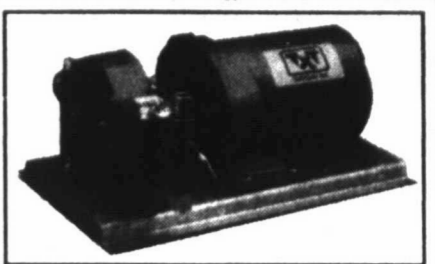


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Storage site set for emergency drugs

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Clyde Carruth Pavilion was named as the primary facility for stockpiling pharmaceutical items in case of emergency by Gray County commissioners at their regular meeting at 9 a.m. today in the county courtroom on the second floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Gray County Annex will be designated as a backup facility for the pavilion, commissioners decided.

A request by the Texas Department of Health for a suitable location for a stockpile of pharmaceutical items in case of emergency had been

presented by Ken Hall, city emergency services coordinator, at the commissioners' Dec. 15 meeting. The location would be used in the event of a disaster that requires pharmaceutical items to be delivered to the Pampa area. Such events might include terrorist attacks, natural disasters and some types of accidents.

Hall said that TDH was asking local school districts to help with any needed cold storage in the event of an emergency. He assured commissioners that designating the two sites would have no impact on the sites' usual activity and usage.

County Attorney Josh Seabourn requested permis-

sion to buy a laptop computer and wireless router with county hot check funds. He explained that the county attorney's office had only one computer, and that computer was the private property of the previous county attorney, Todd Alvey.

"Most of what's in the county attorney's office right now is Alvey's property," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. He said that two desks in the county attorney's office are Alvey's, as well as some other items.

"In the future, I may ask for my own printer and also for a desktop computer," Seabourn said. He said that in the next two or three months, he would

also like to get shelving and a computer desk.

Seabourn provided commissioners with a copy of information on the laptop and router he wanted. Seabourn asked to buy a Toshiba laptop costing \$1,749 and a router costing \$79, both prices including rebates offered by the manufacturers. County Auditor Elaine Morris said the county's hot check fund currently has \$2,300 on deposit.

"I decided on a laptop rather than a desktop for portability. That's also why I chose a wireless router. This would be a desktop replacement, rather than getting a desktop," Seabourn said.

Seabourn said he could bor-

row the use of someone else's printer for now, rather than buy one at this time.

"A laptop would also bring us forward in the technology age," he said.

"Many defense attorneys carry their laptops into court and use them effectively. This would level the playing field," Peet said.

Commissioners voted to allow Seabourn to buy the laptop and router with monies from the county hot check fund.

Seabourn also asked for reimbursement for his attendance at a prosecutors' conference in San Antonio in early December. He attended the (See COUNTY, Page 3)

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DEATHS

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Helen Hazel Prater, 83, nurse's aide.
James C. Triplehorn, 92, services pending.

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Building at record level now

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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 billion.

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

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A speaker who was purportedly Osama bin Laden said on an audiotape that the U.S.-led war in Iraq was the beginning of the "occupation" of Gulf states for their oil and called on Muslims to keep fighting a 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 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 network.

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."

Al-Jazeera played the audiotape while showing a still photo of bin Laden against a dark blue background.

"My message is to incite you against

the conspiracies, especially those uncovered by the occupation of the crusaders in Baghdad under the pretext of weapons of mass destruction, and also the situation in (Jerusalem) under the deceptions of the road map and the Geneva initiative," the speaker said.

A Mideast peace plan dubbed the Geneva Accord was launched Dec. 1 by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators. The phrase "road map" refers to a U.S.-backed plan for a Palestinian state by 2005.

Ibrahim Hilal, Al-Jazeera's editor-in-chief, told The Associated Press the network received the message Sunday. However, he declined to reveal how it was delivered.

Hilal said he was certain the voice on the tape was bin Laden's.

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

The original message was 47 minutes long but the network aired only 14 minutes, Hilal said.

In those excerpts, the speaker urged Muslims to "liberate the Islamic world from the military occupation of the Crusaders."

He said Gulf countries have given in

to U.S. pressures "thinking that would not open the door for toppling of the dictatorial regimes by military force from outside, especially after they saw the capture of their previous comrade in treachery, a hireling of America," referring to Saddam.

The speaker criticized leaders of Muslim nations for refusing to pressure the United States on the Palestinian issue and for not supporting the Palestinian resistance.

He also criticized Gulf countries for receiving members of the U.S.-appointed interim Iraqi Governing Council.

He said the "big powers" were trying to control the region for its oil.

"The occupation of Iraq is the beginning of the full occupation of the other Gulf states. ... The Gulf is the key for control of the world in the point of view 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 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 still around. And so far as we know, Osama bin Laden is still alive," Straw told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET J. CHAMBERS
1926-2004

Margaret J. Chambers, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, in Pampa. Mrs. Chambers was cremated a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley 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 Michigan; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.
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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 Ohfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Worth; one grandson, Elton Gamage of Fort Worth; three great-grandchildren, Courtney Gamage, Elton Burley Gamage and Brittany Gamage, all of Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jack Gamage, in 1999.

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.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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

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

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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.

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.

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."

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

WEATHER FOCUS

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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,

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, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

STATEWIDE

AP — Cold weather will continue through Tuesday in the north and Wednesday in the south, but most areas will warm

to 60 or above later this week. South Texas may see rain this week, with good chances Thursday and Friday.

Sunday's high was 86, recorded at McAllen. Dahart recorded 4 degrees overnight. Most of the state saw a little 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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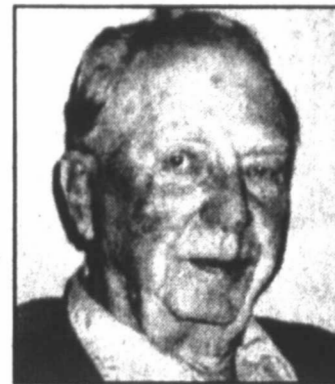
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JAMES C. (JIM) TRIPPLEHORN
1911-2004



James C. (Jim) Tripplehorn, 92, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

After a valiant fight against disease, James 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.

a back seat around 1952. 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 often!

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."

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 the continental United States. Learning about new places and people was something that continued to interest Jim.

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.

Strong interests in hunting and fishing took

Memorials may be made to Khiva Memorial Fund, Box 328, Amarillo, Texas, 79105, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

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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 conduct.

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

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreigners entering U.S. airports and seaports from all but 28 nations began getting their fingerprints scanned and photographs taken Monday as part of a new program that Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said will ensure that borders are secure in an era of terrorist threat.

Ridge was at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to meet with some of the 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 policy.

"We want to keep our borders open. We are 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-

al flights and 14 major seaports are covered by the program, under which Customs officials can instantly check an immigrant or visitor's criminal background.

Called US-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, the program will check an estimated 24 million foreigners each year, though some will be repeat visitors.

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 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.

Homeland Security spokesman Bill 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-to-know basis.

A similar program is to be installed at 50 land border crossings by the end of next year, Strassberger said.

Brazilian police started fingerprinting and photographing Americans arriving at Sao 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 computer camera that snaps pictures. It will be used for foreign nationals traveling on tourist,

business and student visas who enter through an airport or seaport.

The new system will gradually phase out a paper-based system that Congress mandated be modernized following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

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>

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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 attendee.

"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 not a county employee?" Peet 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.

A balance of \$132,208, made up of state tobacco settlement funds and county

general funds, was moved from the county's general fund 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.

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

Commissioners approved 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 investment plan. Several years ago, county commissioners had ruled that the

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.

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

1200 block of North Christine.

Ashmad Rashad Session, 23, 1004 Nelson, was arrested 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 transferred 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 transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

8:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred 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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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, Jan. 2

A 1990 Oldsmobile Royale, driven by 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.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Workers Who Make Holidays Happy Deserve Our Thanks

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 everyone 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 everywhere. They, too, are unsung heroes.

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 me.

LOVING HIM IN TENNESSEE

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 understand 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?

EMBARRASSED IN KENTUCKY

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 fault.

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.

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

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

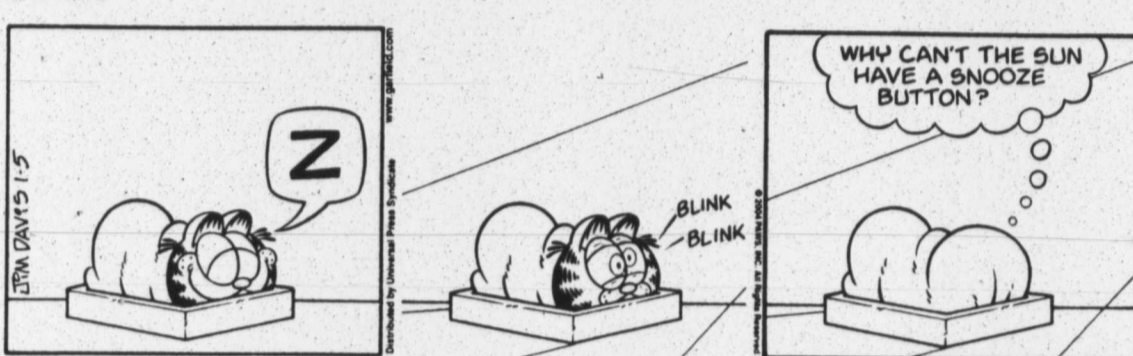
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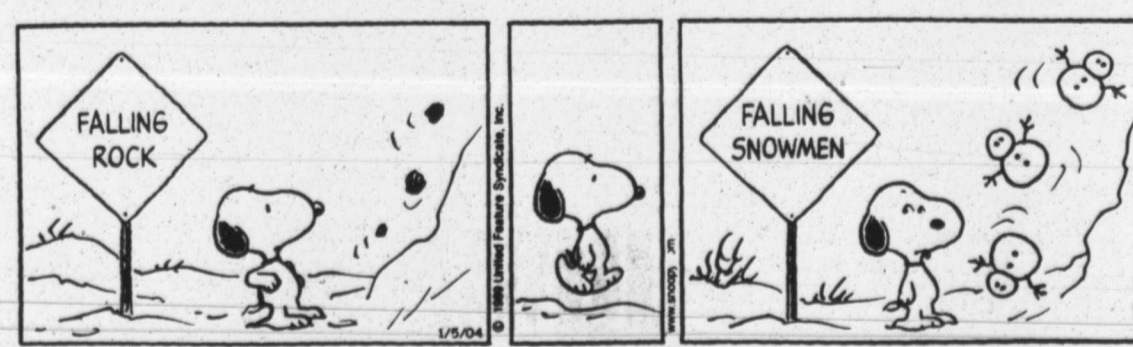
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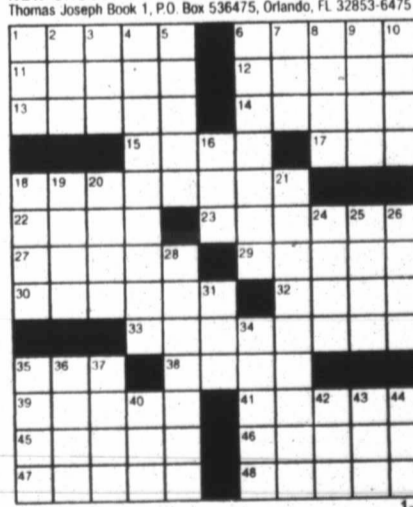
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SPORTS

Cowboys fall to Panthers in wildcard clash

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — 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 white-towel-waving fans, then taking

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 again."

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

NOTEBOOK

HOCKEY

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Martin Straka scored a short-handed 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.

Kings defenseman 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 big-time 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 that "hits newsstands 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 to 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 State.

"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.

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 game.

Led by junior sensation Austin Johnson, the state-ranked Dons won the Caprock Holiday Tournament last week

Tourney titles go to Lefors

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

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 all-tournament 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 defensive standouts for Pampa.

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.

USC wins Associated Press championship

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Football Writer

Pete Carroll was right. 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 years.

The Trojans (12-1) beat out USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll champion LSU, which defeated Oklahoma 21-14 in Bowl Championship Series title game Sunday 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

of that. We had a terrific football season. We're really excited for that."

The coaches were obligated to crown LSU (13-1) even though USC held the top spot in their poll going into the bowls.

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 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 years, only one major team finished undefeated, making

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 Ann Malone of Pampa. Kyle's parents, Bill and Candy Rule, used to live in Pampa.



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 season.

"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 State.

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 poll.

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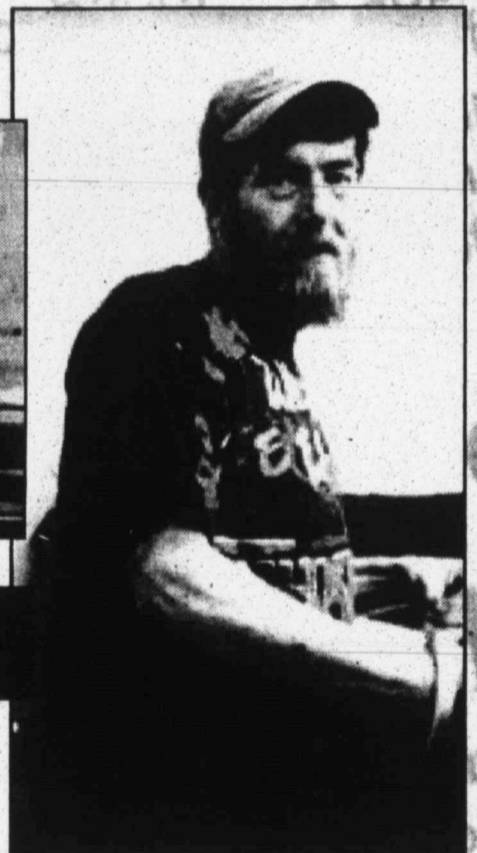
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