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Storage site set for emergency drugs

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

named as the primary facility on the second floor of Gray types of accidents. County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

ers decided.

suitable location for a stock- activity and usage. pile of pharmaceutical items in case of emergency had been. Seabourn requested permist two or three months, he would

emergency services coordina- and wireless router with coun- computer desk. tor, at the commissioners' Dec. ty hot check funds. He Clyde Carruth Pavilion was 15 meeting. The location explained that the county missioners with a copy of would be used in the event of a attorney's office had only one information on the laptop and us forward in the technology for stockpiling pnarmaceutical disaster that requires pharma- computer, and that computer router he wanted. Seabourn age," he said. items in case of emergency by ceutical items to be delivered was the private property of the asked to buy a Toshiba laptop Gray County commissioners at to the Pampa area. Such events previous county attorney, Todd costing \$1,749 and a router carry their laptops into court their regular meeting at 9 a.m. might include terrorist attacks, Alvey. today in the county courtroom natural disasters and some

missioners that designating the items. A request by the Texas two sites would have no

Hall said that TDH was ask- now is Alvey's property," said Auditor Elaine Morris said the ing local school districts to Gray County Judge Richard county's hot check fund cur- allow Seabourn to buy the lap-Gray County Annex will be help with any needed cold Peet. He said that two desks in rently has \$2,300 on deposit. designated as a backup facility storage in the event of an the county attorney's office are for the pavilion, commission- emergency. He assured com- Alvey's, as well as some other rather than a desktop for porta- fund.

County Attorney Josh said. He said that in the next Seabourn said.

Seabourn provided com-"Most of what's in the including rebates offered by county attorney's office right the manufacturers. County

bility. That's also why I chose "In the future, I may ask for a wireless router. This would Department of Health for a impact on the sites' usual my own printer and also for a be a desktop replacement, dance at a prosecutors' conferdesktop computer," Seabourn rather than getting a desktop,"

Seabourn said he could bor-

presented by Ken Hall, city sion to buy a laptop computer also like to get shelving and a row the use of someone else's printer for now, rather than buy one at this time

"A laptop would also bring

"Many defense attorneys costing \$79, both prices and use them effectively. This would level the playing field," Peet said.

Commissioners voted to top and router with monies "I decided on a laptop from the county hot check

Seabourn also asked for reimbursement for his attenence in San Antonio in early December. He attended the

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DEATHS

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HIGH

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Margaret J. Chambers, 77, retired Pampa ISD employee. Charles LeRoy Griffin, 70, Texas A&M graduate.

Helen Hazel Prater, 83, nurse's aide.

James C. Tripplehorn, 92, services pending.



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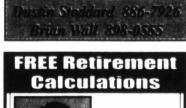


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Building at record level now

WASHINGTON Construction spending set another record in November as continued low interest rates powered home building and state and local governments did their part by pushing their activity to all-time highs as well.

The Commerce Department reported that construction rose by 1.2 percent in November from the October pace, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$934.5 billion.

It marked the fifth straight month that the annual rate has set a record, reflecting a building boom that has been generated by the lowest interest rates in more than four decades.

Economists are looking for construction activity to remain strong in the coming year because they believe the Federal Reserve will keep a key interest rate it controls at a 45-year low at least until midyear in an effort to ensure that the current economic rebound does not falter.

The November construction report showed widespread strength across a number of categories.

Private construction rose by 1.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$710.8 billion while total public construction also set a record, increased by 1 percent to \$223.7 bil-

The strength in the private sector was led by a 2 percent jump in residential construction, which advanced to a new record annual rate of \$495.7 billion. Home building and home sales were pushed to record levels in 2003 as the Fed's campaign to jump-start the economy kept mortgage rates at levels not seen since the late 1950s.

While mortgage rates have been rising slightly in recent months, economists are looking for home sales to be down only slightly in 2004 from the torrid pace of 2003.

The Commerce report showed that office construction posted a solid increase of 2.5 percent in November, rising to an annual rate of \$31.1 billion. Commercial building activity posted a gain of 0.6 percent in November to an annual rate of \$56.7 billion.

The 1 percent rise in government construction activity reflected a 1.1 percent rise in spending by state and local governments to a record annual rate of \$205.7 billion. Spending by the federal government on construction projects came in at an annual rate of \$17.95 billion, the strongest pace since last July.

Celanese by morning



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Clouds of steam wrapped the Celanese chemical plant west of Pampa today as early morning temperatures dropped to 10 degrees. Today's high is expected to reach only 34 degrees. According to forecasters, it will be Wednesday before warmer temperatures will return to Pampa.

Purported Osama bin Laden tape calls on Muslims to keep fighting holy war

war in Iraq was the beginning of the holy war in the Middle East

The voice on the audiotape, which was broadcast Sunday on the Al-Jazeera satellite channel, referred to recent events — including the Dec. 13 capture of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and peace initiatives between Israel and 2005 the Palestinians.

The speaker urged Muslims to "continue the jihad to check the conspiracies that are hatched against the Islamic nation."

A CIA official speaking on condition of anonymity said that a technical analysis determined that the tape was likely an authentic audio message from bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida terror

On CBS's "The Early Show," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge also said that "preliminary assessments says this is the voice of Osama bin Laden."

while showing a still photo of bin Laden against a dark blue background.

"My message is to incite you against

Geneva initiative," the speaker said. A Mideast peace plan dubbed the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators. The phrase "road map" refers to a U.S.backed plan for a Palestinian state by

chief, told The Associated Press the network received the message Sunday. However, he declined to reveal how it to control the region for its oil. was delivered.

the tape was bin Laden's.

"It is bin Laden's superb and special emulate," Hilal said. "It is undoubtedly his voice, his style, and the typical examples from history he uses."

long but the network aired only 14 minutes, Hilal said.

In those excerpts, the speaker urged Al-Jazeera played the audiotape Muslims to "liberate the Islamic world

He said Gulf countries have given in told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A speaker the conspiracies, especially those uncov- to U.S. pressures "thinking that would who was purportedly Osama bin Laden ered by the occupation of the crusaders not open the door for toppling of the dicsaid on an audiotape that the U.S.-led in Baghdad under the pretext of tatorial regimes by military force from weapons of mass destruction, and also outside, especially after they saw the "occupation" of Gulf states for their oil the situation in (Jerusalem) under the capture of their previous comrade in and called on Muslims to keep fighting a deceptions of the road map and the treachery, a hireling of America," referring to Saddam.

The speaker criticized leaders of Geneva Accord was launched Dec. 1 by Muslim nations for refusing to pressure the United States on the Palestinian issue and for not supporting the Palestinian

He also criticized Gulf countries for Ibrahim Hilal, Al-Jazeera's editor-in-receiving members of the U.S.-appointed interim Iraqi Governing Council.

He said the "big powers" were trying

"The occupation of Iraq is the begin-Hilal said he was certain the voice on ning of the full occupation of the other Gulf states. ... The Gulf is the key for control of the world in the point of view Arabic language that is very hard to of the big powers because of the presence of the biggest deposits of oil.'

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Monday in London that he had no The original message was 47 minutes confirmation that the voice on the tape was bin Laden's but that it was a safe assumption.

"There is no question that the al-Qaida organization and its networks are from the military occupation of the still around. And so far as we know, Osama bin Laden is still alive," Straw

ed a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral directors.

Mrs. Chambers was born Sept. 29, 1926 at Saint Clair Shores, Mich. She was a longtime resident of Pampa and retired from Pampa Independent School District.

Survivors include a son, David Chambers of Richmond, Texas; a daughter, Deborah Chambers of White Deer; one brother, Thomas Johns of Florida and one sister, Jane Russette of

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the on-line register book at

HELEN HAZEL PRATER

1920-2004

Helen Hazel Prater, 83, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Azle, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Memory Gardens Cemetery of Pampa with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Prater was born Feb. 12, 1920 in Hillsboro, Texas. She married Jack Charles Hazel on Sept. 6, 1937 in Hedrick, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1987. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942. She was a nurse's aide at Highland General Hospital and Pampa Nursing Center. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church. She spent the last few years in Azle, Texas.

Survivors include one son, Burley Prater and wife Joyce of Pampa; one daughter, Lavonda Gamage and husband Ed of Fort

Michigan; 10 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

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death by a grandson, Jack Gamage, in 1999. The family requests memorials be to the

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CHARLES LeROY (CHUCK) GRIFFIN

McLEAN — Charles LeRoy (Chuck) Griffin, 70, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 3 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean

Mr. Griffin graduated from Texas A&M in 1955. He was in the army during the Korean War. He drove a truck, enjoyed traveling, motorcycles, grandchildren, and his granddog "Sami.

and

Fort Worth. She was preceded in

Amarillo, Texas 79106. The body will be ready for viewing at 1 p.m., Tuesday

grandson, Elton Gamage of Fort three great-grandchildren, Courtney Gamage, Elton Burley Gamage Brittany Gamage, all of

American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West,

www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Griffin of McLean, Texas; a daughter, Robbin Griffin Hill of Amarillo, Texas; a stepdaughter, Jodie Morgan (spouse: Richard Roman) of McLean, Texas; step-grandchildren, Amanda Hutcheson

(spouse: Toby) of McLean, Texas, and Bonnie McCasland (spouse: Kendall) of McLean, Texas; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins and friends.

The family requests memorials be to Diabetes Foundation or to Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. East winds around 10 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows around 14. East winds 5 to 10 mph-Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Breezy, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

warmer. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Friday night,

STATEWIDE

; AP – Cold weather will conto 60 or above later this week. tinue through Tuesday in the north and Wednesday in the south, but most areas will warm

South Texas may see rain this week, with good chances Thursday and Friday.

Buzzard Law Firm

has moved its offices . from the Hughes Building to 208 N. Russell

(East of the Courthouse)

Sunday's high was 86, recorded at McAllen. Dalhart recorded 4 degrees overnight. Most of the state saw a littlé rain Sunday, with McAllen and Lufkin receiving about a half inch apiece.

> The West Texas forecast calls for clear to partly cloudy skies this week, with light winds, and no precipitation in the forecast. Highs will be in the 30s today in the north, 40s in the south and west. Tonight's lows will be very cold, with the low teens or single digits in the Panhandle.

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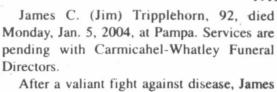
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through Saturday

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JAMES C. (JIM) TRIPPLEHORN

1911-2004



C. (Jim) Tripplehorn succumbed at his home on Jan. 5, 2004, at the age of 92. Just as he met every other challenge in his life, he fought cancer head on and uncomplaining, amazing the physicians with his determination.

Jim was born on April 11, 1911, in Tilbury, Ontario, Canada to David R. and Eva Whitman Tripplehorn, three years after they had moved to Canada from Ohio. As a drilling contractor, his father was one of the first oilmen to do offshore drilling in Lake Erie. After moves to Chattum and later Wichita, Kan., the family settled in Fort Worth, Texas. While the family business had been primarily in the Ranger and Breckenridge oil fields, it was moved to the Panhandle area in 1929, the year Jim graduated from Fort Worth Central High School in Fort Worth. After working summers in the oil fields, he graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in petroleum engineering and a minor in chemical engineering. While in college he was very active in athletics, was a member of the "T" Association, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Upon his graduation in 1934, Jim settled in the Panhandle to work full time with his father. Several years later his brother Bob joined them and they later formed the Tripplehorn Oil and Gas Companies. Jim retired from Tripplehorn Oil and Gas in 1974.

During World War II, he was superintendent of the ammonium nitrate plant at Pantex. That division mixed ammonium nitrate with TNT and poured it into 2,000-pound bombs. Here Jim was able to draw on his experience with liquid and jelly forms of nitroglycerin which was used to shoot oil wells. He remembered with satisfaction that there were no accidents during his time with Pantex!

He met his future wife, Anna Mae Gotcher, while working in Pampa and living at the old Adams Hotel. They were married in Amarillo on June 15, 1939, and honeymooned for the following month in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado. That began a love for travel that continued a lifetime. With his wife Anna Mae at his side, they traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, the south Pacific Islands, Central and South America, Alaska, Europe, Russia and all over new places and people was something that Pampa, Texas. continued to interest Jim.

Strong interests in hunting and fishing took www.carmichael-whatley.com.



back seat 1952. around While hunting in Colorado a year earlier, Jim suffered an accidental gunshot wound to the leg. After a year in a cast, a friend gave him a set of golf clubs with

the advice that walking the course would be good exercise for his stiff leg. The therapy was so successful that at 85, he could still shoot his age on the golf course. Of course his friends didn't like to play with him because he won so

Jim loved to work and was not satisfied if he didn't have a project to work on. He could be counted on to help family and friends any time he heard a hint that help was needed. He stressed the value of honesty and hard work to his children and his grandchildren. One grandson remembers being taught by his granddad that there are no problems, only challenges and solutions. When interviewed by his granddaughter Holly for a college project, Jim summed up his life experiences saying, "Yes, I have had a very satisfying and full life. There have been a few rough spots, but I worked through those."

Although he will be missed daily he leaves a family who is stronger for having known him and who are blessed with values and principles to live by. As one grandson told him he was "a hell of a man, like no other." He set the pace and the standard for those who follow him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, David R. and Eva Tripplehorn, his brother Bob and one sister, Goldie Brooks. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Anna Mae; a son, John Tripplehorn, and wife Susan; a daughter, Anne Lusk, and husband Glynn; five grandchildren, James D. Tripplehorn, Kelly Tripplehorn, Matt Hinton, Ross Hinton and Holly Sheridan; and four great-grandchildren; a sister, Bettye Moulton of Fort Smith, Ark., and, by extended family, two step grandchildren with an additional eight great-grandchildren; and, of course, his many lifelong friends here in Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Khiva Memorial Fund, Box 328, Amarillo, Texas, the continental United States. Learning about 79105, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner,

- Sign the on-line register book at

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office today reported the following arrests. Saturday, Jan. 3

Clifton Frank Stewart, 39, no address given, was arrested on charges of disorderly

Dave Rocky Clary, 42, Ketchum, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while

Miguel Badillo, 17, 1225 E. Francis, was arrested by Pampa police officers on municipal traffic warrants.

Sunday, Jan. 4

Christopher Jackson, 31, 1611 N. Washington, was arrested by Pampa police officers on municipal traffic warrants.

Peggy Sue Newman, 44, 817 N. Dwight, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of an employee consuming alcohol on a licensed premises.

Harold Dooley, 42, 908 N. Somerville, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of an employee consuming alcohol on a licensed premises.

Jay Gene Kelly, 39, homeless, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of public intoxication.

FIRE

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

Saturday, Jan. 3

9:05 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 900 block of North Christine. A metal object rubbing against wiring under the seat of a 1995 Jeep Cherokee was the apparent cause of the fire, according to fire reports.

1:36 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Kentucky and Russell streets. No injuries were reported.

1:48 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza. Sunday, Jan. 4

2:12 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of North Dwight.

11:11 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the alley of the 1800 block of Fir. Minor damage was reported.

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Fingerprinting, photographing foreigners begins at U.S. airports

nations began getting their fingerprints scanned can instantly check an immigrant or visitor's and photographs taken Monday as part of a new criminal background. program that Homeland Security Secretary secure in an era of terrorist threat.

Ridge was at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to meet with some of the repeat visitors. first foreign passengers from Brazil and Chile to go through the new system. Other top federal officials also planned to be at airports across the nation to help draw attention to the new pol-

a welcoming country," Ridge told NBC's "Today" show. "We want to secure the country as well. We want them to come to the United States to work and to visit and to study. We also need to make sure we have a record of who comes into the country and when they leave."

On CBS's "This Morning," Ridge revealed that during a pilot program that preceded implementation Monday of a nationwide system of such checks, authorities turned up nearly two-dozen people, including some with records as felons, and deported them.

"If you are a non-immigrant alien," he said, "we would like to identify you through a digital fingerprint and a photo scan."

All 115 U.S. airports that handle internation- to-know basis.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Foreigners enter- al flights and 14 major seaports are covered by ing U.S. airports and seaports from all but 28 the program, under which Customs officials

Called US-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Tom Ridge said will ensure that borders are Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, the program will check an estimated 24 million foreigners each year, though some will be

> The only exceptions will be visitors from 28 countries — mostly European nations whose citizens are allowed to come to the United States for up to 90 days without visas.

Inkless fingerprints will be taken and "We want to keep our borders open. We are checked instantly against a national digital database for criminal backgrounds and any terrorist lists. The process will be repeated when the foreigners leave the country as an extra security measure and to ensure they complied with visa limitations.

Strassberger said that once screeners become proficient, the extra security will take only 10 to 15 seconds per person. Foreign travelers also will continue to pass through regular Customs points and answer questions.

Photographs will be used to help create a database for law enforcement. The travel data is supposed to be securely stored and made available only to authorized officials on a need-

A similar program is to be installed at 50° business and student visas who enter through land border crossings by the end of next year, an airport or seaport. Strassberger said.

Brazilian police started fingerprinting and photographing Americans arriving at Sao modernized following the Sept. 11, 2001, Paulo's airport last week in response to the new U.S. regulations.

Brazil's Foreign Ministry has requested that Brazilians be removed from the U.S. list.

"At first, most of the Americans were angered at having to go through all this, but they were usually more understanding once they learned that Brazilians are subjected to the same treatment in the U.S.," Wagner Castilho, press officer for the federal police in Sao Paulo, said of those arriving at Sao Paulo-Guarulhos International Airport last Thursday.

The U.S. system consists of a small box that digitally scans fingerprints and a spherical Homeland Security spokesman Bill computer camera that snaps pictures. It will be used for foreign nationals traveling on tourist,

The new system will gradually phase out a paper-based system that Congress mandated be

A person whose fingerprints or photos raise questions would not be turned away automatically. The visa holder would be sent to secondary inspection for further questions and checks. Officials have said false hits on the system have been less than 0.1 percent in trial runs.

The system was scheduled to begin operation New Year's Day but was delayed to avoid the busy holiday travel period.

Congress provided \$368 million to produce the system and put it in airports, but only provided \$330 million of the \$400 million President Bush requested to put the system in land borders in 2004.

On the Net:

http://www.dhs.gov/us-visit

ON RECORD, CONT. FROM PAGE TWO

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Thursday, Jan. 1 A bicycle was found in the 400 block of Carr.

Friday, Jan. 2

A woman in the 500 block of North Dwight reported a lost cell phone.

Police are seeking a man who evaded arrest on municipal warrants in the 1000 block of Huff.

Danasty Dawn Mize, 18, of White Deer, was arrested in the 200 block of North Hobart on warrants for failure to appear, animal nuisance and running a stop sign.

Three juveniles were detained in connection with a reported shoplifting incident at Albertsons.

A man on Crane Road reported his cell phone lost.

A Playstation, DVDs and a CD player were reported stolen from a residence in the 300 block of Browning.

A man was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct at Allsup's at Wilks and Faulkner.

Saturday, Jan. 3

A home was broken into in the 2200 block of Lea.

Cody Nicholas Williams, 20, 1601 W. Somerville, and Wendy Deanne Gammage, 20, 841 Brunow, were arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thirty CDs, valued at \$450, were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Two tires were reported slashed in the 500 block of North Wynne.

Sunday, Jan. 4 A bicycle was found in the

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Department today reported the following accidents. Friday, Jan. 2

A 1990 Oldsmobile driven Royale, Maryodean Bullard Hurst, 82, 720 N. Somerville, and a 1991 Ford Taurus, driven by James Allen Holcomb, 79, 1438 Zimmers, collided shortly before noon Friday at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart. Hurst was cited for failure to control speed.

Sunday, Jan. 4

A parked 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, belonging to Jose Irineo Torres, 922 S. Love, was struck by black Ford Explorer sports utility vehicle shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Christine.

1200 block of North

Ashmad Rashad Session, 23, 1004 Nelson, was arrest-

ed on charges of evading arrest and intent to unlawfully deliver a simulated controlled substance.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Jan. 3

11:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers. No patient.

12:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Banks and transported one to PRMC. 1:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and trans-

ferred one to 1500 block of South Coulter, Amarillo. 1:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Russell and

Kentucky streets. No patient. 2:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and trans-

ferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo. 8:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and trans-

ferred one to Pampa Nursing Center. 10:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of

Crane Road. No patient.

Sunday, Jan. 4

12:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

2 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC. 4:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1300 block of West

Kentucky and transported one to PRMC. 10:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of

West and transported one to BSA, Amarillo. 1:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing

home and transported one to PRMC. 3:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

10:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA, Amarillo.

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COUNTY conference because of his decision to apply for the position of county attorney, he said, but was not county attorney at the time. Seabourn said the total cost of attending the conference was \$868.08, and that Texas District and County Attorneys Association had said they would pay up to \$120 of each attendee's hotel fees and \$25 toward food per

"I think funds were already budgeted for Todd to go, which he didn't use," Seabourn said.

"Can we legally expend these monies for something that's already happened, to someone who at the time was asked Morris.

"I don't think it would be a legal county expense. I will do more research into it." Morris responded.

Commissioners will place the item on their next agenda as an action item.

from the county's general to the courthouse restoration fund and capital projects fund. Morris explained that the funds could be transferred back into the general fund if needed. The tobacco settlement funds were designated by commissioners for use in courthouse restoration several years ago when they became available, Morris explained.

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Commissioners approved the district attorney's request to move \$341 from his conference/training fund to his investigation expense fund. No other intra budget transfers requested.

Commissioners approved not a county employee?" Peet the November treasurer's report which had been presented at the Dec. 15 meeting but could not be approved at that time due to a typographical error.

Peet asked about the 60 percent of county funds invested in Texpool, a state A balance of \$132,208, investment plan. Several made up of state tobacco set- years ago, county commistlement funds and county sioners had ruled that the

general funds, was moved county's involvement in Texpool be limited to 50 percent or less of county funds.

> County Treasurer Lee Cornelison explained that at certain times of the year, more funds needed to be immediately available to meet payroll and other expenses. He said checks could be written on the county's Texpool account but not, for instance, on certificates of deposit, so he had been placing funds in Texpool rather than in certificates of deposit in order to write checks as needed. He said the problem was no longer a problem because funds had already been moved back out of Texpool to lower the county's amount of funds involved.

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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to thank all those generous people who work. nights, weekends and holidays.

Without the help of the auto club operator who answered my call one Christmas morning (and the mechanic who showed up), I would have missed the joy of seeing my grandchild opening gifts.

We no longer argue about what everyone wants for Christmas breakfast because of the servers, chefs and busboys who give me the best present of all — more relaxed time with my family because every-

one can eat what they want.

And let's not forget the emergency medical workers who are always there for childhood emergencies, all too often in the middle of the night or on holidays. Thanks, too, to the pharmacists who fill prescriptions when the establishments

around them are closed.

I am grateful to everyone who gives up precious time with their own families and friends in order to make life easier for the rest of us.

Abby, thanks for printing this. I want all these generous people to know how appreciated they are, especially at holiday time. Bless you one and all.

GRATEFUL

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for an uplifting letter. Counting our blessings is a wonderful way to start a new year, and you have mentioned only a few of our unsung heroes. Add to that our police, our firefighters, our brave young men and women in the military, and caregivers every-where. They, too, are unsung

*** DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Phil," and I lost a child two years ago on Christmas Eve. Before that Phil was always affectionate. Now he hardly shows his emotions at all, and doesn't tell me he loves me as often as he used to:

I love my husband with all my heart and want things the way they used to be. I think he is still hurting, but he refuses to get help. What should I do? Please help

DEAR LOVING: It's clear that your husband is still grieving and has not been able to move on as quickly as you have. Since he refuses to go to grief counseling, go without him.

It may help you to under-stand that grief is an individual process, and perhaps it will better enable you to help him

through it. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

DEAR ABBY: I really need some help. When I was 15, my half-brother raped me. I am now almost 40. I want nothing to do with him, and I don't want him around my kids.

Abby, my half-brother keeps trying to call me. How can I make him leave me alone without anyone knowing what happened?
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DEAR EMBARRASSED: Please stop protecting him with your silence. Contact a rape crisis hotline. It is long overdue and you can still benefit from post-traumatic stress counseling. You have no reason to be embarrassed or to keep this a secret. A rape victim is never at

You can also install caller ID on your telephone and block his calls to stop the harassment. If that fails, talk to your lawyer about a restraining order.

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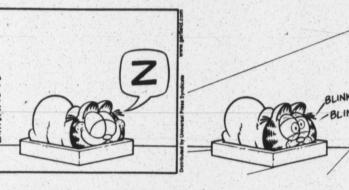
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HOCKEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Martin Straka scored a shorthanded goal with 22 seconds left in regulation to rally the Los Angeles Kings to a 2-2 tie with the Dallas Stars on Saturday night.

defenseman Kings Lubomir Visnovsky was serving a high-sticking penalty when teammate Jaroslav Modry dumped the puck behind the net.

Dallas defenseman Richard Matvichuk tried to poke the puck away from Eric Belanger, but missed, and Straka converted Belanger's centering pass for the Kings' eighth short-handed goal.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) -After 14 years of denials, Pete Rose has finally come clean and admitted he bet on baseball while manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

The career hits leader says in his soon-to-be-released autobiography that he hopes the acknowledgment will help end his ban from baseball, which could lead to his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Rose says he was a bigtime gambler who started betting regularly on baseball in 1987 but never against the Reds, according to excerpts from the book released to Sports Illustrated for its issue newsstands that hits Wednesday.

BASKETBALL

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Bob Knight surveyed the stat sheet and shook his head.

"We had 13 turnovers and they had seven. They had 79 shots and we had 53," the Texas Tech coach said. "If I saw those stats before the game I would have gone back Lubbock."

Knight still went home with a win.

Andre Emmett had 27 points and Texas Tech beat Ohio State 80-72 Sunday in Knight's return to his alma mater.

Knight had not led a team into Columbus since the next-to-last team of his 29 seasons at Indiana was beaten 73-56 five years ago - his most lopsided loss ever against Ohio State. He had lost three in a row

against the Buckeyes. An older, mellower Knight said he had come to grips with his ties to Ohio

"I've never really forgotten about all Ohio State has done for me - when I was here as a student and what it enabled me to do after that," said Knight, class of 1962.

Cowboys fall to Panthers in wildcard clash

- Long after Bill Parcells headed to the locker room for the final time this season, the Carolina Panthers returned to the field and ran a slow victory lap around Ericsson Stadium.

The Panthers ended the Parcells-led turnaround in Dallas by picking apart the Cowboys' top-ranked defense in a 29-10 victory in the first round of the NFL playoffs Saturday night.

The win gave Carolina some respect it thought it was owed, but that the Panthers claimed was lost in the shadows of Parcells returning the Cowboys to the playoffs for the first time in five seasons.

The Panthers celebrated by leaping into the stands after big plays, embracing the whitetowel-waving fans, then taking

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) their slow lap around the stadium to mark their own turnaround.

> Remember, this team was 1-15 just two years ago.

"I don't have any idea whose idea that lap was," said, quarterback Jake Delhomme. "I just know you have to enjoy these times, because you don't know when they'll happen

Delhomme threw for 273 yards and a touchdown, Stephen Davis ran for 104 yards and John Kasay, the last original Panther and the only one who played a role in Carolina's lone previous playoff victory — a 26-17 win over Dallas in 1997 — tied an NFL postseason record with five field goals.

It wasn't the way the Cowboys thought this game

would go.

"This is abrupt and it doesn't feel good," owner Jerry Jones said. "I didn't want this to end. I just wanted this team to keep playing, keep taking the field."

After three straight 5-11 seasons, Jones lured Parcells out of retirement to lead the Dallas rebuilding effort. This was supposed to be a two-year project, but he took a huge first step by leading the Cowboys into the playoffs in Year 1.

Only there was no playoff glory. Instead, he suffered one of the worst playoff losses of his career. He lost 21-0 to Chicago while with the New York Giants in the playoffs after the 1985 season.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "But I've got to be realistic." Although the Cowboys

came into the game with the league's top-ranked defense, the Panthers made them look downright ordinary.

The game was a complete reversal of the regular-season meeting, when the Cowboys stifled Davis and held him to 59 yards rushing. That forced the game into Delhomme's hands, and he failed to deliver in Dallas' 24-20 victory.

But this time Steve Smith had five catches for 135 yards and a 32-yard touchdown and Muhsin Muhammad had four catches for 103 yards.

Coupled with Davis' yards on the ground, it marked the first time all season three individual players passed the 100yard mark against Dallas.

"We executed our game plan, the guys were focused and we knew what we had to do," Davis said.

Meanwhile, Carolina's dominated defense rematch.

With Parcells watching in frustration from the sideline, the Cowboys could do little. Dallas had zero yards offense in the third quarter, when Delhomme threw his 32-yard touchdown pass to Smith for a 23-3 lead. Against a Dallas team that was 0-5 this season when trailing by seven or more points, Parcells knew his team was in trouble.

Dallas safety Darren Woodson showed Cowboys' frustration later in the third period, shaking his head in disgust after Davis' 11yard run. It set up Kasay's fourth field goal, a 32-yarder, that put Carolina up 26-3 with 12:45 left.

Pampa cagers travel to Palo Duro

AMARILLO — Pampa boys and girls teams return to District 3-4A action Tuesday night as they travel to Amarillo for a basketball doubleheader against Palo Duro.

In the opener, the Lady Harvesters meet the Lady Dons at 6 p.m. The Pampa and Palo Duro boys play after the first

Led by junior sensation Austin Johnson, the stateranked Dons won the Caprock Holiday Tournament last week

for the second straight year. Johnson, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, poured in 44 points as PD beat El Paso Montwood 82-70 in the finals.

The 6-3 Johnson started as a sophomore last year and averaged 23 points a game. Guard Kyle Shields (6-1 senior) and center Justin Butler (6-6 sophomore) are stars in their own right. Shields is the floor leader and a solid defensive player. Butler was the district's

Newcomer of the Year in the 2002-2003 and is a tough player to handle inside the paint.

The Harvesters got the district started off the right way by beating Hereford 45-35 two weeks ago. The Dons, also 1-0 in district with a win over Dumas, were ranked No. 5 in the state going into district play. They have lost only one game.

The Pampa girls are 1-2 in district play, also defeating Hereford by an overtime score of 55-54.

Player of the Year

Kyle Rule, 15, of Bowling Green, Missouri, was named the 2003 Player of the Year on his little league baseball team. Rule, a pitcher, is the grandson of Malone Ann Pampa. Kyle's parents, Bill and Candy Rule, used to live in Pampa.



Tourney titles go to Lefors

AMARILLO — Both Lefors boys' and girls' basketball teams captured the championships at the Bible Heritage Basketball

Lefors edged Clovis Christian 40-38 to win the boys' title.

Jered Andis and Rickey Vaughn scored 10 points each to lead the Pirates.

Lefors had to come from behind to win the game after trailing by seven (32-25) after three quarters.

Ryan Boatman had 12 points for Clovis.

Vaughn, Andis and Andrew Jennings were named to the alltournament team.

Katie Barnes tossed in 24 points to lead Lefors past Bible Heritage 68-20 in the girls'

finals. Rachel Stubbs added 20 points for the Lady Pirates.

Barnes and Stubbs were named to the all-tournament team.

Flashback

1982: Pampa and Hereford Stanton played to a 6-6 tie in an 8th grade football game.

Pampa's touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Lonnie Mills in the third quarter. James Ellison, James Miller and Tim Harvey were the standouts defensive

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Pete Carroll was right. The coaches were obligat-Southern California had nothing to worry about these last three days.

The Trojans are champions of The Associated Press college football poll. USC earned 48 of the 65

first-place votes early Monday to finish No. 1 in the nation and earn a share of their first national title in 25

The Trojans (12-1) beat out USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll champion LSU, which defeated Oklahoma 21-14 in Bowl Championship night in the Sugar Bowl.

USC beat Michigan 28-14 in the Rose Bowl last Thursday to stake its claim to the title.

"We're glad it concluded in the fashion we all hoped it would," said Carroll, the Trojans' coach. "We're proud ball season. We're really excited for that."

USC wins Associated Press championship

ed to crown LSU (13-1) even though USC held the top spot in their poll going into the

Three of the 63 coaches broke the agreement by voting the Trojans No. 1, but it wasn't enough to win the poll.

"The argument about the system is out there and that's probably good," Carroll said. "We did what we could, impressing the people in the AP poll and the coaches who felt free to vote."

It's the first split national Series title game Sunday championship since 1997, when Michigan won the AP poll and Nebraska was the coaches' choice. The BCS started the following season with the goal of choosing an undisputed champion.

In each of the first five

the choice simple. But with three top one-loss teams at the end of the regular season, chaos reigned this season.

"It doesn't bother me," LSU defensive tackle Chad Lavalais said. "It's like winning the lottery, but you have to share the Powerball with another person. It's still a good deal."

And with no playoff system in college football, the debate about who's No. 1 won't get resolved this sea-

"I think there'd be an awful lot of people who would love the matchup," Carroll said. "It would be exciting for the country. It's too bad it can't happen."

USC was left out of the BCS title game despite being the top team in both polls, while Oklahoma made it after losing the Big 12 champi-

onship game 35-7 to Kansas

The Trojans have been involved in three of the 11 split titles in college football history. In 1978, they won the coaches' poll while Alabama won the AP poll, and in 1974, the coaches picked USC while the media picked Oklahoma.

The Trojans hadn't won the AP poll since 1972, when they were the undisputed champion. That was also the last time a Pac-10 team won the AP title. Washington won the coaches' poll in 1991.

USC has four AP titles overall, tied with Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio State for the fifth-most.

There have been nine different champions in the past nine seasons, the longest stretch in the history of the







LSU holds off Oklahoma in Sugar Bowl, 21-14

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The colorful, rich history of LSU football can now claim the one thing that had been missing for almost a half-century: a national championship.

Backed by frenzied fans wearing purple feather boas, gold beads and faces painted with tiger stripes, LSU earned its share of the title Sunday night, holding off Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and Oklahoma 21-14 in the Sugar Bowl.

Jessie Daniels tipped away a fourth-down pass into the end zone with three minutes left, sealing a victory that made the Tigers the best team in the bayou, on Bourbon Street and in the Bowl Championship Series.

So what if it was Splitsville everywhere else in college football, with USC also earning a crown? The Tigers hardly cared.

"Do they deserve to share the title?" LSU All-America defensive tackle Chad Lavalais said. "Yeah. But when I tell my friends, I'm going to say we're national champions. In this part of the country, we are national champions."

"It doesn't bother me," he said of the split. "It's like winning the lottery, but you have to share the Powerball with another person. It's still a good deal."

The No. 2 Tigers automatically received the USA Today/ESPN coaches' crown for beating the third-ranked Sooners.

Southern California won The Associated Press title with

a 28-14 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

"There was always a chance it could be out of whack and it happened this year. It doesn't take anything away from what LSU accomplished," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

Too bad there's not one game left for winner-take-all.

"I think there'd be an awful lot of people who would love the matchup," Carroll said. "Itwould be exciting for the country. It's too bad it can't happen."

USC received 48 of the 65 first-place votes cast in the AP poll and LSU got the other 17. Three coaches broke the USA Today/ESPN agreement and instead voted for USC.

Freshman Justin Vincent ran loose for 117 yards and was selected the Sugar Bowl's most outstanding player, defensive end Marcus Spears scored on an interception return and coach Nick Saban's team never trailed in bringing LSU its first crown since 1958.

It was a rewarding win for Saban. He makes \$1.5 million, but a clause in his contract said that if he won this game, he was guaranteed \$1 more than the highest-paid college coach - Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, at \$2.3 million.

"I'm just happy that we could make this state proud," Saban said. "We got tired at the end of the game, but we played from the heart."

Lavalais and his LSU teammates shut down the nation's top-scoring team for most of the game, extending the jinx that haunted previous Heisman winners such as Chris Weinke, Eric Crouch and Gino Torretta.

"It dampers it quite a bit," White said. "You win 12 games and that's extremely hard to do in college football and you end up with nothing to show for it."

Defensive end Marquise Hill and his LSU teammates blitzed White a lot, often putting him on his back.

"He's Mr. Heisman and we wanted to go at him all night. That's a big award and if you win it, you're going to pay for it," Hill said. "I said to him, 'Excuse me, Mr. Heisman. I'm going to be coming at you all night.' He just nodded his head at me."

White found his touch in

Sooners down the field in the final minutes. But on fourth down at the LSU 12, his pass was tipped and it trickled off the hands of star receiver Mark Clayton in the end zone.

"I just tried to give somebody a chance to catch it," White said.

Said Stoops: "We had our opportunities, we just didn't convert."

White finished 13-for-37 for 102 yards with two interceptions. LSU quarterback Matt Mauck was efficient enough, overcoming two interceptions.

Up to 1 million people were expected to swarm the French Quarter - LSU's campus in Baton Rouge is only 70 miles away - and the Tigers' victory brought in Mardi Gras the fourth quarter and led the about two months early.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL NFL Playoff Glance By The Associated Press **All Times EST** Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 3

Tennessee 20, Baltimore 17 Carolina 29, Dallas 10

Sunday, Jan. 4

Green Bay 33, Seattle 27, OT Indianapolis 41, Denver 10

Saturday, Jan. 10

Carolina at St. Louis, 4:30 p.m. (FOX) Tennessee at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 11

Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 18 AFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC Championship Game, 6:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Feb. 1

Super Bowl at Houston, 6:25 p.m. (CBS) Sunday, Feb. 8

Pro Bowl, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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Team	Won	Lost		
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Harvester Cafe	34	22		
Pampa Transmission	33 1/2	22 1/2		
UMC	31	25		
Now & Then	28	28		
B&K Carpentry	25	31		
Whitehead Cattle Co.	22 1/2	33 1/2		
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High scratch game: Sandra Farrington 203; High scratch series: Sandra

Farrington 504; High handicap game: Sandra Farrington 238; High handicap series: Tracy Smith 613.

> Harvester Women's League (Week 12)

Team	Won	Lost	5
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O'Brien enterprises	33 1/2	14 1/2	
Schiffman Machine	32 1/2	15 1/2	
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High scratch game: Ann O'Brien 198; High scratch series: Ann O'Brien 510; High handicap game: Peggy Muncrief 247; High handicap series: Peggy Muncrief 647.

> BASKETBALL This Week's Top 25 Fared

Connecticut (11-1)beat Massachusetts 91-67; beat Rice 92-83. 2. Duke (10-1) beat Davidson 88-54;

3. Georgia Tech (12-1) beat Virginia Commonwealth 86-65; lost to Georgia 83-80, 2OT.

beat Clemson 73-54.

4. Arizona (9-1) beat Louisiana-Lafayette 72-69; beat Arizona State 93-74. 5. Stanford (11-0) beat Washington State

73-51; beat Washington 85-72. 6. Wake Forest (9-0) beat North Carolina

A&T 91-67; beat New Mexico 70-61. 7. Oklahoma (10-0) beat Texas-Pan

American 72-57; beat Princeton 58-55. 8. Kentucky (9-1) beat Austin Peay 61-

53; beat No. 9 North Carolina 61-56. 9. North Carolina (8-2) beat Coastal

Carolina 105-72; lost to No. 8 Kentucky

10. Saint Joseph's (11-0) beat Delaware 75-54; beat George Washington 90-81.

11. Louisville (9-1) beat Toledo 92-56; beat Murray State 91-69.

12. Cincinnati (9-0) beat Elon 102-63.

13. Kansas (8-2) beat Binghamton 78-46; beat Villanova 86-79.

14. Florida (9-2) beat Florida State 87-

15. Pittsburgh (14-0) beat Georgia 76-55; beat William & Mary 70-55.

16. Gonzaga (10-2) beat Eastern Washington 70-49; beat Montana 88-67. 17. Syracuse (9-1) beat Canisius 87-70;

beat Michigan State 96-83. 18. Wisconsin (9-2) lost to Alabama 71-

56; beat College of Charleston 75-49. 19. Texas (7-2) beat George Washington

88-72; Beat Texas-Arlington 99-79. 20. Illinois (9-2) beat Illinois-Chicago

75-60; beat Illinois State 80-73, OT. 21. Purdue (10-3) lost to Colorado State

71-69; beat Baylor 76-65. 22. Vanderbilt (11-0) beat Lehigh 85-59; beat Texas Christian 95-60.

23. Missouri (5-4) lost to Belmont 71-67; beat Iowa 76-56. 24. Mississippi State (11-0) beat

Arkansas-Little Rock 68-58. 25. Marquette (9-2) beat Sacred Heart

Packers beat Seahawks in OT

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — It wasn't vintage Brett Favre throwing touchdowns all over the lot. Nor was it Ahman Green running rampant through Seattle's defense.

The hero of Green Bay's thrilling 33-27 overtime playoff victory against the Seahawks on Sunday was none other than Al Harris, the cornerback known as much for the long dreadlocks that flow from his helmet as for his coverage skills.

He jumped in front of Seattle receiver Alex Bannister, grabbed Matt Hasselbeck's throw and headed down the sideline — right past former Packers coach Mike Holmgren. Harris, who had a case of the drops lately, wasn't losing this ball. And he wasn't going to be caught, either.

"I was just thinking, 'Don't drop the ball," Harris said after his 52-yard touchdown, the playoff overtime game. "Two the field." weeks in a row, I've dropped picks, so I was thinking, 'Make sure you secure the catch.' And it was a foot race from there on.

"I anticipated it, and I know the quarterback ain't going to catch me."

Once his teammates caught up to him, Harris went down in an avalanche of green. He did-

n't even get to do a Lambeau

"I told Al, 'I was trying to congratulate you, but you were on the bottom of that pile," running back Najeh Davenport said. "He said, 'I know, I was

hurting." Not hurting too badly, though — he then ran along the grandstand slapping hands with

Hasselbeck and Holmgren certainly were hurting. They recognized how close they came to going to Philadelphia next Sunday for the second round. Instead, the Packers (11-6) face the Eagles and the Seahawks (10-7) are done.

"I'm dying inside," said Holmgren, who led the Packers to their last Super Bowl victory seven years ago. "It hurts bad to lose this game. The loss is hard. The locker room is in bad shape right now, because these first defensive score to win a guys really left it out there on

Particularly Hasselbeck, who once backed up Favre in Green Bay. He played as well as the Packers' master quarterback — except for that one critical mistake.

"He shouldn't have been there, in my mind," Hasselbeck said of Harris. "He caught the ball and I didn't get a good jump. I was in shock and he was going in slow motion. I don't know if it would have mattered."

Hasselbeck did all he could to get Seattle in position to win, throwing for 305 yards. The Seahawks tied it with 51 seconds remaining on Shaun Alexander's third 1-yard touchdown run. Then Packers kicker Ryan Longwell, who made two earlier field goals, was short on a 47-yard attempt as regulation time expired.

Seattle won the coin toss, and Hasselbeck told the official, "We want the ball, and we're going to score."

They didn't. Harris did.

"I was just praying that he did throw the ball," Harris said, "because I was going to gamble on that play."

Favre, as usual, thrived in the cold: 20 degrees, with a wind chill of 7. He threw for 319 yards, his most in the playoffs since Jan. 16, 1994.

He set a record by throwing a touchdown pass in his 14th straight playoff game and rallied the Packers to a 27-20 lead. His 23-yard laser in the second quarter found Bubba Franks at the goal line as defender Damien Robinson fell. Favre, who threw for 319 yards, was tied with former Dolphins star Dan Marino for the record.

entered the playoffs facing a York Jets a year ago. lot of questions.

Their 41-10 rout of the Denver Broncos provided all sorts of positive answers.

Yes, Peyton Manning could win a playoff game. Yes, Tony Dungy could coach a team to a postseason win. And yes, that two-touchdown loss at home to the Broncos two weeks ago was no more than one bad game.

"What happened in the past doesn't dictate what happens in the future," said Dungy, who had lost four straight playoff games in which his team didn't score a touchdown. Three were with

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tampa Bay, and the fourth The Indianapolis Colts was a 41-0 rout by the New

As he is in most Indianapolis victories, the major factor was Manning, who shared the NFL's MVP award with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair.

He won for the first time in four playoff starts, throwing five TD passes. That made him the first quarterback to throw for five or more three times in a season.

He had six TD passes against New Orleans and five against Atlanta in the regular

"Every ball he threw was perfect," said Brandon Stokley, who had two TD catches, including an 87yarder just after the 2-minute warning of the first half. Marvin Harrison also had two scores and Reggie Wayne caught the fifth.

The Colts (13-4) led 31-3 at halftime, and Manning was 14-of-16 for 327 yards by

Denver was sloppy in the loss, with their most memorable gaffe with 24 seconds left in the first quarter, when Harrison caught a pass at the Denver 30 and went down. As four Broncos stood around without touching Harrison slowly got up and trotted to the end zone to complete a 46-yard scoring

Ole Miss overcomes Oklahoma State rally in Cotton Bowl

.DALLAS (AP) — Eli Manning and Rashaun Woods decided against entering the NFL draft last spring. Both wanted the chance for another big college season.

They both accomplished just that, though only Manning ended his career with a win in the Cotton Bowl.

Manning also got the offensive MVP trophy, leading No. 16 Mississippi to a 31-28 win over No. 21 Oklahoma State despite a record-setting performance by Woods.

"Everything about this year has been great. It's been

ride," said Manning, who completed 22 of 31 passes for 259 yards and two touchdowns. "It has to end sometime. We picked a great way

Manning also had a 1-yard TD run with 12:32 left, capping a 97-yard drive that also ended a streak of 24 straight points by Ole Miss (10-3) which provided just enough to overcome a Woods-led come-

Oklahoma State's career receiving leader set Cotton Bowl records with 11 catches for 223 yards.

Five of those catches and

Manning's scoring run. But the Cowboys (9-4) never got the ball back after Woods' leaping 17-yard TD catch over a defender with 4:38 left.

"It was one of those games where we felt like we just ran out of time," Oklahoma State coach Les Miles said.

The Rebels won their first January game since the 1970 Sugar Bowl when Manning's father, Archie, threw a TD and ran for another one in a 27-22 win over Arkansas.

Ole Miss finished its first 10-win season since 1971.

"When I came to Ole Miss,

a great run ... it's been a fun 131 yards came after everyone expected me to bring the program back to its glory days," said Manning, who broke his own record with 3,600 yards passing this season. "I didn't want to put that kind of pressure on myself."

Still, he finished with a school-record 10,119 yards, becoming only the fifth Southeastern Conference passer with 10,000 yards. That is 1,082 less than the SEC record held by older brother Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts' quarterback and the NFL's co-MVP who played at Tennessee from

Ole Miss had played in January only two other times. They lost in the Gator Bowl twice, to Auburn in Archie Manning's final game in 1971 and to Michigan in 1991.

"This raises the bar for us," coach David Cutcliffe said.

Woods' TD catch came just four minutes after Vernand Morency's second touchdown run. On that 72-yard drive, he caught two passes for 63 yards — both on plays when cornerback Travis Johnson was called for pass interference and still couldn't prevent the Woods from holding on.

"My job is to go out there

Since that Sugar Bowl win, and make plays for my team," said Woods, who had a 17yard catch on another flagged play. "As far as how they played me, that doesn't concern me. I'm just here to make

Woods finished with three straight 1,000-yard season. He had 293 career receptions for 4,414 yards and 42 touchdowns.

Oklahoma State's Josh Fields set a Cotton Bowl record with 307 yards on 21for-33 passing. The junior's 55th career TD pass broke the school record held by offensive coordinator Mike Gundy (1986-89).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 6,

You'll have a year to remember. You will travel, or at least become an armchair traveler. Some might want to sign up for classes or become more spiritual. Your mental growth will open doors for you emotionally and professionally. You will see emotional results faster than professional results starting fall 2004. You have the ability to look past problems and the immediate uproar to see the whole story. You develop an excellent ability to find answers. If you are single, you will attract people because of your openness and way of thinking. If you want a relationship, you can have one. Those of you who are in relationships could find that you often respond to mixed signals. Work on your communication, and you will bond more tightly. Schedule that special trip. CANCER plays devil's advocate.

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)

** A serious conversation is long overdue, and it might happen as soon as tonight. In the meantime, start being aware of how much you are contributing to a situation. Do your best to clear out work. Tonight: You finally enjoy yourself at home. Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Finally, someone will start speaking his or her mind and share his or her feelings about what is going on. Stay open, even if chaos breaks out, as you will see solutions appear. You might want to discuss a topic you have been putting off. Tonight: Know that finally the doors have opened GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* * * Your ruler goes direct today in your opposite sign. If you would like, a partner seems more amenable to a discussion later in the afternoon. Mend bridges rather than letting your pride interfere. Caring will flow on a deep level. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** * The Moon in your sign gives you that extra oomph you might need. You could be shocked by what someone says to you. Don't be; it is about him or her, not you Remember that, and let a personal exchange begin. Tonight: The world is your oyster - finally. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** * You finally see a difference in what happens at work. Suddenly people are more cooperative. Now you can start planning a longtime objective, both personally and professionally. Caring seems to exude from you. Tonight: Mellow out. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * * Your ability to be understanding could make a big difference right now. You might feel overwhelmed by what is going on. With your ruler going direct, you find that others work better with you. Keep smiling; pinch yourself. Tonight: Follow your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Feel free to do whatever you need to do in order to clear the air with a loved one or a child. A project finally moves off the back burner, to your relief. You accomplish much more of what you like. Ignore a touch of chaos. Tonight: A

must show. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) * * * * You could be in the mood for more fun at work, and that is exactly what you will get if you let go and enjoy. Finally, others seem ready to work with you. Give them the space to back down from their positions gracefully. Tonight:

Discuss vacation plans SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** * Celebrate as Mercury goes direct, though you might still see some of its recent withholding or chaotic impact. Kick back and watch what goes down Your ability to understand a wed one or even an associate comes through Tonight. Let the good times happen. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** If you want, you will find someone who understands more of your needs right now - finally. Trust your financial instincts, as you will be able to make a firm decision in the next few days. You will start feeling more together - if not today, then soon. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * * You have a good time wherever you are, doing whatever you want. Listen to feedback from a friend who

could easily reverse his or her opinion. A relationship will straighten out sooner rather than later. Tonight: Let others seek you out PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** * Follow through on what you have wanted. Partners and friends start falling into place, returning to the way

they were several weeks ago. Don't

make a big deal out of any of this.

Instead, enjoy what is happening.

Tonight: Trust that what is going down is

for the good, because it is. Comedian Rowan Atkinson (1955), actress Bonnie Franklin (1944), martyr

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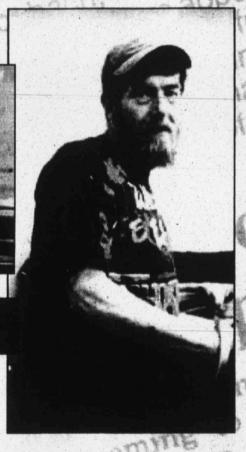
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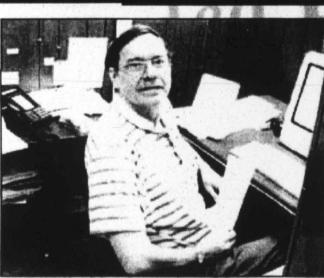
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