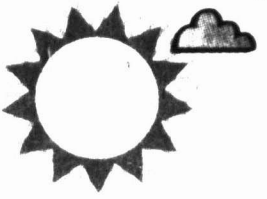




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Cell phone call leads to burglary suspects

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — When authorities dialed the number of a stolen cell phone this week, two burglary suspects answered, then apparently didn't know how to turn the phone off.

The open cell line allowed an Oklahoma deputy sheriff to listen in as the pair, according to officials, plotted other crimes. It gave law enforcement an inadvertent global positioning system that helped track the suspects down to the Texas Panhandle — where they were arrested.

Jefferson County, Okla., assistant District Attorney Dennis Gay identified the men Thursday as Scott Lee Maddox, 19, of Douglasville, Ga., and Chris Baker, 20, whose address was unknown. Both men face three counts of aggravated robbery.

DEATHS

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Donkey carts turn deadly in Iraq

By NIKO PRICE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military dismissed rocket attacks launched from donkey carts Friday against the Oil Ministry and two hotels as "militarily insignificant," but acknowledged they point to weaknesses in the ability to gather intelligence on insurgents.

More than a dozen rockets slammed into the buildings Friday morning.

Two other donkeys were found within hours, one 30 yards from the Italian Embassy. U.S. officials said the targets were the headquarters of a Kurdish political party and a law school.

A civilian contractor was seriously injured at the Palestine Hotel, where many foreign journalists and U.S.

workers are staying. No other casualties were reported at the Palestine or at the Sheraton Hotel across the street, and police said no one was hurt at the ministry.

"They're trying to break our will. They're trying to seize the headlines... but they're militarily insignificant," Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the U.S. military deputy director for operations, said at a news conference.

He conceded that the insurgents were playing off American weaknesses, specifically in terms of gathering intelligence that could have prevented the attacks.

"A very clever enemy who knows that we don't have the best intelligence in the world will find some seams, will run some vulnerabilities," Kimmitt said. "But our intelligence is getting (See IRAQ, Page 3)

Stuffed bear?

DPS trooper finds child's toy filled with marijuana

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Two Iowa men were arrested Thursday by a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper out of McLean when a stuffed bear they were carrying in their vehicle yielded five pounds of marijuana.

The two, Chad Adam Blackford, 25, and Delmar

Lee Bear, 41, both of Fairfax, Iowa, were stopped at 10:04 a.m. on the westbound side of Interstate 40 near McLean for a traffic violation. Their 1992 Buick contained the toy animal which was found to be stuffed with marijuana.

Blackford and Bear remained in Gray County Jail this morning pending arraignment.

Turkish officials arrest suspects in suicide attacks

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkish investigators arrested suspects Friday in the deadly suicide bombings at the British consulate and a London-based bank that were blamed on al-Qaida. Foreign governments warned that terrorists could target Turkey with more attacks.

Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul confirmed the arrests of an undisclosed number of suspects in Thursday's bombing, but declined to elaborate. "Some people have been arrested, but it's too early to give information about them," he said.

The daily newspaper Hurriyet said police were interrogating seven people in connection with the attack, which killed 27 people in Turkey's deadliest terrorist bombing. The attacks came days after bombings at two Istanbul synagogues killed 23 people.

According to the Hurriyet report, police believe they have identified the suicide bombers as two Turkish men previously named as accomplices of the synagogue bombers. Istanbul Gov. Muammer Guler refused to give details of those arrested

"for the well-being of the investigations."

Turkey's top political and military leaders met to discuss intelligence reports that local Islamic militant groups and al-Qaida have been collaborating, an official said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. The top leaders held regular monthly meetings focused on issues of national importance.

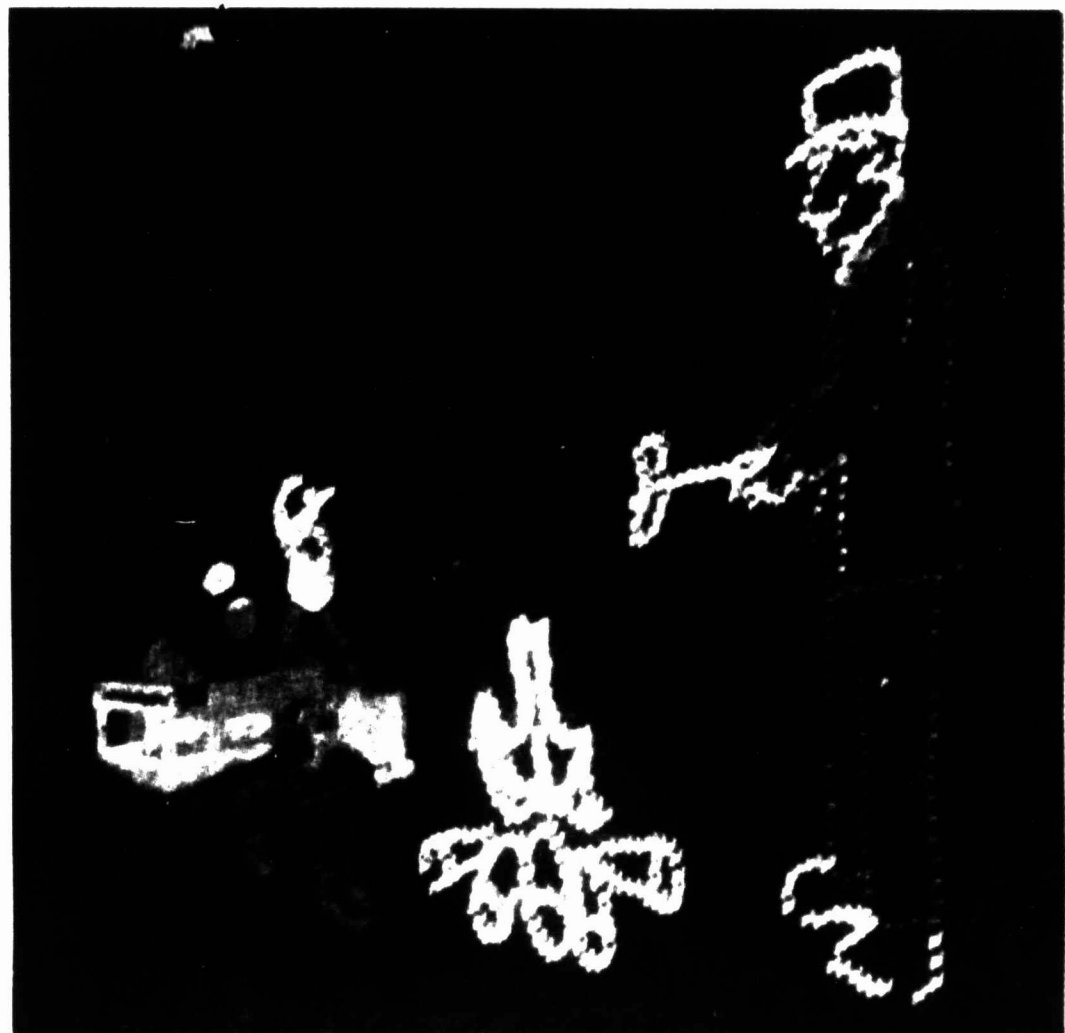
Turkish security forces were on high alert. Security was tightened at public buildings and foreign institutions, and Istanbul police were stopping and searching pickup trucks similar to those that shattered the British consulate and the HSBC bank building. British anti-terrorist experts headed to Turkey to help the investigation.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to defeat the attackers, who struck during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

"Those who bloodied this holy day and massacred innocent people will account for it in both worlds," he said Thursday. "They will be damned until eternity."

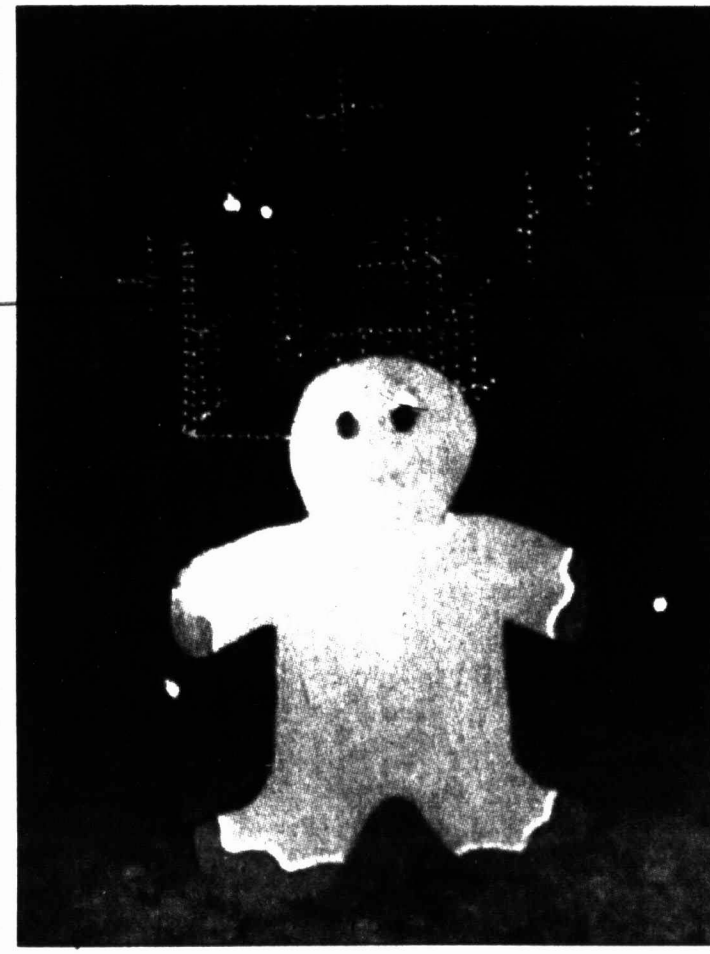
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Turn on the lights



(Pampa News photo)

A scene of a man and boy roasting hotdogs over a campfire will be among the multiple lighted displays visitors can see when Pampa's annual Celebration of Lights officially opens Saturday night at Recreation Park. The holiday light extravaganza, totally supported by local volunteers and public donations, continues through Dec. 31.



(Pampa News photo)

Celebration of Lights holiday display at Recreation Park not only features lighted displays, but also numerous fanciful painted items, such as this happy gingerbread man.

Professor saw nothing wrong with shipping bacteria

By BETSY BLANEY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — A professor accused of smuggling plague-causing bacteria testified Friday that he did not know he was committing a crime when he packaged samples of the potentially deadly bacteria and shipped them to Tanzania in a FedEx package.

Thomas C. Butler, a renowned Texas Tech University plague

researcher, faces 69 felonies stemming from his work with the plague, including charges of lying to federal agents after his report of 30 stolen vials on Jan. 14. He later said he accidentally destroyed the vials, according to testimony.

Friday, Butler calmly described how he packaged the samples and sent them to a doctor he had been working with in Tanzania. He said each vial had a watertight seal, and that they were

placed in another plastic container with a watertight seal. Butler said there was nothing sneaky about the package he sent.

"I took this package to the FedEx office and filled it out in the presence of a FedEx employee," said Butler, 62, who made eye contact with jurors throughout his two days of testimony.

Butler said he did not tell the FedEx employee that there was plague-causing bacteria in the package.

He also said he did not read the small print at the bottom of the FedEx paperwork that he signed. It stated there were no dangerous goods inside the package.

"I just didn't strain to read the fine print," he said.

In earlier testimony, prosecutors had said shipping the package to Tanzania was dangerous because there were known terrorists in the African country.

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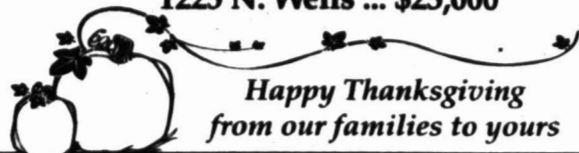
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OBITUARIES

OMA CECIL HINKLE WATSON 1909-2003

McLEAN, Texas — Oma Cecil Hinkle Watson, 94, died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, in Shamrock, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the McLean Church of Christ with George A. Watson officiating. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery by Bailey Ware Funeral Home of McLean. Pallbearers are grandsons James David Watson of Houston, James Mark Watson of Alanreed, T.L. O'Neal of Houston and Todd O'Neal of League City, Jimmy Branscom of Forney and Nick Taylor of Amarillo.

Mrs. Watson was born Jan. 26, 1909, in Donley County, Texas. She was one of 12 children born to David Washington Hinkle and Sinah Catherine Romine.

She graduated from Lelia Lake High School in 1927, and she was valedictorian of her class. She attended Clarendon Junior College and West Texas State College where she earned a teaching certificate. She taught school at Back ISD, where she met her husband Lawrence M. Watson. They were married July 16, 1931.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, six brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include two sons, L.M. Watson, Jr. of McLean, Jim Watson and his wife Cindy

of Houston; two daughters, Marie and husband Tom O'Neal of Dickinson and LaVon of McLean; nine grandchildren, Linda and her husband Jay Pruitt of Giddings, Texas, Loree and her husband Leland DuBose of The Woodlands, Milton Watson and his wife Penny of Spring, Texas, T.L. O'Neal and wife Shannon of Houston, Texas, Terri and her husband Jimmy Branscom of Forney, Todd O'Neal and his wife Becky of League City, Texas, James David Watson of Houston, James Mark Watson and his wife Diana of Alanreed, Ricee Von and her husband Nick Taylor of Amarillo; 11 great-grandchildren, Boone, Candice and Lacey DuBose of The Woodlands, Joshua, Chelsey, Cassidy and Calley Watson of Spring, Texas, Preston and Dane Pruitt of Giddings, Texas, and Joshua and Jacob Watson of Alanreed; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many church and community friends.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, 1001 North Main Street in McLean.

The family suggests memorials to Loaves & Fishes Ministry, 603 Commerce Street, McLean, TX 79057, phone (806) 779-3239 in lieu of flowers.

MICHAEL DON HILL 1945-2003

Michael Don Hill, 58, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., in Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis.

He was born July 15, 1945, in Fort Worth, Texas, and was shortly after adopted by the late W.L. and Naomi Bernice Hill of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1963 and received a Nursing Degree from

Amarillo College in 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Karmen Hill, and two children, a daughter, Kelly, and a son, John, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Services were provided by New Mexico Mortuary Services, Albuquerque. Remains were cremated. The family requests memorials be made to National Kidney Foundation-West Texas, P.O. Box 51231, Amarillo, TX 79159.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Nov. 20

10:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Dwight and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

Friday, Nov. 21

1:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Nov. 20

1:50 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

Friday, Nov. 21

3:14 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a one-vehicle roll-over 1-mile south on Farm to Market Road 2375 on 749. Firefighters used an extrication tool to remove one of the two occupants of the vehicle. The other occupant was already free and had went for help.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

11:20 a.m. — An unknown vehicle believed to be a Chevrolet collided with a legally parked 2004 International HT530 truck tractor in a parking lot in the 600 block of East Frederic. The truck tractor is owned by North Country Distributing Inc. and driven by Freddie Wayne Betts, 33, Amarillo. The unknown vehicle then left the scene and has not been located. No injuries were reported and no citations issued.

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, Nov. 20

Timothy Lenning, 23, 421 Carr, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Chad Adam Blackford, 25, Fairfax, Iowa, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 4 ounces and less than 5 pounds.

Delmar Lee Bear, 41, Fairfax, Iowa, was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana over 4 ounces and less than 5 pounds.

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HAL	23.09	-0.28
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New York Gold	394.55	
Silver	5.26	
West Texas Crude	32.86	

PAMPA WEATHER

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 60s and northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the mid 40s and west winds 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the south 15 to 20 mph after midnight with gusts up to 25 mph. Saturday should see mostly sunny skies in the morning, becoming partly cloudy later on with highs around 70 and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s.

City Briefs

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LIFESTYLES EARLY deadline for Sun. Nov. 30th, is Tues., Nov. 25th at 12 noon. (Wedding, anniversary, baby, newsmakers, etc.)

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PAMPA COUNTRY Club Buffet, Sun., Nov. 23 open to public. Entrees are Prime Rib & Santa Fe Chicken.

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ARRESTS

individuals allegedly linked to al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the attacks.

One called the Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades posted a Web site statement saying it struck "to let Britain and the Brits know that their alliance with America will only bring them economic ruin and death to their sons."

The statement claimed to have deliberately targeted British Consul-General Roger Short, who was killed along with his personal assistant, Lisa Hallworth. The group called Short the "mastermind of the British policy in Iraq, Turkey, Syria, and Iran because of his extensive experience in ... combating Islam."

U.S. officials have cast doubt about previous claims by Abu Hafs al-Masri, saying there is no proof the group exists or has links to al-Qaida.

On Thursday, an unidenti-

fied caller to the semiofficial Anatolia news agency said al-Qaida and a small militant Turkish group, the Islamic Great Eastern Raiders' Front, or IBDA-C, jointly claimed responsibility for both sets of attacks.

The same groups earlier claimed responsibility for Saturday's synagogue bombings.

Another claim came from an alleged al-Qaida operative, Abu Mohammed al-Ablaj, in a statement to the London-based Al-Majalla weekly.

He warned of a "big operation" somewhere between the Muslim holidays of Eid el Fitr next week and the Feast of the Sacrifice in January. His e-mail also warned Japan against helping the United States in Iraq, saying Tokyo "is the easiest place to destroy."

In Washington, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the attacks bore the marks of an al-Qaida operation.

Saturday's synagogue attacks were also blamed on al-Qaida.

The U.N. Security Council unanimously passed a resolution urging all states to cooperate to track down the perpetrators.

The attacks raised fears al-Qaida was targeting Turkey, a close ally of the West that has strong ties with Israel and is a rare example of a secular, Muslim democracy.

Istanbul may have been hit "because Turkey is a successful democracy" said British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who rushed to Istanbul following Thursday's attack.

Straw said the decision to warn citizens against nonessential travel to major Turkish cities was based on intelligence reports of more threats.

Other nations, including the United States, Germany and Australia, issued similar warnings. The Istanbul stock exchange remained closed

Friday after plummeting 7 percent before shutting early after the bombings.

To boost the economy, Straw said Britain would intensify its backing for Turkey's long-standing bid to join the European Union. HSBC bank, the world's second largest financial institution, opened its 162 branches around Turkey on Friday despite the destruction at its Istanbul headquarters.

The bombings against British targets coincided with President Bush's visit to London.

As with the synagogue bombings, most victims were Muslim Turks. At least 450 people were injured, said Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu. British officials said up to four of the dead were British. One Turkish woman was reported brain dead Friday.

Hurriyet quoted police sources as tentatively identifying the two bombers in

Thursday's attack as Turkish men: Azad Ekinci and Feridun Ugurlu. Earlier reports linked the two to the synagogue bombings.

Hurriyet said Ekinci and Ugurlu traveled to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on Oct. 28, a report questioned by authorities in the Gulf nation. The paper identified Ekinci as a schoolmate of one suspect in the synagogue attacks. Earlier reports said Ekinci had also traveled to Iran, received military and explosive training in Pakistan between 1997-99 and fought in the Chechnya.

Witnesses said one pickup truck exploded in front of the

HSBC bank building, devastating its 18-story facade. The second crashed through the gate of the British consulate destroying annexes to the main building.

Hurriyet reported that police in front of the consulate opened fire as the men approached the consulate, but failed to stop them from detonating the explosives. Two of the dead were policemen.

Authorities arrested six people Wednesday in the synagogue bombings. The two suicide bombers who attacked the synagogues were identified as Turks who Gul said had visited Afghanistan.

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IRAQ

better every day."

A U.S. soldier from the 82nd Airborne Division was killed and two were injured near the city of Ramadi, west of Baghdad, on Thursday when a roadside bomb exploded next to their convoy, the military said Friday. Another soldier was killed Thursday in northern Iraq, Kimmitt said.

To the south, in the city of Karbala, at least four mortar shells were fired into a Thai military camp Thursday, officials in Bangkok said Friday. They reported no casualties.

The colorful donkey carts presumably were used because they are so common in Baghdad and attract little attention from security forces on the alert for car bombs. Painted on one of the carts was a traditional inscription: "My heart is with you, my dear."

U.S. officials said one of the donkeys was strapped to a propane tank and an explosive

device. After the explosions, U.S. soldiers were seen searching donkey carts around Baghdad.

"He's an inventive, ingenious enemy, but he has shown us another of his tactics ... and I would guess he won't be using that again anytime soon," Kimmitt said.

The attacks occurred at the height of "Operation Iron Hammer," the U.S. counteroffensive against rebels in and around the capital. The U.S. commander in the capital, Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, said Thursday that the 12-day crackdown had contributed to a 70 percent decrease in rebel activity.

Kimmitt said the rocket attacks could have been intended to demonstrate that the operation hasn't defeated the rebels. Nobody claimed responsibility and there were no immediate arrests.

The attacks occurred about 7:20 a.m. At least eight rockets were fired at the Oil Ministry,


but only two of them detonated, said Col. Peter Mansoor of the U.S. 1st Armored Division.

The ministry was closed Friday for the Muslim day of prayer and no injuries were reported there. A ministry official told Dow Jones Newswires that a fire was quickly extinguished and caused no major damage to the building. He said oil production would not be affected.

Mansoor said one rocket hit the Palestine Hotel, but at least five rocket holes could be seen

on the eighth, 15th and 16th floors of the 18-story structure. Another rocket hit the Sheraton.

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PLAGUE

Butler on Friday said the doctor he was sending the samples to is a trusted researcher.

"This is the last man on Earth I would consider to be a terrorist," Butler said. "I trusted him completely."

Butler testified Thursday that he is innocent of all charges stemming from his work and his report of missing vials, which sparked a bioterrorism scare and brought dozens of federal agents to this West Texas city.

He also said an FBI agent told him he would not be arrested if he signed a statement saying he accidentally

destroyed the vials of bacteria. Among the other charges Butler faces are theft, embezzlement and fraud.

Prosecutors allege that Butler reported the vials stolen in retaliation against and to deflect attention from difficulties he was having with Tech's Institutional Review Board. The board reviews and monitors any studies being done by Tech research that involves humans.

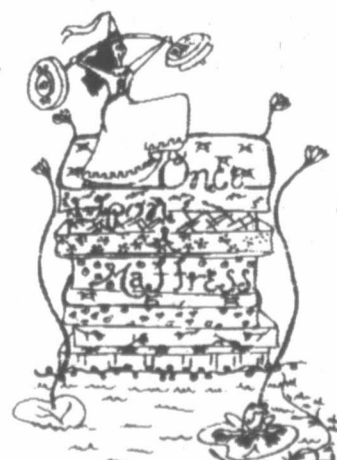
The 69 charges carry a potential prison term of 469 years, although he would get far less under federal sentencing guidelines.

He also faces fines of up to \$17.1 million.

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Setting up for fall bazaar



(Pampa News photo)

First Christian Church members, from left, Lisa Crossman, Linda Holt, and Nancy Brogdin, help Frances Hall, right, on the Frances Hall and Friends fine arts booth, one of as many as 20 arts, crafts, and food booths that comprise the church's annual fall craft bazaar beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, at 1633 N. Nelson. In addition to the arts and crafts, Christmas decorations, gifts and food items, church members will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls and coffee when the bazaar opens. A stew and chili luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Take out orders will be sold beginning at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Proceeds go to special church projects.

Pastor finds church thriving in Cuba

CAMP CANAAN, Cuba (AP) — Paul Northrup raised his hands and shouted "Alelujah!" A congregation of more than 1,000 Cubans echoed back. The small church that Northrup planted in central Cuba 50 years ago has grown and thrived since he left in 1959, becoming a small part of a broad movement that Cuban evangelists have built across their socialist nation.

"They told us when we left, the work would fail," Northrup said. "There were seven churches then. Now there are 53."

Northrup, now 71, and his family came down from Southern California to join with Cuban church members for a 50th anniversary celebration

this month at a borrowed Methodist center called Camp Canaan, some 170 miles east of Havana.

For hour upon hour, they sang, clapped, prayed and preached in a big brick church whose wide-open sides let breezes cut the tropical heat.

"It makes me happy. It's kind of like our kids and grandkids," Northrup said.

Northrup came to Cuba with his wife, Vera, in 1953 as an independent preacher, carrying only "our clothes and an accordion."

In Sancti Spiritus, he found a radio station that sold him time for \$6 a minute and he began to preach.

Soon he managed to establish a small church called Buenas Nuevas — "Good News."

A milkman who regularly passed by grew curious and decided to enter one day. "I didn't know that by entering, my life was going to change," said Eliseo Leon, who is now president of Buenas Nuevas.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Church of God of Prophecy to host dinner

The Church of God of Prophecy, 422 N. West, is hosting its fourth annual free Thanksgiving dinner at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 27.

"Rather than celebrating the holiday alone, come and dine with friends at 422 N. West," says Pastor Liz Sculthorp.

The CONTINENTALS to appear in concert

The CONTINENTALS will present "Extreme Power 2003" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis.

The CONTINENTALS continue a 36-year tradition of music ministry by 30 vocalists and technicians, ages 16-28. The group presents a program of contemporary Christian music, choreography and personal testimony for audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

The public is invited.

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Catholic bishops from Africa, Asia bring concerns to bishops in U.S.A.

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP RELIGION WRITER

At a meeting with America's Roman Catholic leaders, Archbishop Simon Ntamwana of Burundi recounted an all-too-familiar litany of African woes: Crushing poverty. War. AIDS.

Africa needs help from U.S. Catholics tackling all those problems, he said. But that's not all. He was just as concerned about getting assistance to meet the spiritual needs of his continent: Catholicism is exploding there, he said, as it is throughout the developing world.

"Africa is a very young continent," Ntamwana said at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "We want the world church to pay attention to our youth."

The bishops, who gathered last week in Washington, took time from their talk of diocesan budgets, liturgy and other issues critical to the American church to consider the challenges to Catholicism in Africa and Asia.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, D.C., proposed that American dioceses move toward holding a regular collection for Africa, calling the continent "the poorest in the world, but also potentially the richest in terms of the future of the church."

The central African country of Burundi is 70 percent Catholic. Its neighbor, Congo, formerly known as Zaire, is 50 percent Catholic.

Overall, Africa has more than 130 million of the 1 billion members of the world church. The numbers on the continent are growing even as church membership is shrinking in many parts of Europe.

"These are crucial times for the life of the church and the peoples of Africa," McCarrick said. "Opportunities missed now may never come again."

Ntamwana was among a delegation of bishops from Africa that included Cardinal Frederic

Etsou, the Archbishop of Kinshasa, Congo, and Bishop Nicholas Djomo of Tshumbe, Congo.

"Our laity is extremely active," Djomo said. "We are blessed with an abundance of vocations. Our churches are filled to capacity each Sunday."

Cardinal Jean-Baptiste Pham Minh Man of Saigon, Vietnam, who was installed just last month, led a group of clergy from Asia — home to more than 107 million Catholics.

More than 5 million Catholics live in Vietnam, making the religion the nation's second-largest after Buddhism, and Man said the number is growing significantly every year.

Man said his country desperately needs Vietnamese translations of religious books to help train local clergy and laity.

Etsou, of Congo, said his Kinshasa archdiocese has created a program that trains lay people as administrators to help run the growing number of parishes.

He said his country also needs Bibles translated into native languages and improved education for "agents of evangelization."

The church in developing countries faces competition from Islam and evangelical Protestantism, and a pope from one of those areas could help Catholicism throughout the Third World.



Minister's Musings

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Forgotten memorials

In Guyana, 60 miles up the Essequibo River, there is a village, Bartica, that serves as a supply center for the miners and prospectors working in the mountains further up the river.

In the center of this village of a few thousand people, there is a huge white monument placed on a concrete slab. It's impressive. It can be seen from quite a distance.

Walk around the base and there's no inscription. Ask any of the citizens, and nobody knows why the monument was erected. Old-timers can't remember and the young were never told.

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Scholars uncover parts of New Testament verse on funeral monument

By **KARIN LAUB**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — A barely legible clue — the name "Simon" carved in Greek letters — beckoned from high up on the weather-beaten facade of an ancient burial monument.

Their curiosity piqued, two Jerusalem scholars uncovered six previously invisible lines of inscription: a Gospel verse — Luke 2:25.

Archaeological finds confirming biblical narrative or referring to figures from the Bible are rare, and this is believed to be the first discovery of a New Testament verse carved onto an ancient Holy Land shrine, said inscriptions expert Emile Puech, who deciphered the writing.

A few Old Testament phrases have been found on monuments, and a passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans (3:13) is laid into a floor mosaic into the ancient Roman city of Caesarea.

Jim Strange, a New Testament scholar from the University of South Florida, said the ancients apparently believed chiseling Scripture into monuments debased sacred words. The widespread use of Bible verses on shrines began only around 1,000 A.D., in Europe, said Strange, who was unconnected with the discovery.

The inscription declares the 60-foot-high monument is the tomb of Simon, a devout Jew who the Bible says cradled the infant Jesus and recognized him as the Messiah.

It's actually unlikely Simon is buried there; the monument is one of several built for Jerusalem's aristocracy at the time of Jesus.

However, the inscription does back up what until now were scant references to a Byzantine-era belief that three biblical figures — Simon, Zachariah and James, the brother of Jesus — shared the same tomb.

Earlier this year, an inscription referring to Zachariah, who was John the Baptist's father, was found on the same facade. Puech and Joe Zias, a physical anthropologist, continued to study the monument. Applying a "squeeze" — a simple 19th-century technique of spreading a kind of papier mache over a surface — they uncovered the Simon inscription. Now, they hope to complete the trio by finding writing referring to James.

The Simon and Zachariah inscriptions were carved around the 4th century, at a time when Byzantine Christians were searching the Holy Land for sacred sites linked to the Bible and marked them, often relying on local lore, said Puech.

The monument is in the Kidron Valley,

between Jerusalem's walled Old City and the Mount of Olives. Eusebius, known as the father of church history, writes in the "Ecclesiastical History" that James was hurled off the Jewish Temple, bludgeoned to death in the Kidron Valley below and buried nearby. The historian Josephus refers to a Temple priest named Zachariah being slain by zealots in the Temple and thrown into the valley. There is no word on Simon's death.

There have been historical references to a Byzantine belief of joint burial of the three, although there is no evidence they were actually buried together.

The six lines in the Simon inscription run vertically. The letters run together, are of different height, a little crooked and relatively shallow.

They were clearly carved by laymen, said Shimon Gibson, of the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, who was present when Puech and Zias applied the squeeze during the summer but who was not connected with their research.

Referring to the carvers, Strange said: "These were folks who knew their Greek and their Luke, but didn't know how to be masons."

The inscription says the monument is the tomb of "Simeon who was a very just man and

a very devoted old (person) and waiting for the consolation of the people." Simeon is a Greek version of Simon.

The passage is identical to the Gospel verse Luke 2:25, as it appears in a 4th-century version of the Bible, the Codex Sinaiticus, which was later revised extensively.

"This (the inscription) shows there were different versions of the Old and New Testament going around," said Zias, who presented his find, Thursday at the annual conference of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Atlanta.

The Zachariah and Simon inscriptions were chiseled into what is known today as Absalom's Tomb, one of three large funerary monuments built in the Kidron Valley for the city's rich.

It is unlikely Absalom, a son of King David, is buried there; the monument was built several hundred years after his death.

The name was assigned to the tomb in Medieval times, along with a custom of stoning the facade as a show of disdain for Absalom, who murdered his half brother for raping their sister and later incited a rebellion against his father.

Jews, Christians and Muslims participated in the ritual, badly scarring the facade and all but erasing the inscriptions.

Record producer charged with murder

ALHAMBRA, Calif. (AP) — Legendary record producer Phil Spector, charged with murder in the shooting death of an actress at his hilltop mansion, told his chauffeur that night that he thought he had "killed somebody," according to a police report.

Popular music's one-time whiz kid, whose Wall of Sound brought a symphonic feeling to rock 'n' roll, was charged Thursday with murder in the death of actress Lana Clarkson.

Spector, 63, declined to speak with reporters when he arrived at

court. He acknowledged the charges and waived his right to a speedy trial, and was ordered to return to court Jan. 23 for a preliminary hearing.

The studio producer, who has worked with the Beatles, the Ronettes, Righteous Brothers and many others, is charged with killing Clarkson, 40, on Feb. 3. He suggested earlier this year in an interview with Esquire magazine that Clarkson, who also worked as a hostess at the House of Blues, may have shot herself.

According to police records obtained by the Los Angeles Times for a story in Friday editions, he talked to his chauffeur that night, telling him, "I think I killed somebody."

The chauffeur, identified only as Souza, told authorities he came to the mansion's back door after hearing a boom and saw Clarkson, her face bloody, seated in a chair.

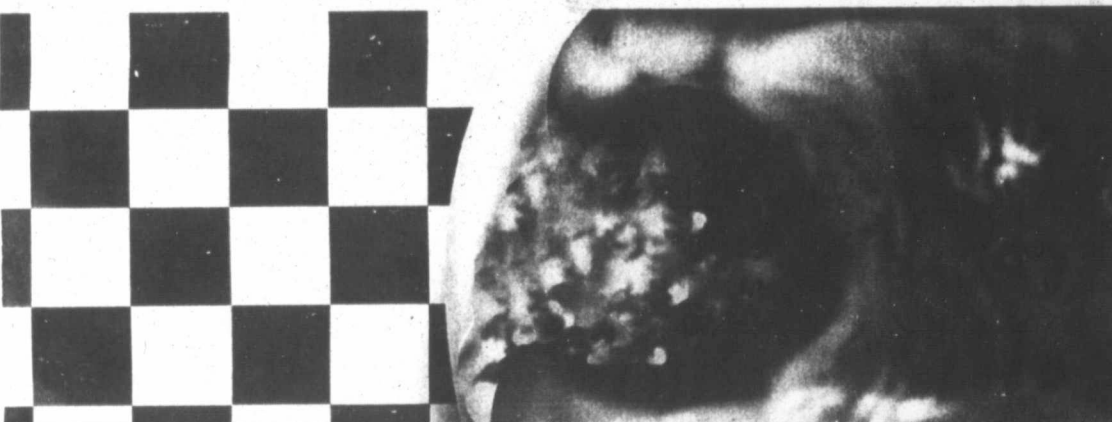
Tour of Pioneer Cottage



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Louisa Britten, Gene Barber, Willie Mae Mangold and Thelma Bray, all members of Gray County Historical Commission, and Shane Stokes, events coordinator with the City of Pampa, look over an antique cook stove at Pioneer Cottage recently. The tour marks the first conducted by Stokes since the cottage moved from Starkweather to Atchison Park. A Centennial project, the restoration was funded by David and Nona Payne Foundation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City of Pampa. After a paint job, furnishings and a new sidewalk, the 100-year-old building will be opened to the public. Originally owned by Pampa pioneers Wiley and Katie Vincent, the last owners, Cliff and Edna Carr Vincent, donated the cottage as a museum in 1963. A Texas Historical marker was added in 1970. Volunteers are sought to help plant perennials or bulbs in flower beds alongside the cottage. For more information, call 665-2913.

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Police takes M. Jackson into custody

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Setting the stage for what could be one of the most sensational celebrity court cases ever, pop superstar Michael Jackson, his wrists bound in handcuffs, surrendered to authorities to face allegations of child molestation.

Jackson was booked, fingerprinted and photographed Thursday, and was ordered to appear in court Jan. 9 for arraignment. Authorities said they expected to file charges after the Thanksgiving holiday.

After being released on \$3 million bail, the self-styled King of Pop returned by private jet to Las Vegas, where he had been filming a music video Tuesday — the day authorities swarmed his Neverland Ranch in Santa Barbara County.

"He is greatly outraged by the bringing of these charges," said his attorney, Mark Geragos. "He considers this to be a big lie," Geragos said.

Wearing a black suit, white shirt and white tie, Jackson waved to reporters and flashed a V-sign before leaving the jail in a vehicle that returned him to the airport.

"Lies run sprints, but the truth runs marathons. The truth will win this marathon in court," the entertainer said in a statement issued by spokesman Stuart Backerman.

Jackson dominated popular music in the 1980s with his catchy dance music, but his career has been in decline. His reputation was damaged in part by a similar allegation 10 years ago that never resulted in charges because the alleged victim declined to cooperate with police.

Jackson, who reportedly paid a multimillion-dollar settlement in that case, has maintained his innocence.

The district attorney has said the youngster in the latest case is cooperating with investigators and has no plans to sue. He also said prosecutors could be helped by a law, passed since the earlier Jackson investigation, that was designed to keep civil suits from interfering with criminal cases.

Authorities would say little about the most recent allegations beyond referring to the arrest warrant, which alleges violations of a law prohibiting lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14. Such a crime is punishable by three to eight years in prison.

"District Attorney Tom Sneddon has announced that no charges will be filed until after Thanksgiving," said Sgt. Chris Pappas, spokesman for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

Media reports have said the alleged victim is a 12- or 13-year-old boy who visited Jackson at his Neverland Ranch, a storybook playland where the singer was known to hold sleepovers for children and share his bed with youngsters.

Pappas characterized Jackson and his representatives as being cooperative during the 30- to 45-minute booking process. His booking photo, released by authorities, showed a wide-eyed and pale Jackson with bright red lips and arched eyebrows staring into the camera.

As Jackson left jail, his assistants tried to shield him from a phalanx of TV cameras by holding up sheets, but he was visible to helicopter cameras. Groups of people on roadsides waved at his passing motorcade and some ran up to the car whenever it stopped.

In a scene reminiscent of O.J. Simpson's infamous slow-speed chase in a white Ford Bronco, television helicopters followed the motorcade's roundabout, two-hour, 30-mile route to the Green Valley Ranch hotel-casino in Henderson, where Jackson has been staying.

Same-sex marriage critics predict uprise of 'silent majority'

BOSTON (AP) — The phone began ringing and e-mail inboxes clogged at the Massachusetts Family Institute almost as soon as the state's highest court ruled to endorse gay marriage. To executive director Ron Crews, these were the stirrings of a public finally shocked awake.

Calls from around the country pledged assistance, the institute was offered free legal help and Crews began considering whether he needed to hire more staffers for his small operation, which opposes gay marriage.

"It's time that the sleeping majority woke up to what's going on," Crews said.

Around the country, gay-marriage opponents said the legal setback has energized a movement that lacked a galvanizing moment until the state Supreme Judicial Court ruled that denying same-sex couples the right to wed violated the state constitution.

From e-mail campaigns to rallies at the Statehouse and preachings from the pulpit, forces opposed to gay marriage are targeting Massachusetts as the battleground over gay rights and the sanctity of marriage.

Just as New York City's Stonewall Riots of 1969 stirred the equal-rights movement for gays, critics of the court's ruling hope it awakens the movement to block same-sex marriage.

The Rev. Louis Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition in Washington predicted the ruling is such a radical example of judicial overreach that new laws prohibiting gay marriage will be passed in response.

"It's only for a few moments that (gay marriage proponents) will have the victory," he said.

The court gave the Legislature six months to change state laws to conform to its ruling. Any efforts to change the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage couldn't take place until at least 2006 — meaning that gay couples would have a two-year window to wed before those rights could be stripped.

Gay-rights advocates are hoping that they can show during that time that same-sex marriages aren't a threat to anyone.

Sarah Wunsch, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in Massachusetts, said any anger about the decision will abate when people realize granting gays marriage rights is a simple matter of equality and justice.

"Those who would use the issue to foment a rebellion against the court decision are making a mistake," she said. "This is a call to the best ideals and values of our society and people respond to that."

Trade officials come to terms on watered down trade bloc

MIAMI (AP) — Pushing for a victory after failed world trade talks in Mexico, officials from across the Americas agreed to move forward on a watered-down outline for the world's largest free trade bloc.

Trade ministers from 34 countries in the Americas, excluding only Cuba, were originally scheduled to finish their negotiations on the Free Trade Area of the Americas on Friday. But after days of debate, they said Thursday they had achieved all they could in Miami.

The agreement, which the nations hope to formalize by January 2005, will likely change what food consumers buy in supermarkets as well as help dictate the future jobs of the hemisphere's workers. The declaration will be turned over to negotiators to solidify the details.

Ministers hailed their final declaration as a victory, with both the United States and Brazil — which have been locked in a trade feud — saying it showed there had been progress in bringing countries together since World Trade

Organization talks collapsed two months ago in Cancun, Mexico.

The cheery outlook was a sharp contrast from even a few weeks ago, when ministers had publicly battled over how to reduce agricultural subsidies and protect patents.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said ministers had "learned some lessons" since Cancun, and had moved the "FTAA into a new phase, from general concepts and people talking past each other to positive realities."

During the September WTO talks, Brazil led a group of more than 20 nations who insisted that the United States and Europe eliminate agriculture subsidies. Since the talks fell apart, the WTO's 146 members have made little progress in breaking the deadlock.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said Thursday's declaration was a good sign that there may be future movement within the WTO, and he agreed that countries were no longer "dancing to the beat of their own drummer, trying to explain his or her position."

Legislation to give wearers of contact lenses right to their prescriptions

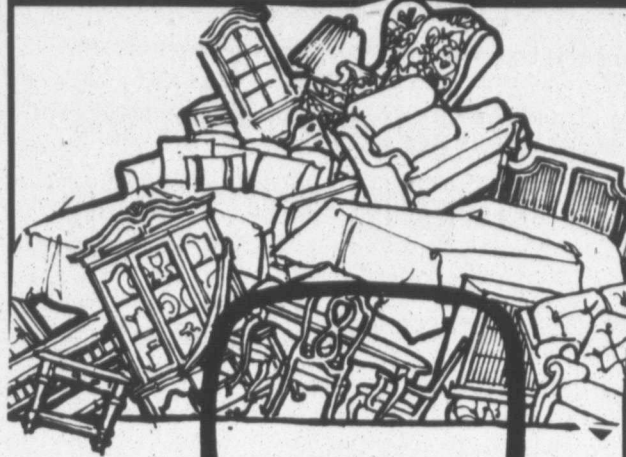
WASHINGTON (AP) — People who wear contact lenses will be able to shop for the best price under legislation the Senate approved Thursday that gives them a right to their prescriptions.

Since 1978, eyeglass wearers have had the right to get their prescriptions from eye care providers, but in many states that right has not been extended to people with contact lenses.

Under the legislation, eye doctors would be required to provide people who wear contact lenses with their prescriptions. They also are banned from charging a fee for providing a copy of the prescription to a patient.

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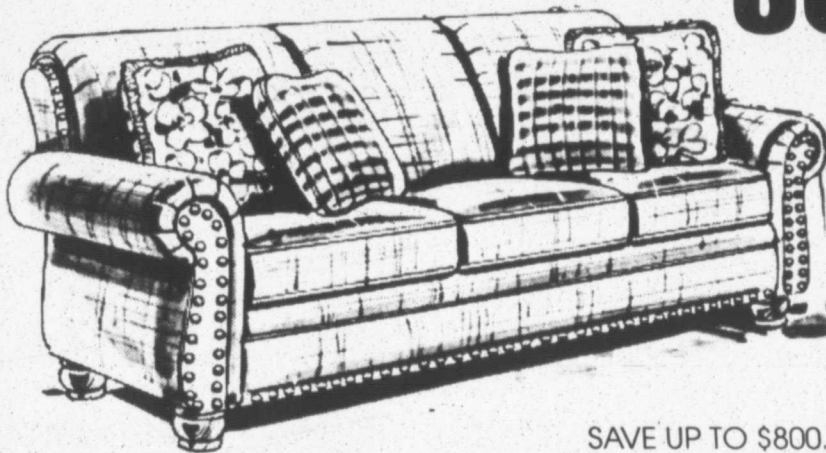
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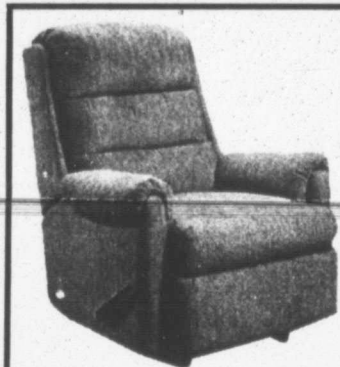
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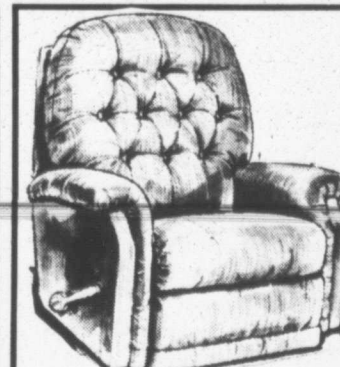


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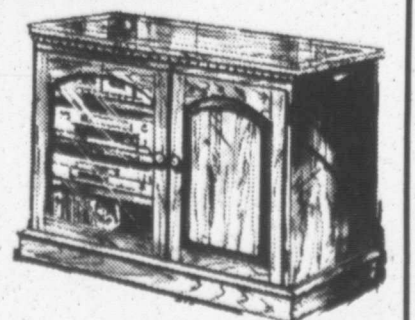


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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teen Finds Surprising History While Rummaging in the Attic

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and recently went snooping through some old boxes in the attic. In one of them, I found a wedding picture with my mother as a bride. I was shocked to see that the groom was not my father. He was a man who is a friend of the family! The date on the photograph is 1980. I had no clue that my mother was ever married before. Do you think my father knows? I don't know what to do with this news. IN SHOCK IN OREGON

DEAR IN SHOCK: Here's what to do with the "news." Show the wedding picture to your mother and say, "That must have been some costume party!"

Seriously, I'm sure her first marriage isn't meant to be a deep, dark family secret. I'm also sure your father is aware of it, because a prior marriage is something that someone has to reveal before remarrying; the question is asked at the registrar's office when a couple applies for a marriage license.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old married woman. "Jerry" and I have been married just a year, but we've been together for almost four. We have one child who is 3 and another on the way.

Jerry joined the Navy soon after our wedding. He met "Hank" in boot camp, and they became good friends and hung out together until Jerry was deployed to Japan. Hank remained here and comes over from time to time to play with our son.

For the most part, I am content in my marriage, but lately I've had strong feelings for Hank. Hank has told me he has feelings for me, too. Now I'm mixed up about everything. I don't know if I could ever leave my marriage, but more and more I can picture myself with Hank.

Please don't get me wrong, Abby. I've never been one to do wild and crazy things, but right now I feel like I have no control over this. Jerry doesn't suspect anything and I don't know if I need to tell him — after all, Hank and I haven't "slipped." But my

feelings are too strong to ignore. Please help.

CONFUSED NAVY WIFE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED NAVY WIFE: Your husband is away. You are lonely. You are pregnant with your second child, and you are feeling vulnerable. However, you have more control than you think. You can stop seeing Hank — so you will no longer be tempted to "slip." If you feel you need emotional support, speak to a chaplain on the naval base. You're a military wife now, and it's important that you stay strong for your husband. E-mail him. Write to him. Keep yourself occupied. Fill your time so you won't have time to dwell on Hank.

DEAR ABBY: I am having a terrible time with my husband, "Josh." We have been married almost 10 years, but the last six have been miserable.

Josh refuses to work on a regular basis. He's a compulsive liar who looks me right in the eye and lies with conviction. I know my marriage is over, but I am afraid of how a divorce will affect our two kids. It has gotten so bad the kids ask me why I am always unhappy. I am heartbroken, Abby. I know I need to make the break and move on — but how?

HEARTBROKEN WIFE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Tell your husband you will no longer tolerate the lying, and offer him the chance to take his problem to a therapist. If he refuses, give serious thought to how living with a compulsive liar will affect your children, and then consult an attorney. You did not create this problem, so stop feeling guilty about protecting yourself and the children.

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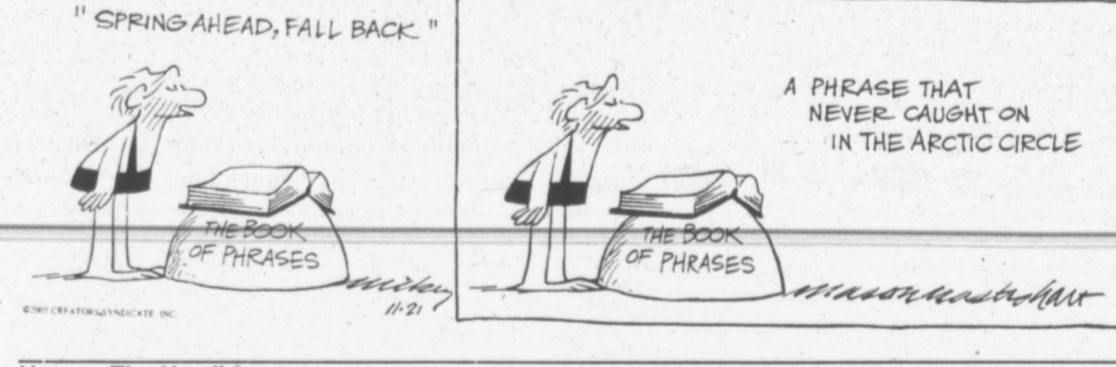
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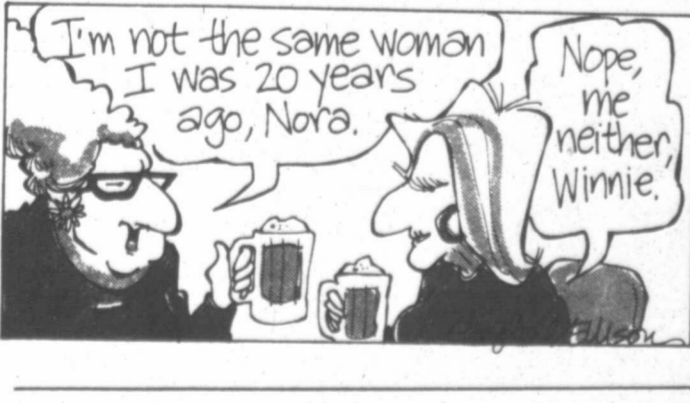
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Cowboys not taking advantage of No. 1 defense

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't taking full advantage of having the NFL's top-ranked defense.

They've been shut out twice their last four games. They've gone six quarters without scoring a touchdown, the last coming in a 10-6 win.

"We've got to understand we're trying to do different things. We're searching for answers," quarterback Quincy Carter said Wednesday. "The bottom line is we're 7-3 and still in first place."

Not for much longer if they don't start moving the ball and scoring points again.

After averaging 25 points in each of the first six games, they Cowboys have scored just 31 points — total — the last

four. They gained less than 300 yards three times the last month, and in a 400-yard performance against Washington had to overcome four first-half turnovers to win.

Things don't get much easier for the Cowboys on Sunday when they play Carolina (8-2), which has the NFC's best record and what Dallas coach Bill Parcells says is the best defensive front four in football — better, the coach says, than Tampa Bay and New England. Those are the two teams that kept the Cowboys from scoring.

So what's Parcells got in mind for changing his team's offensive fortunes?

"You can't wholesale change a lot of things," Parcells said. "You don't have

an inordinate number of options, so we just got to hope we can do better than we've been doing."

In Sunday night's 12-0 loss at New England, Parcells said his offense had 11 mental errors and four dropped balls. Along with five penalties, three turnovers and a sack.

Those kinds of problems are keeping the Cowboys from sustaining offensive drives, which is a big part of their plan. All of the losses came in the only games in which they didn't have at least a four-minute advantage in time of possession.

And maybe other teams are starting to figure out the Cowboys.

"Teams are scheming us well," Carter said. "We're not

helping ourselves either. We've got to play better. That's obvious."

Parcells said Carter, the third-year quarterback who won the job during training camp, isn't the problem. He disagrees with the notion that Carter is digressing, even though he threw three interceptions last week while going over 200 yards passing for the first time in six games.

"I think Quincy will be fine if we can just get every everything, most everything else kind of in order for him," Parcells said. "Penalties, things like that. If we can do some of that better, I think we'll be OK."

The Cowboys also have to be more productive running the ball and receivers have to

do a better job of catching it.

Troy Hambrick has two 100-yard games, but was held to 60 yards or less in seven other games and is averaging just 3.4 yards per carry. The top three receivers — Joey Galloway, Terry Glenn and Antonio Bryant — have just 10 catches the last two games.

Still, the Cowboys share first place in the NFC East with Philadelphia, which has won five straight games since losing at Dallas.

"Right now, I've got a team that has a chance to compete," Parcells said. "We've got tough games coming up and I'm not going to dwell on negative things in front of my team. It's no time to be doing that. It's time to be looking forward."

U.S. pulls even, but better-ball gets best of Tiger

GEORGE, South Africa (AP) — The better-ball format got the best of Tiger Woods again, although the rest of the Americans fared just fine.

The United States captured three of five matches Friday morning on the Links Course at Fancourt, drawing even with the International team at 5 1/2-5 1/2 in the Presidents Cup going into the afternoon session of alternate shot.

The Americans wasted no time building on the momentum, leading by at least 3-up in four of the five matches. The only U.S. team struggling involved Phil Mickelson, who has not won a match in South Africa.

Woods has lost nine of his last 10 better-ball matches in the Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup, and this was his worst defeat in any match.

U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus said he noticed some flaws in Woods' swing, which he said were smoothed out by the end of the match. Woods is 2-9 in better-ball matches since he first started playing in these competitions at the 1997 Ryder Cup at Valderrama.

Nicklaus was aware of his record, not that it mattered.

"Tiger would be the logical one to be sitting this morning because his fourball record has not been particularly good," Nicklaus said. "But if I sat Tiger, not only would he shoot me, but everyone in South

Africa would shoot me, too." Woods and Charles Howell III never had a chance against the South African duo of Ernie Els and Tim Clark.

Clark stole the show from Els by making four birdies on the front nine — and missing two birdie putts inside 8 feet — as they went on to a 5-and-3 victory.

Only one better-ball match made it to the 18th hole, and Chris DiMarco made sure the Americans finished the job this time.

The International team rallied over the final three holes in the final three matches Thursday afternoon to grab the lead in the alternate-shot matches.

It appeared another rally might be in the works Friday morning when DiMarco and Justin Leonard allowed Vijay Singh and Nick Price to cut a 3-down deficit to 1-down going to the 18th.

DiMarco, one of four Americans to have never played in cup competition, reached the uphill par 5 in two, then gently lagged his eagle putt within 6 inches for a conceded birdie. They won, 2-up, when Singh failed to chip in for eagle from off the green.

The rest of the matches were never close.

The biggest win belonged to Jay Haas and Jim Furyk, who won 6 and 5 over Stuart Appleby and Adam Scott.

Regional qualifiers



The Lefors Lady Pirates qualified for the Class 1A regional cross country meet this season in Lubbock. Team members and their regional times are (l-r) Kayla Andis, 15:09; Savannah Smith, 14:51; Jonelle Tinney, 13:50; Katie Barnes, 16:35; Alicia Whitehead, 16:13; Lindsay Duckworth, 17:29 and Amanda Connell. Smith and Tinney had their best times of the year at regionals.

PHS Freshman Girls open Lefors tournament with win

Pampa High School Girls 9th Grade basketball team won their first round in the Lefors Tournament last night with a 52-35 win over Groom. Tonight they face the Lefors Lady Pirates at 7:30 p.m.

Shandale Young led the scoring for Thursday's game with 16 points and Maggie Hopkins popped the net for 10 points.

"We did a real good job running offense," said Coach Troy Owens. "The team struggled underneath, but never quit hustling."

Candice Dildy, Kali Jemenez, and Halei Skinner held the fort for the freshman team with a strong defensive effort.

Scorers for the Freshman Lady

Harvesters, in addition to Young and Hopkins, were Kelsie Wyatt - 9, Michelle Adams - 6, Candice Dildy - 4, Halei Skinner - 3, Holly Owens and Stephanie McVay with 2 each, and Kali Jemenez and Angela Mechel with 1 point each.

Groom's top scorers were Jen Jenkins with 17 and Brittney Martin with 10.

	Pampa	Groom
1st quarter	21	5
2nd quarter	11	6
3rd quarter	8	15
4th quarter	12	9
Final:	Pampa 52, Groom 35	

Carolina, Dallas: Two NFL surprises

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP FOOTBALL WRITER

Did anyone think the Carolina Panthers would have the NFC's best record after 10 games?

Or that Jake Delhomme would be pulling off last-minute comebacks ala John Elway?

Did anyone think the Dallas Cowboys would be tied for the NFC East lead?

That's the current NFL, where any team can turn things around in any given season — even the Cincinnati Bengals.

So maybe it's not surprising that the Panthers-Cowboys game Sunday at Texas Stadium involves two division leaders.

Don't look for a lot of points in a game in which Dallas is favored by three.

The Cowboys (7-3) have been shut out twice in their last four games, but their defense is keeping them alive.

Pro Picks

As for the Panthers (8-2), seven of their wins were decided late and three went to overtime.

"We're the Cardiac Cats," defensive tackle Kris Jenkins says. "I'm starting to get tired of it. I think I'm starting to get heart problems."

Hang in there, Kris. It's liable to happen again.

COWBOYS, 15-13

San Francisco (off) at Green Bay
The 49ers are 0-4 on the road, the Packers just 2-3 at Lambeau.
PACKERS, 30-24

New Orleans (plus 5 1/2) at Philadelphia
The Eagles hung in early. Now they're healthier, especially Donovan McNabb.
EAGLES, 27-17

New England (minus 5) at Houston
How much emotion did the Dallas game drain from the Patriots?
Some, but New England doesn't lose to teams it should beat.
PATRIOTS, 23-17

Oakland (plus 11) at Kansas City
The loss in Cincinnati took the pressure off the Chiefs.
CHIEFS, 32-13

New York Giants (plus 5) at Tampa Bay (Monday night)

Keyshawn's absence makes the Bucs' hearts grow fonder.
BUCS, 30-21

Cincinnati (minus 3) at San Diego
Trap game for the Bengals, who are usually on the other end.
BENGALS, 31-20

Washington (plus 6) at Miami
Spurrier calls the plays again — perhaps for Tim Hasselbeck.
DOLPHINS, 20-3

Detroit (plus 10 1/2) at Minnesota
The Lions have lost 21 straight road games. The Vikings have a four-game losing streak — two at home and two away.
VIKINGS, 21-4

Seattle (plus 2 1/2) at Baltimore
The Seahawks are 1-3 on the road. But they have a quarterback, and the Ravens don't.
SEAHAWKS, 17-12

Pittsburgh (plus 3) at Cleveland
The Steelers keep talking about an "easy" schedule. Nothing's easy if you play the way they do.
BROWNS, 21-20

Buffalo (off) at Indianapolis
The Bills have three safeties in their last three games. But no touchdowns.
COLTS, 37-2

Tennessee (minus 7) at Atlanta
Tennessee scores 30 for the seventh time in eight games.
TITANS, 37-13

Chicago (plus 10 1/2) at Denver
Plummer's back, so all is right with the Broncos.
BRONCOS, 31-13

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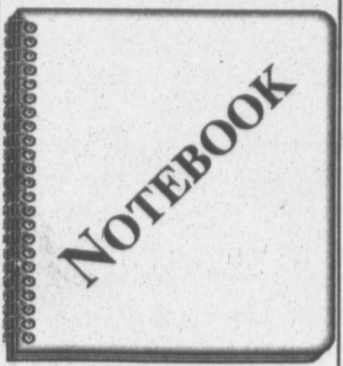
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Sign-ups for the Junior Volleyball League will be held Dec. 1-5 at the Pampa Middle School girls' gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The league is for girls in the fifth and sixth grades.

Cost is \$35 for a t-shirt, volleyball basics, games and awards. Cash only please. No personal checks.

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

Interested girls are urged to go by the gym as soon as possible to pay the sign-up fee and fill out the registration form.

Call Deanna Polasek at 669-4900, ext. 37 (daytime number) for questions.

OLYMPICS

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee has assured IOC president Jacques Rogge that the United States will pay its dues to the World Anti-Doping Agency.

USOC president Bill Martin sent a letter to Rogge saying the annual payment to WADA will likely be made in the next 60 to 90 days, following passage of a Treasury/Transportation bill currently making its way through Congress.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Fired Orlando Magic coach Doc Rivers joined ABC Sports as an analyst on its top NBA announcing team.

Rivers will work with Al Michaels on a select number of regular-season and playoff games, as well as the NBA Finals. He will also work games with play-by-play announcer Brad Nessler.

Rivers was fired this week after the Magic fell to an NBA worst 1-10. He was replaced by assistant Johnny Davis.

HOUSTON (AP) — Suspended Rockets forward Eddie Griffin was charged for fighting with a woman who says he beat her and fired a gun in her direction.

Griffin faces one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of assault with bodily injury. Houston police spokesman John Cannon said.

Joann Romero accused Griffin of hitting her three times in the face and shooting at her as she drove away from his home in a gated community in southwest Houston on Oct. 25.

The Rockets suspended Griffin on Oct. 16 for missing a series of practices and skipping a team flight.

FOOTBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — NFL players who used the steroid THG before the league began testing for it will avoid possible suspensions until next season.

However, players who now test positive for the previously undetectable drug will face immediate discipline, including four-game suspensions, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a memo to NFL clubs.

No players have tested positive for THG since random testing began Oct. 6, the league and union said.

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Fewer Texas families have the outdoor tradition

By LEE LESCHPER
AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

How will today's children learn about the outdoors?

For decades wildlife and conservation organizations have struggled with the simple challenge — how do we get the kids back outdoors?

A landmark study, "The Future of Hunting in Texas," by Clark E. Adams and Linda A. Causey of Texas A&M University's Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, zeroed in on factors that keep young people from taking up hunting:

- 1) New hunters always come from a hunting family;
- 2) Kids keep hunting because of support from friends and family;
- 3) Most women learn to hunt in their 20s, usually from their fathers or husbands; and
- 4) Boys learn to hunt from their fathers, uncles or male mentors, usually by age 14.

Sadly, fewer and fewer Texas families have the outdoor tradition.

There's no shortage of well-intentioned programs that try to hook kids on fishing and hunting. But those who work daily on youth outdoor programs agree that one-shot programs are not making a difference.

The shorter the program and the farther from the family, the less likely its participants will develop outdoor habits.

"It's impossible to set one standard to measure how successful a program is with kids," said Tamara Trail, education director for the Texas Wildlife Association. "There are different levels of success."

"I don't think there is anything better than the 4-H model, partly because it's a recipe for success. It's a long-term, community-based, mentoring program. That's what makes it successful."

"We have got to find the lowest common denominator that connects each person to the land. They will not change their behavior until we give them an experience that they become passionate about."

With state budget cutbacks in the future, volunteers will have to pick the slack, she said.

One of the largest "take 'em hunting programs," the Texas Youth Hunting Program, is a partnership between the Texas Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife and takes hundreds of youngsters on their first hunt each fall.

Kids must have a parent accom-

pany them for the entire weekend.

"It's not just drop the kid off for the weekend," Panhandle huntmaster Lynn McClure said.

In partnership with Safari Club International, the legendary Y.O. Ranch holds a number of Apprentice Hunter Camps each summer, giving teenagers an intense weeklong introduction to big game hunting.

camp, including a hugely popular Buckskin Brigade.

The Brigades cram a semester-load of wildlife biology and leadership development in five intense days. More than 600 Texas teenagers have attended the camps, with a charge to go forth and hold their own educational program in their communities.

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The camp, now in its second decade, has introduced almost 2,000 young people 12 to 17 to big game hunting, camping, conservation, wildlife identification and shooting.

Dr. Dale Rollins, an extension wildlife specialist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, launched the Bobwhite Brigade concept in Texas a decade ago. Today it is the model for youth programs nationwide and has expanded to five

Rollins says the total immersion experience is more effective in teaching lessons that kids retain.

Helen Holdsworth, executive director of the Texas Brigades, agrees.

"Our real intent is to make them aware of the issues, and to have them be active in their local community. When they get to voting age, they'll be ones that make policy and vote legislators in or out of

office."

In Texas high schools, Wildlife and Recreation Management 381 is the second most popular Ag course, with 12,000 to 14,000 students taking the course each year.

Childress teacher Russell Graves, an accomplished outdoor photographer and author, has been teaching the course for seven years. His students have won three national championships in Ag Science, with world-class wildlife projects.

Graves agrees that education is more important than creating new hunters.

"I expose them to both sides of the hunting issue — why people are opposed, and what they say, why other people favor hunting and what they say."

"Now, whether they hunt or not, they understand why hunting is a viable tool for wildlife management. If they can take that message away, that's not such a bad deal."

"Ultimately my goal is for them to get out of the course is an appreciation for all of the tools for wildlife management and conservation, with hunting and fishing being one of them to manage populations."

"If they have that concept, I've done a good job."

Lefors hosting B'ball tourney

Pirates and Lady Pirates win their opening games

LEFORS - Lefors Soto - 2, Brent High School boys and Roberson - 2, Trent girls basketball teams Roberson - 8, Tanner emerged as winners in Ray - 6.

The Pirates beat Holy Sophomore Rachael Stubbs led the Lady Pirates in scoring with 17 points. Also scoring in the game were

Cross by 30 points, 57 in the game were Savannah Smith - 12, downed San Jacinto 61-38. Katie Barnes - 12, Kayla Andis - 10,

Rickey Vaughn and Jonelle Tinney - 4, Jerad Andis tied as top scorers for the Pirates and Amanda Hicks - 2, with 13 points each.

Others scorers meet Pampa High include Andrew School Freshmen Girls Jennings - 3, Brandon at 7:30 p.m., tonight, in Parsley - 7, Hawk the second round of Tucker - 3, Andrew play



(Courtesy photo)

Lefors High School Senior Savannah Smith

K-State going for Big 12 North, shot at Oklahoma

DALLAS (AP) — Kansas State is trying to complete an impressive turnaround: from a 0-2 start to a Big 12 North Division title.

The 19th-ranked Wildcats (9-3, 5-2 Big 12) have won five straight games and can clinch the Big 12 North — and a shot against No. 1 Oklahoma in the league's championship game — with a win Saturday over upset Missouri (7-3, 3-3).

After a three-game losing

streak, that included a rare home loss to a non-conference team and their first two conference games, the Wildcats appeared in trouble in the North. But everybody else started losing, and they haven't lost again.

"I think collectively as much as anything, we had a realization that some of the things we should have attended to earlier didn't get attended to and perhaps it just enhanced the neces-

sity to do that," said K-State coach Bill Snyder. "It was just a matter of looking up and realizing that we had dug a big hole for ourselves."

Missouri isn't out of contention yet. If the Tigers win Saturday, and again the next weekend against Iowa State, they would win the North — even if Nebraska forced a three-way tie for first. Missouri beat the Cornhuskers earlier this season.

In other games Saturday, South champ Oklahoma (11-0, 7-0) plays its regular season finale at Texas Tech (7-4, 4-3). No. 24 Oklahoma State (8-3, 4-3) is at Baylor (3-8, 1-6), and Kansas (5-6, 2-5) is home against Iowa State (2-8, 0-6).

No. 7 Texas (9-2, 6-1) and Texas A&M (4-7, 2-5), which will finish coach Dennis Franchione's first season with its first losing record in 20 years, have the weekend off.

Rose Bowl is consolation prize for Ohio State and USC

By JOSH DUBOW
AP FOOTBALL WRITER

In the days before the BCS, when tackles and touchdowns meant more than computers and calculators, it would have been clear what Ohio State and Southern California are playing for this weekend.

The Rose Bowl.

What was once the ultimate goal for teams from the Big Ten and Pac-10 is now a consolation prize — much to the dismay of some of the people involved.

"I really love the traditional matchups of the bowl games, and I would love to see us playing the Big Ten every year," USC coach Pete

Carroll said. "I know I'm old-fashioned, but I love that matchup."

The Trojans can clinch the Pac-10 title with a win Saturday over rival UCLA, plus a Washington State loss to Washington. If the Cougars win, USC can still win the conference by beating the Bruins and then Oregon State on Dec. 6.

For Ohio State, the path is much clearer. Win at Michigan and the Buckeyes are the outright champs in the Big Ten for the first time since 1984. Lose and the title goes to the Wolverines.

What's not clear is what bowls the Buckeyes and Trojans will play in if they win out.

College Picks

A chance at the national championship in the Sugar Bowl likely awaits one of those two teams if they finish with one loss. The other would spend New Year's in Pasadena.

Ohio State was second in this week's BCS standings, 0.19 points ahead of USC. But because USC has more room to improve in the computers and the strength of schedule, the Buckeyes could slip even with their biggest win of the season.

"I'm sure that if either one of us would win the game and go to the Rose Bowl, no one would be disappointed from that stand-

point, because there's a formula and everyone agreed upon the formula, and you follow the formula," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "I'm a bit of a traditionalist, but I'm trying to figure out ways to figure out who's the best, and right now, that's the way. What's most important is what we do on Saturday."

The picks:

- No. 1 Oklahoma (minus 19) at Texas Tech
- Sooners wrap up regular season vs. high-flying Red Raiders ... OKLAHOMA 45-20.
- UCLA (plus 22) at No. 2 Southern California
- Trojans look for fifth straight win in rivalry ... USC 41-10.
- No. 3 LSU (minus 6 1/2) at No. 15 Mississippi
- Rebels can clinch first SEC West title ever ... LSU 27-17.
- No. 4 Ohio State (plus 7) at No. 5 Michigan
- Buckeyes haven't won three straight

- vs. Wolverines in 40 years ... MICHIGAN 24-20.
- Kentucky (plus 18 1/2) at No. 6 Georgia
- Bulldogs can clinch tie for first in SEC East with win ... GEORGIA 34-10.
- No. 8 Washington State (no line) at Washington
- Huskies have won five straight Apple Cups ... WASHINGTON STATE 27-10.
- Vanderbilt (plus 21) at No. 9 Tennessee
- Vols need to win to keep BCS bowl hopes alive ... TENNESSEE 37-10.
- No. 10 TCU (plus 2 1/2) at Southern Mississippi (Thursday)

- Conference USA title and more is on the line ... SOUTHERN MISS 21-17.
- Boston College (plus 14 1/2) at No. 12 Virginia Tech
- Teams meet for final time in Big East ... VIRGINIA TECH 31-20.
- Rutgers (plus 26 1/2) at No. 13 Miami
- Hurricanes still have chance at Big East title ... MIAMI 37-17.
- No. 16 Purdue (minus 24 1/2) at Indiana
- Boilermakers look to keep Old Oaken Bucket ... PURDUE 37-10.
- No. 17 Iowa (plus 1 1/2) at Wisconsin
- Hawkeyes, Badgers playing for bowl positioning ... IOWA 24-21.
- No. 18 Miami (Ohio) (minus 24) at Ohio

- RedHawks looking for 10th straight win ... MIAMI 37-17.
- Missouri (plus 14 1/2) at No. 19 Kansas State
- Wildcats can clinch date in Big 12 title game vs. Oklahoma with win ... KANSAS STATE 34-17.
- No. 20 Boise State (minus 8 1/2) at Fresno State, (Friday)
- Broncos can clinch tie for first in WAC with win ... BOISE STATE 37-24.
- No. 21 Pittsburgh (minus 15) at Temple
- Owls still searching for first Big East win ... PITT 37-14.
- No. 22 Bowling Green (minus 14 1/2) at Ball State
- Falcons need to win to keep MAC title hopes alive ... BOWLING GREEN 38-13.
- No. 24 Oklahoma State (minus 27) at Baylor
- Cowboys can tie school record with nine regular season wins ... OKLAHOMA STATE 45-10.
- No. 25 West Virginia (minus 2) at Syracuse
- Mountaineers can stay tied for first in Big East with win ... WEST VIRGINIA 27-20.

Last week: 19-2 (straight); 9-9-1 (vs. points)
Season: 178-43 (straight); 105-102-2 (vs. points)

TCU falls short

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — TCU needed to be perfect to have a shot at making BCS history.

Against Southern Mississippi, the 10th-ranked Horned Frogs weren't.

Any debate about whether TCU belonged in a major bowl ended Thursday night when its frantic, fourth-quarter failed in a 40-28 loss to Southern Miss.

TCU (10-1, 7-1 Conference USA) was eighth in the Bowl Championship Series standings this week and trying to become the first school from a non-BCS league to receive an invite to one of the four big-money bowls.

"A lot of people never have the chance to do it, but in 2003 we had a chance to do it," coach Gary Patterson said. "Someday we'll knock that door down."

Now, the best the Horned Frogs can hope for is a piece of the conference title and a spot in one of five bowls with league ties.

That's a difference of about \$13 million.

"We tried to live a dream but we came up just a little bit short," Patterson said.

Dustin Almond threw for 227 yards and three touchdowns, and the Golden Eagles (8-3, 7-0) capitalized on four turnovers to hand TCU its first loss of the season.

Top-ranked Oklahoma is the only undefeated team left in Division I-A.

TCU trailed by 31-6 early in the fourth quarter before scoring three touchdowns in a span of 4:30 with the aid of two straight recovered onside kicks.

Brandon Hassell led the

comeback attempt with his passing and running. He swept around right end for a 1-yard TD with 6:55 left, then threw for the 2-point conversion to cut the lead to 31-28.

Hassell finished 18-for-31 for 260 yards with two interceptions.

Southern Mississippi clinched at least a share of the league title and can win outright with a victory over East Carolina.

Almond blunted TCU's comeback attempt with a 45-yard completion to Kenneth Johnson that set up Darren McCaleb's 32-yard field. That made it 34-28.

The Golden Eagles put the game away by forcing TCU's final turnover on the next possession.

Greg Brooks got free on a corner blitz and knocked the ball from Hassell. Rod Davis recovered at the TCU 11 with less than three minutes left. Moments later, Anthony Harris bulled into the end zone from 2 yards out with 1:30 left.

"Like our guys have done so many times before, when the game was on the line we found a way to make some plays when we had to," Golden Eagles coach Jeff Bower, who has led Southern Miss to three previous C-USA titles.

Southern Miss has won five straight games and can earn a bid to the Liberty Bowl by winning at East Carolina on Nov. 29. The Pirates have won just once.

The win was the Golden Eagles' first ever against a ranked opponent at home, and the fans celebrated by taking down a goal post.

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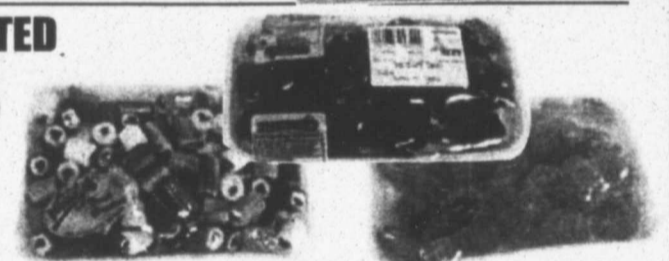
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