THE PAMPA NEWS



Today's weather



Deaths

Drusilla Wilson Cosper, 92, services pending.

Jo Lynne Vise, 41, school secretary.

Olivia Frances McCracken, 76, Pampan.

Texas Today

Corps of Cadets seeks membership increase

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Being a member of Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets is tougher than it used to be, but undaunted university leaders remain focused on beefing up membership.

The nation's largest uniformed body of students outside U.S. service academies last reached 2,600 members more than 30 years ago. This fall membership fell to 1,862, the lowest in 12 years, which isn't enough to fill 10 of the dozen dormitories for cadets.

Still, A&M President Robert Gates aims to push membership to its former heights.

Corps of Cadets Commandant John Van Alstyne began implementing more rigorous academic and physical standards two years ago and he anticipated a dip in membership, he said. Corps membership has dropped by 150 students in that time.

Val Alstyne said he warned Gates that higher membership standards could initially mean fewer cadets.

Currently, cadets must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade-point average and pass newly implemented height and weight tests.

Indian campground may be excavated

FORT WORTH (AP) -An ancient Indian campground in the path of a proposed highway likely will have to be excavated before the roadway can be built, a state archaeologist said.

"We may have a site that is intact and isn't badly disturbed," said Mark Denton, director of the state and federal review section of the Historical Texas Commission's archaeology division.

Tests conducted during the 1990s found two layers of artifacts at the site.



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Braving the cold

David and Sandra Hemphill, above, tread lightly across the slick surface of an icy parking lot today. Sandra Hemphill said they had to go to the store this morning for plumbing parts after frigid overnight temperatures caused frozen water lines at home. Traffic was moving slowly today, but it was moving on Texas Highway 70 north of Pampa, below, as strong frigid winds and blowing snow made city streets and area highways treacherous.



'Hawk down

Helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashes in Texas

Texas (AP) -- A Black Hawk had burned out by the time helicopter carrying seven sol-they arrived. diers from Fort Hood crashed Monday in central Texas after debris, Brown said he saw hitting a television broadcast four bodies. He said paratower guy wire in foggy medies told him they were weather, authorities said. Two looking for seven. witnesses said they saw four

bodies. The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for Texarkana, went lage went down in a field down in a field about 30 about 200 to 300 yards from miles northeast of Fort Hood, the tower, Brown said. near Interstate 35, said Dan Between the tower and the

Hassett, a base spokesman. when emergency crews and pieces of the helicopter," arrived that they could not see the said. more than half-way up the broadcast tower, authorities kind of mission the helicopter said. The tower's lights were was on when it crashed, but not working at the time.

about a quarter-mile from the crash site, 'All of the sudden said he was I just saw a big ball getting ready work of fire crupt from about 7 a.m. the ground and when he was startled by a then boom, an loud metallic explosion." rattling sound. He

saw the helicopter hitting the ground.

said

looked out his

window and

'All of the sudden I just Pursley, general manager of saw a big ball of fire crupt Waco-Temple-Killeen televifrom the ground and then sion station KXXV, which boom, an explosion," Eicke owns the tower. The tower told The Associated Press.

Eicke called 911 and helped McClennan County working early last week after constable Ken Brown find the strong storms hit the area. erash site. Eicke said he saw. Pursley said. The station notifour dead soldiers two outside the helicopter and two inside the burning wreckage.

that we couldn't have done. The Associated Press seeking anything," Ficke said. "These two people that were laying there, there wasn't any ques- the military began using in tion that they were alive. 1979, is the Army's main They were dead."

confirmation of fatalities.

Brown said he and emergenev crews could see the burning wreckage as they

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, approached the scene, but it

Among the scattered

"I didn't see any survivors. I don't see how," he said.

The main part of the fusefield. "there was the tail sec-The fog was so heavy tion, parts of the rotor and bits

Hassett did not know what said the soldiers were Rock Eicke, who lives attached to the 4th Infantry

> Division. Fort Hood officials and an accident investigation team from Fort Rucker, Ala., was heading to the scene just south of Waco. The heli-

copter hit a

guy wire that

Rock Eicke Crash witness

stabilizes a 1.800-foot television broadcasting tower, said Jerry

itself was not hit, he said. The tower's lights stopped fied the Federal Aviation Administration, he said The agency's spokesman in Texas "It was burning to the point did not return a phone call to

comment the Black Hawk, which troop transport helicopter, There was no immediate carrying soldiers and contractors from one U.S. base to another A crew of four usual-

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Postal Service readies for holiday mail flood

WASHINGTON (AP) Postal Service expects to handle 20 billion pieces of mail between Thanksgiving and Christmas, up slightly from last year, the agency said Monday.

"It's a good time of year for us, we look forward to this time of year," Postmaster General John Potter said.

The out to 670 million items per day, the peak mailing day is expected to be Monday, Dec. 20, as people send out cards the weekend before Christmas. Mailings could jump to 850 million items that day.

The busiest delivery day is expected to come two days later.

Potter said the agency is striving While the overall total averaged to make mailing as convenient as new flat-rate priority mail box that

1-800-STAMP-24 and via Internet at www.usps.com as well as at 38,000 in it. post offices, 21,000 retail stores and 16,000 ATMs.

extended hours and some will open never guessing the ZIP code. People on Sundays.

Potter said the agency has added a

possible, selling stamps by phone at can go anywhere in the country for \$7.70 carrying "whatever you can fit

Mailing tips include wrapping parcels securely, printing the return Many post offices will have and recipient's addresses clearly and can request ZIP code information by

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Suicide car bomber kills seven Iraqi security officers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A suicide bomber blew up a Baghdad, which is in charge car Monday at a police of security in the capital. checkpoint in western haq. killing seven government two were injured security force members and in a vehicle acciinjuring nine in the latest dent 30 miles strike against the country's

fledgling police

officials said. Also Monday, American soldiers were killed and three wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The victims were members of the

National Guard troops, Iraqi eastern Iraq, the

U.S. Army's Task Force Fehdawi said.

northwest of the and town of Kut in

> military said. U.S. forces immediately sealed off the road

against Iraqi security forces National Guard members armory and commandeered in Baghdadi, 120 miles were killed and nine were several police cars before northwest of the capital, wounded. Dozens of Iraqi leaving the area.

police Lt. Mohammed al- security forces have died in A hospital official there, try following the U.S.-led

One U.S. soldier died and Hatim Ahmed, confirmed assault on Fallujah earlier the policeman said.

Two American soldiers were killed and three wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in

northwestern Baghdad. after the insurgent attack seven police and Iraqi opposition, looted the

this month. Elsewhere, gunmen stormed a

police station west of the city of Samarra Sunday, spokesman said. The attackers.

attacks throughout the coun-

who faced no

U.S. troops arrived at the station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people,

In Basra, British and Iraqi troops were deployed around the headquarters of the Iraqi National Guard southern regional headquarters after the chief staff, Brig. Gen. a Diaa al-Kadhimi, refused to accept an order from Baghdad to remove himself from his post, Iraqi officials

M-Kadhimi was to have

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Obituaries

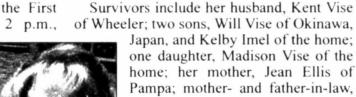
Jo Lynne Vise, 41

WHEELER - Jo Lynne Vise, 41, died Independent School District. She was a Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at her home in Wheeler. Services were to be at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler at 2 p.m.,

Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, with Dr. Toby Henson, former pastor of Clyde, Texas, and the Rev. John Denton officiating. Burial was to be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Jo Lynne was born March 7, 1963, in Pampa to Junior and Jean Ward Ellis. She attended Pampa schools and McClennan Community College in Waco and was a long-time resident of Pampa. She married Kent Vise in Pampa on April 17, 1999.

She was employed as the Wheeler High School principal's secretary and was the PEIMS coordinator for the Wheeler



member of the First Baptist Church.

one daughter, Madison Vise of the home; her mother, Jean Ellis of Pampa; mother- and father-in-law, John C. and Rosemary Vise of Wheeler; one brother and special friend, Terry Ellis and Rebel Fulton of Pampa; two sisters, Vicki and husband Harold Blackmon of Pampa and Rita Ellis of Amarillo; a brother-in-law, James and wife Donna Vise of Wheeler; three nieces and five nephews.

Memorials may be made to "Princess Warriors" of the Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo, First Baptist Church of Wheeler or the Wheeler School Library.

Frances Olivia McCracken, 76

Frances Olivia McCracken, 76, of Pampa, Ursula Sharp. She married Arthur C. died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, in Claude. A private service is planned at a later date. Arrangements by Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel. Cremation by Memory Gardens Crematory.

Mrs. McCracken was born April 18, 1928, in Cherokee, Okla., to Clemmer D. Ford and

McCracken. She worked for Ratheon. She loved to read.

She is survived by her husband of the home and her son, Tommy Ray McCracken. The body will not be available for view-

Drusilla Wilson Cosper, 92

Drusilla Wilson Cosper, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mrs. Cosper was born Nov. 17, 1912, in Hess. Okla. She had been a resident of

Pampa for the past 60 years. She married Elmer Earl Wilson on Feb. 16, 1929, in Hess, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1975. She later married George Robert Cosper on May 24, 1997. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Pampa Senior citizens where she was named "Senior Citizen of the Year" in 1979. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Ross Wilson; Cosper a sister, Zola Beilue, and a granddaughter, Patricia Kim Wilson.

Survivors include one son, Elmer D. Wilson and wife, P.J., of Pampa; one sister, Virginia Eaton of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter-in-law, Helen Wilson of Odessa; two step-daughters, Patricia Forrester and hus- www.carmichael-whatley.com. band Ed of Wheeler, and Jannette Cathey

of snow. High near 32. Wind

chill values between 18 and

23. Windy, with a north wind

between 20 and 25 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 90

percent. New snow accumu-

lation of less than 1 inch

mainly before midnight.

Low around 21. Wind chill

values between 8 and 16.

between 15 and 20 mph.

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Tuesday: A 20 percent

North northwest

lation of around 1 inch.

Tonight: Periods of snow,

possible.

Gray County Weather-

wind

This Afternoon: Periods Mostly cloudy, then gradual-

ly becoming mostly sunny,

with a high near 42. Wind

chill values between 8 and

18. West northwest wind

Tuesday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 22.

Wind chill values between

11 and 16. West wind

cloudy, with a high near 44.

Northwest wind between 5

cloudy, with a low around

23. South wind 10 to 15 mph

Thursday: Mostly sunny,

becoming north northwest.

Wednesday Night: Partly

between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday:

and 10 mph.

around 15 mph.

and husband Darrell of White Deer; seven grandchildren, Kay Russell and husband Michael, Tommy Wilson and wife Linda, Ross Wilson and wife Linda, Paul Wilson, David Wilson, Kirk Cotham and wife Nelda, and Tena Conner and husband Barry; 13

> Parker and wife Christy, Noel Schulz and wife Lisa, Eric Russell, Katy Russell, Heath Wilson, Mandy Wilson, Yvette Wilson, Garrett Conner, Shannon Wilson, Chris Wilson, Sarah Wilson, Matt Wilson and Amy Wilson; and six greatgreat-grandchildren, Bryce, Jacob, Kade, Tyler, Haley and

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas, 79066-0621, or Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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and 15 mph.

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west.

Partly

with a high near 46. North

northeast wind between 5

clear, with a low around 26.

East northeast wind 5 to 10

mph becoming west south-

Friday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 51.

Southwest wind between 10

Friday Night: Mostly

Saturday: Partly cloudy,

Saturday Night: Partly

Sunday: Mostly sunny,

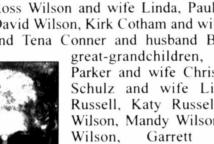
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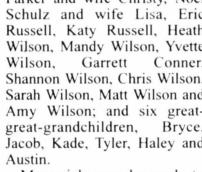
clear, with a low near 31.

with a high around 49.

with a high around 51.

Thursday Night: Mostly





Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 Fictitious registration was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1800 block of Duncan.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department The lobby. incident occurred in the 1200 block of East Francis. Estimated loss is \$13,000.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Sumner. The incident involved Christmas decorations valued at \$24.

Possession of dangerous drugs was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Assault by a family member was reported in the 900 block of South Finley. Minor injuries were report-

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A purse and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Thursday, Nov. 25

A white female was arrested at Barnes and Fields streets for driving while intoxicated with an open container.

Friday, Nov. 26 Burglary of a motor vehi-

cle was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone valued at \$100 was taken from a vehicle in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Aggravated assault with a knife or cutting implement.

the 500 block of Warren. No injuries were reported. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 300 block of North Wells. Burglary of a habitation

was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. A videocassette recorder was taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Saturday, Nov. 27

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight. Firewood valued at \$10 was taken.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 500 block of South Ballard.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. Sugar was poured into the gas tank of a vehicle. Estimated damage is \$100.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. A ball hitch and tow bar valued at \$40 was

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Charles. No injuries were

of Seneca. A vehicle was scratched, for estimated damage of \$2,000.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Alcock and Nelson streets.

Theft of gasoline valued at \$19 was reported at. Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

Lee Ann Scoggin, 28, 120 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 600 block of West Foster for disorderly conduct/language and public intoxication.

Adam Scoggin, 25, 120 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 600 block of West Foster for disorderly conduct/fighting and public intoxication.

Deborah Kirklin, 25, 926 Campbell, as arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for open container, speeding, no insurance, and two counts of failure to appear.

Misty Miller, 25, 1228 S. Dwight, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for accumulation of trash, and tall weeds and grass.

Steven Ray Crawford, 26, 616 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 100 block of West Foster for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, no liability insurance, speeding, and failure to appear.

Accidents

Police Pampa Department reported the following accidents today. Friday, Nov. 19

11:56 a.m. – A 1995 Chrysler Cirrus, driven by Aaron Anguiano, 16, 1001 Sierra Dr., and a 1996 Dodge Ram 2500, driven by Ronnie Thurman Stapleton, 61, 903 N. Somerville, coldeadly weapon was report- lided in the 1200 block of ed in the 500 block of North Hobart. No injuries ICU Montague. No injuries were were reported. Aaron reported. The weapon was a Angulano was cited for no driver's license and failure Assault was reported in to control speed. Janet Anguiano, 36, 1001 Sierra, was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

7:50 a.m. - A 1998 Dodge Durango, driven by Stormy Standerfer, 29, 7984 FM 749, and a 2001 Nissan Pathfinder, driven by Kyler Sean Roach, 18, 133 Walnut Dr., collided in the intersection of Duncan and Perryton Parkway. No injuries were reported. Standerfer was cited for failure to vield right of way at a stop sign.

10:53 a.m. - A 2000 Cadillac Deville, driven by James Edward Trusty, 71, 1927 Holly St., and a 1991 Oldsmobile 88, driven by Ronald Leon Holmes, 51, 900 S. Osborne, collided in the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Trusty was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

8:22 p.m. – A 1997 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Angela Dawn Hall, 17, 1601 W. Somerville #1305, and a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Norma Davila Lerma, 43, 837 Bradley, collided in the 1400 block

reported. Lerma was cited for failure to control speed. Wednesday, Nov. 24

8:25 p.m. – An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a chain link fence at 918 E. Frederic and then left the scene. Owner of the property is Jimmy Andrew Johnson, 2201 N. Nelson. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Nov. 27 Ivan Garcia Leal Jr., 23, 2600 N. Hobart #E1, was arrested for public intoxica-

Fire

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

Saturday, Nov. 27

5:50 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 2500 block of Chestnut. The call was canceled en route. It was a false alarm.

Sunday, Nov. 28

3:27 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2200 block of Duncan. A large amount of CO was found. The resident was advised to turn off the heater until it could be checked. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Transport reported the following calls in the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Nov. 26

10:18 a.m. - A mobile responded Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:34 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Saturday, Nov. 27

1:37 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

3:27 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Elm and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Butadieno in Borger and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospice.

Sunday, Nov. 28

2:29 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Henry Street. No patients were transport-

6:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to NWTH.

2:34 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Duncan and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

5:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to NWTH.

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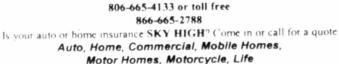


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Trans-Texas plans pit Valley against I-35 cities

with Mexico has triggered a dispute between two regions of the state. The fear is that thousands of trucks will stop rolling through Laredo, Cotulla and Pearsall, instead taking an alternate path proposed by the state

from Oklahoma to the Rio Grande Valley. The route was included by state transportation officials in their proposals for the new Trans-Texas Corridor. Pearsall officials have passed resolu-

tions in support of the River of Trade Corridor Coalition's effort to keep the Trans-Texas Corridor as close to the They're also urging state legislators to halt the corridor proposal.

The plans should be delayed until more studies can be done on its eco-

lions of dollars in merchandise for trade chairwoman of the coalition.

"Laredo would like to see the existing route he fear is that kept," she told thousands of trucks the San Antonio Express-News in will stop rolling Monday's edithrough Laredo, tions, adding that Cotulla and towns along I-35 would suffer Pearsall. economically if the corridor is

built far away. "If they would build it three or four tion's tactics for building support existing Interstate 35 as possible. miles away from the existing interstate, then it would still be close enough where the economies of these communities can benefit," said Greyson.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is Gov.

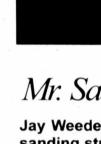
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Trans- nomic effect, said Dallas City Council Rick Perry's 50-year plan to build 4,000 Texas Corridor route that will carry bil- member Sandy Greyson, who serves as miles of toll roads and rail lines. The River of Trade Coalition was formed to defend the traditional NAFTA

trade route, which is tied to Laredo and stretches north to Texarkana via Dallas. "We don't want our money

going Hidalgo Brownsville," said Pearsall City Manager Albert Uresti at a recent council meeting. "We want to keep it here.'

The Texas Department of Transportation's director criticizing the coaliagainst the Trans-Texas proposal.

"They are wrong," Michael Behrens wrote to communities along the North American Free Trade Agreement



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Police

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Mr. Sand Man

Jay Weeden climbs into the cab of a city dump truck today to sand Pampa streets. City crews started sanding streets well before dawn today as freezing temperatures and blowing snow covered pavement with ice.

Mail

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calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.

For military mail, the suggested deadline to send material via Parcel Airlift is Dec. 4. Priority mail can be sent until Dec. 11 to military addresses beginning with the ZIP 093.

For domestic packages the post office says to switch from parcel post to Priority Mail on Dec. 14 and to Express Mail on Dec. 23.

Mail going overseas has the following suggested deadlines:

Global airmail parcel post should be sent by Dec. 6 to Africa, Central and mass of holiday mail, South America; Dec. 10 for Europe; and Dec. 13 elsewhere.

gested deadlines are Dec. 6 for Africa, until 2006. Because of the nearly year- a 15 percent hike could increase the

for the rest of the world.

by Dec. 11 to Africa, Central and South America and Europe; Dec. 17 to Asia,

the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Middle East; and Dec. 18 to Canada.

Global express guaranteed items can wait until Dec. 21 for Canada and Dec. 20 elsewhere.

The post office gets a boost in income from the helping its bottom line.

For airmail cards and letters the sug- 37-cent first-class rate won't change of stamps from 37 cents to 41 cents and

rates, that means the agency would Global express mail should be sent have to begin the process next year, probably early in the year.

> The amount of any increase remains uncertain with action he amount of

stalled in Congress on changes to the law governing postal operations. The post office has been seeking more flexibility in changing rates and service and wants to be relieved of the obligation of paying military retirement benefits for its workers who were formerly in the armed

Potter has said that without the requested changes

women had been booked into

and 3 a.m. by Officers Lee

be charged with hindering

apprehension, and a warrant

sought for his arrest,"

-Marilyn Powers, staff

"A fourth person will also

and Logue.

Courtney said.

the increase could be in double digits. Potter has promised that the current A 10 percent hike would boost the price Central and South America and Dec. 13 long process involved in changing cost of mailing a letter to 43 cents.

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been replaced by the national guard chief in Amarah, Salah al-Maliki. The standoff was continuing Monday afternoon.

South of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces launched raids Sunday that killed 17 suspected insurgents, Iraqi police said. The raids included a dawn speedboat assault by U.S. Marines and British and Iraqi troops on suspected insurgent hideouts along the Euphrates River, British media reported.

The speedboat assault was the biggest operation of its kind so far in Iraq, with 130 troops racing up the Euphrates in boats armed with machine guns and grenade launchers, according to the British reports.

Troops were targeting an area south of Baghdad, where Sunni insurgents have taken control of a string of towns and cities between the capital and the Shiite Muslim shrines of Najaf and Karbala.

The raid produced only a few small weapons caches and documents believed buried by a Saddam Hussein loyalist, British media said.

U.S. Marines, Iraqi commandos and British troops

launched an offensive known as "Operation Plymouth Rock" in the area last Tuesday as a follow-up to the assault on Fallujah.

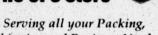
The British Embassy on Monday banned its staff from traveling on the highway between Baghdad and the city's international airport due to a surge of attacks on the vital thoroughfare.

The travel warning issued by the British Foreign Office also urged Britons to defer even essential travel to Iraq





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Police arrest Pampans for allegedly hiding fugitive

Three Pampa women were inside the residence. arrested last Wednesday and news release.

Arrested were Donna Courtney said. Marie Hunnicutt, 45; Tiaquana Yvonne Hall, 17; dents, one of the officers, The bonds on the other warand Tequilla Yvette Hall, 19; Chad Johnson, stayed at the rants totaled \$12,000," all of 1024 Neel Road. All back of the house. He saw a three were charged with the black male peek out of the third degree felony.

concerning the location of said. Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 18, 1032 Huff.

rants," said Police Lt. Fred residence," Courtney said.

marijuana was coming from Larue.

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ly flies the Black Hawk,

Crash

charged with hindering the Deputy Scott Larue went to Commission Directive to day as their arrest, according apprehension of a known the sheriff's office to obtain a Apprehend; two Potter to jail records. The three felon after they hid a fugitive search warrant based on the County warrants for possesin the attic of their residence actions of several persons at sion of marijuana and failure the jail between 2:30 a.m. and refused to let law the house and on information enforcement officers search from a confidential inform- der warrants from Gray for him, according to a ant. Other officers were left County, one of which was on Pampa Police Department at the residence to maintain a perimeter around the house,

Police and Gray County when he saw the officer. was set at \$3,000 each, sheriff's deputies went to Johnson also believed he had 1024 Neel Road on Nov. 24 then heard sounds coming Precinct 2 Justice of the after receiving information from the attic," Courtney Peace Kurt Curfman, who

Officers Cade Logue, Aaron McWilliams and "Dorsey had outstanding Johnson were subsequently warrants from several coun- given consent to search the ties in the Panhandle and had house "after numerous peoeluded police officers several ple had come and gone from times in the last year when the residence, possibly trying to serve these war- removing narcotics from the

Lee and Larue had Officers were not allowed returned to the residence, and Courtney said. She is still in to search the residence on Larue and Logue entered the Gray County Jail as of press Neel Road, according to the house. Dorsey was found in time today, according to jail release, and a strong odor of the rafters and arrested by records.

which can carry 15 people.

In November 2003, 17 sol-

diers were killed when two

Warrants for Dorsey Hunnicutt were released on Police Sgt. David Lee and included a Texas Youth bond on Nov. 24, the same to identify; two bond surrena felony; and an evading war-

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rant, also out of Gray County. "The directive to appre-"Unknown to the resi- hend does not carry a bond. · Courtney said.

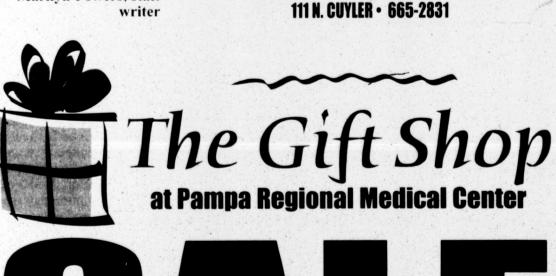
Bond on the hindering door and then quickly shut it charge against the women according to police and arraigned the four who were arrested.

Tequilla Hall was also charged with failure to identify, for which bond was set at \$1,000, Curfman said. In addition to the \$4,000 in bonds, Tequilla Hall also had two City of Pampa capias pro fine warrants for traffic violations amounting to \$518,

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Associated Press reporters Black Hawk helicopters Kristie Rieken and Bobby crashed in Iraq, apparently as the result of enemy fire. At Ross Jr. contributed to this the time it was the deadliest



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Viewpoints

One little bird can affect our whole economy

What does a little brown bird in the Texas Panhandle have in common with people in Tucson, Ariz., and Santa Fe, N.M.? More than you may suspect.

Four environmental groups, led by Tucson-based Center for Biodiversity and Santa Fe-based Forest Guardians, are threatening to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and their parent The Department of Interior to list the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species.

It was the Center for Biodiversity that brought a lawsuit against the Fish and Arkansas River shiner, a

is found in the Canadian River, listed as an endangered species.

The Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973 to protect various species of animal and plant life from I harbor no going extinct. It was a noble ill gesture.

It has since become the bane of farmers, ranchers, homeowners, loggers, miners, developers, people in the oil and gas business and any number of people trying to make a living in this country.

While the Endangered Species Act has been particularly devastating in the 11 Western States (most of Wildlife Service to get the which the U.S. bought as part of the Louisiana two-inch long minnow that Purchase and other purchases from Mexico), its tentacles are reaching out more and more to Texas and states in the East where there isn't as much public land. Now, don't get me wrong.

will David **Bowser**

Staff Writer

against the lesser prairie chicken. I don't know of anyone

who wants to see any species go extinct, but a law such as the Endangered Species Act potentially has the power to close down industries, turn small rural communities into ghost towns and put a number of people out of work.

I don't have a problem with the basic concept of the Endangered Species Act. I do have a problem with some of its aspects.

The basic problem, in my view, is that

it does not take economic factors account species is listed. It is

supposed to be taken into account as critical habitat is considered.

Once a species has been listed, the Fish and Wildlife Service must designate critical habitat for that species. Critical habitat is the area

that species needs for survival. Depending upon how you interpret the law, it can mean the area where that species presently resides or where that species historically resided or anywhere in

Taken to an extreme, the Center for Biological Diversity once proposed introducing elephants into eastern Arizona because the woolly mammoth once roamed there thousands of

The Center for Biological Diversity and the Forest Guardians were instrumental in reintroducing the Mexican gray wolf into southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico, much to the

chagrin of local ranchers.

Following their logic, pedophiles should be introduced on school playgrounds because they are drawn there naturally. Wolves and pedophiles are both predators.

These are the same groups that support the listing of prairie dogs as endangered and removing farms and ranches from the Great Plains so that buffalo can roam freely like they did two centuries ago.

I don't have a problem with saving creatures from extinction, but turning the western United States into a drive-thru zoo is another

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Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2004. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1964, the U.S. Roman Catholic Church instituted sweeping changes in the liturgy, including the use of English instead of Latin.

On this date:

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." It was finished by Franco Alfano.

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd radioed that he'd made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.'

> — Mark Twain American author

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower kept his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict.

In 1961, "Enos" the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43. In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age

82.

In 2001, former Beatle George Harrison died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: The House passed the revised General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade by a vote of 288-146. Fighter jets attacked the capital of Chechnya and its airport hours after Russian President Boris Yeltsin demanded the breakaway republic end its civil war.

Five years ago: Protestant and Catholic adversaries formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government designed to bring together every branch of opinion within the bitterly divided society. Game show host Gene Rayburn died in Gloucester, Mass., at age 81.

One year ago: Gunmen in Iraq ambushed and killed two Japanese diplomats; seven members of Spain's military intelligence agency were killed in Mahmudiyah.

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Putin stole Ukraine election

Would-be czar Vladimir toward reasserting the regional hegemony of the former Soviet Union by stealing the election in Ukraine right under our

noses. As an unpaid, volunteer adviser to · Viktor Yushchenko, the democratic candidate for president, I have seen, firsthand, how Viktor Yanukovich, the Putin candidate backed by a coalition of the Russian Mafia, oil barons, former KGB officials and communists stole the election and thwarted the obvious will of the voters.

While the former Soviet Putin has taken a giant step Union was composed of Yushchenko, who got the final results, announced by many smaller nations, now virtually solid support of the the government, which supindependent, the key was the 60 percent of the population ported Yanukovich, showed

combination Russia and Ukraine. Russia's 145 million people n d Ukraine's

45 million are the core of what was the Soviet empire.

Dick

Morris

Columnist

Reuniting them has to be the primary goal of any aspiring Russian czar. But the Ukrainian people don't want Russian domination.



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that ethnicity, date. against Yanukovich, who won equally unit-

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percent that is ethnically Russian. The result was them) showed Yushchenko winning by

The election contest pitted more than 10 points. But the is a small margin in favor of Ukrainian by the Russian-backed candi-

Putin regarded the contest as so important that he personally visited Ukraine in the weeks before the election to campaign for his candidate, a clear violation of the most elementary standards of independence and protoobvious: Exit polls (more col. His former KGB henchaccurate in Ukraine than men - and once and future when our own TV networks communists - combined

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Texas courts need to get it right

Supreme Court's Nov. 15 ruling in a Texas death penalty case, and it's possible to hear the justices, through gritted teeth, saying: "Listen carefully while we say this one more time."

The court sent the case of LaRoyce Lathair Smith back to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because those judges wrongly had found that the state's capital sentencing scheme had been fairly applied to him. The scheme that was used in Smith's case had the same weaknesses that the Supreme Court pointed out in 1989 and 2001.

carefully the just that states imposing death must follow a fair process that reserves the most severe punishment for cases that warrant it.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram sentencing scheme went into history of special education

effect. New rules were required because the Supreme Court ruled in 1989 that jurors weren't able to fully consider mitigating It's not that Smith didn't evidence that might justify commit a horrible crime. It's life in prison instead of tions "no," even if they

lethal injection.

Instructions given to Smith's jurors were impossibly conflicting. They had to answer two special ques-Smith killed Jennifer Soto tions: whether a killing was deliberate, and whether a County Taco Bell in January defendant posed a continu-

ing threat to could into account his 78 IQ,

and life with a drug-addicted father.

But if they decided that the evidence warranted life instead of death, they had to answer one of the two ques-

thought both answers should be "yes."

In 2001, the Supreme Court said that just telling jurors they could consider mitigating factors wasn't enough if they would have to answer one of the special questions dishonestly to signal that a defendant should receive a life sentence, not death. Still, when the Court of Criminal Appeals ruled on. Smith's appeal in April, it said the 2001 ruling didn't help him.

Well, wrong. The 2001 ruling "identified a broad and intractable problem — a problem that the state court ignored here," the Supreme

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matter. Perhaps a better term would be a walk-thru zoo because they also oppose roads.

Such environmental groups talk about a balance of nature. What they are talking about is a balance that does not include man.

Man, I think, is very much a part of nature and must be included in the solution.

These radical environmental groups, however, blame man, or at least blame

Now come these

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mankind descendfrom Europeans and the westward expansion across this continent for many of the ills in this country.

Apparently, Native Americans in their view are blameless even if they ran huge herds of buffalo over cliffs before

the introduction of horses by the their ranching operations with Europeans so that buffaio could be selectively targeted.

Native Americans who used these buffalo jumps in pre-Columbian times were just doing what many of us are still trying to do - make a living, provide for our families and live where we want to without someone else telling we can't.

Of course, the United States government came in and told the Native Americans where they could live, and we pretty well know what happened there.

I find it interesting that these environmental groups espouse eco-tourism as an economic alternative to ranching and farming.

There are industries that create wealth and there are industries that transfer wealth.

The former tends to include manufacturing while the latter includes service industries.

One Celanese plant is worth a whole lot more to the local economy than one Wal-Mart store.

Ranching, farming and mineral extraction, such as oil and gas, tend to create wealth while retail stores, banking and tourism tend to transfer wealth.

If you eliminate the manufacturing, the service sector dies. It's Economics

Now come these environmentalists who want everyone to leave the land to the critters who roamed there before deeds were filed at the courthouse.

The Forest Guardians have long opposed livestock grazing. They want ranchers to go away, or at least become tour guides.

I believe that ranchers and farmers are stewards of the land. Of course, having grown up as a cotton farmer and having lost a lot of money on cattle, I'm prejudiced.

Still, a group of landowners around Canadian have integrated eco-tourism into

some success. That has led to some really good dining places in Canadian, a very nicely renovated motel

and a number of bed and breakfast operations. A couple of years ago, I sat in a pickup on Jim Bill Anderson's ranch and watched lesser prairie

ritual. Just beyond the prairie dog town off to our left, cattle grazed. The State of Colorado apparently believes that such an economic model

chickens dance in their annual mating

is viable. The Colorado Division of Wildlife is basing their wildlife program in part on what Canadian is doing. Many of the landowners around

Canadian are working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas

Parks and Wildlife Department, not just to save the prairie chicken, but to expand its numbers, and they are reaping the economic benefits.

Apparently, the environmental groups that espouse eco-tourism don't believe in their own proposals.

Despite the success around Canadian, the environmentalists want to force the issue of listing the lesser prairie chicken, which could bring more federal intervention and tighter controls and endanger not only the prairie chicken, but the economic benefits to the community as well.

Of course, there is one industry that is booming thanks to the environmental extremists. That is what has become known as the Confrontation Industry.

Under the Endangered Species Act, a person can bring a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to force action. If they win, or if they reach a settlement before going to court, the federal government pays the legal bills.

I tend to think that such lawsuits have less to do with endangered plants and animals and more to do with money and

'I don't think the **Endangered Species** Act needs to be eliminated, but I do think it needs to be changed.'

power. I don't think the Endangered Species Act needs to be eliminated, but I do think it needs to be changed.

I think there needs to be more economic incentives for landowners

recover threatened or endangered species and fewer incentives to sue.

After all, lawyers don't create wealth. They transfer it.

Based one the productive capabilities of the American farmer and rancher, given the right incentives, we could be up to our collective necks in prairie chickens in just a few years.

Write to Staff Writer David Bowser at reporter2@thepampanews.com.

Putin

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with Russian organized-crime figures and oil barons to pump money into the race and to intimidate voters on the

Yushchenko, a pro-Western former rime minister, survived two assassination attempts to make the race. At the start of the contest, he was run off the road while driving in Ukraine. When he walked away from the wreck, the opposition poisoned him. Hospitalized in Vienna, his doctors diagnosed the poison, which mimicked a stroke in its symptoms, and nursed him to recovery.

If they couldn't commit murder, Putin's boys decided to commit larceny and did all they could to stack the election. Their totally controlled print and television media - all the information outlets in the nation - refused to give any favorable coverage to Yushchenko

Yanukovich. We couldn't even buy advertising space in any mass-media outlet. But, undaunted, Yushchenko's supporters got their message out by hand, distributing leaflets and fliers to

every single household in the nation several times each When, finally, are at best distracted week.

dom won the election, Putin's operatives rigged the count and released phony totally results showing their stooge to be the winner.

The stakes could ' not be higher. If Ukraine and Russia combine, as Putin clearly wants, the old Soviet Union will be back on the road to regional domination and the old ambitions of global power will return. And 45 million people will be cheated and biased all their news toward of the right to determine their own

future.

We, in the West,

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We, in the West, are at best distracted and at worst willing to cede to Putin regional control in return for his assistance in the war on terror. This is a mis-

take of the same order of magnitude as the allies made in the 1930s in dealing with Hitler. The theft of the Ukrainian election is parallel the forces of free- and at worst willing to Germany's decision to march into the Rhineland. And our refusal to notice or act is akin to the French and British policy of turning the other way.

Freedom may be on the march in the Middle East, but it is in full retreat in Eastern Europe.

So, again the echo of the Nixonian question about China: Who lost Ukraine?

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for

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Court noted when it decided that Smith is entitled to a new sentencing hearing. Moreover, the justices faulted the Court of Criminal Appeals for following a standard that the high court struck down in June.

"The state court erroneously relied on a test we never countenanced and now have unequivocally rejected," the Supreme Court said in an unsigned, 7-2 opinion.

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• The City of Panhandle Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Christmas on our Town, Shop Panhandle" day on Thursday, Dec. 2. Shops will stay open until 8 p.m. Businesses will be open along Highway 60 and Hwy 207. Some stores will be running specials. Shoppers can register for door prizes as well as eight Chamber of Commerce gift certificates at participating businesses and several shops will be serving refreshments. Santa will visit Happy State Bank, 223 Euclid St., from 3-6 p.m. and Carson County Square House Museum, Hwy 207, from 5-8 p.m. The Panhandle High School Band will perform at 8:15

p.m. at the War Memorial building.

 Moonlight Extension Education Club in Muleshoe will holds its 26th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4 at Bailey County Civic Center in Muleshoe. Applications for booth space are available through Nov. 31. For

more information, call (806) 272-3463 or (806) 272-3024. · Five Star Girl Scout Council will host a holi-

day alumni brunch from

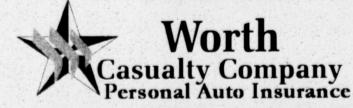
10:30 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Amarillo Girl Scout office, 6011 West 45th, in an effort to reunite its alumni. Cost is \$10. Reservations must be turned in by Monday, Dec. 6, by calling

(806) 356-0096. • The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N.

Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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American historian shares humanities prize with Frenchman

American historian, Jaroslav Pelikan, and a 91-year-old French philosopher, Paul Ricoeur, will share the \$1 million Kluge prize, created last year to honor achievement in fields not covered by the Nobel prizes.

Pelikan, who lives in New Haven, Conn., has specialized in the story of Christianity from its beginnings to the present. He has written more than 30 books, using sources in

musical as well as doctrinal aspects of religion. He is a former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Pelikan "has moved over time to consider the whole history of church doctrine, both through the western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church," said Librarian of Congress James H. Billington.

Ricoeur has taught at Haverford College,

University of Chicago and Louvain University in Belgium, as well as at the Sorbonne and other French institutions.

Orphaned in World War I, Ricoeur was drafted in World War II and was captured and spent most of the conflict as a prisoner of war in Germany. He was active in the French Socialist Party afterward.

Billington, announcing the award he will

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 80-year-old nine languages and dealing with literary and Columbia and Yale universities, the present on Dec. 8, described Ricoeur's work as drawing "on the entire tradition of western philosophy to explore and explain common problems: What is a self? How is memory used and abused? What is he nature of responsibility?"

The prize was established by John W. Kluge, chairman of the private sector advisory body of the Library of Congress.

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After Greenspan, who?

President's big economic pick will be Federal Reserve chair

WASHINGTON (AP) — While President Bush is busy putting together his Cabinet for a second term, the financial world's attention is on a job vacancy 14 months away: Who will succeed Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan?

It might seem daunting to follow a legend like Greenspan, now in his 18th

year in the job. Yet there seem to be plenty of people who would like to do

The list of candidates being talked about in Washington and on Wall Street is half what it was before the Nov. 2 election, when prominent Democrats such former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin were considered

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the White House. With Bush's re-election, the focus is on Republicans. Candidates include Harvard economics professor Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers during the Reagan administration; Columbia University professor Glenn Hubbard, who was Bush's first CEA chairman; Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor; and Federal Reserve board member Ben Bernanke.

Handicappers generally Feldstein, 65, at the top of the list, in part because he is the best known. He has had a distinguished teaching career at Harvard and served from 1982 to

1984 as chairman of the CEA, a post that Greenspan used as a stepping stone to the Fed job.

Some believe Hubbard, at 46 the voungest on the list, might have an inside track because of his strong support for Bush's tax cuts. Also, doubts linger among some conservative GOP supply-siders about Feldstein, given his reputation as a deficit hawk.

> Taylor, 57, gained prominence as a monetary expert at Stanford University before coming to Treasury. He developed the "Taylor rule," a formula designed to aid the Fed in setting interest rates. He has had trouble making an impact on administration economic policy in his current job.

Bernanke, 50, is viewed as the dark horse. Little known outside academic circles before 2002, August

Bernanke has : impressed veteran Fed watchers who have started to read his speeches carefully for insights into Fed thinking on a Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry won range of economic issues.

> believe that Many Greenspan will play a large role in choosing his succes-

"I think that Greenspan will have an unusually large influence on the selection process given his close relationship with Vice President Cheney, going all the way

back to the Ford administration," said David Jones, author of four books on the Greenspan Fed.

Greenspan was President Ford's CEA chairman and Dick Cheney was Ford's White House chief of staff.

Many see Greenspan's hand in

appointments Bush has made to the Fed board, including Bernanke and Donald Kohn, a longtime Fed staff member on monetary policy.

"Greenspan has done a great job and weathered a lot of storms during his tenure at the Fed with only two recessions and both of them relatively mild," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

Greenspan became Fed chairman on Aug. 11, 1987, when he was picked by President Reagan to succeed Paul Volcker.

In June Greenspan started his fifth four-year term as chairman. He has let it be known that he does not intend to serve past the end of his current term and separate 14-year term on the Fed board, which ends Jan. 31, 2006.

Greenspan was by far the front runner in 1987 and was virtually the only name being mentioned on Wall Street. coming to the Fed board in That several names are circulating this

time does not prove anything because it still is early in the process, analysts said. "I am not at all

surprised that we are still talking about four or five possible replacements," said Lyle Gramley, a former Fed board member. "It is a little early — Lyle Gramley to have a single former Federal Reserve candidate, given all the other things the Board member

president has to

worry about right

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Many analysts believe it could be this time next year before the White House announces a nominee as Greenspan's successor.

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lined, the press release said,

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press release from the ballet. This year's performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 and p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center

auditorium. Matinees

are scheduled at 3 p.m., Dec. 11 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 12. The Amarillo Symphony will perform at the ballet as

will Houston's Arkadiy Orohovsky. He will portray

with Kiev Opera Ballet and Houston Ballet. His training includes Bolshoi Ballet and 'Our production is equally as magnificent as

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Stephanie, also an instructor

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AMARILLO — Now in its the Sugar Plum Cavalier. at the academy, will appear as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Though a native of

Amarillo, Lanham has performed all over the world, the press release said. He recently returned to

Amarillo after leaving the Eugene Ballet Company.

excited after last year's 'Nutcracker' and felt welcomed and received by Craig Henderson Panhandle Executive director community," said Artistic

> Director Edward R. Truitt. "We made revisions to the show and our audiences loved them. Now that the show is set after last year's fresh choreography, we can really concentrate on perfecting all elements of the production. This is one of the finest 'Nutcracker' ballets I have ever seen and I am proud to be associated with it and the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra."

"Our production is equally as magnificent as those of much larger cities all over the nation. We are very proud of our show," said Executive Director Craig Henderson. "Our production this year will highlight a new growing Christmas tree and magnificent optical illusions throughout the show that will be exceptional to most other 'Nutcrackers.'



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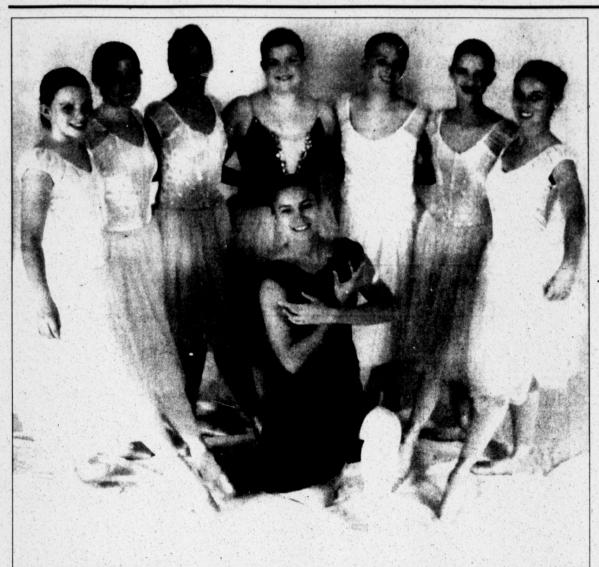
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Pampa Civic Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (Back row, leftright) Samantha Kelly, Kaitlin Winegeart, Shauna Friend, Jessica Baggerman, Erin Buck, Jordan Dodge, Claire Boyd; (kneeling) Maegan Wheeler.

Here's the deal: Sinn Fein meets police, Protestants meet disarmament chief

LONDON (AP) — Sinn Fein, the Northern Ireland party that once backed the killing of police officers, met the province's police commander for the first time Monday, in pursuit of a new peace agreement between Catholics and Protestants.

Leaders of Sinn Fein among them Gerry Adams orchestrated moves toward a

and Martin_ McGuinness, both reputed chiefs of the outlawed Irish Republican Army — met C h i e f Constable Hugh Orde in the office of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The British leader, who opened relations with

Sinn Fein soon after taking office in 1997, has spent the past year trying to forge a power-sharing agreement between Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionists, who represent most of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority.

A previous Catholic-Protestant administration accord of 1998 collapsed in 2002, largely because of office after a 50-minute

Protestant conflicts with meeting. Sinn Fein over the IRA's activities. Since then, voters meeting that he wanted to have made the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein the two biggest parties, complicating efforts to revive power-sharing.

Monday's meetings appeared to be part of tightly

> once-unthinkable understanding between Sinn Fein Democratic Unionist Paisley, who built a political career on blocking moves toward political com-

> > promise.

Irish Prime

— Gerry Adams Sinn Fein leader

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Minister Bertie Ahern say the time has come for the parties to take a decision. If they accept a confidential blueprint drafted by both governments, the way could be clear for a new declaration from the IRA on its next disarmament steps.

The Sinn Fein delegation made no comment as it left Blair's Downing Street

Adams had said before the talk to Orde about cutting back British military forces in Northern Ireland.

"It's a disgrace that (Irish) republican heartlands are militarized by British crown forces," Adams said, referring in part to several British army watchtowers near Northern Ireland's border the independent Republic of Ireland.

In Belfast, Democratic Unionist leaders had no comment before their meeting with John de Chastelain, the retired Canadian general who since 1997 has been trying to disarm Northern Ireland's rival outlawed groups, most prominently the IRA.

The Democratic Unionists Blair and say they won't work with Sinn Fein unless the IRA fully disarms and disbands. They insist that the next disarmament acts must be photographed and independently witnessed, details resisted by Sinn Fein.

> Britain and Protestant leaders have been seeking IRA disarmament for the past decade. The IRA has insisted on total secrecy during three partial disarmament moves from October 2001 to October 2003.

Rescuers search for trapped miners

Rescuers trying to reach 141 miners trapped by an underground explosion were pumping noxious fumes out of a Chinese coal mine Monday but an official said their chances of survival were "extremely slight." Another 25 miners were confirmed dead.

Early rescue efforts following the blast Sunday were blocked by high levels of carbon monoxide and thick smoke in the Chenjiashan Coal Mine in the central province of Shaanxi, according to the government.

The mine's wrecked ventilation system was repaired by mid-afternoon Monday, the official Xinhua News Agency said, but it wasn't clear when it would be declared safe for rescuers to enter.

The explosion gas occurred about five miles from the mouth of mine.

An official at the Shaanxi coal mine safety bureau said Monday that hope was fading fast for the trapped miners.

"The rescue effort has been extremely difficult due to large concentrations of carbon monoxide," said the offisurname, Chen. "From my own experience the odds that the 141 still underground remain alive are extremely slight."

Some 127 workers managed to escape the stateowned mine, Xinhua said, citing safety officials. Fortyfive were hospitalized, 11 with serious injuries.

One rescued miner was quoted by Xinhua as saying he was knocked down by the shockwave from the explo-

State television showed

cial, who would give only his officials visiting hospitalized miners, many of whom were swathed in bandages.

The accident came just weeks after another coal mine explosion killed 148 people elsewhere in central China — the highest death toll in a mining accident since 2000.

If none of the trapped miners survive, it would be "the deadliest accident in recent history," said a woman who answered the telephone at the State Work Safety Administration in Beijing.



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U.N. nuclear watchdog passes mild resolution on policing Iran

resolution Monday on policing Iran's commitment to freeze all programs linked to uranium enrichment in an effort to defuse a dispute that mitment fulfilled demands had threatened to go to the that Tehran include cen-Security Council.

The vote by International Atomic Energy Agency board came after a country's latest commitment wise.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — to a total suspension of The U.N. nuclear watchdog nuclear activities capable of agency passed a toned-down producing weapons-grade

> Diplomats from the European Union and elsewhere said the Iranian comtrifuges in its total suspenthe sion of uranium-enrichment programs.

Hossein Mousavian, the senior Iranian official chief Iranian delegate to the appeared to cast doubt on his meeting, suggested other-

NGSP reports new sorghum insurance

LUBBOCK — Producers now have another option when it comes time to insure next year's sorghum crop, National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) reports.

"Group Risk Income Protection (GRIP) pays producers when county yields are lower than normal. It may provide more costeffective coverage than other crop insurance products," said Tim Lust, executive director for NGSP. "NGSP has worked diligently for the last year to get this insurance product to our producers and we look forward to helping them evaluate if the coverage is right for their individual operations.'

To make an informed decision, producers should encourage their insurance agents to learn more about the coverage. Producers can also learn more about GRIP by calling the NGSP office at (806) 749-3478.

NGSP, headquartered in Lubbock, represents sorghum growers nationwide.

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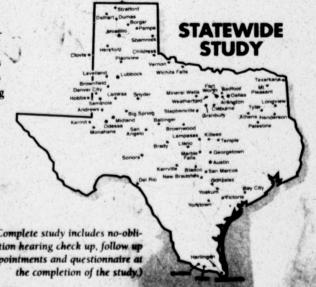
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Dear Abby. By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

old daughter went to a party at a frat house where she was given a great deal to drink. Feeling "woozy," she went outside. One of the "boys" she had been talking to went with her and suggested she go back to his room to lie down. She had known this fellow before that night and trusted him. She was drunk, and he had sex with her. It was her first time. She claims she tried to make him stop, but he wouldn't, and she couldn't make him.

Shouldn't the young man be punished in some way? I feel something should be done, and I also worry about him doing this to some other girl. Would this constitute date rape? -- CON-FUSED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR CONFUSED: You're darn right it was date rape. And the "something" you should do is call the nearest rape crisis center and get help for your daughter. You should also inform the police. I'm sure they'll be interested to know that minors are being given alcohol and taken advantage of at that fraternity house, as well as the name of the man who assaulted your daughter. You're absolutely correct that he's likely to do it again.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Howie" for a year. I love him and want to spend my life with him, but there's a problem. Women are attracted to Howie like bees to honey. I have seen this with my own eyes. Women come on to him even though he tells them he's in a serious relationship. Should I look the other way when they start up? Yes, Howie does talk to them, but he is just a friendly guy.

I don't want to lose my boyfriend over this, but it's really starting to bother me. How should I handle it? -- UNCOM- 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. FORTABLE IN FLORIDA

UNCOMFORT-DEAR

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year- ABLE: If you and Howie didn't have something special, you wouldn't have lasted as a couple. Short of throwing a bag over your boyfriend's head, there is no way to make him less attractive. However, if your "friendly guy" leaves you to fend for yourself all evening, that's considered bad manners - and you would be within your rights to let him know it.

> DEAR ABBY: I recently went through a difficult two-year divorce from "Jayson" after 10 years of marriage. My former mother-in-law, "Violet," now insists that I return the china that Jayson and I received during the marriage. I always thought a gift was just that -- a gift.

Violet insists that the china be returned. She says it wasn't from "my" family. I say it WAS my family -- for 10 years. You see, Abby, Jayson left me. I was trying to work on our problems, but he wanted out. Now Violet is calling me a martyr and saying I have no right to the china.

I have informed Jayson and his mother-from-hell that the china is boxed and in storage, and that I'm saving it for our son. Am I wrong? -- FURIOUS IN VIR-**GINIA**

DEAR FURIOUS: When your son and his future bride are ready to set up a household, they'll want to select their own china. Of this you can be sure. If the china has been in your husband's family for generations, return it. If that's not the case, offer to let your former mother-in-law BUY it back.

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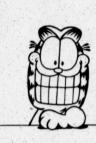
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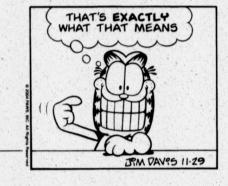
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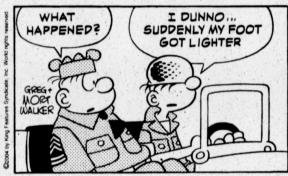






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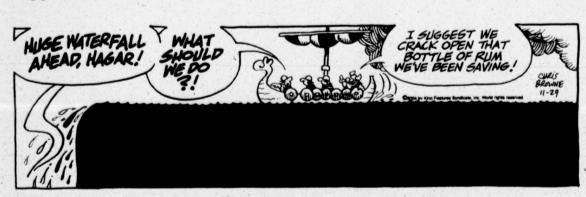


"Somebody should tell that guy how to use eye shadow."

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Sports Day

Plenty of Harvesters named to 2004 All District teams

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The 4A All District teams have been announced with plenty of Pampa Harvesters making this year's list.

First Team Defense

Tyrel Bolin #50 Q.B. Cobb #7 Seth Foster #3

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Second Team Defense

Brittin East #43 Jacob Potter #44 Eric Kingcade #40 Shea Brown #5

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First Team Offense

Sharod Young #30 Seth Foster #3 Aaron Hunt #73 Dusty Langley #20

Wide Receiver Wide Receiver Guard Guard

Second Team Offense

Michael Pergeson #64Tackle Tyler Doughty #4 Punter

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Mark Williams #9 Tyler Doughty #4 Brittin East #43

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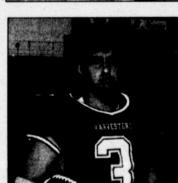




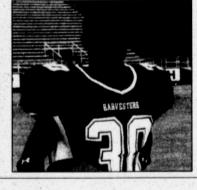




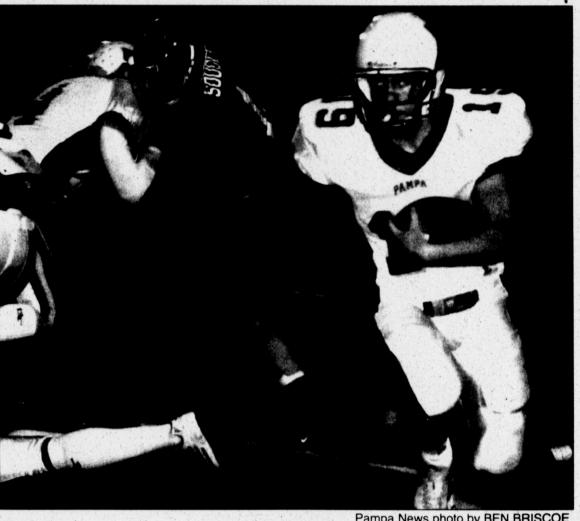








Looking ahead



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa running back Brody Smith checks the road ahead during a run in Friday night's meeting against Aledo. Smith finished the night shy of 100 yards on 15 carries. Pampa lost to the Bearcats 36-12.

Pampa takes third place in Amarillo Invitational

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters dropped their opening game against Tascosa 67-56 in round one of the Amarillo Invitational basketball tournament over the weekend. Braydon Barker scored 21 points in the locker room at halftime. game. Brandon Johnston finished with 13.

The loss wet up a consolation meeting between Pampa and Trinity Christian. Pampa led at the break 29-20 thanks to the Harvester defense holding TC to just 8 points in the second period. The two teams were neck-and-neck in the second half. But Pampa held on to win 60-54, earning the right to play for third place.

The Harvesters hooked up with a tough Caprock team to determine the tournament's third place finisher. The Harvester defense was outstanding in the first half, holding the Longhorns to just 14 points at the break. Pampa took a 40-14 lead into the

The Harvesters went on the claim the third place win by defeating Caprock 74-55. Brandon Johnston ended the game with 22 points. Braydon Barker put up 14 points and Jarett Kotara added 12 points of his

Pampa hosts Perryton at The Pit tomorrow night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Lady Harvesters put up fight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Lady Harvester basketball team spent the weekend in Amarillo taking part in the Amarillo Invitational tournament.

Pampa began the tournament with a 59-42 win over Midland Lee. Lindsey Ammons scored 14 points in that game. Britteni Rice scored 11.

The win set up a semifinal meeting with Amarillo High. The two teams have already met twice this season, with the Lady Sandies winning both. Unfortunately, the third time would not be the charm for Pampa, falling to Amarillo High 55-23.

Pampa met Palo Duro to determine third place. What a game it was. The Lady Harvesters, down 25-18 at the break, outscored the Lady Dons in the second half 35-30 but came up a bucket short of beating Palo Duro. That final was 55-53.

Britteni Rice had 15 points in that game. Callie Cobb tossed in 11 as did McKenzie

Pampa is home tomorrow night to host Perryton. Game time is 6 p.m. at McNeely Field House.

Cincinnati invited to Fort Worth Bowl

Bearcats were invited Sunday to play in the Fort Worth Bowl, a day after losing 70-7 to No. 7 Louisville.

The bowl, played on Dec. 23, is one of five affiliated with Conference USA. A Big 12 team normally would get the other invilocked up bids already.

Bowl officials are negotiating with the

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Atlantic Coast, Big East and Mid-American conferences for another opponent.

Cincinnati (6-5) rallied from a 2-4 start to earn its fourth bowl appearance in the last five seasons.

Quarterback Gino Guidugli slipped and broke his hand in the week before the loss tation, but the bowl-eligible schools have to Louisville and will not be available for the Bearcats.

NBC executive Dick Ebersol survives crash

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) - NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol and his college-age son emerged from the wreckage of a chartered jet after the plane crashed, but authorities said Monday his 14-year-old son was presumed dead in the wreckage.

on board crashed Sunday morning at Montrose Regional Airport in southwest Colorado, not far from the Telluride Ski Area. Two crew members were also killed.

The plane slid sideways into a road and the impact ripped the cockpit from the fuselage, and Ebersol's older son Charles helped his 57-year-old father through the gap, a witness said.

Matt Eilts, Montrose County chief deputy coroner, said Monday that a "complete and thorough search" revealed no sign of the second son on the plane, 14-year-old Edward, anywhere around the crash site.

"We believe at this time that the boy The 18-seat aircraft with six people has probably perished within the crash," Eilts said. He said the search in the wreckage would get under way when federal crash investigators arrived later Monday.

> A heavy snowstorm had eased up before the plane prepared to take off for South Bend, Ind., where Charles Ebersol is a senior at Notre Dame. There was no immediate word if the weather was a factor in the crash.

The pilot and a flight attendant were killed, said Michael O'Connor, regional duty officer with the Federal Aviation Administration Washington state. The co-pilot was hospitalized in Denver, while Dick and Charles Ebersol were hospitalized in Grand Junction, witnesses said.

Ebersol's wife of 23 years, "Kate and Allie" and "McMillan and Wife" star Susan Saint James, was not on the plane. The family lives in Connecticut.

Neither NBC Sports nor St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction released any information on Dick and Charles Ebersol's conditions.

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Smith; Washington players of the week

DALLAS (AP) Missouri's Brad Smith and Colorado's Thaddaeus Washington and Mason Crosby were named Big 12 players of the week on Monday.

Smith threw for 150 yards and rushed for a season-high 101 to lead Missouri to a 17-14 overtime win over Iowa State. His open-field tackle during a 51-yard Iowa State fumble return prevented a

potential game-winning touchdown.

Washington had two interceptions, the first of his career, in Colorado's 26-20 win at Nebraska. He also had 10 tackles.

Crosby connected on all four of his field goal attempts against Nebraska, hitting from 37, 39, 46 and 20 yards. He scored 14 points in the win and had four of his six kickoffs go for touchbacks.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three days after beating the top team in the nation, Texas couldn't protect a 17-point lead against a nonconference opponent.

The No. 4 Longhorns continued their early season pattern of following a win with a loss, squandering a large firsthalf lead and losing 63-60 to UCLA on

Noelle Quinn scored the go-ahead basket with 16.7 seconds remaining and finished with 27 points, helping the

from an early 17-point deficit to knock off the Longhorns who had just beat Tennessee 74-59 on Thursday.

Nikki Blue added 13 points for UCLA (3-1), which beat No. 1 Tennessee 74-59 Thursday, the Bruins' first win over a top-10 team since Nov. 20, 1999, a 69-65 victory over then-No. 8 North Carolina.

"In my opinion, we lost it in the first half," said Texas coach Jody Conradt, whose team opened the season with a victory over No. 21 Penn State and then lost at No. 5 Georgia last Sunday. "We allowed UCLA to make some shots, to get confident, to get momentum.'

Texas (2-2) was led by Tiffany Jackson's 19 points and career-best 15 rebounds. Jamie Carey added 15 points, and Annissa Hastings had 11 before fouling out with 2:05 left.

The Longhorns took a 60-59 lead with 33.1 seconds on a driving layup by Carey. Texas' Nina Norman missed two free throws with 6 seconds left.

ARE YOU FOR SALE

Tattooed fists could mean big bucks

wasn't enough, we now learn there is a company that is offering cash incentives to those fans and/or players that either took a punch or threw

The company is an Internet-based Michael J. firm located, sadly, in the great state of Texas. It issued a self-produced memo which it sent by fax to all media late last

Editor week in the hope those starved for news would not only mention the offer, but the name of the company as well as pertinent information such as how to reach the Public relations

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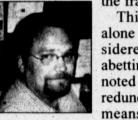
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Director and its web address. In the normal business world, this is called 'Advertising', and it is commonly paid for. I was born at night, but it wasn't last night. I will not lower this fine publication to the level the company in question had hoped. And shame on any that did.

This company is the same one that placed advertising on the back of boxers. What it is offering now is \$10,0000 to any of the participants of last weeks NBA brawl if they will tattoo the company's logo onto their fists - permentantly. The only stipulation is you had to have been caught on camera either throwing or taking a punch.

In the paragraph that follows this criminalistic offer, the CEO states, "We do not condone or support this

As if the NBA brawl of last week type of behavior under any circumstances. But chances are these people will be on camera again - at one point or another - so let's see if they want to launch a marketing career. Of course, they will have to prove they were in the fray."

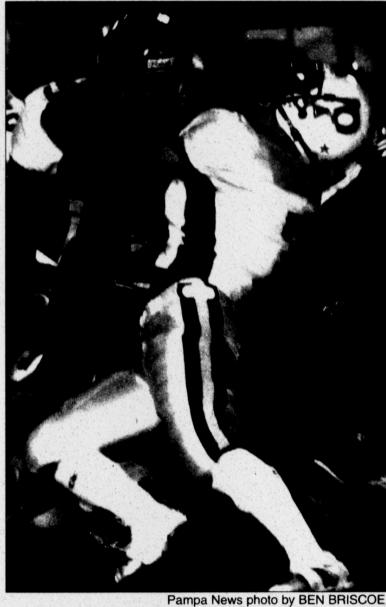


This statement alone should be considered aiding and abetting (it should be noted this is a lawyer redundancy as abet means aid, which

lends credence to the old rumor that lawyers used to be paid by the word). It openly pines for those who participated in this vicious assault to do it again. But only when television cameras are rolling. It offers what appears to be a one-time cash payment in exchange for criminal acts. Is this not premeditation? If some idiot were to take them up on the offer, then later assault some one to the point of serious injury or death, would this firm then not be guilty by association?

If you need money so bad you would stoop to this level, please get a piece of cardboard and a black marker. Make yourself a 'Will Work For' sign and find an off ramp. Though not encouraging, at least it shows effort. After all, I can only think of two instances when one might sell his or her body. One is to science for study after you die. The other involves what is described at times as the oldest profession in the world.

Foul play



Pampa senior Q.B. Cobb is roughed up by an Aledo Bearcat during Friday night's game in Bedford. Aledo was flagged for a Personal Foul on the play.

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IN NOUSE FINANCING AVAILABLE Top-ranked Southern California received 52 first-place votes, four more than last week, and 1,610 points in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday. In the previous poll, Southern Cal had lost three first-place votes.

Oklahoma extended its lead over Auburn for second place by five points. The Sooners received seven first-place votes and 1,540 points. The Tigers got six first-place votes and 1,530 points.

USC still No.1

team in nation

The top nine teams in the latest AP poll were the same as last week. No. 4 California was followed by Utah, Texas, Louisville, Georgia and Miami.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) -Alabama-Birmingham accepted an invitation Sunday to play in the Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl, the team's first trip to a postseason bowl. The UAB Blazers will meet an opponent still to be determined. The team has played at the Division I-A level since 1996.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minnesota will play in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 31, the Golden Gophers' third straight postseason appearance. Minnesota will play a Southeastern Conference opponent still to be determined in Nashville, Tenn.

Texas inches closer in BCS

'We're just in a

now.

Head Coach, University

— Mack Brown

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas moved agonizingly and tantalizingly close to securing a bid in the Bowl Championship Series on Monday when the new standings left the Longhorns a mere .0013 points behind No. 4 California.

The combination of human polls and computer standings gave California an average

ranking of .8431. Texas is a whisker behind at .8418. Both teams are jockeying waiting game right for the remaining BCS at-large berth.

While the standings didn't change, Texas closed the gap on the Golden Bears.

"This to me is good: news," said Texas coach Mack Brown, who pleaded to bowl games. get his team into the BCS after last week's 26-13 win over Texas A&M. 'We're just in a waiting game right

Specifically, the Longhorns (10-1) await the outcome of California's final game at Southern Mississippi on Saturday. A Cal loss should send

Texas to its first BCS game. If the Golden Bears pull out a close win Saturday, Texas hopes voters in the Associated Press media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll would move the

Longhorns ahead of California. If the Longhorns don't bump Cal,

Texas likely goes to the Cotton

After beating A&M, Brown used his post-game news conference to plead his team's case, saying the Longhorns deserved a BCS game more than some other schools that could get in.

On Monday, Brown said his comments were more crit-

ical of the system overall and not directed at California (9-1), whose only loss came No. against Southern California. Texas' only loss was to No. 2 Oklahoma.

Brown California also deserves to be in one of the big-money

of Texas

"Cal also has a really good football team," he said. "I'm not pleading against Cal. At all."

But he did note that while Texas might not make it, the BCS will include a team with at least three losses. The Big East, which is guaranteed a berth for its league champion, currently has a four-way tie for first, and all four teams have three or more losses.

"We probably should look at the system," Brown said.

No team has been more bedeviled by the BCS than the Longhorns.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004:

You need to verify everything you hear this year, as misunderstandings can and will run rampant. Partners and authority figures simply aren't logical, as much as you would like them to be. Give the people in your life the space they need to be a bit flaky. You might have some old friends and connections return in your life. Why they left your life in the first place might be significant. Avoid swallowing your anger this year, and express your feelings appropriately. Don't just assume that another person knows. If you are single, relationships run up- and downhill, but ultimately you enjoy yourself. Avoid becoming overly serious. If you are attached, you might need to split the finances, as money could be an issue. Take a workshop together in communicating, and you will find that your bond massively

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

improves. CANCER gets uptight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Postpone signing any agreements, for now. Don't be surprised if someone you're counting on flakes out or misunderstands plans. Verify everything before acting on it. Don't stand on ceremony about a call or a problem with a friend. Tonight: Slam the door

and don't answer calls at home TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your nerves might be a bit touchy, especially concerning the topics of money and love. How you handle this tension could make all the difference. Talk openly about your feelings, and others will respond. If you have an important message, be serious rather

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Expenses could be more than you had anticipated. On the other hand, you have tremendous earning capacity. You also have the ability to structure a successful budget. Think in terms of the cup being half-full rather than halfempty. Tonight: Plan your holiday budget.

than light during the discussion.

Tonight: Think seriously about a prob-

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Your instincts carry you over a problem. Your feelings about a child, new acquaintances or a love relationship are strong. You could feel overly responsible or too serious. Know that you can lighten up and be silly. Tonight: Head home

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Your irritation emerges when dealing with those close to you. You might be better off going out for a jog or a walk. You might be too serious for your own good. Express your happiness with those close to you. Tonight: Hang out with favorite people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** A friend might be very serious or touchy. Your humor and efforts might fall on deaf ears. Realize that your Ruler goes retrograde today, and you could be out of sorts if you don't get the reactions you want. Tonight: Go

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Your serious side emerges when dealing with a boss or associates. Your good humor and willingness to get embroiled in a mess are two of your better characteristics. You don't mind a touch of chaos here and there. Tonight: Be as free as a bird.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** * You have what it takes to get information and translate the facts in a way that others can absorb. You have an unusual ability to do research and get past rigidity, even your own. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail or write

Christmas cards SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Your heartfelt efforts help a partner or loved one who is overly serious open up. Still, don't delude yourself about another's harsh words, or your own. You are sitting on a lot of anger. Partners and bosses could become flaky! Tonight: Quality time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Information heading your way could be wrong, whether it is from an expert, associates or a meeting. Right now, you need to verify information and do your own homework. Others seem very serious. Tonight: Count on yourself right now, but make an effort toward others

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Someone might have made a promise that he or she cannot keep. Loosen up and be your positive, independent, creative self. You'll find solutions to complications. A child or loved one acts up in the next few weeks. Tonight: Get some R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might not believe what others are saying. In the next few weeks, develop a grain of skepticism. In the next few weeks, an old friend could return out of the blue. Relax with others, and be less judgmental. Tonight:

BORN TODAYSinger Billy Idol (1955), TV personality Dick Clark (1929), Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill (1874)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

Crash

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The co-pilot in Denver was in critical condition, authorities said Monday.

Associated Press by phone that he was driving on a highway parallel to the runway when he saw the plane skid sideways through a fence and brush before hitting a road that ripped the cockpit from the fuselage. The Denver Post said the plane had lifted off briefly before crashing.

Distel said Charles helped his father through the front of the plane and that the pair were walking around when Distel and an airport official arrived. He said Ebersol didn't say a word but the younger man cried and yelled "Oh, my God! Oh, my God!"

"I had to think for a second, 'who are these people?" he said. "They weren't severely injured, they were in shock." Distel said Charles was able to climb into an ambulance, while the elder Ebersol was loaded onto a stretcher.

The wreckage burst into flames, forcing Distel and other rescuers to get away.

A weekend storm that covered most of the state dumped more than 3 feet of snow in the Montrose area and Distel said there was light snow and fog at the time of the crash.

Investigators from the FAA and National Safety Transportation Board were en route to the airport, 185 miles southwest of Denver.

The Montrose airport is one of several that serves Telluride, a popular ski destination for celebrities.

The plane was identified as a CL-Eyewitness Chuck Distel told The 602 Challenger, which could hold up to 19 passengers, registered to Jet Alliance of Millville, N.J. The company offered its condolences but said it had no additional information.

Known as a television innovator, Ebersol has a long history at NBC.

He became the network's director of late-night programming in 1974 and replaced Lorne Michaels for a rocky tenure as executive producer of "Saturday Night Live" in the early 1980s. Ebersol, of Litchfield, Conn., became president of NBC Sports in 1989 and recently signed a contract that keeps him at the network through 2012.

Ebersol is best-known for his love affair with the Olympics. A protege of Olympics-coverage pioneer Roone Arledge, he worked as an ABC researcher at the 1968 Grenoble Winter Games and carried on Arledge's philosophy of presenting the Olympics through storytelling, rather than emphasizing results.

"He is very innovative," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said Sunday. "He's obviously a great leader and, from my perspective, a very worthy competitor."

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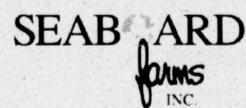
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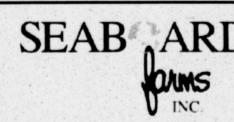
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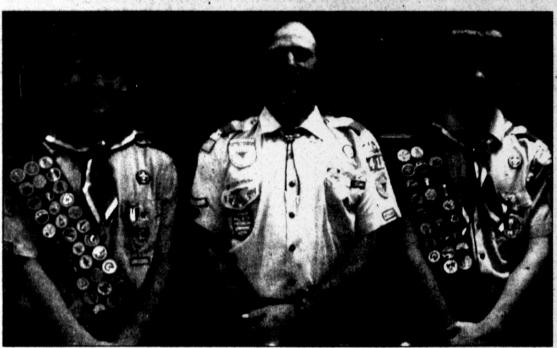
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Benefits Include:



Billy Hightower, far left, and Chase Guyer, far right, with Scoutmaster Mike Albus. Hightower and Guyer were both recently awarded the . nk of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor.

Two scouts from local Troop 413 attain Eagle Scout status

Scoutmaster Mike Albus and Boy Scout Troop 413, chartered by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, recently honored Scouts Chase Guyer and Billy Hightower with the organization's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, according to a press release.

The son of Craig and Lori Guyer of Pampa, Guyer began his scouting career in the fall of 1997, joining Pack 414, chartered by First Presbyterian Church, as a Webelos. He earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest honor, in May 1999 and became affiliated with Troop 413 in

Guyer earned 32 merit badges, World Conservation Award, Polar Bear Swimmer Award Bronze Palm.

said, a total of 92 nights on roop camp-outs and is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow.

Guyer hosted a blood drive which saw a total of 121 donors as his Eagle

Scout project. He currently serves his troop as junior assistant scoutmaster. Past leadership responsibilities include

Webelos den chief, patrol September joined Troop leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide.

Guyer is a junior at Pampa High School.

Additional honors, activities and accomplishments include National Honor Technology Society, Association, Student Concert Choir, PHS cross country and track, Who's Who Among American High School Students (two years), USAA National Honor Roll, Chemistry Award (2004), BCIS Award (2003), TSA Best in Region-animation project, Regional TSA first placehouse plans project, State TSA Best in State-animation project and TSA State first place-house plans proj-

Guyer belongs to Central He has spent, the release Church of Christ. He is the grandson of Clyde and Helen Nunn and Charles and Coleen Guyer, all of tennis and soccer teams. Amarillo, and Earl Smith of El Paso.

> Billy Hightower, son of Bill and Brenda Hightower, all three currently of Coppell, started out in 1998 as a Webelos with Pack 414.

Hightower earned 35 merit badges and the Polar Bear Swimmer Award. He spent a total of 71 nights on troop camp-outs and is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Hightower coordinated the construction and placement of three new benches to existing hiking trails at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. He was responsible for contacting park officials as well as for overseeing all phases and construction of the project.

Past leadership responsibilities include patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

Hightower attended PHS his first two years of high school, joining Pride of Pampa Band and the PHS

He formerly belonged to Pampa's First Methodist Church and its youth group. He is the grandson of Jim and Margaret Hightower of Greenville, Miss., and He received the Arrow of Kenneth and Pearl Ransom Light in May 1999 and in of Farmington, N.M.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) -Forget the partridge in a pear tree. How about a new Jaguar, a BMW 7 Series, a Mercedes-Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

The vintage watch and luxury cars would cost as much as all the gifts listed in the yuletide classic "The Twelve Days of Christmas," according to PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

Each year, the Pittsburghbased bank does a tonguein-cheek tally of how much the drummers drumming, pipers piping, turtle doves and golden rings would set you back if you bought them for your true love at today's prices.

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Blustery wind, icy conditions hit Colorado and central U.S.

DENVER (AP) — A winter storm that pounded the Sierra Nevada over the weekend delivered a snowy, icy mess across the nation's central states, stalling holiday travel, closing stretches of highway and making a nationally televised football game look at times like the tuner was off by a channel.

The system dumped nearly 3 feet of snow on parts of Colorado early Sunday before hitting the heavily populated Front Range with bitter cold, blustery wind and about a half-foot of

Traffic was stop-and-go from the Eisenhower Tunnel back to Denver as thousands of people returned from Thanksgiving holiday.

Powder blanketed the field during the Denver

Broncos g a m e Sunday night against the Oakland Raiders.

Despite bad the weather, an official at Denver International Airport said there were

only minor delays on one of the busiest travel days of the

Snyder said.

In southwest Colorado, a jet crashed at the Montrose airport, killing at least two people Sunday. NBC Sports President Dick Ebersol and

were among the survivors, but it was unclear if weather was a fac-

Over the weekend, winter

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— Jeff Colton

storm system moved into the Service meteorologist Jeff western United States from Alaska, bringing snow and

In central California, where the National Weather Service had issued a freeze

advisory, officials said two people died Saturday in storm-related accidents.

This is a

birthday I

won't forget.

Stranded motorists in Nebraska scrambled to find a place Sunday night after slick road National Weather Service conditions prompted offi-

cials to temporarily shut down parts of Interstate 80.

Blizzard conditions in "Things are still coming the state also closed secand going pretty well," air- tions of Interstate 76 for spokesman Steve most of the day, but it

reopened late Sunday.

Wet, heavy snow in central Nebraska caused several minor accidents, including drivers sliding into ditches and medians, officials said.

No serious were injuries reported.

"The past five years have been fairly dry, so it's pretty unusual to see — Holly Escue this happen, just

Wreck survivor because it's been long,' National Weather

Colton said. Fifteen inches of snow fell in Wyoming and up to 12 inches were forecast in parts

of southeastern Nebraska, officials said. Snow fell across much of Colorado over the weekend, excluding the eastern plains and some southwestern

areas. It clearly was a powder day at the Crested Butte ski resort in the San Juan Mountains. "This is a birthday I won't forget," said Holly Escue, 38, of Waco, Texas. She and her group survived a moun-

Butte. The National Weather Service predicted the storm would taper off Monday, as it moved southeast. Snow also was forecast in parts of New Mexico and the south-

tain car wreck on a snow-

packed road to get to Crested