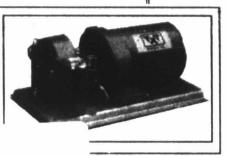


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OTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-15-34-39. Bonus Ball: 33. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$42,658.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 18. Prize: \$2,150.

Nation rings in New Year

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2004

overseas and a dark mood of watchful eye of police offi- way to start 2004!' cers.

some of the tightest security said. measures in U.S. history.

of war Shoshana Johnson, sent festival in the country. the 1,070-pound crystal ball on a 60-second drop that cul- 30,000 people gathered along minated at the stroke of mid- the city's waterfront to watch night.

Tanya Starkin, a 23-year-old Bridge, which was the focus waitress from Ireland, as fire- of stepped up security. Coast works lighted up the sky. Guard boats trolled San "Everyone was so worried Francisco Bay on the lookout Number matching four of about everything, and now for suspicious activity.

NEW YORK (AP) — and his newly won \$1,000 Amid continuing conflict from a video poker machine. "What better way to end apprehension at home, revel- 2003?" asked Kelly, of ers across the nation greeted Newport Beach, Calif. "I'm

the dawn of 2004 under an going to go back in there and orange terrorism alert and the win another one. What better

An estimated 270,000 rev-Nearly 1 million revelers elers jamming the Strip and rang in the new year with the downtown's Fremont Street, dropping of the traditional watched over by about 2,600 crystal ball in Times Square police officers, more than 100 - a joyous, confetti-filled FBI agents and 4,000 hotel bash against the backdrop of security guards, authorities

The festivities in Boston With police snipers posted drew about 1.5 million vision rooftops and helicopters tors, reaching the same levels patrolling overhead, Mayor of the previous year. Boston's Michael Bloomberg and guest "First Night" is the oldest and of honor, former Iraq prisoner largest New Year's Eve arts

In San Francisco, about the fireworks display against

"It was brilliant," said the backdrop of the Bay

Thousands gathered in

Officially official



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

223rd District Judge Lee Waters, right, congratulates the new Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn, right, after swearing Seabourn into office on Wednesday afternoon in the district courtroom. Seabourn was recently appointed by the Gray County Commissioners Court to fill the position after Todd Alvey resigned. Seabourn told family, friends, county employees, and local attorneys who gathered for the ceremony that he had plans and goals

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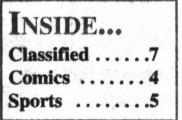
five: 805. Prize: \$103.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 665. Prize: \$110.

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DEATHS

Irene M. Ball, 94, mother of Pampan. Irene Pakan, 89, homemaker.



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everything is good.

The raising of the national Seattle to enjoy the city's 7 terrorism alert to orange, its 1/2-minute firework show feasecond-highest level, prompt- turing fireworks bursting from ed cities across the country to the Space Needle. More step up police patrols, plan undercover officers worked aerial surveillance and install the crowd than last year. equipment to detect chemical.

tamination.

after the ball dropped. He of Mississippi River. called 2003 a good year: here."

In a sea of glitter and con- works shows on a downtown Kelly cheered the new year

New Year's supplies

In New Orleans, an estibiological or radiological con- mated 40,000 to 50,000 people watched the lowering of a "Everything went off very giant, grinning papier mache

well," New York Police baby in the French Quarter as Commissioner Ray Kelly said helicopters patrolled the banks

Denver authorities called in "Another year where we off-duty officers to ensure celhaven't had a terrorist attack ebrations did not get out of hand, especially at two fire-

fetti outside the MGM Mirage pedestrian mall, where about hotel-casino on the Las Vegas 160,000 people gathered. That Strip, sixth-grade teacher Bob was 50,000 more than last (See NEW YEAR, Page 3)

that he feels will make the county attorney's office more effective in the coming year.

DPS finds 200 pounds of marijuana in trunk

GROOM arrested Tuesday Interstate 40 after Texas based in Amarillo. Department of Public Safety troopers discovered more 25, and Diana Ocasio, 25, trunk. than 200 pounds of marijuana were traveling in a 1995 hidden in their vehicle.

be a record year for drug fic violation. After troopers to DPS reports.

Two busts in our area," said became suspicious, the driver

Philadelphia residents were Trooper Wayne Beighle, DPS gave consent to search the along public information officer Avalon and 209 pounds of marijuana, packaged in nine Christopher Hernandez, bundles, were found in the

The marijuana, with an Toyota Avalon eastbound on estimated street value of "This is the latest of sever- 1-40, three miles west of \$123,101, was believed to al huge loads of marijuana Groom just after 10 a.m. have originated in Tucson. our troopers have seized Tuesday when officers Ariz, and was headed for the along I-40 in what appears to stopped the vehicle on a traf- Philadelphia area, according

Death toll rises to eight in car bomb attack that destroys Baghdad eatery

The death toll rose to eight in a Mexico City bureau: Tracy five of the dead were Iraqis, car bomb attack that destroyed Wilkinson, the paper's Rome said Lt. Gen. Ahmed Kadhem, a Baghdad restaurant crowded bureau chief; and correspon- the deputy interior minister with New Year's Eve revelers. dent Ann Simmons, who for- and Baghdad chief of police. officials said Thursday. Three merly was the Times' bureau were among the 35 wounded.

responsibility Wednesday's bombing, which employed by the Times. came despite tightened security amid warnings of possible Baghdad bureau office managholiday terror attacks.

"The glass came flying. Everything else blew up. People were blown apart," hit. said Basam Sarhan, a 25-yearold baker working in the two people putting their hands. Year's Eve party with live kitchen at the back of the on their faces all covered with music and belly dancing. Nabil restaurant, located in an blood and their bodies were upscale Baghdad neighbor- bleeding severely," Jaff told into the rubble after discoverhood.

said three of its reporters and lying there. The cars were got a pulse!" he screamed. five local staff members suf- smoking, they were on fire." fered cuts and other wounds ening.

Salar Jaff, the Times' er, was driving to the restaurant behind three cars carrying his colleagues when the blast

the Times. "The glass was ing a victim. The Los Angeles Times everywhere. People were just

The reporters were Chris rubble and Iraqi police later

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kraul, from the newspaper's found another four. At least

The blast was caused by a Los Angeles Times reporters chief in Nairobi, Kenya. Also car booby-trapped with about suffering minor injuries were 500 pounds of explosives, said No group has claimed three Iraqi drivers, a translator Col. Ralph Baker, division for and a computer technician commander of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division

> After the evening explosion, helicopters buzzed overhead as ambulances and U.S. soldiers converged on the Nabil, a popular spot with for-"I heard the screams. I saw eigners that advertised a New

> > An American soldier leaned

"She's got a pulse! She's

Several cars outside the Lt. Col. Peter Jones of the restaurant were wrecked and that did not appear life-threat- 1st Armored Division, said he in flames. Gunfire was heard pulled four bodies from the after the explosion, which left (See BOMB, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Michael Craig of Pampa gets ready for the new

year with a 2004 calendar and cans of black-eyed

peas. Craig found the new year's supplies at

National Bank of Commerce, which provides the

items for its customers. Black-eved peas, when

eaten on New Year's Day, are supposed to bring

good fortune for the coming year.

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alma mater, and taught school.

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She married Melvin Glenn Ball on Dec.

26, 1928, at Salina, Kan.; he died in 1968.

The couple settled on Mrs. Ball's family's

farm. She enjoyed membership in Busy Bee-

Hive Club and playing cards with her friends.

Simpson where she was city clerk. She later

relocated to Beloit and became active in

Ball of Pampa and Audrey Budke of Beloit:

seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren;

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

EVANS, the Rev. Darrell W. — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

NATTA, Chester Willis Van — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

PAKAN, Irene — 2 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamrock.

IRENE PAKAN

McLEAN — Irene Pakan, 89, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church at Shamrock with the Rev. Mark Carter, of Redeemer Lutheran Church at Bartlesville, Okla., and Pastor Vern Appel, of the church in Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Pakan Cemetery at Pakan under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

A McLean resident for more than 60 years, Mrs. Pakan belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church's Ladies Aide, Pioneer Study Club and the library board. She was a homemaker and worked at Marie Foundation in McLean. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting and telling stories.

Survivors include a son, John Pakan of Alaska; three daughters, Dorothy Brinson of San Angelo, Ruth Jones of Parker, Colo., and Margie Eschenburg of China Springs; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Trinity Lutheran Church, 900 S. Main, Shamrock, TX 79079.

WEATHER FOCUS

Рамра

The forecast for the first day of the new year is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 60s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Night should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the lower 40s and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s.

Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows

in the lower 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday, partly cloudy.

Rehnquist scolds Congress, lawmakers reduce judges' discretion in sentencing

By JENNIFER C. KERR ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

he changes that Rehnquist objects to were tucked

Dec. 28, 2003, at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit. Services were Wednesday in McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit with Father Henry Baxa, of St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, officiating. Interment was in Glasco Cemetery in Glasco, Kan. Arrangements were under the direction of McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service. Mrs. Ball was born Sept. 28, 1909, on a

BELOIT, Kan. — Irene Mary Ball, 94,

mother of a Pampa resident, died Sunday,

farm southwest of Simpson, Kan., to John and a sister Goldena Eichman. Mary Dora Cerveny Komin. She attended Coursen Grove country school and graduated from Simpson High School. After graduation, she returned to Coursen Grove, her childhood and six great-great-grandchildren.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 21, 109 N. Dwight, was arrested for failure to appear, failure to report a change of address, and running a stop sign.

Earl Jiles III, 37, Amarillo, was arrested for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Ramiro Reyes, 41, 332 N. Christy, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, driving with license suspended and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

POLICE

the following arrests.

Pampa Police Department today reported Thursday, Jan. 1

Joel Arguello, 41, 1008 N. Wells, was arrested by DPS for public intoxication.

Ernesto Castillo, 45, 727 E. Denver, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Debbie Alvarado, 37, 325 N. Doyle, was arrested by DPS for public intoxication and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

James Miller Ashford, 33, 1909 Mary Ellen, was arrested for credit card abuse, theft of property by check, and hindering a secured creditor.

Donny Johnson, 53, 312 1/2 N. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct/language and possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Dec. 31

700 block of East Frederic. No transport.

9:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

10:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a

2:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

5:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

11:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

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with releasing suspect for sex

local nursing facility and transported a

patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

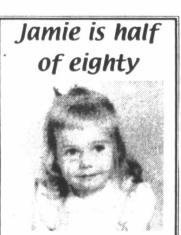
Wednesday, Dec. 31

WASHINGTON (AP) -Congress should have sought the judiciary's advice before limiting the ability of judges to impose lighter sentences than specified in federal guidelines, the nation's top judge says.

"During the last year, it seems that the traditional interchange between the Congress and the Judiciary broke down when Congress enacted what is known as the Protect Act, making some rather dramatic changes to the laws governing the federal sentencing process," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote Thursday in his annual report on the state of the judiciary.

The changes that Rehnquist objects to were tucked into an anti-crime bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April. It targeted child kidnappers, molesters and pornographers and included a national Amber Alert network.

But it also included a provision sponsored by Rep. Tom Feeney, R-Fla., and supported by Attorney General John Ashcroft, that reduced federal



Jamie, In "64" you were Gray County's first girl baby, could that mean you're 40 maybe?

into an anti-crime bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April. It targeted child kidnappers, molesters and pornographers and included a national Amber Alert network.

judges' discretion in sentencing criminals, and required reports to Congress on any judge who departs from sentencing guidelines.

Collecting this information on judges, Rehnquist said, is "troubling." He said cataloguing such data "could appear to be an unwarranted and illconsidered effort to intimidate individual judges in the performance of their judicial duties."

Other critics say it could lead to a "black list" of judges deemed soft on crime.

In the report, the chief judge lectured Congress on the importance of a strong working relationship between the judicial and legislative branches, and he cited historical examples in which the two arms of government consulted on drafting laws.

He complained that the measure changing judges' sentencing authority was enacted "without any consideration of the views of the judiciary." He added, "It surely improves the legislative process at least to ask the judiciary its views on such a significant piece of legislation."

Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University Law School, said

Rehnquist has a legitimate complaint. Congress adopted "rules

and procedures that really are quite unacceptable as far as the judges go because it so restricts their discretion and so straightjackets the process that it really has caused a lot of consternation," she said. The new law means "the sentencing process is even more removed from the judge ... and placed more heavily in the hands of prosecutors."

Prior to the new law, prosecutors had long complained that judges had too much leeway in imposing sentences.

Supporters of the measure argue that it was needed to ensure fair and equal sentencing justice throughout the judiciary. House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said too often judges were handing down sentences less than those specified in federal guidelines.

"The Feeney amendment seeks to correct these sentencing disparities so that one person doesn't receive a sentence three times as long as another person committing the same crime," Sensenbrenner said in a statement responding to Rehnquist's report.

Josue Vargus, 23, 1033 S. Faulkner, was arrested for two capias pro fines.

Howard Andrew Hayden II, 31, 1031 N. Sumner Apt. 18, was arrested for harassment by telephone.

Jerry Dale Ledford, 32, 101 S. Dwight, was arrested on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Jesse Chavez, 18, 1006 E. Frederic, was arrested for public intoxication.

Aaron Keith Glaspie, 37, Rosamond, Calif., was arrested for public intoxication. Jose Silva Jr., 25, 910 E. Browning, was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct/language, and a motion to revoke probation on a charge of criminal mischief.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Dec. 31 5:29 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 1800 block of North Nelson. Upon arrival, firefighters determined that a smoke haze and smell in the structure came from a pot that had boiled over on the stove.

Thursday, Jan. 1

12:10 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the alley. The fire was out upon arrival. No cause was listed in the fire report.

12:22 a m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 1000 block of South Wells. The fire, which had spread to the back and front yards of a residence, was out on arrival. No cause was listed in the fire report.

HOUSTON (AP) — A veteran Houston police officer has been accused of allowing a shoplifting suspect at a Heights area grocery store to go free in exchange for sex, Harris County officials reported.

Officer Lance William Elliott, 34, was charged Tuesday with three counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody and one count of tampering with a government record.

Elliott, of Alvin, was released from jail Wednesday on \$8,000 bond, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition Wednesday.

A Houston Police spokesman Department declined comment, but he did confirm Elliott was an officer on the force.

Elliott's attorney Aaron Suder also declined to comment, but said Elliott has no significant black marks on his police depart-

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ment disciplinary file. Elliott is accused of having sex with a woman he picked up for allegedly

shoplifting from a supermarket Sept. 17. Court documents said Elliott parked behind a ware-

house instead of taking the shoplifting suspect to jail.

"She talked to Elliott about releasing her and his response was, 'What's in it for me?' " the document stated.



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ARLINGTON (AP) - A man suspected of vive. beating a man in a carjacking in Forest Hill was killed in a shootout with police after a chase that rambled through Fort Worth before ending at an Arlington apartment complex, police said.

Arlington police Sgt. Will Johnson identified the man killed Wednesday as Don Henry Burns, 41.

Police were continuing to piece together the details of the pursuit, which included the carjacking have anything he wanted," Doughty said. He heard and at least two other attempts to take people's a noise as he turned to go inside. "It was a big vehicles.

Johnson said that Burns began shooting at officers as soon as they became involved in the chase.

Police said the man beaten in Forest Hill suffered a serious head injury but was expected to sur-

Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News lessly. that a man in sport utility vehicle sped into his driveway and garage. He said the man told him he wanted his car and Doughty said he would have to Norwood Circle. He looked out the window and go inside for the keys.

"I saw he was holding a gun. I told him he could bang," he said. "The bullet went through the wall about 18 inches from me. It hit my refrigerator."

Doughty said he ran into the house and told his daughters, ages 21 and 18, to grab his 5-month-old granddaughter and get out of the house. But while

Doughty called 911 the Bronco left. Police officers spotted Burns a few minutes later and Pete Doughty of Arlington said in a story in received several reports of a Bronco driving reck- began chasing him when he did not pull over.

> About 10 minutes later Matt Gruver said he heard shots from his home in the 500 block of in the air toward a pickup truck.

The gunman apparently had thrown a suitcase into the truck and demanded the keys, but police say the people in the truck apparently threw him the Rivercrest Village Apartments in North Arlington. wrong set of keys and ran. The gunman drove off in the Bronco.

items was found in the truck, police said. Arlington and Burns was shot to death.

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terror." *

"As soon as we got into this chase, he started shooting," said Sgt. Will Johnson, an Arlington police spokesman.

Officers said they could see Burns reloading an saw a man waving a silver handgun and shooting assault rifle during the chase. Bullets struck police cars, as well as civilian cars, but there were no injuries, police said.

The chase ended when Burns pulled into

Burns jumped out of the Bronco and ran to a stairwell, firing at police with a semiautomatic A suitcase full of what appeared to be stolen weapon, police said. Police officers returned fire

Search under way for remains of child

cadaver-finding dogs have recovered additional bone fragments in their search of a rural area of northwest Fort Worth where a portion of skull was found.

Investigators wouldn't speculate about the gender or age of the remains first spotted convicted of aggravated kidnapping in the Tuesday. But the Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted unnamed sources in its Thursday edition as saying the remains are those of a child and had been in the area for some time.

Relatives of 6-year-old Opal Jennings are watching the investigation closely but not said a couple on horseback spotted a section getting their hopes up, the newspaper reported. The spot is less than 10 miles from where remains were found near the western shore of the child was abducted in 1999.

"We are just going about our regular business," Teresa Sanderford, Opal's aunt, said. Thursday. "If it turns out it is Opal, that would be great."

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police cadets and been what seemed to be promising developments that didn't yield anything.

> Opal was abducted March 26, 1999, as she played with two other children near her grandmother's home in Saginaw.

> Richard Lee Franks of Fort Worth was girl's disappearance in 2002. He told investigators that he gave her a ride to a convenience store and dropped her off safely. Franks is serving life in prison.

> Lt. Jesse Hernandez, a police spokesman, of skull in a culvert Tuesday afternoon. The Lake Worth. Dozens of police cadets helped search Wednesday. The search was to resume

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family of six having New Year's dinner in the building a large crater on a side next door when the blast street near the building. ripped away the side wall. Her Sarhan said there were uncle was taken to a hospital, about 25 people in the restau-

she said. rant at the time of the blast. The area of the blast is fre-"The people who are carryquented by rich Iraqis who ing out such attacks do not disshop and visit restaurants, and criminate about the place," said Police Brig. Hamid is lined with chic shops selling items such as cosmetics, cur-Alyasiry, who is in charge of tains and upholstery. Three Karrada, an upscale shopping blocks from the restaurant, the and restaurant district where windows of a big clothing the blast occurred. "They want shop were shattered. to frighten everyone to create

Nabil serves wine and other One witness, Ahmed alcohol — a rarity in Baghdad Baghdad exploded as a U.S.

other. She said they were a ed the possibility of attacks by insurgents over the holiday period.

> Earlier, a car bomb exploded as a U.S. convoy passed on a Baghdad street full of shops; destroying a Humvee, Iraqi police Sgt. Thabet Talib said. An 8-year-old Iraqi boy was killed and 21 other people were wounded, including five U.S. soldiers and five Iraqi civil defense personnel, authorities said.

Later in the evening, a bomb hidden in shrubs outside a separate restaurant in

Sanderford said several times there had needs to be found," Hernandez said.

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NEW YEAR

year's crowd, said Michael Krikorian of the Downtown Denver Partnership.

Special police units in Philadelphia patrolled neighborhoods just before midnight to look, and listen, for people ringing in the New Year by firing shots into the air. Police reported 10 to 20 such incidents, and several people were arrested on firearms violation charges. No injuries were reported.

New York City put more officers on duty this year than last, though officials declined to give numbers. Last year the department said it deployed 2,000 officers in Times Square alone.

Metal detectors were brought in, manhole covers were sealed, and mailboxes, trash cans and newspaper boxes were removed. Police had seven helicopters to patrol

above the crowd, includingone with communications equipment and crowd-scanning cameras. The Department of Homeland Security sent fighter jets over New York for the night.

Police said there were no reports of crowd trouble.

birthday was Jan. 1 and that when she was a girl she believed the Times Square celebration was in her honor - "So I've always wanted to come be here in person," she said, laughing.

Although some revelers complained that police barricades and closed streets made them feel hemmed in, several said the precautions enabled celebration.

"It's real controlled, but I understand the reason why," Talley said.

Cyndi Lauper took the stage

to lead the revelers, many of whom were wearing bright orange hats and waving red balloons, in a sing-along of tunes from her latest album.

The Federal Aviation Administration banned flights, except for scheduled commercial flights, over Tracey Talley, 31, said her Manhattan and Las Vegas for several hours during the celebrations.

Crowds began gathering early Wednesday in Pasadena, Calif., for Thursday's 115th Rose Parade. annual Paradegoers staked out spots for a curbside sleepover as law enforcement officers many of them undercover fanned out along the route. Tim Tussman, 46, of

them to enjoy the once-a-year Grantsburg, Wis., brought his girlfriend, Becky Melin, 45, to see the parade as a belated birthday gift. "It's an obvious target, but you hope they've New York-born performer taken all that into account," he said

Hassanain, said a white Toyota "We'll search the entire area or until we Corolla car drove by the area are satisfied we have found everything that five or six times before the bombing. The last time it passed, he said, the guard at the restaurant shot at it. It drove away. Two minutes later, there was an explosion. He said he did not know whether it was the Corolla that

> blew up. "These people are terrorists," Hassanain said. "Nobody here supports them."

Outside the restaurant, a young man and a woman with blood on her face and shoulders wept and hugged each

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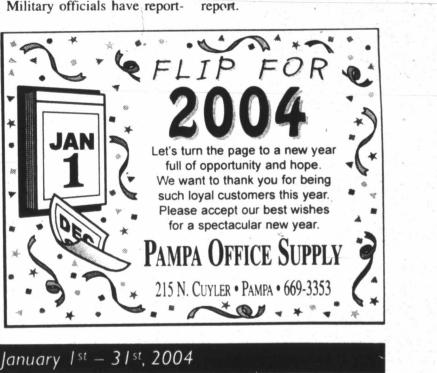
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and Western and Arabic dishes. Inside, big round tables set for dinner were covered with food. A bottle of White Horse scotch was still standing but its neck was blown off.

U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police had stepped up security in Baghdad on Wednesday, erecting more razor wire and checkpoints in key areas. Military officials have reportmilitary convoy passed, wounding three American soldiers and three Iraqi civilians.

Near the southern city of Basra, a South Korean was killed in a gunbattle between Romanian soldiers and Iraqi insurgents, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported Wednesday. There was no immediate confirmation of the



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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Welcome This New Year With Goals You Can Reach

DEAR READERS: Rise and shine, and welcome to the New Year! This is our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's oft-requested list of New Year's resolutions — adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon.

Just for today, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all my problems at once. I know that I can do some-thing for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

Just for today, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I will not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but myself. Just for today, I will do some

thing positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthily — if only for today. And just for today, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

was sent to me last year, too late to print for New Year's. It was sent by a reader, I.J. Bhatia, who lives in New Delhi, India, with the following mess

DEAR ABBY: Every year we make New Year's resolutions — only to break them. This year no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has sub-jected himself to thousands of selfinflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature." The following Prayer of Saint Francis contains a powerful message: Lord, make me an instrument of

your peace. Where there is hatred, let me

sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I

may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we

receive: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned:

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

May we find peace and joy in this new year.

To one and all, a happy, healthy 2004!

Love, ABBY

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at



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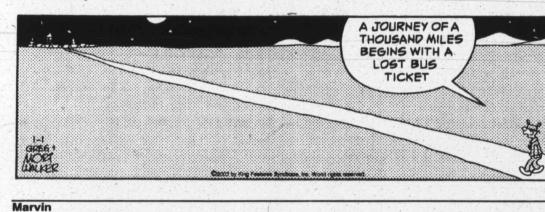
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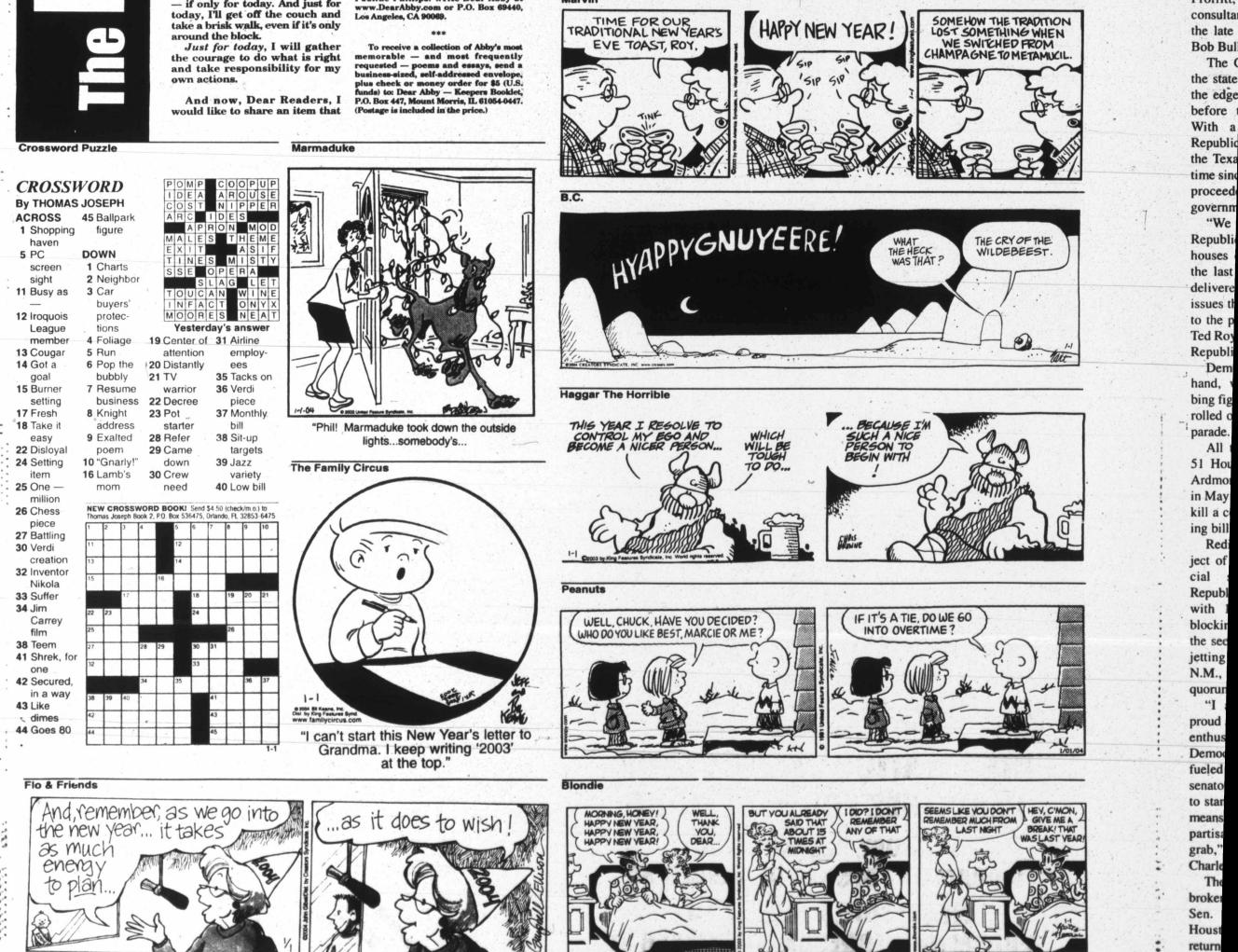


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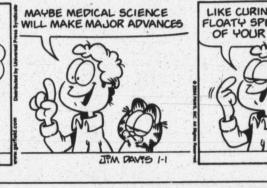
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Each year Altrusa helps wrap gifts donated for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project. This year's community service project brought out members from Altrusa, ASTRA and AFS foreign exchange student group. Among the ASTRA members lending a hand were (left-right) Stephanie Nelson, Greg Wiley and Briana Russell.

Republicans rule, Democrats flee in Texas' political scene

By KELLEY SHANNON ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP)Dominance was the magic word for Texas politics in 2003.

Republicans dominated the political landscape as they made deep budget cuts, placed limits on civil lawsuits and pushed through a GOP congressional redistricting plan despite the protests and road trips of Democrats.

"Texas politics? Year of the elephant," summed up Tony Proffitt, a veteran political consultant who was an aide to the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

The GOP already held all the statewide offices and had the edge in the Texas Senate before the 2002 elections.

advantage in the delegation and don't want to relinquish it.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas pressed the redistricting effort, saying Republicans wanted more Texans from their party in Congress to reflect the state's conservative voting patterns.

Democrats accused DeLay of strong-arming state leaders. and inflicting Washingtonstyle partisanship on a state where President Bush, the former Texas governor, had championed its tradition of bipartisanship.

By December, the two parties were still fighting over redistricting, this time in a federal courtroom. A threejudge panel will decide, perhaps by the start of the new

"He got caught up in the maelstrom of congressional redistricting and maybe got bumped around a little bit," Proffitt said.

By the time the 140-day regular legislative session ended in June, lawmakers had overcome a \$9.9 billion shortfall and written a \$117 billion two-year budget that cut health and human services and assorted other programs. Legislators didn't raise taxes, though they increased certain state fees and fines.

Republican forces won passage of a bill that capped non-economic damages, like pain and suffering, in medical malpractice lawsuits and placed strict limits on the waging of other civil lawsuits. Voters validated the caps by approving a constitu-

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With a sweeping victory, Republicans took control of the Texas House for the first time since Reconstruction and proceeded to remake state government.

"We had the first Republican majority in both houses of the Legislature in the last 130 years, and they delivered real results on some issues that are very important to the people of Texas," said Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas.

Democrats, on the other hand, waged headline-grabbing fights but in the end were rolled over by the Republican parade.

All the nation watched as 51 House Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., for four days in May to break a quorum and kill a congressional redistricting bill.

Redistricting was the subject of three subsequent special sessions called by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, with 11 Senate Democrats blocking a redistricting bill in the second special session by jetting off to Albuquerque, N.M., for six weeks to bust a quorum.

"I am both excited and proud about the resurgence of enthusiasm in the Texas Democratic Party, which was fueled by our state reps and senators who had the courage to stand up and use whatever means necessary to block the partisan redistricting power grab," state party chairman Charles Soechting said.

The senators' boycott was broken when one of their own, Sen. John Whitmire of Houston, defected and returned to the Capitol. With the quorum they needed to do business, Republicans passed a redistricting bill that aims to give the GOP up to 22 seats in the 32-member Texas congressional delegation.

Democrats hold a 17-15

year, whether the new map violates the federal Voting Rights Act, which seeks to provide minorities fair representation in government.

The year also gave Texans a new crop of state political leaders.

tem, nicknamed Robin Hood. **Republican Tom Craddick** of Midland was chosen House speaker after spending years in the Legislature's minority party. He ruled the House his way, and there were few cracks in the GOP armor on major votes.

Newly elected GOP Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst led the Senate and emerged as a surprisingly bipartisan leader early in the year. Then came the nasty feuding over redistricting between the two parties. Republicans even battled among themselves over the drawing of a congressional district in West Texas.

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Cowboys.

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meet in the first round of the playoffs Saturday night in Charlotte,

the Panthers (11-5) feel over-

respect we deserve," defensive

end Julius Peppers said Tuesday.

"Just before this year, everybody

was like 'They ain't going to do

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and ain't nobody giving us a

Maybe it's the star on their hel-

met, their long winning tradition,

or Bill Parcells roaming the side-

line. Whatever it is, the Cowboys

chance to beat them."

"I don't think we get the

SPORTS



BASKETBALL

CANADIAN Canadian defeated Fort Elliott 51-34 Wednesday to the Canadian win Christmas Tournament in the girls division.

Carlee Culver and Shila Province led Canadian's scoring attack with 13 points each.

Katie Donaldson led Fort Eliott with 12 points. In the consolation bracket, Andrea Jones tossed in 26 points to lead Wheeler

by Shamrock 81-51. Lezil Finsterwald added 17 for the Mustangettes, who led by 16 points (36-20) at halftime.

Kita Ledbetter led Shamrock with 15 points.

CLARENDON Pampa junior varsity was defeated by Highland Park varsity 41-24 at the Greenbelt Holiday Classic. Ambri Blaycock was high scorer for Highland Park with 27 points.

Highland Park led by 20-12 at halftime.

Felicia Urban had 13 points for Pampa JV.

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Rockets would have rather had New Year's 'Eve off, though they were able to celebrate a victory.

Yao Ming scored 21 points and Cuttino Mobley had 20 to help the Rockets beat Philadelphia 80-72 on Wednesday night. "I hate playing on holidays," said Maurice Taylor, who had eight points. "But we just have to go out and do our jobs."

Panthers feel overlooked against Cowboys

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - never got the answer for it. Does it scared?" The Carolina Panthers won 11 irk you? Yeah, because you are games, the NFC South title and out here doing the same thing." earned the third seed in the playoffs. Despite those accomplish-

ments, they feel they have fallen Pittsburgh and San Francisco, two the season - it improved Dallas into the shadow of the Dallas of the Cowboys' bitter rivals. to 8-3 after three consecutive 5-11 Now he's chomping at the bit at a seasons. As the two teams prepare to

Buckner got his fill of Dallas over the Panthers. Parcells said at during his years playing for the time it was their biggest win of

this season came from their win us. I'm not sure there would have us." been tears, but every win is impor-

tant." Yet not even 11 of them

including two early season victories over Super Bowl champion

"I don't think we get the respect we deserve. Just before this year, everybody was like 'They ain't going to do that good.' But now we are here and ain't nobody giving us a chance to beat them."

Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers

shot of ending their season, but Panthers will get it done.

games over the Panthers, including a 24-20 victory in November. "They beat us, so I would think (10-6) have an aura about them they should have all the confithat Carolina is a little fed up with. dence in the world," Buckner fort in Dallas marking its knocks over your dishes and kicks "I wasn't even born when they said. "If me and you get in a fight, got that title so I don't know why and I beat you the first time, you they are America's Team," defen- going to come in here and try to them, a home game," Fox said. defensive tackle Kris Jenkins said. sive tackle Brentson Buckner beat me in the rematch? It's going

streak that created a frustrating push to clinch the NFC South title. coach John Fox, took little com-

improvement by beating them. "At that point in the season, get-

The loss was a bitter setback Tampa Bay — has the Panthers understands why few think the for the Panthers, who at the time garnering much respect around had one of the best records in the the league. And as much as they'd Dallas has won four straight NFC. It led to a three-game losing like to downplay it and act like it doesn't bother them, it does.

The Panthers, particularly house and doesn't respect you, basically walks into your house, "That was a big game for do? Punch him in the mouth,"

said. "I read a couple books, but I to be hard. So why should they be ting to that level of a number of and I don't care if somebody that respect."

victories is important. It would doesn't respect us, that's on them. Much of Dallas' confidence have been an important win for You still have to come through

> That's why a win over Dallas won't be enough for the Panthers, who are in the postseason for the first time in seven years and hosting a playoff game for just the second time in franchise history.

The last time? 1996 against the Cowboys, when the Panthers beat Dallas to advance to the NFC Championship game.

But any shot at building a reputation quickly unraveled with a string of losing seasons, capped by the 1-15 campaign two years

"Beating the Cowboys could get us a little respect, but not a lot," defensive end Mike Rucker said. "It's because we haven't "If somebody comes in your been around a long time, so we don't have a long history as some of the other teams.

"We are still building that hisyour cat - what are you going to tory and this is part of it now. I think as we get stronger and people know we went from 1-15, to "I'm not attacking nobody ... 7-9 to 11-5, we will start getting

Pampa girls beat El Paso team at Caprock tourney

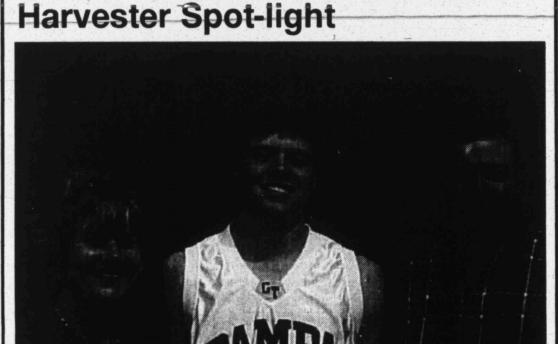
LUBBOCK — Pampa took control in the fourth quarter to defeat El Paso Jefferson 54-44 Tuesday in the consolation bracket at the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters hit 13 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter to help gain the victory.

Britteni Rice led Pampa in scoring with 11 points. Lindsey Ammons followed with 8.

Erica Velar had	12 points for	r Jeffer	son.	
EP Jefferson	16	22	27	44
Pampa	15	25	35	54

P - Britteni Rice 11, Lindsey Ammons 8, Tara Jordan 7, Stacey Johnson 7, Jackie Gerber 5, Jaclyn Spearman 4, Jennie Waggoner 4, Callie Cobb 4, Abbi Covalt 2, Whitney Roden 2; 3-point goals: Ammons 2, Jordan 1, Gerber 1.



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HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP)

Montreal's tie with the Dallas Stars felt like a victory to the Canadiens. Niklas Sundstrom's goal with one minute left in regulation drew Montreal even and gave the Canadiens a point they didn't expect. "It's a huge point for us and you can say we stole it," said Jose Theodore, who made 19 saves. "We played the third period the way we wanted. The way we played the first half of the game, we're very happy with the result."

Brenden Morrow gave the Stars a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at 15:36 of the second period. He converted Mike Modano's centering pass while Montreal's Francis Bouillon was off for high-sticking.

Morrow, who has five goals in six games, notched his 10th goal of the season and fifth with the man advantage.

But Sundstrom pulled the Canadiens even when he batted a rebound off a shot by defenseman Sheldon Souray under the pads of goaltender Marty Turco for his fourth goal.

EP - Erica Velar 12, Emily Velar 10, Isabel Shay 8, Joanna Marquez 7, LeAnn Hernandez 5, Sierra Angular 2; 3-point goals: Emily Velar 1, Erica Velar 1.

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Dumas downed Pampa 54-50 Wednesday night in the final game for the Lady Harvesters at the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

Haley Schmucker led Dumas in scoring with 13 points. Nissy Braxton added 9 each.

Britteni Rice was high scorer for Pampa with 19 points. Lindsey Ammons and Abbi Covalt followed with 8 each.

Both the Pampa boys and girls teams are in District 3-4A action Tuesday night, traveling to Palo Duro. Gametime is 6 for the girls and 7:30 for the boys.

Pampa clashes with Dumas again next Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

What's ahead for Texas?

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' 2003 football season will be remembered mostly for two things: another rout at the hands of Oklahoma and the emergence of quarterback Vince Young as a star.

There were subplots by the dozen in a 10-3 campaign that oflirted with the Bowl Championship Series only to flame out with a 28-20 loss in the Holiday Bowl.

A brief media boycott after a loss to Arkansas. Cedric Benson's one-game suspension after an off-campus incident let to a misdemeanor criminal charge. The on-again, off-again quarterback rotation of Young and Chance Mock.

And the lookahead to 2004 has begun. The big question hanging over the Longhorns' future is whether Benson, Mock and linebacker Derrick Johnson will return.

While Mock is thinking

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has moved its offices from the Hughes Building to 208 N. Russell (East of the Courthouse)

about transferring to a Division I-AA school in search of more playing time — he played almost the entire second half of the Holiday Bowl against Washington State- Benson and Johnson are considering leaving school early for the NFL.

None is expected to announce a decision until next week.

The 2003 season started with the promise of a No. 5 ranking and dreams of a national title. Hopes were shattered by midseason after early losses to Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The embarrassing defeat to the Sooners - the 65-13 debacle mirrored the 63-14 day of infamy in 2000 - turned up the pressure under coach Mack Brown and his assistants to find some answers to match Oklahoma on the field or get left behind with the rest of the Big 12 pack for years to come.

They seemed to have found one in the redshirt freshman Young, whose 6-foot-5 frame possesses a fluid running style that would be the envy of most running backs.

Texas keeps its practices closed so few had seen what Young could do while he ran the scout team offense as a true freshman in 2002.

Chance Bowers is a senior player for the Pampa boys basketball team. His other activities include Gray County 4-H livestock judging and showing steers, FFA sentinel and parliamentarian. Chance is a member of First United Methodist Church. He plans to attend the TCU Ranch Management Program. Chance is the son of Charles and Janyth Bowers, above.

Gophers trim Oregon in Sun Bowl

Lloyd's potential game-winning kick went up, the Minnesota Gophers thought a defensive player tipped the ball.

Then, they watched — and waited — as the ball wobbled over the crossbar giving Minnesota a one-point lead with 23 seconds left in its 31-30 victory over Oregon in the Sun Bowl on Wednesday.

"I didn't know if it was going to go through," wide receiver Aaron Hosack said. "We all just stood there and went crazy when the ref signaled it was good. Oregon's defense is one of the toughest we faced all year."

The Ducks had one last chance to score but Kellen Clemens, who finished with 363 yards passing, was intercepted by Minnesota's Justin Isom with 10 seconds left.

through and that's all that counts," said Lloyd, who is from Dover, England. "I never get . was second with nine solo tackles. nervous for some reason. I'm kind of a laidback person. I just clear my mind and kick the ball."

For his coolness under fire, Lloyd earned the nickname "Winston Churchill."

"He has done this before against Wisconsin, so I had every confidence in him," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said.

It was the first time in 98 years Minnesota (10-3) has won 10 games.

The Oregon player who tipped the ball was defensive tackle Junior Siavaii.

"I tipped that field goal with my forearm," Siavaii said. "I almost blocked it. I feel like I let my team down."

Oregon (8-5) took a 30-28 lead on a 47yard field goal by Jared Siegel with 4:16 left

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - When Rhys before the Golden Gophers drove 55 yards on their ensuing possession to set up the winner by Lloyd.

"That was a whale of a football game and I figured it would go down to the team that had the ball last," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said.

Laurence Maroney carried 15 times for 135 yards and a touchdown as the leading rusher for Minnesota, which was beaten 24-20 by Oregon in the 1999 Sun Bowl. Thomas Tapeh added three rushing touchdowns for the Golden Gophers.

Minnesota entered with the nation's thirdbest running offense, averaging 293.2 yards a game. The Gophers outrushed the Ducks 241-77.

Oregon had the nation's 12th best rushing "I think it got tipped, but it still went defense, and Keith Lewis led the Ducks with 11 solo tackles and two assists. Jerry Matson

> Justin Isom, filling in for Trumaine Banks, who was sent home Sunday for "conduct detrimental to the team," led Minnesota with eight solo tackles and one assist.

However, both defenses struggled and the points mounted.

"The way things were going I was hoping they'd score fast so we could get the ball back," Mason said.

Gophers quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq was 12-for-21 passing for 172 yards. Clemens completed 32 of 43 passes for three touchdowns and one interception.

"I'm very proud of Clemens," Bellotti said. "He played very well today, but can play better. He is the kind of young man that can make a difference on a team."

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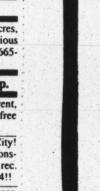
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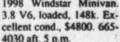
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Ports, ships fail to meet deadline on terror protection plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Terror strikes from the sea could be even more catastrophic than those from the air, intelligence officials say. They fear a hijacked oil tanker could be rigged with explosives or a radioactive dirty bomb could be smuggled ashore in a shipping container.

But almost 5,000 ships and about four out of every five of the nation's ports, ferry terminals and fuel-chemical tank farms failed to meet a Wednesday deadline for submitting security plans showing how they will deal with those potential threats.

Security measures to prevent attacks at seaports and inland waterways have fallen far behind efforts to protect airports and airplanes since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Congress last year ordered the maritime shipping industry to tighten security amid fears that an attack on a port could kill thousands, cause tremendous property damage and cost tens of billions of dollars in lost revenue to the U.S. economy.

Coast Guard officials said the deadline for submitting the plans was met by about 5,200 of 10,000 ships told to submit them and only 1,100 of 5,000 port facilities — despite a potential fine of \$25,000.

"We do not have all the plans," Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Carter said. "We recognize that despite our best efforts, there are those who won't comply for a variety of reasons."

Wednesday also was the deadline for airports to start screening all airline baggage electronically for explosives. But Deputy Homeland Security Secretary James Loy told Congress two months ago that the deadline would not be met at five airports. "A handful" of airports still don't have the screening equipment installed, said Darrin Kayser, a Transportation Security Administration spokesman.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Congress required the electronic screeners to be in place a year ago. But when it became clear it couldn't be met, lawmakers moved the deadline back a year.

One reason ships, ports and other facilities were missing their deadline is they were given too little time, said Maureen Ellis, a spokeswoman for the Association of American Port Authorities. The government didn't finalize what it wanted until Oct. 22, though the industry was told July 1 they had six months to submit the plans.

Ellis also said some ports found the regulations and requirements to be "overwhelming." The "plan review approval form" for cruise ship terminals, for example, is 20 pages long.

"The new law requires a difficult attitude adjustment, said Thomas Allegretti, president of the American Waterways Association, which

Neil Bush denies any inside information on company

WASHINGTON (AP) -Presidential brother Neil Bush made at least \$798,218 on three stock trades in a small high-tech company U.S. where he had been a consultant, according to his tax returns, including \$171,370 buying and selling the company's shares in a single day.

Bush's big paydays in the stock of Kopin Corp. of Taunton, Mass., included the July 19, 1999, purchase and quick sale of stock as the company announced good news about a new Asian client that sent its stock value soaring. Bush said he did not have any inside information from Kopin, and simply acted on a recommendation from his financial adviser. "Any increase in the price of the stock on that day was purely coincidental, meaning that I did not have any improper information," Bush said in e-mails to The - Associated Press. "My timing on this transaction was very fortunate."

consulting compensation from Kopin. The company's stock price was selling for many times that amount during much of the time Bush was trading. The company granted him 20,000 stock options.

Bush's returns, as well as records that have come to light in Bush's divorce case with his wife, Sharon, show that since his controversial tenure with the failed Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association of Denver, more than a decade ago, he has become a globetrotting businessman with a variety of consulting deals. Bush says he first came in contact with Kopin when he was a consultant for an Asian company, Telecom Holdings, a telecommunications company whose executives wanted to invest in the United States. "We searched for a viable fit and found Kopin Corp.," Bush said. "The bulk of our equity compensation for the transaction came from" the Asian company, which took Kopin stock in exchange for its investment. "Neil helped put together an approximately \$27 million deal and was awarded stock options for his efforts. Stock options can range from anywhere to being utterly worthless to very valuable," Bush lawyer John Spalding said in an interview.

represents owners and operators of tugboats and barges. It's hard for tugboat captains, used to worrying about running aground, to suddenly start thinking about a terrorist hijacking a tanker and using it to inflict damage, he said.

The tugboat and barge industry submitted plans to the Coast Guard that include training crews about potential threats, securing vessels' perimeters and restricting access to vessels, Allegretti said.

Lt. Cmdr. Richard Teubner said the Coast Guard expects to get plans in the mail next week from many ports, stevedoring companies, offshore oil drillers and ship owners.

The plans have to be implemented by July 1, when the Coast Guard can start turning away ships and shutting down ports that don't comply.

James Carafano, a homeland security expert with the Heritage Foundation, thinks major ports will meet the July deadline. Otherwise, he said, "the economic consequences are too horrifying to contemplate."

For others, finding the money for fences, guards, lights or closedcircuit TV will be difficult, Ellis said.

"It's one thing to come up with a plan to see what you need to do, but it's a whole other issue how it's going to be paid for," she said.

The General Accounting Office, Congress's investigative arm, agrees that paying for the security upgrades will be a challenge. "Where the money will come from to meet these funding needs is not clear," the congressional auditors said in a Dec. 15 letter to Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C.

As one example, the new regulations require more than 4,000 U.S. ships to install transponders that transmit a signal, giving port officials early warning of an unidentified vessel. But only a handful of ports have the money for installing the equipment to receive the signals, the GAO said.

The Coast Guard estimates that meeting the new requirements will cost \$7.4 billion over the next decade.

Man freed from rubble of Iranian quake

BAM, Iran (AP) - A young man was pulled alive from the rubble Thursday, six days after Bam's devastating earthquake, as relief workers restored some electricity and rushed more aid into the ruined ancient city.

A provincial official said the death toll would top 30,000 but that it would not reach 40,000.

Although hopes for survivors were fading, Iranian television said 27-year-old Yadallah Saadatmand was rescued from the rubble that morning with only a broken pelvis. Television footage showed smiling nurses around Saadatmand, who was wearing an oxygen mask and did not speak.

A Taiwanese team hoped it could rescue a baby detected by sniffer dogs but found only the infant's body.

U.S. aid workers who set up a field hospital on New Year's Day said they were shocked by their initial look at the damage brought by the 6.6-magnitude quake last Friday.

worst, and this is worse than that," said aid worker Robert Dube, of the Urban Search and Rescue Unit from Fairfax, Va. "The destruction is just complete. Everything that is not down looks like it's at the point where it's not going to be used again."

The American assistance stands out as rare contact between the nations since U.S.-Iranian relations were broken by the seizure of the Embassy in Tehran in 1979.

The Bush administration temporarily eased restrictions on exports and private assistance to Iran, with Secretary of State Colin Powell saying Wednesday in Washington that "at this time of great emergency we must do everything we can to help people in desperate need."

Aftershocks have rumbled Bam repeatedly since the quake - with two to three a day - and remain a "real danger" because the ruins could easily topple over, said Ted

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"The one in Turkey was the Pearn, the top U.N. relief worker in Bam.

> Taking a first assessment of the structural damage, six American aid workers passed the mangled remains of crushed cars, women in chadors cooking by gas stoves on the sidewalk beside their tents and people still sifting through the rubble for their battered possessions.

Iranian authorities have begun registering people and issuing food ration cards, while aid workers have begun restoring electricity to parts of Bam. Street lights are now working on main thoroughfares.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was to hold a memorial service in Bam by dusk to end a seven-day mourning period, Iranian radio reported.

Among the recently rescued survivors, an 80-year-old deaf and blind woman pulled from the rubble on Wednesday was expected to recover after suffering only a broken shoulder, doctors said.

"This is the power of God," Dr. Bahman Fasihpour told reporters who saw the woman covered in a blanket and receiving intravenous medication. "She has a fracture in her shoulder. That's her only injury. She will be OK."

Medical workers reported more good news amid the gloom as three baby boys were born in a French field hospital ---- one on Tuesday and two on Wednesday.

Pearn said officials plan to start setting up three camps with heated tents to get the homeless out of small tents pitched on the roadside that offer little protection from nearfreezing nighttime temperatures.

Officials estimate the camps will need to house about 40,000 people — but they're still not clear how many remain in the city after many residents fled after the quake. It's also unclear how many bodies remain buried beneath the rubble or if any more survivors can be found.

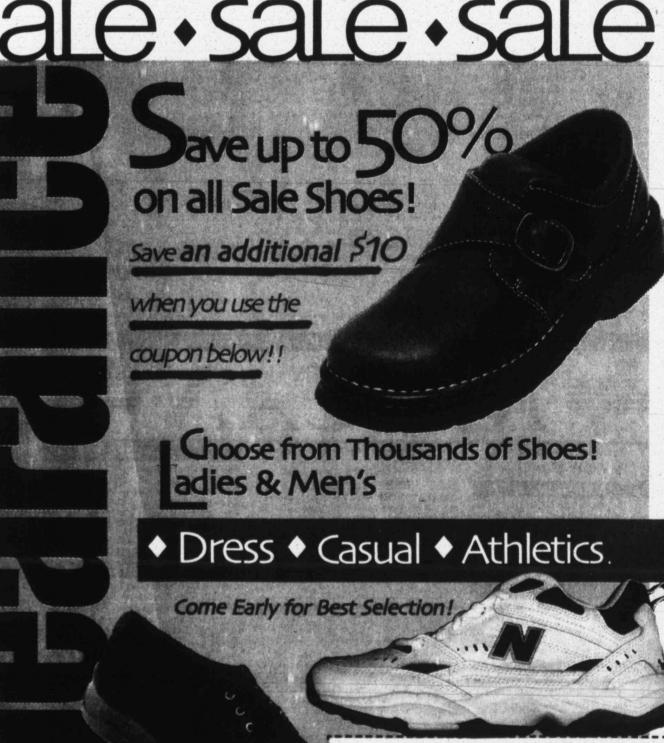


The AP obtained Bush's tax returns for the years 1997 through 2001 from a source familiar with his finances.

Bush noted that he lost \$287,722 on Kopin stock after the market in high-tech stocks crashed.

Unlike the ordinary investor who buys at the market price, however, Bush benefited from the fact that his stock purchase costs in some cases were minimal because he got a bargain, paying \$13 a share when he exercised stock options that were part of his

After the 1995 deal, Kopin snapped Bush up as a consultant for two years "to see what other doors he could open up for us" in Asia, according to Kopin's chief financial officer, Richard Sneider.





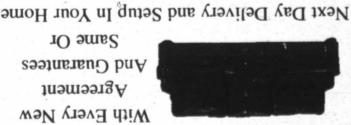
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