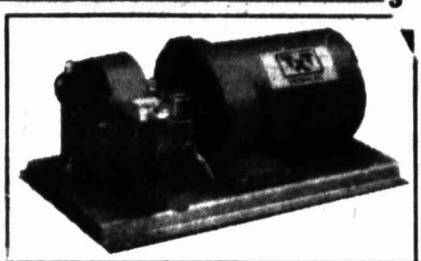


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Red Cross CPR class scheduled Dec. 15

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Class fee is \$20. To register, call 669-7121 or toll-free at 1-800-297-2270.

DEATHS

Pat Collett Conway, 90, bookkeeper.

Myrtle Mozell Smith-Eaton, 89, homemaker.

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Bush serves Thanksgiving Day surprise

President ready to pull plug if word leaked out of plans

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP) — Three hours from landing on a high-risk visit to Baghdad, President Bush was most anxious about keeping it a secret.

"I was fully prepared to turn this baby around, come home," Bush said later aboard Air Force One. To everyone's amazement the secrecy held.

The world did not learn that Bush had spent 2 1/2 hours Thursday on a Thanksgiving Day visit to troops in Baghdad until his jumbo jet was again in the air, flying back to the United States, where he arrived early Friday, making it back to his ranch in Texas shortly before daybreak.

As the president was cheering up soldiers in a mess hall in Baghdad, newscasters back home were reporting that he was enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with his family at his ranch in Crawford, Texas. That was what reporters had been told by White House officials.

Bush said he thought Americans would be understanding about the deception

because it was important for soldiers at risk to know that the commander in chief and the country supported them and appreciated their sacrifices.

He told reporters that Americans understand that if the trip had been announced "it would have put me in harm's way. It would have put others in harm's way, including yourselves."

The bold nature of the trip, with television networks broadcasting the news on a day when most Americans were at home with families watching football or parades, could give Bush a PR boost at a time of steadily increasing casualties among U.S. troops and polling that shows post-war Iraq becoming more of a liability for the president.

Behind the trip were weeks of top-secret planning, doubts and last minute questions. It began in mid-October when chief of staff Andy Card asked Bush whether he would be interested in going to Baghdad for the holiday.

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ATF agents blow up explosives in Waka

PERRYTON (AP) — Federal agents have been detonating explosives found at a residence in a small Panhandle town over the weekend.

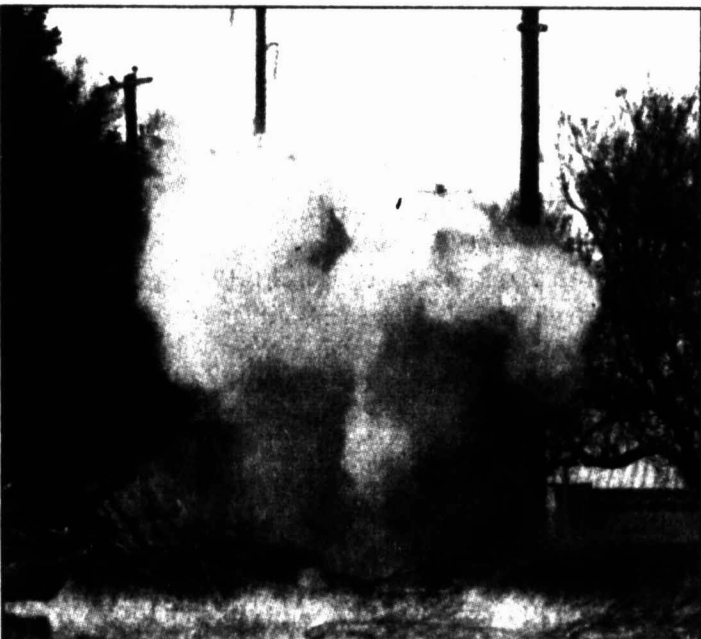
Daniel Archer, 26, is being held in Perryton on \$600,000 bond and is charged with three counts of possessing prohibited weapons.

Ochiltree County Sheriff Joe Hataway said Archer may also face federal charges.

Hataway does not believe Archer had any connection to terrorist groups.

"My guess is that it's just a bad hobby of his," Hataway said.

Authorities found the explosive devices while serving a search warrant at Archer's rural Waka home Saturday. After law enforcement officials entered the residence and saw the explosive devices they left and called an Amarillo Police Department



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A cloud of smoke rises from a pit dug by ATF agents as federal and local officers detonate explosives found in a home in Waka.

bomb technician and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

ATF agents dispatched experts, who safely set off the devices in Ochiltree County on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Waka has a population of about 60 and is 15 miles southwest of Perryton.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Ochiltree County Deputy Rob Herrington, left, and Perryton Fire Chief Paul Dutcher, right, look at photos of explosives on the digital camera of ATF Agent Felix Garcia, center, as bomb squad and hazardous material officers clear the house behind them in Waka.

Chamber seeks entries for '03 holiday parade

"A Classic Christmas" is the theme of this year's annual Christmas parade, which will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

The parade, sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, will begin at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium parking lot on Somerville Street and will head downtown to Cuyler Street.

Parade entries will include nine categories: commercial, classic cars, antique cars, non-commercial, antique farm equipment, motorcycle/tourer, religious, horses and bicycles.

From the auditorium, where parade entries will begin lining up at noon, the parade will travel south on Somerville Street, turn east on Francis Avenue, then south again on Cuyler Street to Atchison Avenue, where the parade will turn east and then disband near the Burlington Northern/Santa

Fe railroad station.

Parade entrants, which will include Santa Claus, are allowed to throw candy.

After the parade, the first of two drawings for \$500 in Pampa Bucks gift certificates will be held at the intersection of Cuyler Street and Kingsmill Avenue at 2 p.m. The second will be held at 5 p.m. at Santa's House in Coronado Center.

The \$500 in Pampa Bucks will be accepted by participating Pampa merchants. To enter the drawing, shoppers will get one drawing ticket for each \$10 they spend at 34 participating Pampa merchants between Nov. 28 and Dec. 6. Participants must be present to win in each of the two drawings.

For more information on the parade or the Pampa Bucks drawings, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 200 N. Ballard, telephone 669-3241.

Holiday mail deadlines announced

Recommended mailing dates for Christmas parcels, letters and cards have been released by the U.S. Post Office.

The recommended deadlines for international and military packages sent parcel post, and international mail sent by global economy, or surface, rates have already passed. Suggested deadline for military mail sent by SAM, or Space Available Mail, method, was Nov. 28.

Parcel Airlift Mail, or PAL, for military addresses was recommended to be mailed by Nov. 26 for APO/FPO AE Zip 093, and by Dec. 4 for other APO/FPO addresses. PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. Packages not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined may be mailed using PAL. A fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

Priority mail and first class mail to APO/FPO AF Zip 093 should be mailed by Dec. 4. Recommended deadline for priority mail and first class mail to all other military addresses is Dec. 11. First class mail would include letters and cards.

The postal service recommends international mail addressed to Africa and Central and South America be sent by Dec. 8 for parcels, letters and cards. Packages going to Europe should be mailed by Dec. 12, and letters and cards to Europe should be mailed by Dec. 15.

The recommended holiday deadline for sending all other international mail is Dec. 15. This includes packages, letters and cards going to Asia and the Pacific Rim, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Middle East.

Pampa Post Office will extend its Saturday window hours until Christmas. On Dec. 6, 13, and 20, window hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The post office will be closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

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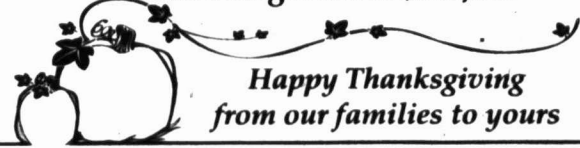
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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CONWAY, Pat Collett — 10 a.m., St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Pampa.
MILLER, Eula — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WALL, Mabelle — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Big Valley Cemetery, Medicine Mound.

JIMMY WAYNE HOWETH 1951-2003

Jimmy Wayne Howeth, 51, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Howeth was born Dec. 1, 1951, at Dumas. A Pampa resident for 32 years, he graduated from Pampa High School in 1971 and earned an associate degree in real estate from Clarendon College in 1981. He was a truck driver for Pampa Concrete Company for 13 years.

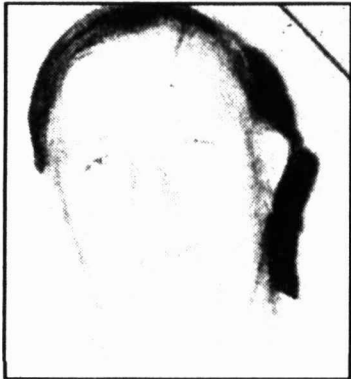
He married Yong Hei Pak on Feb. 13, 1973, in Seoul, South Korea.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in South Korea in peace time, was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and Pampa Booster Club.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne Franklin Howeth.

Survivors include his wife, Yong Hei

Howeth, of the home; three sons, John Wayne Howeth of Canadian and Jerry William Howeth and Jamie Wayne Howeth, both of Pampa; his mother, Bobby



Jean Howeth of Pampa; and a sister, Shirley Jean Howeth of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

EULA MILLER 1914-2003

Eula Miller, 89, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Keller. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Miller was born May 23, 1914, in Pushmataha County, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1945, moving from Clayton, Okla.

She married Troy Miller in 1939, at Antlers, Okla.; he died Nov. 21, 1991.

She was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two daugh-

ters, Betty Langford and Nancy Hart; and a granddaughter, Phaedra Langford.



Survivors include a daughter, Kay Hamilton of Hurst; a son, Kenneth Miller of Pampa; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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W.T. WILBORN 1918-2003

W.T. Wilborn, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wilborn was born June 19, 1918, in Wise County, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. He was an Army Air Corps veteran, serving with the 904th Signal Corps Battalion in England

during World War II.

He married Eileen Marshall on June 19, 1941, in Pampa.

He worked for Cabot Corporation for over 40 years as a research and development engineer, retiring on June 30, 1983.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and elder. He was a past member of Pampa Lions Club and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Wilborn, of the home; a son, William Craig Wilborn and wife Nancy of Austin; two brothers, Edgar D. Wilborn and wife Margaret of

Memphis, Tenn., and Samuel J. Wilborn and wife Helen of West Plains, Mo.; a granddaughter, Elisabeth Wilborn; and three sisters-in-law, Rosetta Martin and husband James R. of Pampa, Birnell Sipple and husband Ed of Electra, and Mildred Fisher of Lawton, Okla. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Wilborn; and a daughter, Beverly Wilborn.

The family requests memorials be to, BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies this afternoon, highs in the mid 50s and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows around 30 and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest

winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 15 to 20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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PAT COLLETT CONWAY 1913-2003

Pat Collett Conway, 90, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, in Austin. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Conway, a longtime resident of Pampa, was born on October 23, 1913, in Muldrow, Oklahoma. After living in several different cities, she moved with her family to Pampa in 1953, where she lived happily until advancing age necessitated a move to Austin in 2002 to live with her daughter.

During her many years in Pampa, she often remarked how much the city was the home that she had always wanted. She was an active member of the parish family of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Most of her working years were with Panhandle Industrial, where she was employed in the finance and bookkeeping department.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frederic B. Collett, who died in 1959, and by her second husband, Abner D. Conway, who died in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, George Collett and wife Joyce of Houston, and Robert Collett and wife Sue of Seattle, Washington; and one

daughter, Patricia Hoskins and husband Charles of Austin. She leaves two Conway sons, Bill and Mike, and Mike's wife, Lavada. A third Conway son, Bob, died earlier this year. Completing this very large and much blessed family are 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a soon-to-arrive 17th great grandchild and a first great-great-grandchild.



In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those wishing to make a memorial gift do so to the charity of their choice, to the American Lung Association, the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, or to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will also be at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Saturday at 9 a.m. to greet Pat's friends.

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

MABELLE WALL 1916-2003

Mabelle Wall, 87, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Big Valley Cemetery near Medicine Mound with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Childress, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wall was born Sept. 13, 1916, in Quinlan, Texas. She married Orville L. "Brown" Wall on Jan. 7, 1942, in Vernon, Texas. He preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1991.

She lived in the Medicine Mound area before moving to Pampa 12 years ago.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church

in Pampa and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Morris and husband Richard of Pampa; a son, Jerry Lee Wall and wife Ann of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren, Ryan Morris and wife Valerie, Jason Wall, and Tyler Latham, all of Fort Worth, and Summer Roark and husband Justin of Amarillo. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Madge Rogers, Modene Baird, Willie Keller and Lois Lacey.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or to a favorite charity.

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City Briefs

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COLLECTORS SALE, 1220 Duncan, Pampa. Furn, X-mas decor, antiques, estate jewelry. Nov. 29th & 30th 12:30, Dec. 1st & 2nd, 10 a.m.

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MEDICAL NEWS
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AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

7:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

10:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1400 block of West Somerville.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

3:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Nov. 27

6:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Morrison Ranch Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

12:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of gas odor at the Gray County Courthouse. A gas regulator outside the building had apparently vented causing the odor.

2:45 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire five miles west of Pampa on Texas Highway 152. The fire, a controlled burn, was actually much further away in Carson County.

4:30 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

6 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2200 block of North Christy. None was found. A valve partly opened on a bathroom heater apparently caused a gas odor.

7:10 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas leak in the 1700 block of Duncan. Firefighters found natural gas leaking from a pipe going into a residence. Atmos officials said a cloud of the natural gas had reached explosive limits in the back yard. They turned off the gas and instructed the residents to have the leak repaired.

Thursday, Nov. 27

11:42 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

8:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of smoke odor in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. None was found.

9:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Ivan Joseph Eblin, 18, 130 S. Sumner, was arrested for an unrestrained child under four years of age, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and two capias pro fines.

CORRECTION

In a "Newsmakers" article published Sunday, Nov. 23, it was incorrectly reported that Danielle Zuniga of Pampa was crowned Texas State Queen of Queens in the National Our Diamond Miss Pageant in Oklahoma City. Miss Zuniga was named first runner-up. She was also crowned Petite Miss of M.G. Productions at Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Studio.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Aletary Grain of Pampa.

KMI	55.07	-0.15
XCEL	16.72	-0.05
Kerr McGee	41.70	-0.30
Limited	17.79	+0.08
Williams	9.33	-0.05
MCD	25.62	+0.23
XOM	36.15	-0.13
Atmos	24.72	+0.02
Pioneer Nat	28.21	+0.07
JCP	24.97	-0.11
COP	56.87	-0.48
SLB	46.69	-0.21
Tenneco	5.68	+0.14
CVX	75.09	-0.16
Wal-Mart	55.83	+0.13
ORF	19.93	-0.02
NS Grp	7.45	+0.10

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	36.70	+0.03
BP	42.47	-0.42
Celanese	34.56	+0.63
Cabot Corp	29.08	-0.02
Cabot Oil Gas	26.43	-0.02
Coca Cola	46.36	-0.33
VLO	43.24	-0.34
HAL	23.21	-0.07
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NOI	19.05	-0.08
New York Gold	396.55	
Silver	5.35	
West Texas Crude	30.41	

OBITUARIES

**MYRTLE MOZELL SMITH-EATON
1913-2003**

ALVIN — Myrtle Mozell Smith-Eaton, 89, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in Webster. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Scott Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Terry Gibson officiating. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday in Rowe Cemetery at Hedley with the Rev. Gene Allen officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Alvin.

Mrs. Smith-Eaton, formerly of Pampa, was born Dec. 10, 1913, at Vernon. She had been a resident of Alvin for six years, was a homemaker and a member of Santa Fe Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.M. and Minnie Gray; her husbands, Fred D. Smith in 1990 and Buck Eaton in 2003; and a son, Fred Eugene Smith.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Cook-Stephens of Amarillo, Fay Denham of Alvin and Mary Lynn Janssen of Lake Jackson; two sons, Ray Smith of Corsicana and Ronnie Smith of Los Lunas, N.M.; three stepchildren, Mary Sharp, Elaine Shaw and Bud Eaton, all of Alvin; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

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BUSH

"Yes, I would," Bush replied. "Except I don't want to go if it puts anyone in harm's way. I said it's very essential I understand all aspects of the trip, starting with whether or not we could get in and out safely."

If word leaked out of the trip, Air Force One could become a prized target for terrorists and Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Bush said he was "the biggest skeptic of all" about whether the trip could be pulled off. He questioned military commanders and the civilian administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, and even sat down with the pilot of Air Force One, Col. Mark Tillman, to go over details.

Three hours from Baghdad, Bush still was concerned about secrecy.

He questioned his secret service agents and they checked with officials on the ground. No leaks. Bush said he had been prepared to pull the plug if the secret were out.

Air Force One, with its lights off and window shades pulled down, landed in darkness. Bush's motorcade from the plane sped across the unlit tarmac at Baghdad airport, to

a mess hall where 600 soldiers were waiting impatiently for Thanksgiving dinner.

Bremer told the soldiers it was time to read a Thanksgiving message from the president, a task reserved for the most senior official present.

"Is there anybody back there more senior than us?" Bremer said, standing alongside Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of coalition forces in Iraq.

With that, Bush stepped from behind the stage and electrified the crowd.

"I was just looking for a warm meal somewhere," he joked to the cheering crowd.

Addressing troops from the 1st Armored Division and the 82nd Airborne, and other units, Bush said he brought a message from home: "We thank you for your service. We're proud of you and America stands solidly behind you."

Bush said the terrorists and insurgents were testing America's resolve and "they hope we will run" from Iraq.

"We did not charge hundreds of miles into the heart of Iraq, pay a bitter cost of casualties, defeat a ruthless dictator and liberate 25 million people only to retreat before a

band of thugs and assassins," the president said.

The remarks brought the soldiers to their feet.

"It was a pleasant surprise," said Master Sgt. Michael Johnson of Turlock, Calif. "They had us waiting so long I started to get (mad). But it's not so often you get to meet a president."

Bush served mashed potatoes for 10 minutes and then ducked into a meeting with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, who had accompanied him to Baghdad, along with Bremer, Sanchez and four members of the Iraqi Governing Council.

Five reporters, five photographers and a camera crew and producer, sworn to secrecy, accompanied the president on the trip. Bush surreptitiously left his ranch in an unmarked car with tinted windows, riding with Rice and secret service agents.

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The Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center.

"With water shortages and persistent drought, producers are seriously looking at cotton as a viable alternate to higher water use crops," said Leon Church, Extension agricultural agent in Potter County.

"We will offer three continuing education units for private

pesticide applicators, in addition to the CEUs for certified crop advisors," Church said.

Extension agronomist, Randy Boman, will address cotton production practices and variety characteristics. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist, will talk about cotton insect management. Extension plant pathologist and integrated pest management specialist Greta Schuster will talk about disease concerns in cotton. Irrigation specialist Leon New will talk about at irrigation pump efficiency and fuel options.

Experiment Station entomologist, Jerry Michels will discuss the area wide wheat research

program. Pesticide laws and regulations will be addressed to update private applicators participating by Levon Harman with Texas Department of Agriculture.

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Supreme Court tackles Washington church-state case

By PAUL QUEARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Joshua Davey's hard work and good grades won him a state scholarship, but his ambition to be a minister denied him the money. Now, his legal challenge has become another U.S. Supreme Court battle over the separation of church and state.

Davey's case, set for oral argument on Tuesday, pits Washington state's tough ban on using public money for religious purposes against the federal Constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion.

A ruling in Davey's favor could overturn similar prohibitions in as many as 36 other states.

Davey — who has since abandoned his ambition for the ministry in favor of Harvard Law School — started the fight as a bid to use as he saw fit a state-funded scholarship he won fair and square.

"From my perspective it was very unfair and kind of arbitrary," said Davey, who sees the policy as disrespectful of the good he might have done society as a minister. "I was being told that that value wasn't important and wasn't

worth the state's money."

Davey — a devout Christian from Spokane, Wash., qualified for a Promise Scholarship — a state-funded program for high-achieving students of modest means — in 1999. But when he decided to study for the ministry at Northwest College in Kirkland, Wash., he was told he couldn't use the scholarship to study theology.

The Washington Constitution bans the use of public money for religious instruction, and the state argues that policy did Davey no harm.

"The government's deci-

sion not to fund the exercise of a fundamental right does not infringe that right," Solicitor General Narda Pierce wrote in the state's brief to the court. "Washington's decision not to subsidize religious instruction to implement its state constitutional policy of separation of church and state does not infringe Davey's right to seek a theology degree."

In 2000, Davey sued in federal court to overturn the policy, arguing that the rule violated his right under the U.S. Constitution to practice his religion freely.

Last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, finding that the state had no compelling interest in limiting what Davey could study using the scholarship.

But the case is about more than the scholarship money — less than \$3,000 that's on hold pending the high court's ruling. Even without the money, Davey went on to graduate from Northwest College with honors this spring with a degree in religion and philosophy.

"It's all about the principle," Davey said. "When you look at the cost of a four year college education, it's not that much money. I ended up taking out additional loans and working more outside of school than I had intended to do."

From the start, Davey's case was argued by the American Center for Law and Justice — a law firm founded by the Rev. Pat Robertson — and championed by other advocates of weakening the barriers between church and state.

Among the issues at stake: similar scholarship programs around the country, and school-voucher systems that let students use taxpayer money to pay tuition at private schools.

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"If we prevail, governmental programs that have a religious disqualifier would be suspect," said Jay Sekulow, the center's chief counsel. "You're not going to be able to target out religion or religious activities any more."

Various advocates for the barrier between religion and government have weighed in on the case, essentially using a states'-rights argument: the state constitution trumps the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion.

"A grand total of 37 states prohibit spending tax dollars on clergy training," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "That's the way it should be in a country that believes that religion is voluntary and should be paid for by its supporters."

But players on the other side — including several states — point out the irony in that argument, which in past years was used to defend various kinds of racial discrimination in the South.

"To defend a practice of state-sponsored religious dis-

crimination is not just ironic in its parallel to erstwhile Southern anti-civil right rhetoric, it is antithetical to the core purpose" of the U.S. Constitution," Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor wrote in a friend-of-the-court brief.

The court's ruling, which likely won't come for months, will be a follow-up to last year's landmark opinion upholding school voucher programs. Also on tap, an appeal from the Bush administration over the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance recited by school children. An appeals court ruled that it amounts to unconstitutional government promotion of religion.

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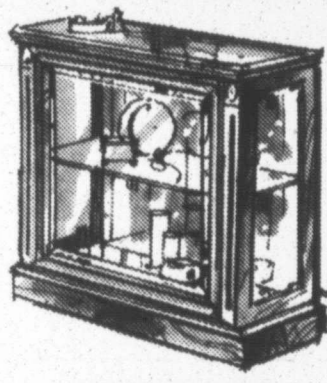
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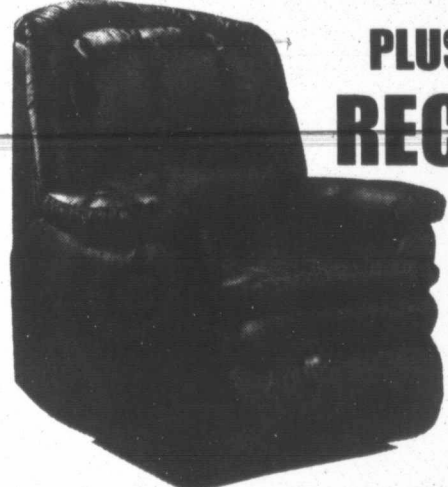


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Yukos and Sibneft suspend their planned merger

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MOSCOW (AP) — In a fresh shock to Russia's financial markets, oil major Sibneft said Friday that its merger with the Yukos oil giant — a deal that would have created the world's fourth-largest oil producer — was on hold.

Yukos share prices plunged 10 percent and Sibneft shares fell 6 percent within an hour of the announcement, and other companies' share prices were also falling, Echo of Moscow radio reported.

Yukos' new director, Simon Kukes, said he was taken by surprise by the announcement.

"The process of merging the companies is continuing and will not be interrupted," the Interfax news agency quoted him as telling a shareholders' meeting that had been called Friday to rename the new company YukosSibneft and elect a new board of directors.

The two companies had announced their merger in April, when Yukos said it would acquire Sibneft in a friendly takeover for \$3 billion in cash and a share swap. Sibneft's core shareholders have already paid cash and

swapped their shares to become owners of 26.01 percent of Yukos. The deal was finalized in late September.

But the fate of the merger had been an open question since the government accused Yukos chief Mikhail Khodorkovsky and many of his associates of financial crimes, including fraud and tax evasion.

Khodorkovsky has been in jail pending trial since Oct. 25, and prosecutors have frozen a large chunk of the company's shares. Other ministries have kept up pressure on the company, launching inspections and threatening to withdraw licenses for exploitation of natural resources.

The Yukos probe is widely seen in Russia as a politically motivated attempt to curb Khodorkovsky's growing political clout. Khodorkovsky has supported parties that oppose the Kremlin.

The investigations have made Russian and foreign investors nervous, and stoked fears that controversial privatization deals of the 1990s could be annulled despite of Russian President Vladimir Putin's reassurances to the contrary.

Sibneft's Friday statement said that "the merger between Yukos and Sibneft has been put on hold in accordance with a mutual agreement

reached by the shareholders of both companies."

The news came as a surprise to the market, and followed a long series of public assurances by Yukos that the merger was on track.

"This came right out of left field," James Fenkner, chief strategist with Troika Dialog brokerage in Moscow, told Dow Jones Newswires. He said it is probably only a matter of time before the merger was called off for good.

The Yukos-Sibneft merger was to have been the largest such deal in Russian corporate history. The new company was to have generated \$15 billion in annual revenues and have an estimated market value of about \$35 billion.

With daily oil output expected at 2.06 million barrels, YukosSibneft would have become the world's fourth-largest oil producer, behind ExxonMobil, BP and Royal Dutch Shell. It was to have total reserves of around 19.4 billion barrels of oil equivalent.

When the deal was announced, the two sides said there would be a \$1 billion penalty if either decided to pull out.

Yevgeny Yasin, a former Russian economics minister and now rector of Moscow's High School of Economics, speculated that the suspension might have been caused by government pressure and Sibneft's fears that it would face a government crackdown similar to that against Yukos if the merger went through.

"Sibneft might have decided to keep its distance in order not to put its shareholders in jeopardy," Yasin said.

Another possible reason could be that Yukos itself put a brake on the merger, fearing that Sibneft — taking advantage of Yukos' difficulties — would take the helm, Yasin said.

Interfax suggested that Sibneft might have gotten a better offer. It noted that tax authorities made it known Thursday that they were no longer looking into the company's activities.

Death toll rises to 182 in Congo ferry collision as rescuers search river

INONGO, Congo (AP) — A rescue crew aided by villagers searched the Congo River on Friday for survivors from one of Africa's deadliest ferry disasters three days before, and recovered bodies several miles down river. The death toll of 182 was only expected to rise.

Scores of passengers and crew members were still missing from the Tuesday night disaster, when the Dieu Merci and another boat collided in a violent gale, throwing the 450 to 500 fishermen, traders and other passengers into the water.

More than 3,000 people crowded a cathedral in the lakeside town nearest the disaster site for a Mass in memory of the victims, Inongo on Friday morning. The government says 222 escaped, many of them saved by villagers who paddled to the rescue in wooden fishing canoes. Survivors spoke of clinging to metal drums in waves that aid workers said reached up to eight feet high.

Passengers said only 30

people had been recorded on one boat's written manifest — making it unlikely that an exact death toll will ever be known. By the government's account of the numbers of survivors and its estimate of the numbers aboard, it appeared likely the toll would rise above 200.

"Our sorrow is even greater because we don't know if they are alive or dead," said Nkande Pape Bolawe, who had two relatives who were missing. "Now, we think it's impossible to find them alive — we're waiting at least for the bodies."

On both sides of Mai-Indombe lake, recovery crews placed the bodies of men, women and children on mats, arranging the dead three to four to a grave in dense groves lining the shores.

Survivor Mabaka Gerada, a 26-year-old trader who been traveling the 275 miles from the capital, Kinshasa, said Friday that both vessels broke up in the strong waves.

Villagers and a single gov-

ernment-provided boat crew hauled more dead from the water Friday. Other victims were recovered from where they had washed ashore several miles away.

Congo's government reopened the Congo River to commercial traffic in April after closing it during the country's nearly five-year war, fearing rebels could use it to move on Kinshasa.

A nation the size of Western Europe, Congo has only a few hundred miles of paved roads, making the Congo River and its tributaries lifelines of the vast country's commerce.

Another overloaded ferry sank in Lake Tanganyika in Congo's far east in March, killing 111. Forty-one people survived.

On Sept. 26, 2002, a state-run ferry in Senegal sank in the Atlantic Ocean with four times its intended capacity aboard, killing 1,863 people. It was the world's second-worst peacetime maritime disaster. Sixty people survived.

EU, Japan agree to give U.S. more time before imposing sanctions in steel dispute

GENEVA (AP) — The European Union and its allies have agreed to a nine-day delay before imposing billions of dollars in trade sanctions against the United States over illegal steel tariffs, World Trade Organization officials said Friday.

The EU, Japan and Norway had threatened to impose import duties on U.S. goods beginning Dec. 6 unless Washington dropped tariffs of up to 30 percent on imported steel.

But trade organization officials said Friday that all the countries involved agreed to delay imposing the retaliatory tariffs until Dec. 15.

A WTO appeals panel on Nov. 10 upheld an earlier WTO decision that said the U.S. duties violated the trade organization's rules.

The 15-nation EU has threatened tariffs on \$2.2 billion worth of U.S. imports ranging

from orange juice to pajamas unless the duties are removed immediately. The Norwegian government has threatened 30 percent duties on roughly \$12 million worth of American imports, while Japan planned around \$98 million of imports duties, according to Kyodo News.

President Bush's administration says the tariffs — imposed last year — are needed to bolster the beleaguered U.S. steel industry. Steel-producing states in the midwestern United States are lobbying to keep the duties, while big U.S. steel consumers, like automakers, however, demand their removal.

In addition to the EU, Norway and Japan, Korea, China, Switzerland, New Zealand and Brazil all challenged the legality of the tariffs and have threatened retaliatory tariffs.

4-H Food workshop



(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott)

Hansford County 4-Hers Halli Mans, left, and Allison Brown decorate paper bags during a Gray County 4-H Multi-County Foods Workshop recently in Pampa. Filled with "nutritious goodies," the bags were donated to Texas Department of Human Services. Youth from Gray, Hansford, Hutchinson and Roberts counties attended the event and learned about foreign dishes, food safety and more.



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Taiwan's premier considers overturning historic law

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan's premier said Friday he might try to repeal a day-old law that allows referendums but blocks the government from initiating votes on touchy issues like independence — elections that could spark a war with China.

The law, pushed through by the opposition on Thursday, does not allow the government to initiate referendums, giving that authority only to the legislature and the public.

It also gives lawmakers the power to reject proposed referendum issues, such as declaring formal independence and changing the flag or the island's name.

Although China had warned that it might "react strongly" to the law, Beijing on Friday issued a statement devoid of bellicose threats. It said China was "seriously concerned" and was "closely monitoring the development of the situation."

Taiwan and China have been ruled separately since 1949, but Beijing claims the island as its territory and has threatened to attack if it declares formal independence.

President Chen Shui-bian wanted a stronger bill that would have made it easier for the government to call an independence vote. But Taiwan's opposition coalition, which has a slight majority in parliament and favors the

island's eventual unification, was against.

Premier Yu Shyi-kun complained Friday that the bill was full of contradictions and that it gave too much power to the legislature.

"We will study the bill in detail before we decide whether to repeal it," said Yu, the No. 3 ranking leader responsible for heading the Cabinet and selling the government's policies to the legislature. The premier is appointed by the president.

Chen campaigned for a change in Taiwanese law to allow referendums, arguing that it would expand the island's democracy.

He has told China that he won't rule out eventual unification as long as Beijing doesn't try to use force to change the current status quo of de facto Taiwanese independence.

If the premier calls for a revote on the bill, the legislature will have to reconsider it within 15 days. At least 112 lawmakers in the 223-member legislature will have to pass the premier's repeal.

The opposition has warned the government not to throw out the entire bill, which includes at least one key ruling party article. The government was able to win support for a "defensive referendum," which gives the president the power to call an independence vote under a threat of attack from China.

Germany, struggling to trim welfare, faces generation gap, attachment to old comforts

By GEIR MOULSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BERLIN (AP) — As part of the generation that rebuilt Germany from the ruins of World War II, Annelies Fiedler never thought she'd see the day her old-age comforts would be questioned.

But as Germany struggles to reduce public spending, generous retirement benefits long taken for granted are being openly debated — even crudely when a member of the Christian Democrat youth organization this summer publicly said taxpayers should not have to pay for hip replacements for the elderly.

While governments in France, Austria and Italy also are discussing ways to curb pension spending, in Germany the debate is becoming a battle of the generations: Worried youth challenging older generations to abandon some benefits now to keep the system from collapsing.

The suggestion to sacrifice again in their golden years is particularly distasteful to those whose hard work in the decades after the Nazi defeat helped ensure Germany's generous welfare state.

Germany's main cities, including the capital Berlin, the financial center of Frankfurt and industrial cities like Cologne, were leveled by allied bombing. Ordinary

Germans joined the overwhelming task of rebuilding, helping remove the rubble stone by stone and later lending their brawn to reviving industry — setting Germany on the road to the "economic miracle" of the 1960s.

"That shouldn't be changed," says Fiedler, 77, who trained as a tailor and worked as a saleswoman for West Berlin's landmark KaDeWe department store for decades. "This new generation has grown up well-off. We had to work hard for what we achieved."

"Young people don't have any goals any more," Fiedler says. "We had goals — we wanted to get out of the ruins, we wanted to rebuild, we wanted our own apartments and families. We wanted to be able to offer our children something."

Last month, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government, desperate to plug a funding shortfall and start addressing the challenges of an aging population, decided on what amounts to postwar Germany's first pension cut.

It was a first thrust against the so-called "contract between the generations" that has seen well-off workers finance old-age comforts for the generation that restored the country as an economic power.

"The old treaty between the generations has become

invalid," argues Hendrik Wuest, 28, who sits on the leadership board of the main opposition Christian Democrats. "The generation that will retire in the next few years had too few children, and it is no longer reasonable for our generation to finance pensions and health care under the old conditions."

As it stands, nearly one-tenth of a German employee's gross salary is gobbled by the pension system.

Workers contribute half of a mandatory payroll levy that funds pensions, with their employer paying the other half. Last month, Schroeder left the levy unchanged at 19.5 percent, steering clear of burdening an already stagnant economy.

However, the levy was hiked from 19.1 percent a year ago, and there's little prospect of it dropping.

German retirees draw up to 70 percent of their salary and, on average, retire at age 60.2 — well short of the official age of 65. That's partly a result of frequent use of early retirement to head off redundancies.

Schroeder has vowed to roll back early retirement, raising the average retirement age to 63 by 2008.

"People who are aged 70-80 today carried a double burden — they worked hard and they had children," Wuest says.

"But people who are going into early retirement today in their late 50s or around 60 often haven't done that."

But Wuest played down comments this summer by a colleague who heads the opposition's youth wing, 23-year-old Philipp Missfelder, who drew fire from across the political spectrum for suggesting the retired were receiving too many benefits.

"I don't agree with 85-year-olds getting artificial hips at the cost of the community," Missfelder said. "It sounds harsh but that's the way it is: People used to go around with crutches."

Still, Missfelder said he'd be prepared to make a sacrifice of his own, retiring "late, maybe at 70."

"If you have a rising life expectancy, you can work longer than previous generations," he added.

Schroeder, however, stopped short of raising the retirement age to 67, as recommended this year by a government-appointed panel. He acknowledged that the increase may need to be considered after 2010.

Embroidered in a wider-ranging and unpopular effort to trim generous welfare benefits and slim down rigid labor rules, the chancellor is finding little such readiness to change for the greater good and a leaner, fitter economy.

Study: UV lamps in ventilation system could reduce worker sickness

LONDON (AP) — Sickness among office workers in industrialized countries could be reduced by using ultraviolet lamps to kill germs in ventilation systems, new research indicates.

Ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, or UVGI, is sometimes used in hospital ventilation systems to disinfect the

air but is rarely incorporated into office or other building ducts because there has been little evidence of a benefit.

About 70 percent of the work force in North America and Western Europe work indoors, and frequently have unexplained health problems such as irritation of the eyes, throat and nose, as well as res-

piratory illnesses.

In a study published this week in The Lancet medical journal, Canadian scientists found that the technique reduced overall worker sickness by about 20 percent, including a 40 percent drop in breathing problems.

"Installation of UVGI in most North American offices could resolve work-related symptoms in about 4 million employees, caused by (germ) contamination of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems," said the study's leader, Dr. Dick Menzies from the Montreal Chest Institute at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

"The cost of UVGI installation could in the long run prove cost-effective compared with the yearly losses from absence because of building-related illness," he added.

A total of 771 employees from three different office buildings in Montreal were involved with the study.

The ultraviolet lamps were aimed at the cooling coils and drip pans in the ventilation systems of the buildings. The lights were turned on for four weeks, then turned off for 12 weeks. The cycle was repeated three times for almost a year.

The use of the lights resulted in a 99 percent reduction of the concentration of germs on irradiated surfaces within the ventilation systems.

Some weeks, use of the lamps resulted in a 20 percent overall reduction in all symptoms for some workers; a 40 percent reduction in respiratory symptoms and a 30 percent reduction in mucous problems. The benefits were greatest for workers with allergies and for people who had never smoked.

With the lights switched on, the frequency of muscle complaints among nonsmokers halved and the incidence of work-related breathing problems among them dropped by 60 percent.

Wladyslaw Jan Kowalski, an architectural engineer at Pennsylvania State University's Indoor Environment Center, said the study may be a landmark in proving that the technique could be cost-effective in commercial office buildings.



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AARP grows from retired-teachers insurer to empire

WASHINGTON (AP) — AARP's fight for legislation giving private insurers a new role in Medicare surprised many Democrats, but in fact the giant retiree group has long been in the health insurance business itself.

In 45 years, AARP has grown from a program founded to insure retired teachers to a more than \$636 million-a-year

empire that pays its chief executive a half-million-dollar salary and lends its name to things such as pharmacy services and Medicare supplemental insurance, and discounts for hotel rooms, car rentals, shopping and cruises.

AARP bills itself as an advocacy group for older Americans, but draws more than two-thirds of its income

from ventures other than its \$12.50 membership fee. Its lobbying costs, though in the millions of dollars, are a tiny fraction of its revenue.

Executive director William Novelli says AARP is part business, part senior citizens' advocate and part lobbying group.

"There's no dichotomy in our minds. If you look at why people belong to AARP, here's why they belong. They like the discounts, they value the products and services we offer, they like our publications," Novelli said. "But probably near the very top is the fact that we speak out on behalf of older Americans."

AARP began in 1958, years before the government created Medicare to provide health care coverage for older Americans.

Novelli recounts a colorful history. Retired California school principal Ethel Percy Andrus was so appalled that many educators couldn't afford health insurance in retirement

— she reportedly discovered one living in a chicken coop — that she formed the National Retired Teachers Association in 1947. She approached health insurance companies until she found one willing to insure her members at an affordable price.

Looking for more members, Andrus formed the American Association of Retired Persons and expanded the group's offerings to a range of discounted products and services, including mail-order pharmacy services.

In the years since, AARP lowered its membership age to 50 and dropped its original name in favor of the acronym to reflect its broader membership. The latest edition of its magazine features a cover photo of beaming, apparently wrinkle-free actress Lauren Hutton with the tag line "Sixty is the new thirty."

AARP even offers motorcycle insurance for those spry enough to hit the road. A third of its members are under 60, one-third 60-69, and the other

third 70 and above.

Aggressive marketing has built AARP into a 35 million-member titan. These days, the first greeting card many Americans get as their 50th birthdays approach comes from AARP in the form of an invitation to join — whether they consider themselves close to retirement or not.

"We have a big satellite system that tracks everybody," Novelli joked, explaining that the group trolls for new members by using public information such as driver's license records. "Some people are put off by it. Other people say, 'Hey, let me see those discounts.'"

Novelli defends his corporate CEO-style salary — \$458,468 last year, plus \$9,266 for expenses — as appropriate given the organization's size. His predecessor, Horace Deets, has a deferred compensation payout worth \$2.65 million.

Novelli said the AARP plows its profits into its advoca-

cy and lobbying work, including legal assistance for the elderly. It is officially nonpartisan and doesn't make campaign donations.

Nonetheless, the group has gained enemies in Washington along the way.

Retired Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., scrutinized the group's profit-making enterprises while in the Senate in the mid-1990s, questioning how AARP could be entirely tax-exempt when it was making millions. AARP ultimately was forced to move its business side to a for-profit, taxable subsidiary called AARP Services Inc.

Simpson said he joined AARP when he turned 60, "just to see what they did."

"I just couldn't believe it. Everything was about money: 'Send in your dues,'" Simpson said. "The advertising wasn't directed to the little guy. It was how to do resorts and cruises, and special wheelchairs and stairs in your home for five grand."

Too many eagles placing foxes on endangered list

WASHINGTON (AP) — To control a bizarre gathering of eagles, pigs and foxes on the California channel islands, federal wildlife officials may have to kill a protected species in order to save an endangered one.

Attracted by a plentiful supply of feral pigs rooting around the islands, a community of Golden Eagles settled in about 10 years ago to prey on piglets. They also found that the island foxes, an endangered group of sub-species, also made good meals.

The population of pigs, which reproduce year around, were little affected by the winged predators, but the foxes were decimated.

In less than a decade, wild foxes disappeared from San Miguel and Santa Rosa islands and on Santa Cruz, the population of 1,500 was reduced to just 65.

Fish and Wildlife Service experts are now capturing and removing the pigs and the eagles, but a new study suggests that if the process is not handled properly wild foxes on the islands could disappear forever.

The study, appearing in the journal Science, said that the few remaining eagles will be enough to drive the wild foxes into extinction if all of the pigs are moved first.

"You still have eagles on the islands," said Gary W. Roemer, a New Mexico State University biologist and first author of the study. "If you remove the pigs, you've only got 65 foxes running around that will make those eagles focus more intently on the

foxes and drive them to extinction. The most prudent strategy is to get rid of the eagles first and then get rid of the pigs."

Federal officials have been trying. They have captured nearly all the eagles and moved them to locations on the mainland. But Roemer said there are still nesting pairs of eagles who are too smart or too wary to be captured alive. According to a population project by Roemer and his co-authors, there may

be only one grisly option left: killing the protected Golden eagles to save the endangered foxes.

"Because eagle eradication is doubtful by translocation alone, other means should be pursued, including lethal removal," the researchers say in Science.

Golden eagles are protected species, but they are not threatened with extinction. The unique island fox sub-species, however, are hanging by a thread, said Roemer.

"The federal officials may have to take a little public heat (for killing the eagles) to preserve an endangered species," he said.

Killing the eagles "is an alternative that we will look into if we have to," said Bridget Fahey, a researcher for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in California.

"But before we do anything drastic, we are going to know that we tried everything else," she said. It would take permits and public hearings before the eagle killing could start so Fahey said, "it is not something that will happen soon."

Man who introduced Jackson to accuser says boy not well

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A comedy club owner says he introduced Michael Jackson to the cancer-stricken boy he is accused of molesting two years ago at a time when doctors had given the child three weeks to live.

Jamie Masada, owner of The Laugh Factory in West Hollywood, said the boy had expressed an interest in meeting Jackson and Masada made "a few phone calls."

The child remains in poor health and requires a kidney transplant, Masada said Thursday.

"The kid is not doing very good," Masada said at an annual Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless that he holds at the club.

Masada said doctors removed a large tumor from the boy's stomach some time ago, and at the same time took out one of his kidneys and spleen. Masada said he saw the boy earlier this week and the boy's remaining kidney is failing and he needs a transplant.

He said the teenager was being treated at home, not a hospital, but was getting dialysis treatments.

It was unclear what effect the boy's condition could have on the case against Jackson. Masada said he and the boy had not discussed

Jackson, and Masada declined to comment on whether he believes the molestation allegations.

Jackson's attorney, Mark Geragos, said this week that the accusations are motivated by money and are untrue.

Jackson surrendered to Santa Barbara County authorities last week after an arrest warrant alleged he committed lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14. He was released on \$3 million bail; authorities say they expect to file formal charges sometime after Dec. 15.

Masada said he met the boy at a camp where stars including Adam Sandler and Chris Tucker teach underprivileged children about comedy. He said he contacted Jackson's people and asked that Jackson watch a news report about the boy's condition and the efforts to help him.

He said he asked that the pop singer "call him, cheer him up."

Masada said that in the past, comedians have given blood for the boy and held benefits to help pay his medical bills.

Stuart Backerman, Jackson family spokesman, declined to comment on Masada's account but said he hoped the boy's condition would improve.

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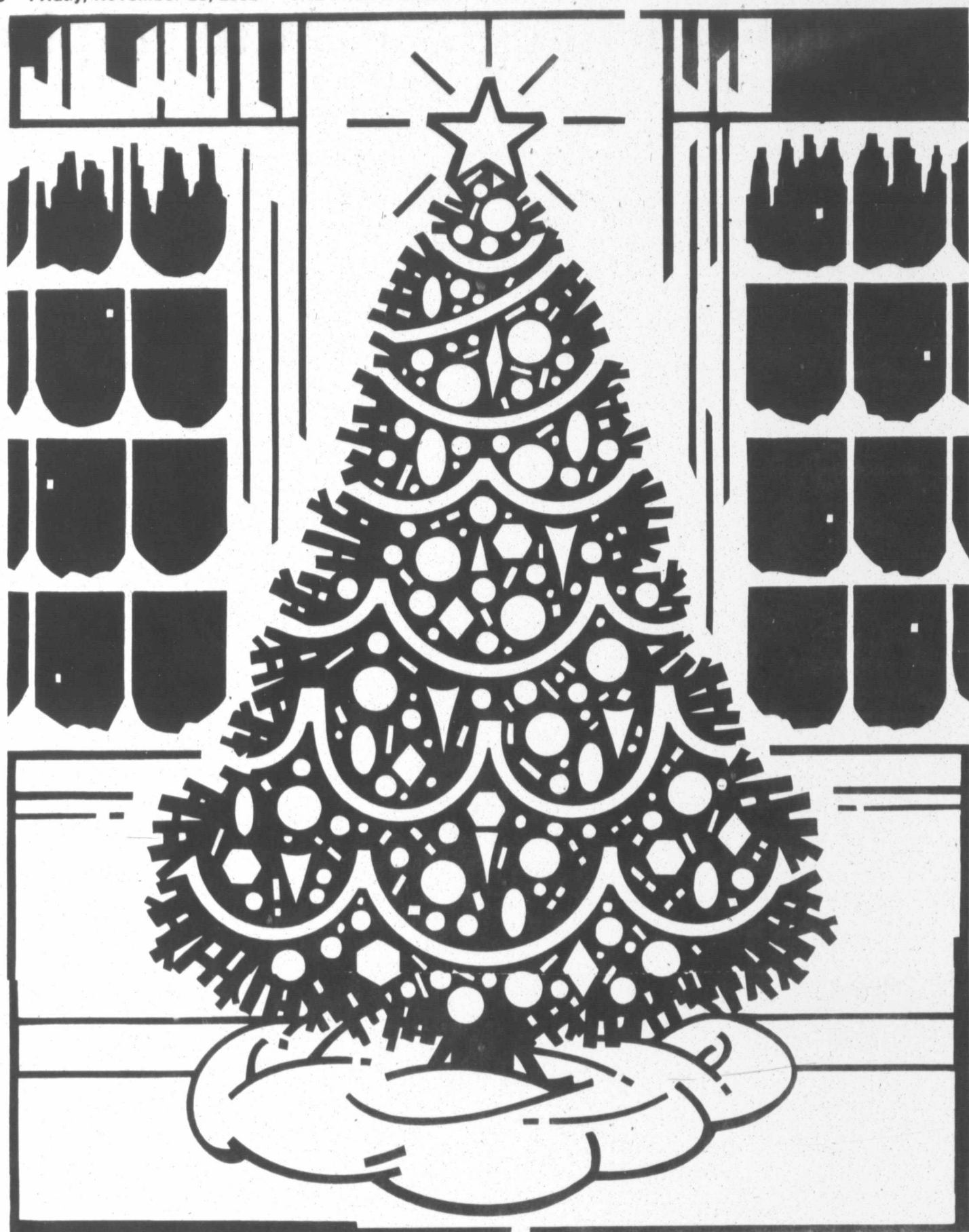
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RELIGION

'Shields of Strength' provide comfort for soldiers

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A "Shield of Strength" hung on the chain around Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe's neck when the Army Ranger and two other soldiers were killed in a car bomb explosion at an Iraqi checkpoint.

The 1-by-2-inch shield, which Rippetoe wore along with his military dog tags and a Christian cross, displayed a U.S. flag on one side and a quote from Joshua 1:9 on the other: "I will be strong and courageous. I will not be terrified, or discouraged, for the Lord my God is with me wherever I go."

Produced by a Beaumont, Texas, group, the shields may just seem like trinkets to some. But for more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel and their families, they offer comfort and hope in the most trying of times.

"All the men who served with my son wear the shield around their necks, as do many of the elite 75th Rangers," said retired Lt. Col. Joe Rippetoe, a Gaithersburg, Md., resident who was disabled in two tours of duty in Vietnam.

His 27-year-old son, from Arvada, Colo., died in early April and was the first soldier from the Iraq war laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. On Memorial Day, the grieving father visited at the White House with President Bush, who had heard about the Christian dog tag.

The first question Bush asked was whether Rippetoe had his son's Joshua 1:9 tag.

"As luck would have it, I had Russell's original tag and one that Chaplain (Brad) Baumann had given me at the unit memorial service," Rippetoe said.

Rippetoe kept the original tag, the plastic around its edges scorched in the bombing, and gave the president the other one. Bush mentioned it later that day in a memorial speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

The commander in chief receiving a Shield of Strength represented a milestone of sorts for Kenny Vaughan, who first had dog tags engraved with Scriptures in 1997.

Vaughan, a Beaumont native, wasn't part of the military. He was actually a water-skiing champion, who had just won his first national championship for long jumping after

overcoming fears that had hampered his performance for years.

His girlfriend Tammie, now his wife, had painted Scriptures on the handle of his tow rope, including this one from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

"I wanted a daily reminder of God's word, but I figured I would look silly carrying my water ski rope handles," Vaughan said. "So I bought a few military dog tags and engraved the Scriptures."

Relatives and friends liked the idea — so much so that Vaughan kept giving his tags away and going back to get more engraved.

By the time he paid for each letter he had engraved, it cost him about \$20 a tag. He decided it would be more cost-effective to make his own.

So, he started an organization called Athletes for Christ and began producing Shields of Strength for athletes, police officers, firefighters and other professions. Within three years, the shields had spread to Christian bookstores in all 50 states. The tags sell for about \$5 each retail.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Jacqueline R. Clay, in an e-mail from Baghdad, said she "cannot even begin to count how many soldiers are wearing them."

"It also has a spiritual camaraderie impact," Clay wrote, "for example, when you meet another Christian or military member and they have the shield on their ID tags ... it bonds you, even though you may not know them."

Ironically, Vaughan never marketed the product to the military. He worried that people serving their country might be upset by what he was doing. After all, he was a civilian and had not earned the right to wear a dog tag.

His concern vanished after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks when he received an e-mail from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. A soldier had come across a Shield of Strength at a Christian bookstore and shown it to Lt. Col. David Dodd, who wanted some for troops leaving for the war in Afghanistan.

The e-mail was sent on a Monday.

"By Wednesday, he had FedExed 500 of them," recalled Dodd, now stationed at the Pentagon after serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dodd said his wife, Sharon, keeps a Shield of Strength on her key chain. His daughters, Caitlin, 15, and Grace, 9, wear them around their necks.

"When you're over there and the only thing you have with you is your equipment," Dodd said, "it's an environment where people really start thinking about what's important."

"Most people start seeking some kind of spiritual fitness. So these were comforting words," he said.

Comforting words not just for those fighting, but for those left behind.

Vaughan mailed 1,000 Shields of Strength — at no charge — to Joe Rippetoe after his son died. To go along with them, Rippetoe had separate

dog tags made with this inscription:

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As a "thank you" for letters, cards, poems and money received after his son's death, Rippetoe gives well-wishers a shield and a dog tag.

"The Shield of Strength is to remind them that when you need help, you look to the man upstairs," he said. "The other one is to remind you to love those around you today. Don't wait until tomorrow."

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RELIGION IN BRIEF

Missing bishop in China's illegal Roman Catholic Church surfaces, report says

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop in China who had been missing for six years was hospitalized under police guard, a U.S.-based monitoring group reported. The church is illegal in China.

Su Zhimin, recognized by the Vatican as bishop of Baoding, was taken to that northern city's Central Hospital around Nov. 15 for an eye operation and treatment of a heart ailment, the Cardinal Kung Foundation said.

Su, believed to be 71, was guarded by 20 plainclothes police officers and not formally registered as a patient, the U.S. group said. It was not known whether he remained hospitalized.

The bishop has spent more than 20 years in prison for rejecting Communist restrictions on religion. No information about him has been released since he was arrested in 1997 after appealing for religious rights to the National People's Congress.

China's officially atheistic government allows worship only in a government-controlled Catholic Church that denies the pope's leadership and right to appoint bishops.

Authorities continue to harass and arrest leaders of the unrecognized Roman Catholic Church, which claims an estimated 8 million or more worshippers, double the total for the government-approved body.

Mormon Tabernacle Choir radio program to enter broadcasting hall of fame

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Tabernacle Choir's weekly radio program, which went on the air three months before the 1929 stock market crash, will be inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame next year.

Other hall of fame inductees include Jack Benny, George Burns, Bing Crosby, Benny Goodman, Paul Harvey, Bob Hope, Edward R. Murrow and Red Skelton.

Kids and coaches - friends for life

His name is Mike White and he lives in Oregon. I first met him while umpiring a 5-6 year-old T-ball game. Mike came to bat and when he hit the ball off the tee, he promptly threw his bat and hit the catcher in the chest protector. I calmly walked down to first base and reminded Mike that he would have to stop that or he could hurt the catcher and even be thrown out of the game.

He came to bat the second time and repeated the same action and so did I. Then when he came to bat his third time, before he took his swing, I reminded him to be careful. He swung the bat, hit the ball and threw his bat right into the catcher's chest protector again.

I walked down to first base and told Mike that he was being removed from the game for safety reasons. He was upset, so was his coach, so were his parents and so was I.

I may still be the only umpire in Oregon history to throw a 6-year-old out of a T-ball game.

I next saw him when he was on my Little League Baseball team at age 12. He hadn't played ball since he was 6. His skill level was near "0". He



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came to practice every day and tried hard to learn how to play baseball. As the season passed Mike began to accumulate the most strikeouts of any player in the league. And that wouldn't be so bad, but he never swung the bat even one time. He would completely freeze every time he batted.

Then came our final game. We were playing for the championship. My personal policy was that every boy gets to play at least half of every game. Mike went into the game in the top of the 4th inning.

We were down one run when our last at bat came in the bottom of the 6th inning. And then Mike's greatest fear stared him right in the eyes. Two outs and Mike was the next batter. His mother was so afraid that she went behind the concession stand and closed her eyes. She just couldn't watch.

The pitcher was a hard

throwing right-hander. Strike one! Strike two! Then Mike broke down tears. I called time-out. Mike and I had the most significant conversation that we ever had. I just asked him to do me one favor.

"Mike, when he throws the next pitch, just close your eyes and swing as hard as you can." And he did. He closed his eyes as tightly as a human could and swung the bat in a game for the first time since he was 6. We had runners on 2nd and 3rd.

Mike hit a line drive that hit the fence about a foot from the top. We won. He won. And Mike's poor mom never saw a thing.

The last time that I saw

Mike before we moved here to Pampa he just grinned and said, "Coach, do still remember that hit?" I said, "I sure do and I'll never forget you or that day." His eyes were watery and so were mine, just like they are now. Those times brought Mike and I together and made us lifetime friends.

So what's the point of this article? I just want to remind all of you volunteer coaches how important you are in the lives of the young men and women that you coach. So don't get caught up in the winning and losing.

Just love the kids and always put them first. They are why you coach. And thanks for all of your hard work for the children of Pampa. And parents, don't you get caught up in all of that winning and losing either. Just love and encourage your kid.

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Authorities organize quickly after officer slain, catch suspected gunman in Mexico

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Investigators moved swiftly to catch the man they believed killed one of their own.

Less than two weeks after a rookie officer was killed and another policeman was wounded in a gun battle, Mexican authorities on Thursday arrested a 19-year-old suspect in Tijuana and returned him to California, police said.

"When it comes to murdering one of our police officers, we don't forgive, we don't forget, we don't give up," District Attorney Steve Cooley said.

Officer Mathew Pavelka, 26, was killed Nov. 15 when two gunmen opened fire on him and a second officer during a traffic stop.

David A. Garcia quickly became the focus of the manhunt, and U.S. authorities were alerted to his whereabouts several days ago, police said. Gang members and friends had helped him elude police and escape to Mexico, Police Chief Tom Hoefel said.

Garcia was expected to be charged Monday with murder and attempted murder, Cooley said. Garcia, who is a

The slain officer's father, Michael Pavelka, a 29-year veteran with the Los Angeles Police Department, thanked local and Mexican authorities for apprehending Garcia.

U.S. citizen, also faces a charge of killing a police officer, the prosecutor said.

It was not known early Friday whether Garcia had a lawyer.

The slain officer's father, Michael Pavelka, a 29-year veteran with the Los Angeles Police Department, thanked local and Mexican authorities for apprehending Garcia.

"I'm feeling a sense of relief," he told reporters. "The man is in custody and we can now move on."

The shooting occurred after Garcia

and Ramon Aranda, 25, were stopped by Officer Gregory Campbell in a hotel parking lot for driving without license plates. The two men suddenly got out of their vehicle and started shooting, authorities said.

Campbell and Pavelka, who arrived as backup, returned fire and Pavelka and Aranda were killed. Campbell, a 15-year veteran, remained hospitalized Thursday and watched the news conference announcing Garcia's arrest, said Sgt. William Berry. Campbell, who suffered wounds to the abdomen and neck, is expected to fully recover, Berry said.

Police have arrested more than 60 people, some of whom are Garcia's friends, family members and gang associates, in the investigation, Hoefel said. More arrests are expected.

Thousands of police officers paid their last respects to Pavelka last week at a memorial service in which he was remembered as a happy-go-lucky prankster who was proud of his 10 months of service. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and state Attorney General Bill Lockyer also attended the service.

Pavelka is the first law officer to be slain in the 82 years of the Burbank Police Department.

Charity dinner serves over 25,000

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than 25,000 people from San Antonio and Bexar County gathered at the convention center to enjoy a free Thanksgiving Day feast.

"Look at this," said Richard Gonzalez as he gazed across the huge room. "Isn't this beautiful?"

Gonzalez, who has been volunteering at the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner for 18 years, is this year's event committee chairman.

Some 4,000 volunteers served coffee and filled up plates with turkey, gravy, stuffing, green beans, yams and pumpkin pie.

Entertainment included a band and a group of mariachis.


"This year we didn't have enough money to have a Thanksgiving dinner," Patricia Ortiz said in Spanish. He attend-

ed with his wife and their five young children. "This meal is free, and we are very grateful."

"Santo Claus," who was wearing a huge sombrero with a Santa hat on top, and a red serape decorated with dancing jalapenos on one side and an image of a farmer laboring in a field on the other, also made an appearance.

He danced with the ladies, shook hands with the men and took pictures with babies.

Francisco "Pancho" Gonzalez, Santo's real name, was trying to send a message.

"I came up with this character about eight years ago because there was a lack of a Hispanic Santa Claus in the community," he told the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions. "I tell the children I have burros instead of reindeer and my lead-lady is called 'Pancha.'" 



In Memory of Alma Haynes Edmiston

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much ... whatever the part.

Bill, Leisa & Stephanie



Farm Scene: Group claims egg logo misleading

By PATRICK CONDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Better Business Bureau has said egg producers should stop advertising humane treatment of hens under guidelines that allow practices such as forced molting and clipping of beaks.

United Egg Producers, an industry trade group based in Atlanta, developed the logo on cartons claiming the eggs to be "Animal Care Certified." The group said it awards the logo based on scientific standards developed by a group of independent experts.

However, evidence presented to a division of the Better Business Bureau by a small Washington-based animal rights group raised concerns about accuracy.

"Consumers concerned about the treatment of animals may purchase eggs in cartons bearing the seal under the misimpression that the hens that laid the eggs were treated to higher levels of care than is actually the case," stated the report released by the bureau's National Advertising Division.

Compliance with the division's recommendations are voluntary, but groups that refuse to do so are often referred to federal agencies like the Federal Trade Commission or the Food and Drug Administration.

United Egg Producers appealed the recommendation.

"When all the facts come out, then consumers and retailers will agree that the Animal Care Certified logo represents a scientifically proven, humane method for producing eggs," Ken Klippen, vice president for government relations, said Tuesday from his office in Washington.

The decision was prompted by a complaint from Compassion Over Killing, a small Washington, D.C.-based animal rights group that focuses on agricultural producers.

The group admits the standards adopted by the egg pro-

ducers are slowly improving treatment of hens — but not to levels that ordinary consumers would consider humane treatment of animals.

"You know, if there's anything that is even worse than animal abuse, it's when people lie and mislead and deceive about animal abuse," said Paul Shapiro, the group's campaigns director, who compared his group's victory to the biblical story of David and Goliath.

The guidelines adopted by the egg industry require producers to increase cage sizes from the current standard of 48 square inches to 67 square inches by 2008, among other things.

Shapiro said a cage needs to be at least four times larger than that in order for a hen to flap its wings. The guidelines also allow producers to continue practices such as clipping beaks and forced molting, which involves depriving hens of food to speed up the shedding of feathers and return them to egg production as quickly as possible.

"These birds never see sunlight, they never flap their wings, they never even take a single step outside," Shapiro said Tuesday.

Jeff Armstrong, the dean of Natural Resources and Agriculture at Michigan State University, led the panel that set the egg industry's guidelines. He said they were based on solid scientific evidence and that they have led to more humane treatment of hens.

"The United Egg Producers are leaders in the industry for their use of these guidelines," Armstrong said. "Will there be people who believe the guidelines went too far, or not far enough? Absolutely. But to discredit their logo is a mistake, I think."

Klippen said the Better Business Bureau was swayed by the opinions of Compassion Over Killing, which he called a radical group committed to ending the consumption of eggs entirely.

Andrea Levine, director of the BBB's National Advertising Division, said the decision had little to do with animal rights. "Our goal is to ensure the advertising is truthful and accurate, and that's all," she said.

Iowa ranks No. 1 in the

nation in egg production. In 2001, the state produced 7.55 billion eggs from 37.8 million chickens for cash receipts of \$241 million.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Dad Balks at Giving Up Beer To Help Son's Rehab Effort

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Jonas," got into trouble with the law because of drugs. He is now in rehab seven days a week, and lives here with his father, "Harry," and me. I'm proud to say Jonas is doing well. However, one condition set by the court is that alcohol not be on the premises where he lives.

When Jonas told Harry about it, Harry went ballistic and claimed his own rights were being infringed upon by the courts. Harry stubbornly insists that he will drink beer in his own home if he chooses even though it could get our son sent to jail.

I am standing my ground that alcohol may not be brought into our home. I used to have a glass or two of wine in the evenings, but I'm willing to sacrifice that in order to protect our son's freedom.

I am so torn. I love my husband, but I can hardly stand to look at him right now, because he is willing to risk his son's freedom for a beer. How can he think like that?

WORRIED MOTHER

DEAR WORRIED: You have every right to be concerned because if there is a surprise search, your son will be blamed for something that's not his fault.

It's unfortunate that your husband is either so wedded to his beer, or such a stubborn contrarian, that he's unwilling to sacrifice his transitory pleasure for the sake of his child. You can't force him to make a mature decision. Since he's unwilling to cooperate, it might be in your son's best interest to live elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: I was 15 years old when I met "Andy," and by my 19th birthday we were married. We have been together 31 years and have two wonderful sons. Now that they have moved out, it's just the two of us. The problem we seem to have is communication.

It is difficult to talk to Andy about anything without getting into an argument. The only safe topic we can discuss is his job, which he absolutely loves. Most of the time, I just sit here nodding and pretending to be interested while deep inside I want to scream.

When I want to talk about something that interests me, I call a friend or family member, but I would much rather spend quality time talking with my husband, Abby, please tell me how I can break down these barriers of communication and open Andy's mind and heart to me.

TOTALLY FRUSTRATED IN MARYLAND

DEAR FRUSTRATED: It's possible that your husband's range of interests extends no farther than his office walls. It's also possible that this didn't become obvious before because your attention was focused on raising your children, and his role was cast as being "the provider."

It would be wonderful if the two of you could cultivate an interest together — travel, a class of some sort, etc. Another excellent option would be to explore Marriage Encounter. The telephone number is (800) 828-3351, and the Web site www.marriage-encounter.org. Please consider it. They have saved many marriages that were on the brink.

DEAR ABBY: My father has a mistress! I know this because I saw them together. He doesn't know that I know. Should I tell my mother? They've been married since 1982. There's someone downstairs, so I must finish this quickly! If I tell, I will be betraying my father. If I don't tell, I will be betraying my mother. Help, Please!

ANONYMOUS DAUGHTER IN BRAZIL

DEAR DAUGHTER: I don't know what you saw, or how you "know" that the woman your father was with is his mistress and not an acquaintance. However, the first person you should tell is your father. If there isn't an innocent explanation, then tell your mother what you saw.

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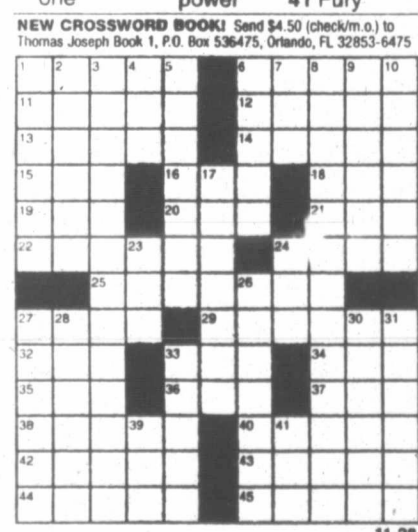
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SPORTS

Dolphins drop Cowboys out of first in division

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Both are 8-4 and in second place in their respective divisions.

Yet, while the Miami Dolphins are gaining confidence, coach Bill Parcells isn't so sure about his Cowboys any more — especially after Dallas' 40-21 loss on Thursday.

"I just don't think our team quite has the maturity yet to understand the kind of situation we're going to get ourselves in," Parcells said. "We've still got a lot on the line and I don't know whether we can do it or not."

The Cowboys have lost three of six games since a five-game winning streak. Just four days after an impressive win

over Carolina, Parcells said his team should be embarrassed.

Miami has won three straight and is 5-1 on the road, the kind of momentum the Dolphins need considering their history of disastrous Decembers and a schedule that could set them up for another: at New England a week from Sunday, then home against Philadelphia.

"We have to keep it going. It doesn't get any easier," linebacker Zach Thomas said.

Not many games will be easier than Thursday.

Jay Fiedler threw three touchdown passes to Chris Chambers and ran for another score in his first start after being out a month with a

sprained left knee. He was 16-of-20 for 239 yards, and Miami scored its most points since 49 in the 2002 season opener.

In the only other NFL game, Detroit beat Green Bay 22-14.

Fiedler's 1-yard plunge on the game's opening drive was set up when Chambers drew a 30-yard pass interference penalty against Mario Edwards on the first play of the game.

"The confidence is very high right now," said Fiedler, who replaced Brian Griese in the second half Sunday against Washington in a comeback win. "We have to play with some passion and confidence

next week against New England as we have been the past few weeks."

Miami is 1 1/2 games behind the Patriots in the AFC East and 1 1/2 games ahead of Denver and Cincinnati for the conference's final wild-card spot.

Dallas dropped out of a first-place tie with the Eagles in the NFC East, and out of a four-way tie for the best record in the conference. The Cowboys play three of their last four games on the road, and are at Philadelphia next.

"Sometimes you just come out flat and get beat. We don't have any excuses," Cowboys quarterback Quincy Carter said. "We understand

(Parcells) is embarrassed. We're all embarrassed."

Carter's 27-yard TD pass to Richie Anderson with 2:44 left in the first half got Dallas to 17-14. But the Dolphins answered before halftime, with Chambers stretching for a 6-yard TD, tapping the tips of his toes while falling out of the back of the end zone.

Then, on the third snap of the second half, Carter fumbled when defensive end Adewale Ogunleye tapped the ball loose. Jason Taylor returned it 34 yards for a 30-14 lead.

"We're definitely happy with the win, but we're not satisfied," Taylor said. "We know we have to stay poised for the next four games."

Harvesters splash to victory against Tascosa

PAMPA — Pampa won 21 of 24 events to defeat Tascosa in a high school dual swim meet last weekend at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

Pampa coach Greg Miller was very pleased with the efforts and sportsmanship displayed by the Harvesters.

"The athletes on the team had a real taste of victory. The team is coming together very well now and the work effort is getting to the level that is producing some winning swims," coach Miller said.

At the meet, Pampa middle school swimmers competed in an exhibition against the high school swimmers.

"They did a great job and in some events beat the high school swimmers from both Pampa and Tascosa," Miller said. "The future looks bright for the Harvester swimming program."

Pampa's next meet is at Albuquerque, N.M. Dec. 5-6 at the Charger Invitational. The meet will be held at Albuquerque Academy. Pampa will be competing

swimmers from both New Mexico and Texas.

Pampa High swimmers who won first place against Tascosa are as follows:

Girls

200 medley relay: Kandice Maddox, Jessica Hall, Wendy Stephens and Whitney Penrod.

200 freestyle: Kirby Broaddus.

200 individual medley: Angela Henthorn.

1 meter diving: Whitney Penrod.

100 butterfly: Derek Wishon.

200 freestyle relay: Kirby Broaddus, Megan Addington, Angela Henthorn and Whitney Penrod.

100 backstroke: Kandice Maddox.

100 breaststroke: Jessica Hall.

400 freestyle relay: Kandice Hall, Angela Henthorn, Kirby Broaddus and Jessica Hall.

Boys

200 medley relay: D.J. Elliott, Thomas Wilson, Derek Wishon and Tyler

Wishon.

200 freestyle: Russell Anglin.

50 freestyle: Joe Johnson.

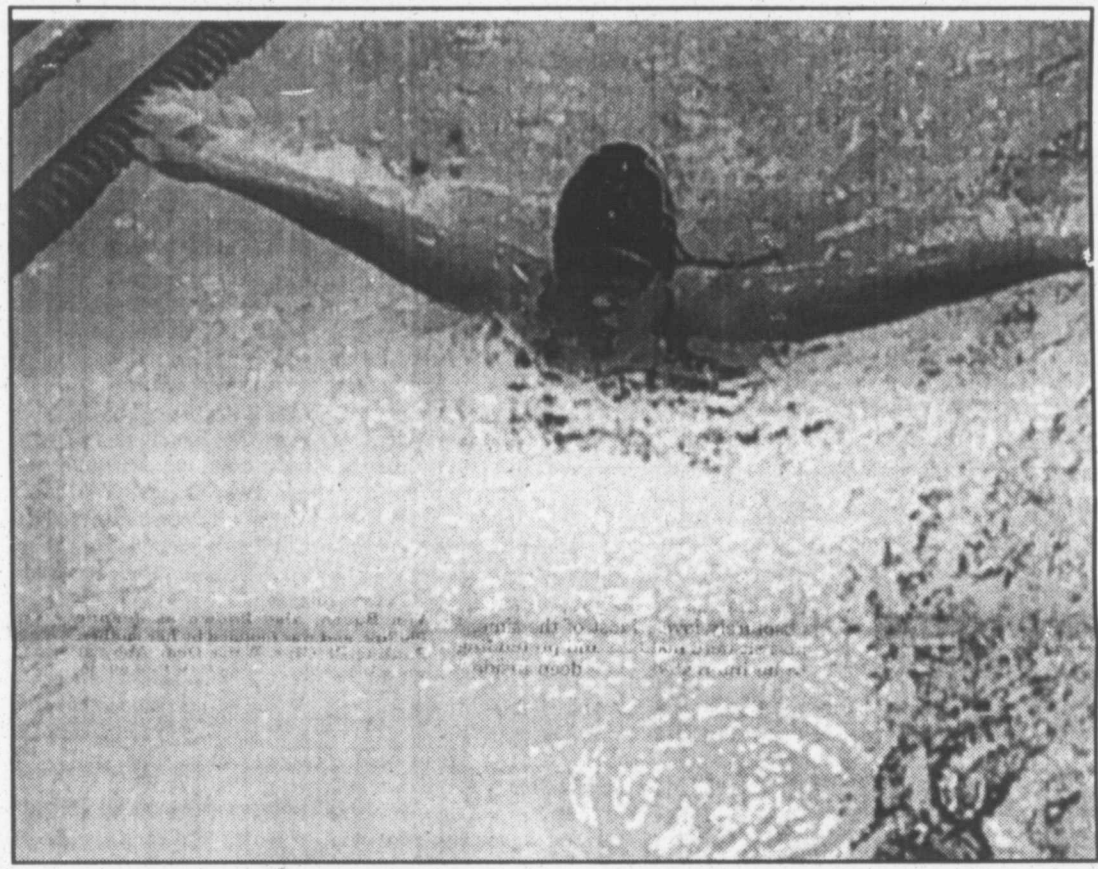
100 freestyle: Tyler Wishon.

100 butterfly: Derek Johnson.

100 breaststroke: Thomas Wilson.

200 freestyle relay: Russell Anglin, Michael Martinez, Derek Wishon and Kevin Schepp.

100 backstroke: Joe Anglin.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe) Pampa sophomore Wendy Stephens won the girls butterfly in the dual meet against Tascosa.

TCU worried about timing of possible GMAC bowl

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU athletic director Eric Hyman is concerned about the possibility of the Horned Frogs getting an invitation to the GMAC Bowl because the game conflicts with the school's final exams.

The No. 19 Horned Frogs (10-1) have not been asked to play in the Dec. 18 game in Mobile, Ala., but GMAC officials get the second pick from Conference USA.

Southern Mississippi beat TCU 40-28 last week and can clinch the C-USA title and Liberty Bowl berth with a victory

Saturday at East Carolina.

"This is pure and simple an academic issue," Hyman said Thursday night.

"They want you down there on the 13th. It's a disservice to our student-athletes."

Final exams at TCU are Dec. 15-19.

Hyman said he told C-USA and bowl officials of his concerns a couple of weeks ago.

Until the loss to Southern Miss, the Frogs were undefeated and in contention for one of the four big-money games that make up the Bowl Championship Series.

TCU reached as high as sixth in the BCS rankings, and was eighth before its loss.

No school from a non-BCS conference has ever made into the BCS.

The Frogs would still be in contention to play in the Liberty Bowl if Southern Miss loses. Game officials could then pick from the co-champions for the Dec. 31 game in Memphis, Tenn.

Last year, the Liberty Bowl took the Frogs over Cincinnati after the two tied for the title, even though the Bearcats had

beaten TCU during the season.

TCU plays its season finale Saturday at SMU (0-11).

The other of the five bowls with C-USA ties are New Orleans (Dec. 16), Fort Worth (Dec. 23) and Hawaii (Dec. 25).

The GMAC Bowl, which has a payout of \$750,000 per team, has already invited Miami, Ohio (10-1) of the Mid-American Conference.

Before coming to TCU, Hyman was the athletic director at Miami.

"Why would I want to get out of Mobile? I'd love to play Miami," he said. "People are drawing their own conclusions. We have had a great time in the Mobile Bowl. It's bigger than all of that."

The Frogs have played twice in Mobile, both games coming a week after final exams were completed.

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NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

BOSTON (AP) — Lunch at the Schillings merely whetted the appetite of the Boston brass. What they really hunger for is a signed contract extension that would add another ace to the Red Sox rotation.

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein and president Larry Lucchino were in Arizona on Wednesday to try to complete a deal for Diamondbacks right-hander Curt Schilling. The teams already have agreed upon the players, but Schilling has a no-trade clause and he wants a contract extension before he goes anywhere.

FOOTBALL

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Michael Vick will be in uniform for the first time this season Sunday, standing by as the Atlanta Falcons' backup quarterback at Houston.

The Pro Bowl QB, sidelined since breaking his right leg in preseason, practiced for the second straight day. During a two-hour workout, Vick rolled out on pass plays after working exclusively in the pocket Wednesday. He also stopped, started and took cuts.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — For coach Bob Knight, basketball strategy always starts when the other team has the ball.

"You start with defense," Knight said Wednesday after Texas Tech put on a pretty good display of it in a 65-54 victory over Utah to advance to the championship game of the Preseason NIT.

"If you don't have defense, we have to score two baskets for every one the other team scores," Knight said. "It's usually defense that enables the offense to get the lead."

"What I've always tried to do is make sure the defense is something that enables the offense to win the game."

It was that way Wednesday as Tech stole the ball 12 times and rattled Utah. That defense and the senior savvy of Andre Emmett to seal the victory.

Texas Tech will play Georgia Tech — which upset top-ranked Connecticut 77-61 — for the tournament title Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

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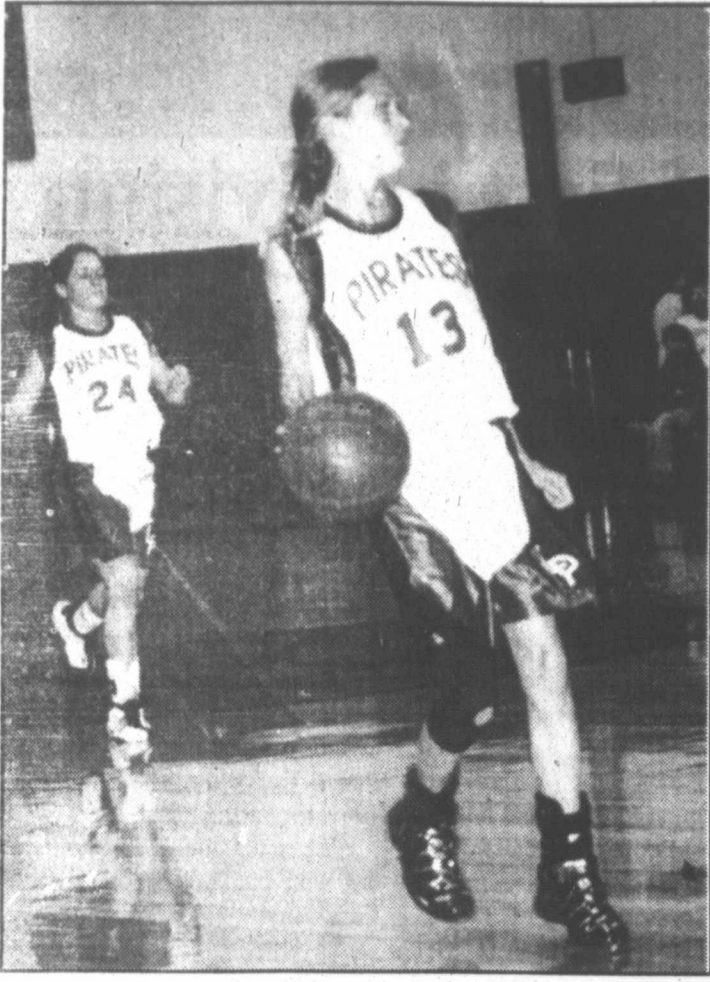
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Lefors sophomore Rachel Stubbs (above) scored 25 points to lead the Lady Pirates past the Pampa freshmen 62-38 in the Lefors Tournament. Others scoring for the Lady Pirates were Katie Barnes 17, Savannah Smith 6, Jonelle Tinney 4 and Kayla Andis 2. Lefors lost to Miami 52-49 in the championship game. Barnes had 26 points for Lefors, followed by Stubbs 10, Tinney 4, Andis 4 and Smith 3.

Pampa plays Dumas in 7th grade girls games

Pampa competed against Dumas in 7th grade girls basketball action last week. Results are as follows: 7th A - lost 27-39. "It was such a close game. This team is really starting to play together like a team. They did so well," Coach Deanna Polasek said.

Scores & statistics
Lauren Smith - 12 pts., 11 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, 4 blocks
Libby Dyson - 9 pts., 3 rebounds
Holly Winegeart - 2 pts., 3

rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks
Kara Lane - 2 pts., 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 blocks
Kelby Doughty - 2 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Kamie Doughty - 1 rebound, 1 steal
Jessica Miner - 3 rebounds, 5 steals, 1 block
April Silva - 1 rebound, 1 steal, 1 block
Lilly Price - 2 rebounds

7th B won in double overtime 33-29
"This was a very exciting

game. They played so hard and hung in there and pulled it out. Everyone played well," said Coach Polasek. Scores & statistics:
Tabby Courter - 10 pts., 1 rebound, 4 steals
Kat Aler - 4 pts., 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block
Rikki Beesley - 4 pts., 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 block
Victoria Campbell - 4 pts., 1 steal
Destiny Fitzer - 3 pts., 2 rebounds
Alex Hutto - 3 pts., 2

rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
Diana Mechelay - 2 pts., 5 rebounds, 1 steal
Carley Richardson - 2 pts., 2 rebounds, 2 steals
Karlie Novian - 1 pt., 4 rebounds, 1 steal
Paegge Alvey - 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Katelyn Wall - 1 rebound, 1 assist

Pampa's next games are at home on Monday, December 1 at 5:00 & 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Middle School gyms.

Spurs deal Bulls seventh consecutive setback

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls gave interim coach Pete Myers a performance he could be proud of — even though it wasn't a win.

Chicago lost its seventh straight game, and second under Myers, falling to Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs 109-98 on Wednesday night.

The Bulls are expected to hire former Phoenix coach Scott Skiles to replace Bill Cartwright, fired Monday.

"I'm grateful for the oppor-

tunity. It was a fun couple of days until Scott gets here," Myers said. "I was satisfied with a lot of things we did out there. Our guys competed well, particularly at the end of the game. I felt like there was a renewed spirit out there on the floor."

Eddy Curry and Lonny Baxter had 19 points each for Chicago.

Duncan scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half and had 10 rebounds for the Spurs, who have won four of five.

Manu Ginobili added 17

points and 11 rebounds and San Antonio had a season-high 31 assists.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich praised the Bulls.

"They're playing hard even though things haven't gone their way," Popovich said. "You have to give them credit for the way they played. I'm concerned that they scored 98 points. We can't beat people when they put up those kinds of numbers. That's not who we are."

Chicago used a 17-8 run, capped by Donyell Marshall's

3-pointer, to pull to 83-80 with 6:27 to play, but San Antonio answered with a 16-4 run to make it 99-84.

Chicago could get no closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

"The next couple of days are going to be a new experience for most of our team," Chicago forward Jalen Rose said. "Most of our team has never experienced a coaching change. Playing with three coaches in one season, multiple lineups and things of that nature."

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003:

You'll have an exceptional year, when the impossible becomes possible. You might often feel like you are on the roller-coaster ride of your life. What you can count on is the unexpected. Focus on your career, developing a stronger role, if you so choose. Pay raises and promotions are both possible. Others admire your creativity and ingenuity. You often surprise people with your unique approach. Network and expand your horizons, especially in the fall. If you are single, you might decide there is no reason to remain so, especially after September 2004. If you are attached, you'll become much closer through sharing more of your work life together. Your ability to communicate also draws you closer to your sweetie. PISCES pushes your buttons. Don't let him or her.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** You might already have gone overboard with all the celebrations. This thought might occur midday, which would be an excellent time to head home and get some extra R and R. You could be put-out by a friend who expects way too much from you. Express your boundaries. Tonight: Try being a recluse.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
***** You might need to put the final touches on shopping or visiting with family. Do everything you can to clear out immediate work. You will want more time for yourself and your friends later. Don't allow someone's grumpiness to get to you. Remember, this person's mood belongs to him or her, not you! Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Take off if you want and schedule your own minivacation. You could be too exhausted for words. Remember, even happy times take their toll. The further away from the here and now, the happier you will be. Take some mental time off, at least. Tonight: A must show — so you think!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Make time for your special sweetie, but also feel free to head in your own direction. You could be overly tired and exhausted. Know when to say enough is enough. Consider a break of pace or doing something totally different. Tonight: Walk the untrodden path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others seek you out, and your popularity grows. Someone does true confessions and might jolt you to kingdom come. Examine your long-term goals vis-à-vis a relationship. A discussion with a special partner might be needed. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Though yours is a sign associated with doing and serving, you discover that perhaps you have had enough. Head in your own direction, choosing what you need and want. A surprise piece of information might cause you to stop in your tracks. Tonight: Out on the town.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Romantic flickers tumble into your weekend. Proceed slowly, knowing what you want. Some of you might decide to go for it, which you will. Find some mistletoe! Still, slow down some and create an easy atmosphere where personal interactions flow. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** You might feel obliged to give your family extra attention. Unexpected developments on the home front cause

you to stop in your tracks. You like excitement; you've got it. Adjust plans as need be. Tonight: Make time for a little romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Scatter about and see your loved ones. You might be a bit worn out by the holiday goings-on. Understand when to say "enough" and go off and do your own thing. Take some time just for yourself. You don't have to tell everyone what you are up to! Tonight: Mystery adds to your allure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Expenses go way overboard right now, but who ultimately controls the purse strings? You have no one to blame but yourself. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to tighter control on your budget. Tonight: Find a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You're still in the driver's seat. A younger friend seeks you out. He or she wants your attention. Be careful with your unpredictable behavior, if possible. Others often get jolted and back away. Tonight: Keep on smiling. Indulge. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** If you can, take the daytime as a lazy day to do your thing. Also consider a nap, if possible. Know that very soon you will need every bit of energy possible. Use your sense of humor with an unpredictable Aquarian. Tonight: It's your night to shine.

BORN TODAY
Author C.S. Lewis (1898), actor, comedian Gary Shandling (1949), actor Jeff Fahey (1956)

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Pampa Bowling Roundup

League Standings

Lone Star League (Week 9)

Team
Harvester Cafe 23
G.B. Contractors 21
Pampa Transmission 20
UMC 20
Now & Then 16
Whitehead Cattle 16
B & K Carpentry 14

Week's High Scores

High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 208; High scratch series: Ruth Swearingim 533; High handicap game: Vicki Bowling 253; High handicap series: Vicki Bowling 665.

Harvester Women's League (Week 10)

Team
Rug Express 30
O'Brien Enterprises 27 1/2
Schiffman Machine 27 1/2
Davis Minit Mart 23
Peacevale Land & Cattle 22
Big Uns! 21
Gymnastics of Pampa 16
Coney Island 15
Harvester Lanes 5

Week's High Scores

High scratch game: Peggy Chase 268; High scratch series: Geneva Schiffman 593; High handicap game: Billie Gowdy 283; High handicap series: Wanda Adams 698.

Association Awards: Billie S. Gowdy, 152 award average; 592 award score; 125 pins over average, WIBC series; 245 award score, 75 pins over average, WIBC game.

Harvester Lanes

Team	Won	Lost
Harvester Cafe	23	13
G.B. Contractors	21	15
Pampa Transmission	20	16
UMC	20	16
Now & Then	16	20
Whitehead Cattle	16	20
B & K Carpentry	14	22

Team	Won	Lost
Rug Express	30	10
O'Brien Enterprises	27 1/2	12 1/2
Schiffman Machine	27 1/2	12 1/2
Davis Minit Mart	23	17
Peacevale Land & Cattle	22	18
Big Uns!	21	19
Gymnastics of Pampa	16	24
Coney Island	15	25
Harvester Lanes	5	31

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Buffalo	4 7 0 .364 173 187				
N.Y. Jets	4 7 0 .364 210 221				
South					
Indianapolis	9 2 0 .818 309 216				
Tennessee	9 2 0 .818 303 208				
Houston	4 7 0 .364 194 277				
Jacksonville	2 9 0 .182 185 254				
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Baltimore	6 5 0 .545 256 232				
Cincinnati	6 5 0 .545 244 246				
Cleveland	4 7 0 .364 185 190				
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San Diego	2 9 0 .182 209 314				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
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Atlanta	2 9 0 .182 208 311				
North					
Minnesota	7 4 0 .636 293 247				
Green Bay	6 6 0 .500 298 255				
Chicago	4 7 0 .364 191 244				

Thursday's Games
Detroit 22, Green Bay 14
Miami 40, Dallas 21

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

New England at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.

Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7
San Diego at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Carolina at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8
St. Louis at Cleveland, 9 p.m.

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Early bird specials abound as holiday shopping takes off

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NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers everywhere braved the early hours in search of a bargain Friday as retailers inaugurated the holiday shopping season with the usual gimmicks, including early bird specials.

About 100 people waited in line outside the KB Toy store in King of Prussia mall near Philadelphia about 5:15 a.m. Edna Daniels, 65, worried her toy would be gone and wished she had been quicker.

"I wish that I had gotten up early. I would have been here at 4 o'clock; I would have been second in line," she said, hoping to take advantage of a special on the Game Boy Advance for her grandsons, ages 9 and 12. "By this time, I doubt they have them."

Outside a Wal-Mart store in Burlington Township, N.J., Erika Johnson said she was shocked by the line of people that wrapped around the block at 5:30 a.m.

"I couldn't believe it," Johnson said. "I never did this before and I think it may be the last time."

Johnson said she was looking for a CD-DVD combination player that was on sale for \$29. She also hoped to get a Hummer remote control car for her daughter, which was going for \$20 — about half its regular price.

With an improving economy, merchants are more hopeful this year that consumers will keep buying throughout the season, not only when the merchandise is 50 percent off.

"It's not going to be easy. Stores have conditioned consumers to buy on sale," said Burt Flickinger, managing partner at the consulting firm Strategic Resource Group in New York.

Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s early bird specials, from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., include \$99 grills and \$299.99 combination DVD camcorders. All-day specials include 50 percent off on all sweaters and outerwear, except its Lands' End label.

At J.C. Penney Co. Inc., consumers can get 50 percent reductions on holiday decorations, and 35 percent to 50 percent discounts on selected apparel.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is offering such early bird specials as Symphonic 20-inch flat screen TVs for \$99.46, Apex DVD-CD combination players for \$29.87 and Kodak digital cameras for \$99.74.

Gas Natural agrees to buy from Enron

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Spanish gas group Gas Natural said Thursday it agreed to raise its stakes in two Brazilian gas distributors.

Gas Natural agreed to buy from U.S.-based Enron Corp. a 25.39 percent stake in Companhia Distribuidora de Gas do Rio de Janeiro, or CEG, as well as Enron's 33.75 percent stake in CEG-Rio, a CEG unit.

Following the operation, Gas Natural's stake in CEG will rise to 54.16 percent, and in CEG-Rio to 72 percent. It didn't release financial details.

Gas Natural said the deal still needs approval from regulators.

Oakland pot club growth may spur new regs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — If there's an epicenter of the nation's medical marijuana movement, it may be in a gritty six-block area near Oakland's city hall, where at least 11 dispensaries sell pot to any California resident with a doctor's note.

Since voters approved a state ballot measure legalizing medical marijuana in 1996, "pot clubs" have popped up in San Francisco, Hayward, Los Angeles and Santa Cruz, among other California cities.

But nowhere is their concentration as high as Oakland, leading some residents of this famously tolerant city of 400,000 to wonder if the proliferation of clubs has gone too far.

The city council is set to vote as early as next week on several proposed restrictions, after complaints from some business owners, ranging from the smoke to an escalation of street violence.

The proposals include requiring the clubs to have business licenses and zoning rules that would limit the number of clubs in an area. The city's far-reaching anti-smoking ordinance, which prohibits smoking in any commercial building unless it has a separate ventilation system, will likely be applied as well.

"I'm a strong supporter of implementing voters' wishes in making sure medical marijuana is available to patients who need it," said council member Nancy Nadel. "But because the industry has expanded quite

quickly in our city, we need to put some regulations in place."

That the council would consider any restrictions on the clubs is a striking departure from the past.

Federal law prohibits the use or sale of marijuana for any reason, but nine states including California permit the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

In 1998, the city enacted what many advocates consider the most sweeping protection of medical marijuana use in the country, allowing patients to possess 24 times the amount of pot permitted under state law, and deputizing operators of a cannabis collective as "officers of the city," a title that confers some protection from local police enforcement.

In the six-block neighborhood where the clubs are concentrated, some who use marijuana to ease symptoms of AIDS, cancer and other illnesses leave the clubs quickly, tucking small bags of the drug into their purse or pockets.

Others stay at the clubs, where pot smoke occasionally wafts into the street, earning the neighborhood the nickname Oaksterdam, after the free-wheeling Dutch capital where marijuana use has been decriminalized.

Most businesses in the immediate area have welcomed the pot clubs, saying they've actually helped the local economy, and the Oaksterdam neighborhood is gentrifying.

But armed robbers recently tied up a bouncer outside one club and fled with pot and a significant amount of cash. It was the last straw for a gay and lesbian youth center next door — its director decided to move the center to a drug-free neighborhood.

"It's very good to have the clubs, but it brings in a lot of sketchy people who are trying to profit off the legalization," said Brian Bauman, who owns a record store near three of the clubs. "It brings people who hang around the streets and harass patients coming to pick up their medicine."

Even the club owners have concluded some limits could be a good thing.

"The clubs are definitely starting to push the boundaries — it's part of figuring out how we fit in the medical world," said Ken Estes, owner of the 420 Cafe, a pot club that serves about a thousand patients each week.

Estes, who has used marijuana to treat pain ever since a motorcycle accident paralyzed him 20 years ago, said he would favor limits on the growth of the clubs.

"To slow fear down, I would really like to come up with a moratorium to stop growth and then revisit it after a few months," Estes said.

But Ed Rosenthal, an Oakland resident and leader in the national medical marijuana movement, said the clubs could remedy many problems on their own, such as beefing up security. Any government efforts to regulate the clubs would only hurt sick patients, he said.

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