except cornerback, although Glenn could be headed there soon.

The cynic might celebrate the murderer's row that faces Houston in its last three

games — a trip to world-champion Tampa Bay, clinging to its playoff life, followed by postseason-bound AFC South rivals Tennessee and Indianapolis at home. A season-ending four-game losing streak, while discouraging, would mean another plum first-round draft pick next season and a chance to look at younger players currently on the roster.

Capers isn't a cynic.

"We're not going to just write this off to see a bunch of young guys play," Capers said. "We're going to try to win games. The first priority is to try to win these last three football games and the more we can get a look at guys we think can be part of our plans next year, then that much the better."

The silver lining to the scalpels, casts and bandages the Texans have seen has been some unexpected finds. Necessity has given linebacker Shantee Orr, nose tackle Steve Martin, fullback Moran Norris and right tackle Greg Randall chances to shine, albeit at the expense of injured players like Seth Payne, Jarrod Baxter and Tony Boselli.

Unfortunately, truly getting better — better as in playoff caliber — is going to take more than a few fortunate free agent pickups, as valuable as guys like Orr, Martin and Norris have been and could be next season. Better is going to take successful draft picks and high-profile free agents to plug holes.

When the Texans are backing up high draft picks with other high draft picks, they'll be in a position to endure the normal amount of injuries that plague every NFL team after

16 weeks.

And even still, the Texans had braved their injury problems to a 5-7 record before a meltdown in Jacksonville that, perhaps, might have been inevitable after a string of closely contested games.

"One of the things that our team has been able to do prior to this is every football game we've been able to hang in there and battle and keep it close and win our share," Capers said, regretting that the trend ended Sunday.

"It kind of all caught up with us."

School board members can umpire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — School board members can umpire baseball games, Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled.

Abbott said in the opinion that public officials cannot receive payments from more than one agency. But school trustees are unpaid so umpiring baseball games would not be a conflict.

"It's nice to know the wheels are still turning in Austin," Michael Knight, attorney for Bee County, said in a story in Tuesday's online edition of the San Antonio Express-News. Bee County had sought the opinion

delivered Monday.

A spokesman for the Texas Association of School Boards was not sure how many trustees in the state's more than 1,000 districts are affected by the opinion.

The July request for the opinion was triggered by Eloy Rodriguez, a veteran umpire who accepted an appointment in 2000 to the Beeville School District Board of Trustees.

District officials were unsure if Rodriguez, 58, could continue calling games. He stopped umpiring, but had to judge a softball playoff between Edna and George West.

Harvesters place at mat tourney

RANDALL — Pampa's wrestling team finished 12th out of 18 teams at last weekend's Randall Invitational.

Dumas won the meet and Randall placed second.

"As hard as these guys are working in practice, we will beat most of the wrestlers we lost to next time we face them," said

Fort Elliott wins against Groom

GROOM — Fort Elliott downed Groom 72-29 in girls basketball action Tuesday night.

Katy Donaldson had 14 points and Tamara Hefley 13 for Fort Elliott. Andrea Hathaway added 12 points.

The Lady Cougars jumped out to a 28-2 lead going into the second quarter.

Jennifer Jenkins was the leading scorer for Groom with 13 points. Katy Britten followed with 8.

Fort Elliott hosts its own tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Pampa coach Josh Cadenhead. "It was a great learning experience for our young, developing team. I am very proud of the efforts."

John Burns (140 pounds) and Chance Henley (145 pounds) reached the semi-finals for Pampa and both finished with 2-2 records.

Bowling tournament is Saturday

PAMPA — The annual Toys For Tots Tournament will be held Saturday at Harvester Lanes, 1401 S. Hobart.

Squad times are 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee is eleven dollars for adults and seven dollars for youth.

Bowlers are required to bring a new toy unwrapped upon check-in. Five dollars

will be added to the entry fee if the gift is wrapped. Scholarship awards will be available for youth bowlers.

Adult handicap is 80 percent of 200. Youth handicap is 90 percent of 200.

If more information is needed on the tournament, call 665-3422.

The Harvesters host River Road in a dual at 6 p.m. Thursday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

River Road was seventh at the Randall Invitational.

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Texas falls to No. 9 Arizona

NEW YORK (AP) — Arizona has won almost 85 percent of its games at the on-campus McKale Center. That's nothing.

The Wildcats are unbeaten at Madison Square Garden under coach Lute Olson. Maybe it's just a case of a team from the West doing well on the West Side of Manhattan.

The ninth-ranked Wildcats beat No. 6 Texas 91-83 Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic to improve to 9-0 under Olson in the Garden.

"We talked at the end of practice yesterday that we were 8-0 in the Garden and told them you wouldn't want to be the team that breaks that streak," a smiling Olson said. "Our guys came out just right. They weren't tense and that's what you hope for as a staff. That's the way they handle a big game against a big team in a building like Madison Square Garden."

Hassan Adams had a career-high 30 points for Arizona (3-1), while Andre Iguodala had a triple-double with 13 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists.

It was another balanced offensive effort for the Wildcats, who entered the game with six players averaging between 14.0 and 9.7 points. It was also a solid performance on defense as Texas (4-1) shot 36 percent, a figure augmented by 25 offensive rebounds.

"We were concerned with a number of things about Texas,

their size and depth for two," Olson said. "Defensively, I think we created more problems for them than they created for us."

Adams, a 6-foot-4 sophomore forward whose previous-best 22 points came against Western Kentucky last season, didn't seem to have many problems all game, going 12-for-21 from the field, including 3-for-5 from 3-point range.

"I just went out there and played my game. The shots came to me and I took them in rhythm," he said. "I was feeling it today and I was ready to play."

The Wildcats' streak in the Garden includes the Preseason NIT in 1990, '95 and '99 and the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in 2001.

Providence beat No. 14 Illinois 70-51 in the opening game of the doubleheader. In other top 25 games No. 12 Saint Joseph's beat Boston College 67-57; Northern Iowa defeated No. 24 Iowa 77-66; and No. 25 Dayton beat Louisiana-Lafayette 66-59.

The Wildcats took command with a 20-3 run early in the second half that gave them a 61-43 lead with 12:50 to play.

Their biggest lead was 79-60 on a 3-pointer by Adams with 6:03 to play and it seemed as if it would be a matter of watching the clock run out.

But the Longhorns were relentless on the offensive glass the rest of the way and held the Wildcats to just one

field goal — a four-point play by Salim Stoudamire with 4:02 left. They got as close as 86-80 on a 3-pointer by Kenny Taylor with 31 seconds left, but Arizona went 5-for-6 from the free throw line to close it.

"We should have performed better," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "I thought our perimeter shot selection was awful. We can be an outstanding team. It's early in December. We feel we can play with anybody but we have to get there."

Iguodala's triple-double was the seventh in school history and first since Luke Walton had one in 2001-02.

"Our chemistry is coming together and I'm having a good time with it," Iguodala said.

Stoudamire had all 17 of his points in the second half for Arizona, while Channing Frye had 15 and Mustafa Shakur 10.

"Our guys can score or they wouldn't be at Arizona," Stoudamire said. "Our guys are always going to step up, it's a matter of being positive."

Freshman P.J. Tucker had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Longhorns, who shot 36 percent for the game (32-for-89) and outbounded Arizona 53-48, including 25-11 on the offensive end.

Texas' worst shooting period of a poor shooting game was when the Longhorns went 1-for-13 from the field during the 20-3 run. Stoudamire had half of Arizona's points in the run.

Optimist banquet is Dec. 16

Pampa Optimist Football Banquet is set for 7 p.m., Dec. 16, at the Optimist building. Speakers for the evening will be Coach Heath Parker and some of the Pampa Harvester Football players.

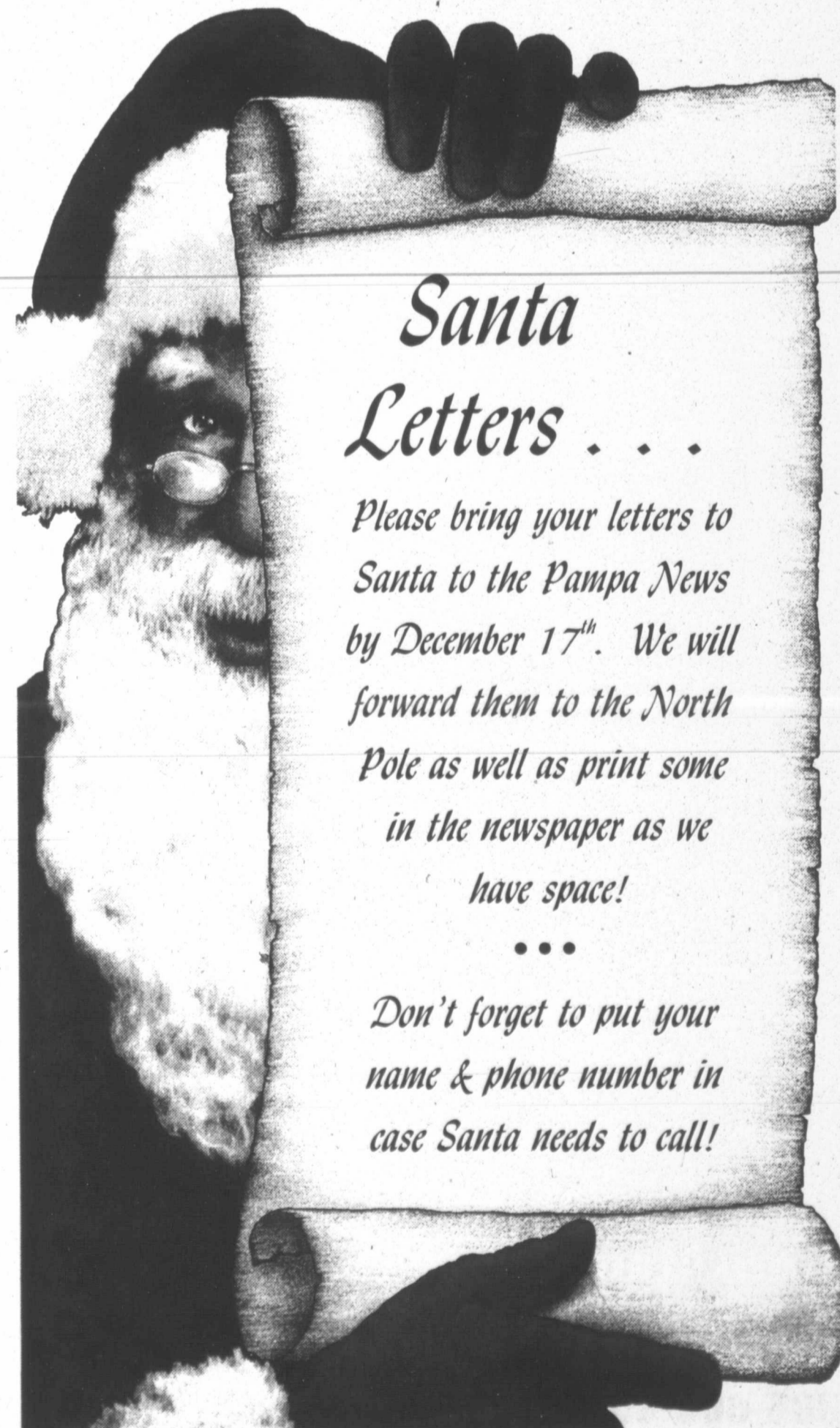
All players are encouraged to come to the banquet.

Players may return uniforms at this time. They may drop them off at the equipment room starting at 5:30 p.m. If anyone from past years still have jerseys or other equipment they may turn them in at that time, also.

Guest speakers, team players, and coaches meals will be

provided by the Optimist Football fund. Please RSVP by Dec. 14 to your coach or by e-mail to leah-p@nts-online.net. Parents and other family members are asked to pay \$1.50 per meal.

The meal will consist of hamburgers, chips, drinks, and dessert.



Santa Letters . . .

Please bring your letters to Santa to the Pampa News by December 17th. We will forward them to the North Pole as well as print some in the newspaper as we have space!

Don't forget to put your name & phone number in case Santa needs to call!

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HARVESTER LANES

League Standings (Week 11)

Team	Won	Lost
The Woodpecker Shop	31	13
Beta Tex	25 1/2	18 1/2
Bob's Bandits	24	20
Team Three	22	22
Lefors Fed. Credit Un.	21 1/2	22 1/2
Gutter Business	21 1/2	22 1/2
Chez Tanz	21 1/2	22 1/2
Harvester Lanes	18	26
Reed's Welding	18	26
Davis Minit Mart	17	27

Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Nate Bailey 234; High scratch series: Andy Anderson 607; High handicap game: Ray Roberson 251; High handicap series: Ricky Addington 644.

Women
High scratch game: Onita Robinson 222; High scratch series: Onita Robinson 506; High handicap game: Onita Robinson 265; High handicap series: Onita Robinson 635.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	2	0	.846	269	209
Miami	8	5	0	.615	241	203
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	214	200
N.Y. Jets	5	8	0	.385	240	255

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	10	3	0	.769	372	281
Tennessee	9	4	0	.692	347	261
Houston	5	8	0	.385	211	317
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	229	264

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	331	251
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	281	297
Pittsburgh	5	8	0	.385	250	284
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	212	250

National Conference

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Philadelphia	10	3	0	.769	281	222
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	236	244
Washington	5	8	0	.385	256	287
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	209	286

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	248	249
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	263	292
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	244	198
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	241	342

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	344	302
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	332	276
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	240	281
Detroit	4	9	0	.308	209	294

x-clinched playoff spot
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Sunday's Games
San Diego 14, Detroit 7
Green Bay 34, Chicago 21
Pittsburgh 27, Oakland 7
Jacksonville 27, Houston 0
Dallas
Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 7
Indianapolis 29, Tennessee 27
Baltimore 31, Cincinnati 13
Philadelphia 36, Dallas 10
Minnesota 34, Seattle 7
Tampa Bay 14, New Orleans 7
San Francisco 50, Arizona 14
Buffalo 17, N.Y. Jets 6
New England 12, Miami 0
Denver 45, Kansas City 27
Atlanta 20, Carolina 14, OT

Monday's Game
St. Louis 26, Cleveland 20

Sunday, Dec. 14
Buffalo at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
Philadelphia at Miami, 9 p.m.

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Bowl Glance

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Tuesday, Dec. 16
New Orleans Bowl
\$750,000
North Texas (9-3) vs. Memphis (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 18
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
\$750,000
Louisville (9-3) vs. Miami (Ohio) (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 22
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
\$750,000
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Kansas (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl
\$750,000
Texas Christian (11-1) vs. Boise State (12-1), 7:30 p.m.

(ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Las Vegas Bowl
\$800,000
New Mexico (8-4) vs. Oregon State (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Troy, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
\$750,000
Houston (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Detroit
\$800,000
Bowling Green (10-3) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
\$750,000
California (7-6) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 27
Continental Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
\$750,000
Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. Virginia (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
\$1.45 million
Michigan State (8-4) vs. Nebraska (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Houston Bowl
\$1 million
Navy (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
\$2 million
Washington State (9-3) vs. Texas (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
\$750,000
Fresno St. (8-5) vs. UCLA (6-6), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
\$950,000
Wisconsin (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-5), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
\$1.45 million
Minnesota (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
\$1.35 million
Utah (9-2) vs. Southern Mississippi (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
\$1.2 million
Missouri (8-4) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

San Francisco Bowl
\$825,000
Colorado State (7-5) vs. Boston College (7-5), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
\$2.65 million
Iowa (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
\$1.825 million
Maryland (9-3) vs. West Virginia (8-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
\$5.1 million
Purdue (9-3) vs. Georgia (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
\$14-17 million
Michigan (10-2) vs. Southern Cal (11-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
\$14-17 million
Florida State (10-2) vs. Miami (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
\$3 million
Mississippi (9-3) vs. Oklahoma State (9-3), 2 p.m. (FOX)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
\$2.1 million
Clemson (8-4) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
\$14-17 million
Kansas State (11-3) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 3
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
\$750,000
Tulsa (8-4) vs. Georgia Tech (6-6), Noon (ESPN or ESPN2)

Sunday, Jan. 4
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
\$14-17 million
Oklahoma (12-1) vs. LSU (12-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 10
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
East vs. West, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 17
Hula Bowl
At Waikuku, Hawaii
8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 24
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 31
Gridiron Classic
At The Villages, Fla.
Noon (ESPN)

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Supreme Court considers politics in redistricting

By GINA HOLLAND
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has a chance to give politicians new rules for the drawing of election districts in a case that questions whether the process has gotten too political.

Justices were reviewing a fight from Pennsylvania over a congressional map that essentially redistricted three Democratic House members out of a job.

Democratic voters who

challenged the plan want the high court to spell out rules limiting partisan gerrymandering, the practice of drawing districts to favor one party over another.

The Supreme Court has made it almost impossible to win a claim that partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional, although justices left the door open to such claims in a splintered 1986 ruling.

The case being argued before the court Wednesday is important because of the high stakes in boundary-drawing

for political parties. States must redraw boundaries after every census to reflect population shifts, and redistricting has gotten more sophisticated.

Richard Hasen, an election law expert at Loyola Law School, said justices may be "seriously considering giving partisan gerrymandering claims some teeth." Or, after 17 years, they may just feel it's time to revisit the subject, he said.

If the high court backs away from its 1986 ruling, as the GOP is urging it to do,

Republicans could lock in their control of Congress for years to come, said Nathaniel Persily, a professor and redistricting expert at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

But if the court endorses the greater judicial involvement sought by the Democrats, the ruling would probably lead to legal challenges to the new congressional maps in at least a half-dozen other big states, he said.

The Democrats' attorney, Paul M. Smith, told justices in

a filing that "as line-drawers have become more brazen in their willingness to instill bias in electoral maps, the need for judicial intervention has become compellingly clear." He called the court's attention to a bitter court fight over redistricting in Texas that also involves Democratic charges of blatant GOP gerrymandering.

John P. Krill is the lawyer who represents the Pennsylvania Senate president pro tem and the House speaker, both Republicans. He told

justices that redistricting is political and said it would be impossible for judges "tasked with exorcising partisanship from mapmaking" to know how to do it.

Because of Pennsylvania's slower-than-average population growth, the state lost two of its 21 seats in Congress after the 2000 census.

The new 19-seat maps were approved with substantial Democratic support, but they were engineered by the Republicans who control both houses of the Legislature at a time when powerful computer software makes it possible to trace voting patterns down to individual streets and houses.

Largely because of where the district boundaries were drawn, the GOP tightened their grip on the state's congressional delegation, winning 12 of the 19 seats in 2002. Previously, the Republicans had 11 seats to the Democrats' 10.

The case is Vieth v. Jubelirer, 02-1580.

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Russia: Suicide bomber stirs up fears of future attacks

MOSCOW (AP) — A suicide bomber who may have intended to attack Russia's parliament blew herself up outside a nearby upscale hotel across from Red Square on Tuesday, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the Russian capital.

The bombing, which also wounded at least 12 people, came on the heels of Sunday's nationwide elections for parliament's lower house and only days after a suicide bombing of a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people.

Police were searching for a second woman suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attack, warning that she might also be carrying explosives. No group claimed responsibility, but past attacks — including ones carried out by female suicide bombers — have been blamed on rebels from

the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

The midmorning explosion outside the National Hotel, shortly before President Vladimir Putin addressed a meeting at the Kremlin nearby, left the Russian capital on edge. People in Moscow were already jittery after a suicide attack in July and a Chechen rebel hostage-taking raid on a Moscow theater last year. This year alone, nearly 300 people have been killed in Russia in bombings and other attacks blamed on Chechens.

Two women, possibly the suicide bomber and her accomplice, appeared lost near Red Square before the blast and asked a passer-by for directions to the State Duma, said Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov.

The National Hotel sits on a corner diagonally across from a gate leading into Red Square and the

Kremlin. The State Duma, which officials said appeared to be the intended target, is located across the street, one of the capital's most elegant shopping boulevards.

"Evidently, the bomb went off by accident," Luzhkov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "The National Hotel was not the place where the suicide bombers had planned to stage the explosion."

Security cameras near the hotel picked up footage of the suicide bomber, a woman dressed in a light-colored coat and carrying a purse, Luzhkov said on Russia's NTV television.

He said the purse was rigged with explosives and that she also was wearing an explosive belt, which the Interfax news agency reported was packed tightly with metal balls. The bomb contained more than two pounds of TNT, Moscow

police spokesman Yevgeny Gildeyev said.

The blast shattered a Mercedes sedan parked nearby and smashed out windows on the upscale hotel, leaving white curtains billowing in the wind. Bodies and body parts were strewn about, including a head and a headless female body.

Twelve people were wounded, five of them in grave condition, said Lyubov Zhomova, the spokeswoman for the Moscow medical directorate. A Chinese national was among the injured.

Dozens of police cordoned off the blast site with red-and-white tape and pushed reporters and other bystanders away. The entrance to the normally crowded Okhotny Ryad metro station, around the corner from the blast, was closed.

Police sent in a mechani-

cal robot and sappers used a water cannon to destroy two suspicious objects.

"We saw the bodies lying around," said a Norwegian journalist, Amund Myklebust, who had been just inside the National Hotel's doors when he heard the blast. "Everybody was shocked."

Security was immediately tightened around the State Duma. Repeated attacks — including Friday's train bombing — have exposed the inability of Russian authorities to protect the public against suicide bombings, a technique that Chechen rebels have turned to in the most recent conflict over the breakaway republic but hadn't used in the past.

The blast at the hotel came after Sunday's parliament elections, which handed a major victory to Putin's allies, strengthening his grip on the country.

Three high-ranking retired military officers denounce 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

NEW YORK (AP) — Two brigadier generals and a rear admiral — all retired — disclosed that they are gay and denounced the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in interviews with The New York Times.

In a story published by the

newspaper Wednesday, Army Brig. Gens. Keith Kerr and Virgil Richard and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Alan Steinman said the policy effectively excludes gays from military service and forced them to deceive friends and family.

The men were the highest-

ranking military officials to disclose their sexual orientation, the Times said.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a gay rights group that monitors military justice, made the officers available to the newspaper as part of the group's plans to mark a

decade since the policy was put in place by President Clinton on Nov. 30, 1993.

"Because gays and lesbians are required to serve in silence and in celibacy, the policy is almost impossible to follow," Steinman told the Times. "It has been effectively a ban."

He said he did not tell his family he was gay until after he retired in 1997. Richard, who retired in 1991, said no one knew he was gay during his 32 years of military service.

"I suppressed my desires, and didn't allow myself to be who I am because there was

too much at stake," Richard said in his interview with the newspaper.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said nearly 10,000 men and women have been discharged from the military for being gay under "don't ask, don't tell."

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