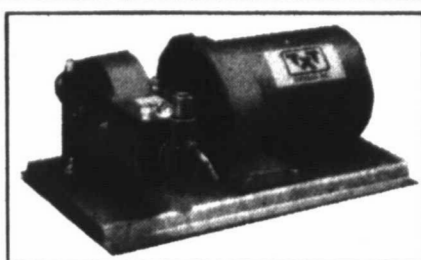


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GCAD board to elect officers on Thursday

Gray County Appraisal District board of directors will elect officers at their meeting scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, at the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner. Also listed on the agenda include considering a substitute for board member Gary Willoughby at the TAAD conference, December expenditures, investment report and chief appraiser's report.

Parks board to meet

Pampa's Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 W. Foster. Agenda items include water bill donation fund review, resignation of Doug Pollock and election of vice chair, policy for renaming parks, contract trimming of Priest Park, update on Pioneer cottage relocation project.

DEATHS

Mattie Lou Maness, 87, services pending.

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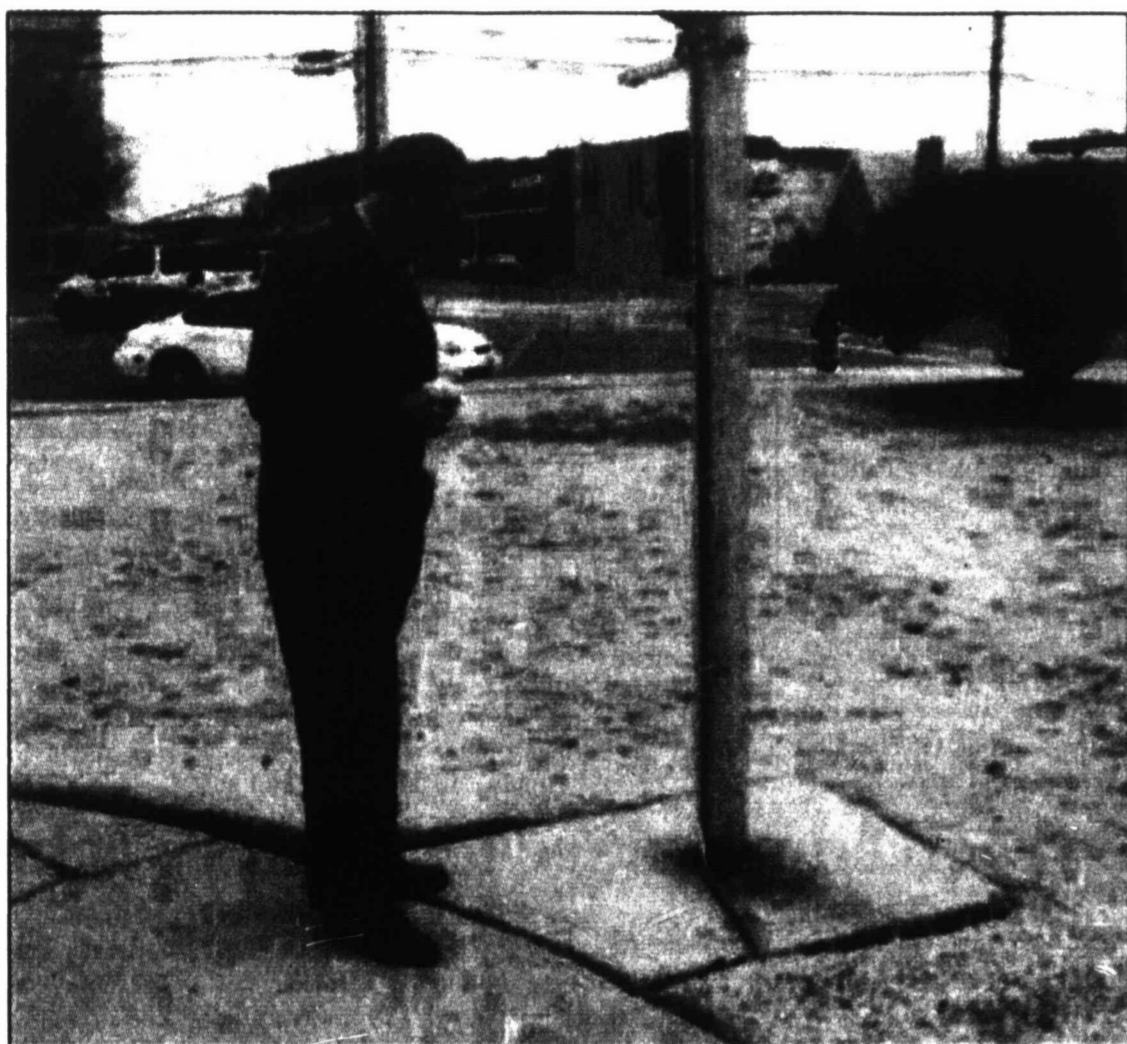
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Gray County Judge Richard Peet inspects rust at the base of the remaining flagpole at the county courthouse. Another flagpole, located east of the one pictured, fell over due to rust and deterioration.

Rusted flag pole raises county judge's concern

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Something is missing at Gray County Courthouse.

One of the two flagpoles is gone, and no flags are flying, due to rusting and deterioration. The absence of flags flying at the courthouse has been noticed and questioned by some, and Gray County Judge Richard Peet wants to explain why.

Peet said one of the flagpoles broke and fell over just before restoration work on the courthouse began over a year ago. The flagpoles are on the south side of the courthouse, with a memorial between them.

"Fortunately, no one was hurt and no dam-

age was done to anyone's property," Peet said. The eastern flagpole fell to the southeast, toward a bush planted at that corner of the block.

The western flagpole is still standing, but is showing abundant evidence of rust at ground level.

Peet explained that the height of a flagpole dictates the size flag properly flown from it. The size flag required for the remaining pole at the courthouse, combined with sometimes gusty Panhandle winds and the obvious deterioration of the pole, has caused concern about flying a flag from the remaining pole, for fear that the stress would bring it toppling down. No flags were flown while restoration was

(See POLE, Page 3)

Police conduct alcohol, tobacco sting

Only two of 12 local businesses do not comply with selling to minor laws, officer says

Pampa Police Department officers this weekend, conducting a sale of alcohol and alcohol to minors sting at local businesses, discovered all the target stores complied with the alcohol laws and only two sold tobacco to someone under the legal age.

An underage minor, working with the police, was sent into 12 stores in the Pampa area this past weekend in an attempt to purchase alcohol or tobacco, according to a press release from PPD Officer Colby Brown.

There were six attempts to purchase alcohol and six attempts to purchase tobacco, Brown said.

The decoy tried to buy alcohol from Bellmart, 1020 E. Frederic; Taylor Mart, 600 E. Brown; Easy's Eastside, 210 E. Brown; Davis Minit Mart, 1106 Alcock; Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart; and Parkway Package, 1824 N. Hobart, according to the release.

"No stores in the alcohol sting sold to the minor and congratulations are

in order for complying with the law," Brown stated.

Two Allsup's stores where tobacco purchases were attempted did sell to the underage decoy - the ones located at 104 S. Starkweather and 1025 W. Wilks, according to the release. Taylor Mart, U.S. Highway 60; Onies, 1222 N. Price Rd.; Easy's Pop Shop, 729 N. Hobart, and Allsup's 1900 N. Hobart did not sell to the minor.

"Sting operations are used by law

enforcement to check to make sure stores are checking ages and keeping alcohol and tobacco away from underage people," Brown said in the release. "One hundred percent of stores checked for alcohol sales are in compliance and 67 percent of stores checked for tobacco sales are in compliance.

"Although 100 percent compliance is what we are looking for," he said, "the overall results are lower than expected."

Troopers find six kilos of cocaine in I-40 stop

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Two travelers from Tennessee were treated to a stay in Gray County Jail Tuesday when their vehicle was found to contain approximately six kilos of cocaine.

Gilberto Pavon, 33, and Fernando Martinez, 22, both of Memphis, Tenn., were traveling on Interstate 40 near McLean when they were stopped by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers for a traffic violation.

Troopers obtained a verbal consent to search the 2004 Dodge, and found 6,735 grams, or about 6 kilos, of cocaine in the spare tire.

The two remain in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$20,000 bond each.

Audit, bus purchase plan on school board's agenda

Pampa Independent School District's board members plan to meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Pampa High School Library.

Agenda items to be considered for possible action include the annual financial audit report by Brown, Graham and Co., and a recommendation to purchase four buses for approximately \$265,000 through the Texas Association of School Board Buy Board. School officials

recommend financing the expenditure for four years with annual payments of less than \$70,000 per year.

Items listed on the consent agenda include bids for athletic supplies, cash receipts and disbursements for December 2003 and minutes from the Dec. 18 meeting.

The board also plans to discuss a proposed contract with Pampa Youth and Community Center for extracurricular activities, such as swimming

practice, swim meets, and for tennis during bad weather. No action will be taken at the meeting.

Reports scheduled Thursday include balanced literacy report, Pampa High School quarterly report, campus arrest report and the Governor's proclamation for School Board Recognition Month.

A closed session to discuss personnel is listed on the agenda.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, Jan. 16

Sale of tobacco was made to a minor at Allsup's, 1025 Wilks.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Theft of a mountain bike valued at \$500 was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Monday, Jan. 19

Theft was reported at Mr. D's Amusements, 854 W. Foster. Slot type gambling machines, stools and cash were taken. Amount of loss was unknown.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 900 block of South Wells. Minor injuries were reported.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Theft of merchandise at Payless Shoe Source, 1327 N. Hobart, was reported. It is unsure if any merchandise was taken.

Ryan J. Wohlford, 18, 104 N. Wynne, was arrested at Hobart Street and Harvester Avenue for unlawful carrying of a weapon. The weapon was a double-edged dagger.

Ashley Amanda Medley, 20, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language and assault by contact.

Tobacco was sold to a minor at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

Violation of a protective order was reported in connection with criminal mischief in the 2200 block of North Lea. A rock was thrown through a window of the house, causing approximately \$1,000 damage. An arrest warrant has been sought for the suspect.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Curtis Lynn Brewer, 41, Hedley, was arrested for expired vehicle registration, failure to appear, and bond forfeiture on a charge of failure to identify.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 20

9:24 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a small gasoline spill in the 200 block of West Brown. Firefighters cleaned up approximately 5 to 10 gallons that spilled.

2:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 500 block of Magnolia. Firefighters found a slightly elevated amount, possibly due to a malfunctioning heater. Residents said they would have the heater checked.

3:26 p.m. — Three firefighters in one unit checked a smoke detector and replaced the battery for a resident in the 900 block of Sierra.

4:27 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1900 block of Lynn.

5:14 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning. The alarm had malfunctioned.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Jan. 20

7:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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SHERIFF

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

Monday, Jan. 19

David William Wilson, 19, 1601 W. Somerville #1110, was arrested for six counts of issuing a bad check.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Gilberto Pavon, 33, Memphis, Tenn., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

Fernando Martinez, 22, Memphis, Tenn., was arrested

by DPS for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

Patrick Herr, 39, 914 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of burglary of a building.

OBITUARIES

MATTIE LOU MANESS

Mattie Lou Maness, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at Amarillo. Services

are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with highs in the mid 40s and northwest winds around 5 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 20s and southwest winds around 10 mph. Thursday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Southwest winds around 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds around 10 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Condemned inmate who received reprieve last month scheduled to die

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Capital murder defendant Kevin Lee Zimmerman left a lasting impression on the judge who presided over his trial.

"He sent me a letter from the jail," State District Judge Larry Gist recalled. "He threatened to kill me and described in great detail how he would accomplish that."

"Not only did he describe it verbally, but he drew a picture of him holding this enormous ax," Gist continued. "But the most shocking thing of all was that he drew the picture using his own blood as the ink."

The letter was used against Zimmerman as evidence in the punishment phase of his trial in Jefferson County, where a jury took only 15 minutes to decide he should be condemned for the 1987 robbery and stabbing

death of a Louisiana oil field worker at a Beaumont motel. Leslie Hooks Jr., 33, was stabbed 31 times.

Zimmerman, 42, from Lafayette Parish, La., was set to be executed Wednesday night. The lethal injection would be carried out about six weeks after he received a reprieve sparing his life less than a half hour before he could have been put to death.

"I was ready to go," an

annoyed Zimmerman told prison officials Dec. 10 after getting word of the postponement. "The stay only means 18 more months of this crap."

But it was only five days later that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal in his case, clearing the way for State District Judge Charles Carver to quickly set a new death date for him.

Zimmerman would be the third condemned inmate to die

this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state. Another lethal injection is set for next week, one of at least nine on the execution schedule for Texas in the first quarter of the year.

Zimmerman's December execution date initially was put off after lawyers filed a suit contending the combination of drugs used in lethal injections contributes to unconstitutional pain and suffering.

The same suit allowed Billy Frank Vickers, condemned for killing a north Texas grocery store owner in a botched robbery almost 11 years ago, to also avoid the death chamber last month. Like Zimmerman, Vickers quickly received another execution date, for Jan. 28, after the high court's ruling in Zimmerman's case.

"The family cannot comprehend why the murderer is not expected to suffer any pain when he himself inflicted such immeasurable and unimaginable pain on the man they called husband and dad," Steven

Shaver, whose sister was married to Hooks, said in a statement on behalf of the family.

Zimmerman's lawyers returned Tuesday to the Supreme Court, where they lost last month in a 5-4 ruling, with a renewed request that the high court examine the issue.

"What we're trying to do is to see if we can't just tweak the questions a little bit to get a fifth justice interested in addressing it," said David Dow, a University of Houston law professor involved in the appeals.

Zimmerman attracted attention Oct. 23, 1987, when he went to a hospital for treatment of knife wounds. He was arrested after authorities were called to a Motel 6 in Beaumont where a maid discovered Hooks' body.

In a letter to a district attorney, Zimmerman said he killed Hooks for the oilfield worker's money. Hooks had met Zimmerman, another man, George Weber, and a woman, Kay Gonzales, at the motel and all went to a fair together earlier that day.

Spacehab revises NASA claim

HOUSTON (AP)— A Southeast Texas company has filed an \$87.7 million claim against NASA for the loss of a research laboratory that was aboard the Columbia when it disintegrated over Texas last year.

Spacehab's claim is based on the cost to replace the lab, which was about the size of a school bus and was used as living and work quarters for the astronauts.

The Webster-based company's draft claim filed in July was denied by NASA. It now seeks approval of a revised claim that includes findings from the Columbia Accident

Investigation Board report released in August.

"Simply the fact that the report shows that it was an issue with the shuttle itself that caused the destruction and therefore the loss of our module, that is to some degree a global indication and justification for the claim," said Kimberly Campbell, a Spacehab spokeswoman.

The board determined that the disaster was caused by a piece of foam insulation that broke off the external fuel tank during liftoff and smashed into the leading edge of the shuttle's left wing. The shuttle broke apart during re-entry on Feb. 1, killing seven astronauts.

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Lake Meredith park officials announce controlled burn plan

FRITCH — Prescribed burns are scheduled in three areas of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area including South Turkey Creek, Plum Creek and Big Blue Creek, Superintendent Karen Brown announced today.

Park staff expect to conduct the burns from late January through the end of May, depending on weather conditions.

During these controlled burns, some of the areas will be closed to the public. People traveling in the area should use caution by reducing vehicle speed and turning on their headlights when smoke is present. The burns are designed so that the majority of smoke will move toward the waters of Lake Meredith, which means boating activities near the burn units may be briefly affected. Information staff will be avail-

able to answer questions during the burns.

The South Turkey unit moves along the park boundary from Short Creek to Dolomite Road. Burning in this area is expected to be completed by May 1.

The Plum Creek unit is subdivided into seven areas surrounded by boundaries and roadways located within the park. Four of these areas were burned during the spring of 2003. The additional three units, Lower Plum Creek Campground following the Devils Canyon Trail to Upper Plum Creek Campground Road, should be completed by April 1.

Big Blue Creek Unit is subdivided into four unit, with one unit completed in the spring of 2003. One unitescheduled for spring of 2004 should be completed by April 1. Big Blue

Creek starts at FM 1913 bridge and moves from the Blue West access road to the Blue West boat ramp. An additional unit may be burned in late spring 2004, officials said.

Goals of these burn units include reducing non-native species, enhancing wildlife habitat, promoting ecological processes, and helping protect local communities from the catastrophic effects of uncontrolled wildfires, park officials said.

Many hours of planning and preparation went into these burn units. A total of 14,000 acres have been burned since the prescribed fire program began in 1999. This is a part of the National Park Service initiative to reintroduce fire into parks throughout the system.

For more information, contact Lake Meredith Park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

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POLE

being done in the courthouse.

"We are considering it," Peet said when asked if the county had plans to take the pole down before it fell down and injured anyone or damaged any property.

Peet explained that it is expensive to place a temporary flagpole, and that the county is waiting until Phase 3 of the restoration process is complete to fly the state and national flags.

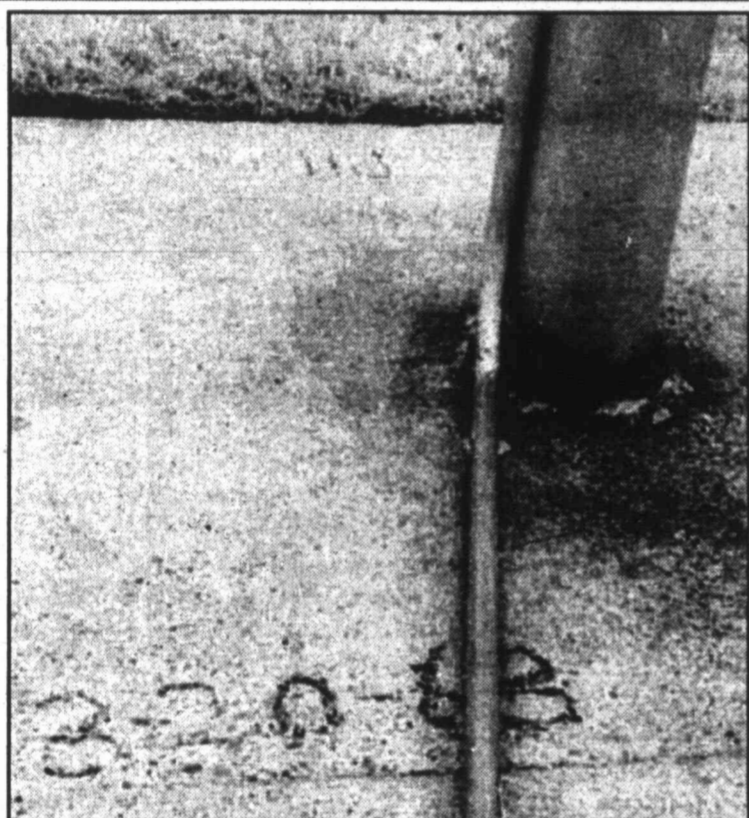
The Texas Historical Commission will release approximately \$300,000 to Gray County for use in Phase 3 after it has received the architects' report on restoration work already completed and had 30 days to review the report, Peet said. The architects' report has been completed and was to have been delivered to the commission today, he said.

"I talked to the architects and asked if the THC could expedite the review of the architectural report, in order to speed up getting funds for Phase 3," Peet said.

Phase 3 will include landscaping, balcony restoration and possible installation of one or two revolving doors. Also included will be new flagpoles.

The old flagpoles are set in concrete that has a date of "3/20/63" etched into it. The poles are two iron pipes, one fitted inside the other.

"It certainly is not our intention not to fly the U.S. or Texas flags. We are not trying to show any disrespect by not flying the flags," Peet said. "As soon as we can, we will fly the flags again."



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

One of two flagpoles remains standing on the south side of Gray County Courthouse. The pole, set in concrete dated 1963, is showing evidence of rust and corrosion at ground level, the same condition that led to the fall of the other pole.

PHS student leaders to be recognized with reception

Pampa Independent School District officials plan to honor Pampa High School student leaders and their parents at a reception at 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, in the PHS library.

The reception, hosted by

Superintendent Barry Haenisch and the Pampa ISD board of education, serves to thank the students who volunteer their time and effort to work with PHS organizations and activities.



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ahead of Bush's appearances that it was hypocritical for the president to tout his proposals for new job-training grants through community colleges when he has proposed cutting hundreds of millions of dollars in federal spending on vocational education, adult job training, youth job training and other programs over the last two years.

The American Federation of Teachers also said that Bush's proposed spending for community colleges is a step in the right direction, but a relatively insignificant amount when compared to the deep budget cuts that have hit the nation's community college campuses.

The political divide running through the country was evident outside Bush's appearance. Hundreds of protesters marched in temperatures in the teens, bearing signs that read "Vote Bush Out Nov.2," "Fire the Liar Bush!" and "Saddam's Gone — now Bush!"

In his State of the Union speech, the president touted his administration's success-

es: the toppling and capture of Saddam Hussein, the revival of economic growth, and the passage of major tax cuts and a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

"America this evening is a nation called to great responsibilities," Bush said in his 54-minute address Tuesday evening. "And we are rising to meet them."

The address contained few major new proposals, underlining the limitations of a budget burdened by deficits and a campaign year in which far-reaching legislative accomplishments probably will be hard to come by. After calling last week for a resumption of human flights to the moon and eventually sending astronauts to Mars and beyond, Bush didn't mention space exploration in his speech.

From Congress to the presidential campaign trail in New Hampshire, where next week's presidential primary will be held, Democrats balked. They said Bush had ignored the job losses, ballooning budget deficits, diplomatic reversals and growing ranks of Americans without health insurance that have

The address contained few major new proposals.

characterized his administration.

"He promised us a humble foreign policy. Instead, he's alienated our allies, lost the respect of the world community, and cost 500 brave young men and women their lives" in Iraq, said retired Gen. Wesley Clark.

"President Bush's speech was not so much of a State of the Union as a state of his re-election campaign," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "But the president's words do not change the reality that his priorities are out of touch with the priorities of most Americans."

Bush touted a cluster of issues sure to energize conservative voters who are the core of the Republican Party.

He said he would support a constitutional amendment defining marriage as being between a man and a woman if courts struck down a law mandating that.

He asked lawmakers to renew expiring portions of the USA Patriot Act that strengthen the investigative reach of law enforcement agencies, double funds for abstinence education and codify his administration's award of federal grants to religious charities.

CASA to conduct session for prospective volunteers

CASA of the High Plains will conduct an informational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks.

Persons interested in becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children are invited to attend.


Every year, the state of Texas removes thousands of children from their homes because of abuse or neglect. These victimized children are drawn into an overburdened

child welfare system that is hard pressed to address their individual concerns. Eventually, they end up in court.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Hot-Tempered Lovers Want To Find Way to Fight Fair

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for three years. We moved in together eight months ago and have been talking about marriage as soon as we're financially stable.

Abby, we both have hot tempers. We don't get violent, but we flare up at the drop of a hat. We tend to take things personally and become defensive. When we fight, it's all-out war. Neither of us seems to be able to stop until it's too late, and by then, we have usually said hurtful things for which we're sorry.

How do people learn to fight fair and control their tempers? We love each other very much.

HURT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR HURT: Learning to "fight fair" is an acquired skill, and like any other skill it takes self-control and practice. When people disagree, it is helpful to stay on the subject when talking it out. That means refraining from dragging in baggage from previous arguments.

Another technique that can avert misunderstanding is to "mirror" what the other person has said. ("I heard you say you didn't like my outfit. Did you mean I'm getting fat?") In other words, the person might not have liked the color or style, but how will you know if you don't ask?

Another helpful technique is to ask yourself, before venting, "Is it true? Is it kind? Is it hurtful? Is it helpful?" A trial lawyer once told me, "You can't unring the bell." This holds true in relationships as well as courtrooms.

I have published a booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," that readers have told me is helpful. It may be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5

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DEAR ABBY: I am a gospel minister, and members of the congregation are divided over whether to hold a baby shower for an unwed mother who is a member of the congregation. I have been told that it "is just not done." The expectant mother has made it right by repenting and asking for prayer.

Is there any rule of etiquette that prohibits having a baby shower for an unwed mother?

I want to help the young woman because the long road ahead will be difficult. But I also want to keep the congregation from dividing over the matter.

MINISTER IN GEORGIA

DEAR MINISTER: There is no rule of etiquette that prohibits an unwed mother from being given a shower. And because of her unmarried status, she is going to need all the help she can get. Babies are expensive.

Since she repented, perhaps you should remind your flock of:

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 2. Judge not lest ye be judged. And ...
 3. Let he (or she) who is without sin cast the first stone.
- Your work is cut out for you, because your congregation seems to have forgotten a principle of their religion: Love one another.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

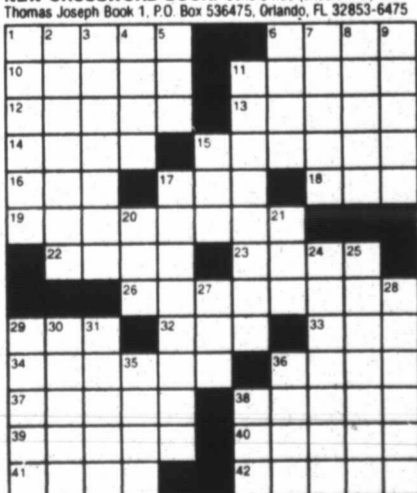
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Houston details Super Bowl hospitality

HOUSTON (AP) — The theme is "Company's Coming," and for the next two weeks this Super Bowl city will try to keep visitors smiling while promoting itself.

"If we have 120,000 people who leave this city with smiles about how friendly and helpful people were, that word will spread," Mayor Bill White said Tuesday upon launching an ad campaign backed by several local media outlets and the companies that own them.

Of course, fans from New England, the Carolinas and

elsewhere have to get here and find a place to stay before they can be showered with those smiles. A check midday Tuesday of the official hospitality Web site, www.houstonsuperbowlhotels.com, found only one hotel within a 10-mile radius of Reliant Stadium had rooms available.

Visitors hoping to stay in Houston for the Patriots-Panthers matchup might end up in suburbs like The Woodlands, Alvin, Freeport or Galveston, where even budget lodging was going for \$200 or more per night

for the four-night weekend.

Just as White is asking residents across greater Houston to be gleeful hosts, Super Bowl host committee chairman Chuck Watson particularly implored hospitality workers at a "Hotel Pep Rally" on Tuesday to do the same for their guests.

"At the end of the day, I am absolutely convinced that what will sell Houston to the world is our hospitality; it's our smiling people," Watson said.

The ad campaign featuring newspaper inserts, billboards and broadcast com-

mercials was conceived just two weeks ago, shortly after White took office. The same minds who crafted the "Don't Mess With Texas" antilitter campaign devised the slogan: "Put your smile on. Company's coming."

The main idea isn't just to impress fans, corporate big-wigs and others headed here next week. It's to promote Houston as a commercial and convention destination or, even better, a place to locate a company.

"We're a great place to do business," White said. "Sometimes we've had what

I think are unfair knocks in the national media, and I think this is our chance to reach out."

Also Tuesday, Watson announced the musical lineup that will perform for 38 hours Thursday through Super Bowl Sunday on two outdoor stages downtown near the newly revitalized Main Street downtown entertainment district. The free shows, dubbed "The Main Event," will feature KC & the Sunshine Band, Jerry Jeff Walker, Marcia Ball and the Neville Brothers, among others.

Pampa teams sweep Randall in district clashes

High School Basketball

RANDALL — Both Pampa boys and girls teams pulled out a couple of close contests against Randall in District 3-4A activity Tuesday night.

Senior guard Jed Martin tossed in 21 points as the Harvesters edged Randall 54-53.

"We got us a win at the time we really needed a win," said PHS coach Jeff Reed. "We should be sitting pretty if we can get a couple of more like that."

Martin was a perfect 5 of 5 from the foul line and hit a pair of 3-point goals.

"It was one of Jed's better games if not his best game of the season," coach Reed said. "It was a real close game. It was back and forth most of the way. I think the biggest lead by either team was four points. 'We'd get ahead by four and they'd catch up and go ahead by four.'"

Randall led 27-25 at halftime and the score was tied at 37-all going into the fourth quarter.

Pampa was ahead by 54-50 when Randall hit a 3-point shot at the

buzzer to make it a one-point difference.

Nathan Maxwell had a game-high 24 points for the Raiders.

Chance Bowers added 8

points to the

Pampa attack. He was followed by Collin Bowers and Deterrance Smith with 6 each, Clayton Hall 5, Brittin East 4, Brandon Johnston 2 and Jaret Katara 2.

Pampa, 2-3 in district, is now tied with Dumas for fourth place in the standings. For the season, the Harvesters are 6-12.

Randall is 1-4 in district and 5-16 for the season.

The Lady Harvesters came from behind in the second half for a 42-40 win over Randall.

The win put Pampa (4-3 district, 11-12 overall) in a three-way tie with Randall and Hereford for second place in the district race.

Britteni Rice led the Pampa offense with 18 points. Abbi Covalt followed with 8.

Pampa trailed 12-5 at the end of

Martin

the first quarter and 23-19 at half-time, but turned things around in the third quarter to take a 34-28 lead.

Stephanie Flores was Randall's high scorer with 13 points. Morgan Smith followed with 10.

Pampa plays host to Plainview Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

HIGGINS — Justen Bryant tossed in 21 points to lead Fort Elliott by Higgins 75-34 Tuesday night in District 2-1A action.

Jason Boydston added 18 points and Russell Lohberger 13 to the Cougars attack.

D. Mobrehead had 14 points to pace Higgins. Fort Elliott won the girls game, 72-18.

Fort Elliott's scoring leaders were Katie Donaldson with 20 points and Alicia Reis 13.

J. Mulkey and K. Mulkey had 5 points each for Higgins.

RANDALL — Pampa was edged by Randall 46-45 in a junior varsity boys game.

Pampa was ahead the entire game until Randall hit one of two free throws with just five seconds left.

Pampa JVs had a seven-point lead (34-27) going into the fourth quarter.

Braydon Barker was Pampa's high scorer with 16 points and Eric Kingcade followed with 12.

David Condie had 19 points to lead Randall scorers.

Others who scored for Pampa were Brett Ferrell with 5, Tyler Hall 3, Weston Teichmann 3, Aaron Anguiano 2, Tyson Hickman 2 and Craig Crowell 2.

Barker, Hall, Teichmann and Ferrell had one 3-point goal apiece. Barker had four steals while Hall had eight rebounds and six assists.

BOOKER — White Deer won a 50-48 squeaker against Booker in a girls District 1-1A game.

Ashley Davis had 13 points and Emily Nusser 10 to lead the Does in scoring.

Booker's Megan Rogers had a game-high 23 points.

Booker claimed a 51-42 win in the boys game.

Booker's high-point scorer was Leslie Payne with 10 points.

Tanner Mitchell had 12 points and Andrew Parsley 9 for the Bucks.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James missed his first game of the season with a sprained right ankle. The Cleveland Cavaliers' rookie didn't play against Seattle, but could return for Thursday's game against Sacramento, according to coach Paul Silas.

James injured his ankle Saturday in Utah when he stepped on the foot of Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko after attempting a layup.

FOOTBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gunther Cunningham returned to the Kansas City Chiefs as their defensive coordinator, three years after he was fired as the team's head coach.

He replaces Greg Robinson, who resigned last week after Kansas City lost to Indianapolis in the AFC playoffs.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M running back Derek Farmer became the second key offensive player to leave the team Tuesday when he enrolled at Stephen F. Austin for his senior season.

Farmer followed back up quarterback Dustin Long, who started classes last week at Sam Houston State University. By transferring to NCAA Division I-AA Southland Conference schools, both players are eligible to play immediately.

"We are as excited to have someone of Derek's abilities come into our program as he is about coming to Stephen F. Austin," SFA coach Mike Santiago said. "He has the potential to add more quality to an already good football team."

In three seasons at Texas A&M, Farmer gained 1,582 yards. He started all 12 Aggie games last season and gained 340 yards on 82 carries. His performance was overshadowed by Courtney Lewis, who rushed 1,024 yards.

A&M coach Dennis Franchione was not immediately available for comment.

Farmer gained 503 yards rushing as a freshman and gained 100 yards on 20 carries in his first career start, a 24-3 victory over Notre Dame.

He had six career 100 yard games, including 117 yards last season against Baylor.

Farmer averaged over four yards per carry in each of his three seasons in College Station.

"I decided it was time for a change in my football career," Farmer said in a statement. "Stephen F. Austin is a good football program with a solid history. I'm looking forward to being able to come over here my senior year and help the team. The fact that it's closer to my home in Tyler was also a factor for me."

Bush makes anti-drug appeal to athletes, pro leagues

By ROB GLOSTER
AP Sports Writer

President Bush's call for athletes and pro sports leagues to eliminate the use of performance-enhancing drugs was welcomed by a number of sports officials.

But Gene Upshaw, the head of the NFL players' union, said the president must not have been speaking about pro football and insisted no drug problem exists in the NFL.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was among the invited guests at the State of the Union address Tuesday night, during which Bush called on major sports leagues to implement stringent drug policies — and reminded athletes that they are role models for America's youth.

"Athletics play such an important role in our society, but, unfortunately, some in professional sports are not setting much of an example," the president told Congress.

"The use of performance-enhancing drugs like steroids in baseball, football and other sports is dangerous, and it sends the wrong message — that there are shortcuts to accomplishment, and that performance is more important than character."

Bush's remarks come as athletes in two sports are testing positive for the new steroid THG, which was unmasked last summer by drug officials. Five track and field ath-

letes face two-year suspensions for THG use, and four members of the Oakland Raiders flunked tests for the steroid.

Also, a parade of athletes in sports from baseball to boxing appeared this fall before a San Francisco grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab that is accused of providing THG to athletes.

Bush said that "to help children make right choices, they need good examples."

"So tonight I call on team owners, union representatives, coaches and players to take the lead, to send the right signal, to get tough, and to get rid of steroids now."

Frank Uryasz, president of the National Center for Drug Free Sport, said he was "delighted" by Bush's remarks.

"Given the weighty issues of the world right now, I think it's fantastic that it was addressed," said Uryasz, whose Kansas City, Mo., company coordinates drug testing for the NCAA and runs a drug supplement hotline for NFL players.

"What was so right about it, he didn't call for any government intervention in this — he called for sports to clean up their act. His message was just right on."

Though Bush proposed an additional \$23 million for schools that want to do drug tests, he did not call for any money or new laws to combat drugs in

pro sports.

"We shouldn't underplay the importance of the president of the United States speaking out on this issue," Uryasz added. "I think it sends a strong message to sports that government is watching this."

Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said the president could not have been referring to pro football.

"I don't know who Bush is talking about, but he's not talking about the NFL, because we've already dealt with steroids, performance-enhancing drugs and all of that," Upshaw said.

Gene Orza, associate general counsel of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said he had no comment on the president's remarks.

Craig Masback, chief executive of USA Track & Field, was unsuccessful in his bid to convene a summit of pro sports commissioners late last year to discuss drug problems. He said the president's call will help sports officials who often have found themselves waging an uphill battle.

"I think it's especially important he focused on young athletes and that cheating by star athletes sends the wrong message," said Masback, who was in New York as part of a pre-Olympic promotional tour.

"In order for America to confront this issue, it needs to be raised to a

level of importance, and having the president of the United States talk about it can't help but do that. The battle can never be won unless it becomes an important American issue."

Brady and Tamika Catchings of the WNBA's Indiana Fever sat in Laura Bush's box and were honored for their community service.

John Walters, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, said he

Longhorns win in OT

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Royal Ivey scored 10 of his career-high 24 points in overtime to lead No. 16 Texas to a 75-69 victory Tuesday night over Missouri, the Longhorns' second straight narrow escape.

Rickey Paulding had 20 points for Missouri (7-7, 2-2 Big 12), but missed five free throws in the final four minutes of regulation and overtime.

Texas (12-2, 3-0) was perfect from the line in overtime, going 10-for-10, and was 15-for-19 overall. That helped the Longhorns stretch their winning streak to seven games, and beat Missouri for the sixth straight time. It was the Tigers' second straight loss at home.

Ivey, who averages 10 points, got the winning basket with 2.4 seconds to go in a two-point victory over Nebraska on Saturday. On Tuesday night, he put Texas ahead to stay with two free throws that made it 67-65 with 2:48 to go, then added

two more baskets in the final 1:10 to help put the game away.

Missouri played its second straight overtime. The Tigers won 79-75 at Oklahoma on Saturday. The Tigers were 1-2 in a three-game, eight-day stretch against ranked opponents and fell to .500 for the second time of the season.

Texas forced the extra period on a 3-pointer by Brian Boddicker with 6.7 seconds left, after Arthur Johnson had blocked Ivey on a drive. Paulding, who drove the baseline for a dunk that put Missouri ahead 61-58 with 31 seconds left, was too long on a 3-pointer for the win at the buzzer.

Ivey, who topped his previous career best of 22 against Providence in another overtime game earlier this season, also had five assists for Texas. Brandon Mouton added 13 points.

Johnson added 16 points and seven rebounds for Missouri, and Linas Kleiza had 14 points.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	18	.538	—
Boston	21	23	.477	2 1/2
New York	19	24	.442	4
Philadelphia	18	23	.439	4
Miami	16	26	.381	6 1/2
Washington	12	28	.300	9 1/2
Orlando	11	31	.262	11 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	11	.750	—
Detroit	29	14	.674	3 1/2
New Orleans	23	18	.561	8 1/2
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	9 1/2
Toronto	20	19	.513	10 1/2
Cleveland	14	27	.341	17 1/2
Chicago	12	29	.293	19 1/2
Atlanta	12	30	.286	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	27	12	.692	—
San Antonio	27	15	.643	1 1/2
Dallas	25	16	.610	3
Denver	25	18	.581	4
Houston	23	17	.575	4 1/2
Memphis	22	18	.550	5 1/2
Utah	21	20	.512	7

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	10	.744	—
L.A. Lakers	25	13	.658	3 1/2
Seattle	20	20	.500	9 1/2
Golden State	17	23	.425	12 1/2
Portland	17	23	.425	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	16	22	.421	12 1/2
Phoenix	16	26	.381	14 1/2

Monday's Games

Washington 93, Chicago 83
New York 90, Toronto 79
Indiana 100, Atlanta 97
Seattle 90, Philadelphia 81
Orlando 106, Milwaukee 99
Detroit 85, San Antonio 77
Sacramento 125, L.A. Clippers 100
Minnesota 97, New Orleans 90
Memphis 88, Houston 83
Golden State 101, Utah 85
Phoenix 88, L.A. Lakers 85

Tuesday's Games

Indiana 81, Detroit 69
Cleveland 99, Seattle 94
Boston 86, Miami 84
Dallas 106, New Jersey 93
Denver 96, Utah 75
Portland 109, Sacramento 104, OT

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
New York at Houston, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.

BOWLING

HARVESTER LANES League Standings Harvester Combo (Week 16)

Team	Won	Lost
Onie's Regulars	40 1/2	23 1/2

Team One	37	27
B & C Twice	36	28
JJJ&R	35	29
Team Seven	33	31
Reed's Welding	31 1/2	32 1/2
AT&T Yard Service	31	33
Team Eleven	30	34
A-1 Concrete	28	36
Black Gold	22	42
Team Ten	21	43
Coney Island	20	44

Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Eric Nord 237; High scratch series: Eric Nord 633; High handicap game: Gene Hinds 257; High handicap series: Gene Hinds 691.

Women

High scratch game: Peggy Chase 246; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 653; High handicap game: Genna Salazar 273; High handicap series: Genna Salazar 746.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

How Top 25 Fared

By The Associated Press

Tuesday

- Duke (14-1) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Wednesday.
- Stanford (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Thursday.
- Saint Joseph's (15-0) did not play. Next: vs. Massachusetts, Wednesday.
- Connecticut (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.
- Louisville (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Cincinnati, Wednesday.
- Cincinnati (13-0) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Louisville, Wednesday.
- North Carolina (11-3) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Thursday.
- Pittsburgh (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Syracuse, Saturday.
- Kentucky (12-2) beat Tennessee 69-68, OT. Next: at Notre Dame, Sunday.
- Wake Forest (11-3) lost to No. 11 Georgia Tech 73-56. Next: at Florida State, Sunday.
- Georgia Tech (15-2) beat No. 10 Wake Forest 73-66. Next: at North Carolina State, Saturday.
- Kansas (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Thursday.
- Syracuse (13-2) lost to Seton Hall 74-67. Next: vs. No. 8 Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- Arizona (11-3) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
- Gonzaga (14-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Friday.
- Texas (12-2) beat Missouri 75-69, OT. Next: vs. No. 24 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Florida (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Mississippi State, Wednesday.
- Texas Tech (15-2) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
- Mississippi State (14-1) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Florida, Wednesday.
- Oklahoma (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
- Vanderbilt (13-2) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
- Purdue (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Wednesday.
- Oklahoma State (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Wednesday.
- South Carolina (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.

Moon takes back seat to Cupid when hunting deer

By RON HENRY STRAIT
San Antonio Express-News

Texas Outdoors

One of the common grounds between hunters and anglers is that both groups often seek advice from above.

I'll admit to being, on occasion, among that lunatic fringe.

Where hunting is involved, I often watch what the moon has to say. But this deer season, the Man in the Moon let me down.

As an indicator of fishing success, I have asked many guides what role moon phases play in their fishing plans.

Opinions aside, the usual answer: Go fishing when you can. The fish will either bite, or not.

Among freshwater anglers, some weekend bass fishermen can get excited as the January and February moons wax and wane. They feel the big moons trigger big bass to move into the shallows and start to spawn, and most of the trophy bass caught in South Texas are taken in the late winter and early spring.

Meanwhile, saltwater bay guides watch the moon — regardless of the season — because the moon phase has a direct relationship to the tides and the volume of moving water. When seawater is moving, predator fish are more active feeders and likely to attack prey, including well-placed bait.

Questioning the role of the moon in fishing success is not to discount the lunar tables that many anglers use to decide when to fish.

The tables serve at least one valuable function. They add to — or detract from — angler confidence.

An angler who believes the bite will be strong from 9 a.m. until noon on a Monday is much more likely to keep bait in the water during that time, and keeping bait in the water definitely adds to an angler's success rate.

Hunters, however, abide a different relationship with their prey as well as with the moon phases.

Where an angler needs the fish to take part in

the day's efforts by attacking a food source, a hunter needs only animal movement to be successful. Therefore, hunters can observe animal movement and look at the moon phase, then rate the validity of a hunting chart's predictions.

As this deer season closes, my appraisal is that the charts based on moon phases are not very reliable predictors of game movement.

Three weeks ago at the lease, it seemed you could hardly find a deer moving. Typically, hunters could stay out three or four hours, roam across 10 or 15 square miles of desert and see a doe, two yearlings and a spike.

Granted the weather was warmer than usual for December, but the moon was approaching its new phase and that meant the nights were dark.

The lunatic theory holds that when it's dark all night the deer are more active during the day, especially at midday, and that hunter success should increase.

It wasn't that way.

A week later, on the Tuesday before New Year's Day as the moon was near its first quarter, the deer were active during the daylight hours and could be observed moving at all hours.

That activity ran counter to the lunatic theory, which holds that the deer, in that phase, will be active early and late in the day, but not all day.

What's up, then?

While hunters might have been paying closer attention to other details, such as the quality of the habitat, the condition of the wildlife, the weather, human abilities and geography, there was one age-old factor that stood out above the others, the rut.

Looking at the record, it appears that the best and the most deer of the season were killed during a six-day period in early December, roughly leading up to the full moon on Dec. 8.

Moon-gazers can call their own shots.

The best advice I know of still comes from Cupid.

Red Raiders rout Oklahoma

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Coach Bob Knight and star player Andre Emmett embraced on the court Monday night after yet another win. So, is this the start of a new tradition at Texas Tech?

"If we keep winning, we'll keep hugging," Emmett said.

"That's probably the answer," Knight agreed. The No. 18 Red Raiders won their 11th in a row, routing No. 20 Oklahoma 67-47.

Despite the victory, Knight was not ready to say his team was on a roll.

"Who knows?" he said. "We may not have it tomorrow. We could be as different tomorrow as black and white or as apples and watermelons. You just have to continue to be focused and play as well as you can."

Emmett scored 21 points to lead Tech to its longest win streak under Knight. The Red Raiders won 10 in a row during the 2001-02 season — his first at the school — before a loss at Oklahoma.

It's also their longest since the 1995-1996 season, the year the Red Raiders went to the Sweet 16. They won 23 straight games that season.

Earlier in the day, the Red Raiders (15-2, 3-0 Big 12) moved up to their highest ranking under Knight.

The Sooners (10-4, 0-3), meanwhile, dropped their fourth straight game. In three of the defeats — against Connecticut, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech — they lost by at least 20 points.

Oklahoma has lost four in a row for the first time in five seasons. The Sooners are off to an 0-3 start in conference play for the first time since the 1980-81 season.

"The team is not at the level we've been," Sooners coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Right now we're struggling on offense. We just don't have a lot of guys we can depend on to make baskets."

Knight praised Emmett's play and said he is learning what it is means to be a leader.

"I just like the way he's matured this year," he said. "He's just beginning to understand that a really great basketball player is a total player, not just a scorer. The really good player has to be a leader. He's not just a guy."

Devonne Giles and Jackson added 12 points each and Ronald Ross got 10 for the Red Raiders.

Jason Detrick scored 11 points, and Larry Turner and Lawrence McKenzie added nine each to lead the Sooners.

Oklahoma, which was last in the Big 12 in field-goal percentage (42 percent) coming into the game, again had difficulty finding the basket. They finished 19-of-58 for 33 percent.

The Sooners' point total matched their lowest of the season, set in a 47-45 win over Purdue in December.

Knight, a strong and vocal proponent of defense, was pleased with Tech's effort.

"Our defensive play tonight, we may have made a mistake here and there, and I tend to focus on those, but overall our defensive play tonight is what we're trying to get to or moving in the direction of what we're trying to get to," he said. "I think we have moved that way, but we can still become better and better by eliminating mistakes."

Reports: Raiders close to hiring Cowboys' Sean Payton

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Al Davis is sticking to a familiar formula. The Oakland Raiders owner is poised once again to hire an offensive-minded coach with no NFL head-coaching experience.

The Raiders were close Tuesday to hiring Dallas Cowboys assistant head coach-quarterbacks coach Sean Payton to replace Bill Callahan, fired after a 4-12 season.

Several news organizations reported that Payton would receive a four-year contract.

"I'm very excited to meet Coach Payton," Raiders center Barret Robbins told The Associated Press on Tuesday night.

"I'm certainly happy for the organization that the process is over. You have to

be happy, at least if you're on offense. One of the first things I think he'll be thinking about is who the defensive coordinator is going to be," he said.

The Raiders made no official announcement on Payton.

"Nobody's confirming or denying anything around here," team spokesman Artie Gigantino said. "The process is continuing. As you know, he was here."

The 40-year-old Payton, who would become the league's youngest head coach, met with Davis for a second interview this week. And in the past, Davis has given chances to young coordinators with offensive minds who don't have previous head coaching experience.

Payton, one of four candidates to speak face-to-face

with Davis, was the only person to come back for a second interview.

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones told DallasCowboys.com Tuesday afternoon from the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., that he spoke with Payton on the phone earlier that morning.

"I know they met for a few hours today," Jones said of Payton and the Raiders. "But I don't know much more than that. I know there hasn't been anything official as of right now."

Payton, who's about four months younger than Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, has a connection to the Raiders. He worked with Gruden and Callahan in Philadelphia in 1997 and '98 as a quarterbacks coach for the Eagles.

He then went to the New York Giants for four seasons as an offensive coordinator before joining the Cowboys in 2003.

Davis is close friends with Jones and Dallas coach Bill Parcells.

The Raiders also had interest in Kansas City offensive coordinator Al Saunders and Dennis Green, who became the new coach of the Arizona Cardinals on Jan. 9.

Davis also has a vacancy at general manager after senior assistant Bruce Allen left for a similar position with the Buccaneers earlier this month.

The Raiders tied with three other teams for fewest wins in the league in the biggest collapse by a team that reached the Super Bowl the previous year.

Oakland, plagued by injury

last season, is an old team with several key free agents this offseason.

"You've got guys who are in transition," Robbins said.

Rangers sign Rusch to minor league contract

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Left-handed pitcher Glendon Rusch has been signed to a minor league contract and invited to spring training with the Texas Rangers.

Jason Jones, a first baseman and outfielder, has also been invited to Rangers spring training, the team said Tuesday.

Rusch, a seven-year major league veteran, played with Kansas City, the New York Mets and Milwaukee.

"They don't know where they stand. What a lot of guys want to know is where they stand because we all want to work and rectify the situation."

He has started 167 games during his career and is 42-76 with a 5.11 ERA.

Jones was outrighted to the Rangers' triple-A team, the Oklahoma RedHawks, on Friday when the club signed free agent Kenny Rogers.

Last season, Jones hit .215 in 40 games for Texas. He had three home runs and 11 RBIs. In 100 games with the RedHawks, he hit .288 with 29 doubles, nine home runs and 55 RBIs.

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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)
 ***** What is only a dream or wishful thinking could happen if you harness your energy. Recognize that you have the capability to make what you want a reality, if you express that practical part of your personality. Tonight: Hang with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** A boss, parent or an authority figure comes up with a very wild idea, at least in your mind. You could be surprised by what happens if you use your Taurean practicality here. You can help make this inspiration real. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You might have been playing with an idea for a while but now feel as if it might not be possible. Tap into

someone you find unusually practical. You will like the net results. You could be inspired by news from a distance. Tonight: Think outside of the box.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** You are able to understand an associate, friend or partner if you express your dreams more often. In fact, one special person helps you turn these wishes into realities. A loved one demonstrates his or her caring. Tonight: Share with a loved one.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** An associate presents a point of view that could have you shaking your head. You might try working with it, and you might be taken aback by how dynamic this suggestion is. Be careful with new people you meet today; they might not be all they seem to be. Tonight: Say "yes."
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** New age and herbal types of healthy eating and medicine could attract you more than ever. Still, nothing can replace a doctor. You might want to balance the two. Use some of your creativity with a project. Tonight: If possible, be near water.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** You certainly put a loved one or a child on a pedestal. The problem with that type of perception is that this person can only fall off. Recognize what you are doing rather than blaming the other party if this tumble occurs. Tonight: Be with a special loved one.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Clearly you might not know all that is going on at home. Could someone be keeping a secret from you? Possibly, you might be refusing to see what is happening as well. You might want to buy a table fountain in the near future to relax by. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Follow your intuition right now, as you seem to sense people and events before they occur or appear. If you're thinking of someone in the family at a distance, pick up the phone and call him or her. You could be far more in tune with this person than you realize. Tonight: Be where music is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Be cautious with spending and risking, as money could literally slip through your hands. Investigate a new purchase. Think "money," but don't commit or spend right now. Be careful with your wallet as well. You could lose it. Tonight: Buy a new CD.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Working with a loved one might draw a strong reaction, as you could be unusually vague. Also, at work you might have difficulty putting your ideas into words. Recognize how very imaginative and creative you are. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends and music.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** You could be a bit off-kilter right now. How you see someone you really care about could be slightly askew. Taking your time works, but you might wisely choose to keep your own counsel. Take a walk by yourself to relax. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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WHEELER (WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Stallion Energy, Inc., #2-34 Britt, 1980' from South & 475' from East line, Sec. 34, A-3, H&GN, PD 13500'.

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GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Chase) Newfield Exploration, Mid-Con, #702 Ruth, Sec. 2, 3, I&GN, spud 9-4-03, drlg. compl 9-16-03, tested 10-24-03, potential 286 MCF, TD 9250', PBTD 3853' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (N.W. CANADIAN Douglas) Naumann Oil & Gas, Inc., #2 Nix, Sec. 73, 42, H&TC, spud 7-3-03, drlg. compl 9-15-03, tested 9-15-03, potential 562 MCF, TD 7005', PBTD 6905' —

HEMPHILL (S.W. CANADIAN Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #6208 Isaacs, spud 3-25-03, drlg. compl 4-16-03, tested 5-26-03, TD 10600', PBTD 10444' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., #1053 Arrington, Sec. 53, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-15-03, drlg. compl 6-3-03, tested 7-29-03, potential 577 MCF, TD 11100', PBTD 10987' — Form 1 filed in Ocean Energy

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #8 Hobart '49, Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, spud 7-26-03, drlg. compl 8-16-03, tested 9-16-03, potential 2604 MCF, TD 11600', PBTD 11190' —

HEMPHILL (WEST WASHITA CREEK Atoka) Crest Resources, Inc., #207 Alexander, Sec. 7, A-1, H&GN, spud 1-15-03, drlg. compl 5-6-03, tested unknown, TD 13430', PBTD 8190' —

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1-4 Kiker, Sec. 1, 1, B&B, spud 11-12-02, drlg. compl 1-29-03, tested 6-20-03, potential 124 MCF, TD 17040', PBTD 16540' —

WHEELER (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Crawley Petroleum Corp., #1 Williams '24', Sec. 24, R&E, spud 8-8-03, drlg. compl 9-6-03, tested 12-4-03, potential 243 MCF, TD 15900', PBTD 13596' — Form 1 filed in Devon Energy

Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) G.H. Ranch, #2 Betty 'B', Sec. 1, 4, I&GN, spud 11-8-02, plugged 12-4-03, TD 3387' (inj) — Form 1 in Panhandle Energy Corp.

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Producers Environmental Service, #4 Four Sixes, Sec. 127, 5, I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 9-29-03, TD 5380' (oil) — Form 1 in Jay Dee Producing

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Fort Worth Natural Gas, Inc., T.B. Cobb, Sec. 165, 3, I&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Stanolind Oil & Gas Co., for the following wells:

#3, spud 10-25-39, plugged 12-22-03, TD 3327' —

#24, spud 12-8-34, plugged 12-19-03, TD 3330' —

#35, spud 10-13-56, plugged 12-24-03, TD 3380' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #1 Sloss '32' Sec. 32, A-2, H&GN, spud 10-30-03, plugged 11-4-03, TD 11335' (dry) —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) B&G Production, Inc., #3 J.C. Studer, Sec. 168, 41, H&GC, spud 5-20-79, plugged 12-24-03, TD 7246' (gas) — Form 1 in Sun Exploration

HEMPHILL (WEST WASHITA CREEK Douglas) Oklahoma EA II, L.L.C., #1 Alexander, J. Poitevent Survey, spud unknown, plugged 11-17-03, TD 20700' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Caldwell Production Co., #1 Smith '15', Sec. 15, —, M&G Survey, spud 9-18-58, plugged 11-5-03, TD 2950' (oil) — Form 1 in K&H Operating Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Harken Exploration, #C3 Cal Merchant 'A', Sec. 37, 47, H&TC, spud 4-13-78, plugged 11-24-03, TD 2940' (oil) — Form 1 in W.R. Edwards, Jr.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Nistrol, Inc., #606W Brian Mayfield Unit, Sec. 3, R-2, D&P, spud 7-17-47, plugged 12-12-03, TD 3297' (inj) — Form 1 in Gayden & Cree

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Nistrol, Inc., Bryan-Mayfield Unit, Sec. 21, A, DL&C (inj) — form 1 in Herrman Bros., for the following wells:

#1004W, spud 8-13-45, plugged 12-5-03, TD 3278' —

#1015W, spud 8-3-47, plugged 12-2-03, TD 3272' —

Israeli court indicts man on bribery charges

By PETER ENAY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An Israeli businessman was indicted Wednesday on charges of bribing Ariel Sharon with hundreds of thousands of dollars, further complicating the prime minister's clouded legal situation.

Analysts said the indictment against real-estate developer David Appel increases the chances that Sharon may face charges, which the Supreme Court has ruled would compel him to leave office pending the outcome of a trial.

Increased pressure on Sharon could further endanger the already moribund peace process, destabilize the coalition government and trigger a gloves-off battle for succession in the upper ranks of the Likud, politicians and analysts said.

Sharon was not charged with any criminal wrongdoing, and officials in his office said he was conducting business as usual Wednesday.

"The prime minister continues to work as scheduled and has not changed anything in his work," an official said on condition of anonymity.

Opposition lawmakers called on the prime minister to step down.

"He should resign," said former Finance Minister Avraham Shochat of the Labor Party. "He is polluting the atmosphere."

Appel was indicted in the Tel Aviv Magistrates court for allegedly giving Sharon hundreds of thousands of dollars to promote an ambitious real-estate project in Greece when Sharon was foreign minister in 1999 and to help rezone urban land near Tel Aviv before and during Sharon's term as prime minister.

Sharon was allegedly asked to use his influence to push forward both projects, although neither project in Greece nor the land deal near Tel Aviv came to fruition.

During 1998-1999, the indictment said, Appel "gave Ariel Sharon a bribe in recognition of activities connected to

the fulfillment of his public positions."

It said Appel paid a total of \$690,000 to Sharon's family ranch in the Negev desert. Appel, a powerful activist in Sharon's Likud Party, also promised his support to Sharon during two election campaigns, the indictment said.

The indictment also charged Appel with bribing Vice Premier Ehud Olmert to promote the Greek project when Olmert was mayor of Jerusalem in the late 1990s.

It also charged that Sharon's son, Gilad, received hundreds of thousands of dollars in consultation fees for the Greek project. Prosecutors believe these funds were used to bribe Ariel Sharon.

"(Appel) and Gilad agreed to this arrangement despite the fact that the defendant knew that Gilad had no relevant professional qualifications," the indictment said.

Appel's lawyer, Moshe Israel, denied the charges.

"There is no doubt he is innocent," Israel said.

In order for Ariel Sharon to be charged, prosecutors must be convinced that a bribe was

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accepted with criminal intent.

Wednesday's indictment of Appel added uncertainty to Ariel Sharon's legal problems. The prime minister also is being investigated for alleged involvement in illegal campaign financing. Prosecutors suspect a \$1.5 million loan was provided by foreign businessmen during his 1999 primary campaign for Likud Party leadership.

Moshe Negbi, Israel Radio's legal affairs analyst, said, "It is not reasonable to believe that Sharon did not know what this money was being offered for."

Eyal Arad, an adviser to Sharon during the 1999 elections, played down the accusations.

"If it was a serious issue, with real proof against the prime minister, that would

require a separate debate and of course an indictment against him," he told Israel Radio.

Even if Sharon is not charged, public pressure and anger within the ruling Likud Party could force him to step down, political analyst Emmanuel Rosen said on Army Radio.

The Yediot Ahronot daily said that Likud members are already preparing for a possible leadership battle. Leading contenders include former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom.

Olmert, as vice premier, would otherwise be a strong contender, but his alleged involvement in the Greek real-estate deal will likely harm his chances.

EMT award



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