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Deaths

Drusilla Wilson
Cosper, 92, homemaker.
Gaylon Sue Lard
Jolly, 66, nurse.

Texas Today

Fuel cell project by Dow, GM to expand HOUSTON (AP)

Engineers at a Texas Gulf coast chemical plant have produced electricity from a fuel cell using hydrogen that is less than 100 percent pure.

An expanded test is planned following results from the fuel cell being used since February at Dow Chemical Co.'s complex at Freeport.

Officials of the chemical company and partner General Motors said Monday the test will now involve a four-cell pilot plant that could grow in the next 18 months to 2 years to the point that 1 megawatt of power is generated.

Dow's partner, the world's largest auto maker, is interested in developing fuel cells that could be used for GM vehicles.

Charges filed against more energy traders HOUSTON (AP)

Five former natural gas traders from three Houston-based companies have been indicted on federal charges of reporting bogus trade data to industry publications, which is used to calculate gas price indexes.

Three men named in indictments unsealed Monday worked at El Paso Corp., where five former traders already have pleaded guilty to reporting fake trades.

In addition, new charges were filed against Michelle Valencia, 34, a former Dynegy Inc. trader, who has a separate, nearly 2-year-old indictment on another set of false reporting charges on hold pending an appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concerning their constitutionality.

Besides Valencia, the indictments announced by U.S. Attorney Michael Sheiby in Houston Monday named former El Paso traders Donald E. Burwell, 44; James P. Phillips, 45; and Greg Singleton, 37. All were charged with conspiracy, false reporting and wire fraud.

Museum board on county's agenda

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Right board, wrong Curry. Gray County commissioners will vote on correcting the appointment of a member to the White Deer Land Museum Board at their regular meeting at 9 a.m.

Wednesday in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

In their Nov. 15 regular meeting, commissioners had approved the appointment of Bob Curry to complete the unexpired term of Don Lane on the museum board.

According to the agenda posted for the Dec. 1 meeting, the appointment will be changed to John Curry.

While they're at it, commissioners will vote on other museum board members at Wednesday's meeting. Up for appointment is a three-year term currently held by

retiring board member Iris Ragsdale, along with three other three-year terms.

Kelley Baker will be voted on to take Ragsdale's seat, and the three other positions are expected to be re-filled by their current occupants, Wanda Carter, Lee Fraser and Joe Wheeley,

according to the agenda.

Other appointments slated for Wednesday's session include an appointment to the county's sick leave pool committee.

Insurance matters are again on the county agenda.

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Black Hawk crash claims seven lives

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Army officials on Tuesday identified two high-ranking officers from Fort Hood as being among the victims of Monday's helicopter crash that killed seven soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Charles B. Allen, 49, and Col. James M. Moore, 47, were aboard the UH-60 Black Hawk that struck support cables for a TV transmission tower in foggy morning weather about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood.

Also identified were Capt. Todd T. Christmas, 26; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Douglas V. Clapp, 48; Chief Warrant Officer 2 David H. Gardner Jr., 32; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark W. Evans Jr., 27; and Spc. Richard L. Brown, 29.

Hometown information was incomplete Tuesday morning, officials said.

All those killed were assigned to the 4th Infantry Division based at Fort Hood.

Allen was the division's assistant division commander for support,

while Moore was commander of the Division Support Command. Gardner and Evans were the pilots of the Army

UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, which went down about 7 a.m. Monday.

"It sounded like a big tree cracking, like something from Paul Bunyan," said Delia Eicke, who lives near President Bush's ranch so is used to hearing helicopters. "Then I heard the explosion."

The helicopter was flying through thick fog that obscured all but the lowest few hundred feet of the 1,800-foot-high tower, Eicke said. In addition, the red warning lights that normally mark the tower for aviators had been knocked out in a storm last week.

The soldiers were on their way to the Red River Army Depot in Texas to check out equipment being readied for use in Iraq, said Lt. Col. Jonathan

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Suicide bomber rams U.S. convoy; death toll, 135, equals monthly high

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber detonated a car packed with explosives next to a U.S. convoy on Baghdad's dangerous airport road on Tuesday, and several casualties were seen lying next to a damaged vehicle, witnesses and authorities said. The U.S. military also said its November death toll of at least 135 equaled the highest for any month of the war.

In the northern town of Beiji, a car bomb exploded near a U.S. patrol Tuesday, killing four Iraqi civilians and injuring 19 people, two of them American soldiers, the military said. Another soldier from the 1st Infantry

Division was wounded when insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a tank south of Beiji.

The attacks came as the military announced that its November death toll reached at least 135. That is the same number as in April, when the insurgency flared in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

A U.S. Army soldier died from injuries suffered after a roadside bomb exploded late Monday next to his patrol north of Baghdad.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi was heading to

Jordan to meet with Iraqis living outside the country to encourage them to take part in the Jan. 30 election in a bid for support away from the insurgency. However, he ruled out a full-blown conference with insurgent enemies.

In the suicide attack, police Capt. Talib al-Alawani said a bomber drove his car into a U.S. convoy on the airport road, scene of near daily attacks against U.S. military and Western targets. The U.S. command confirmed that the attack occurred but had no further details.

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Ray and Caty Hupp, left, stand with Captain Patricia Steward around one of the Salvation Army's Angel Trees. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Angel Tree program, in which local residents may choose an angel from a Christmas tree and buy gifts for the child that angel represents. The Hupps are coordinators of this year's local Angel Tree program.

Angel Trees now in 25th year

Salvation Army provides toys, clothes for needy children

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Local residents may once again play Santa for needy children by buying gifts for a child represented by an angel on one of the Salvation Army's Angel Trees, now on display at local businesses.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the trees. The program began in Lynchburg, Va., in 1979 and provides gifts of new clothing and toys to thousands of children throughout the nation who otherwise might not have anything for Christmas, according to Captain Patricia Steward of the Pampa office.

Children who are recipients of Angel Tree gifts are from local families who have applied for Christmas assistance through the social services program of the Salvation Army.

"Applicants have been screened, and it has been verified that they are in true need," Steward said.

During the application process, the clothing sizes and special needs of the children are determined and written on the application. This information is then transferred to paper angels, along with the child's first name, age and sex.

The angels are hung on Christmas trees placed in local businesses. Shoppers who select an

"angel" may buy any or all of the items listed on the paper cutout.

Participants are asked to return their purchased gifts to the business where they got their paper angel, or to the Salvation Army main office at 701 S. Cuyler.

"We ask that gifts be unwrapped for security reasons," said Steward. The Angel Tree program began last Friday and will run through Dec. 24.

"It is desired that the gifts be returned by Dec. 15 in order to assure that all 'angels' will receive gifts," Steward said.

Angel Trees may be found at

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Biological weapon

Texas researchers to begin testing vaccine against ricin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas researchers will begin clinical trials of a candidate vaccine against the deadly toxin ricin, a biological agent that can only be tested in select labs.

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to conduct the safety trial in humans.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as little as 500 micrograms of ricin — about what fits on the head of a pin — is enough to kill an adult. Lethal doses depend on how the poison is delivered — by powder, mist, pellet or dissolved in water. The poison can be made from waste left over from processing castor beans.

Because castor beans are easy to obtain and the poison remains potent despite exposure to temperature extremes, government officials worry that it could become a tool of

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

COSPER, Drusilla Wilson — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.
JOLLY, Gaylon Sue Lard — 10 a.m., Mountain View Mortuary Chapel, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Drusilla Wilson Cosper, 92

Drusilla Wilson Cosper, 92, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. J.R. Manning, retired Baptist minister, officiating.



Cosper

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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; 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 husband Ed of Wheeler, and Jannette Cathey 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 great-grandchildren, Heath 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 great-great-grandchildren, Bryce, Jacob, Kade, Tyler, Haley and Austin.

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.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy early, then gradual clearing, with a high around 42. Wind chill values between 8 and 18. Northwest wind around 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 10 and 15. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 45. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. North northwest wind between 5

and 10 mph. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 23. Wind chill values between 11 and 21. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 46. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 51. Southwest wind between 10

and 15 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. North northwest wind around 5 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 35. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 30. Monday: Partly cloudy and windy, with a high near 50.

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Gaylon Sue Lard Jolly, 66

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Gaylon Sue Lard Jolly, 66, of Colorado Springs, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Mountain View Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Mountain View Mortuary of Colorado Springs.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Revs. Ernie Wilkinson and Suzie Wilkinson, both deacons at St. Matthews Episcopal Church of Pampa, officiating. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of

Pampa. Born Dec. 15, 1937, at Oklahoma City, Okla., to Merle and Jeff Lard, Mrs. Jolly was a former Pampa resident who moved to Colorado Springs in 1999.

She was a LPN, an artist and a member of the Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a son, Tony O'Rourke of Colorado Springs; a daughter, Scarlett O'Rourke of Colorado Springs; and a brother, Reggie Lard of Texas.

The body will not be available for viewing.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Holly Waters, 34, 1224 Christine, was arrested for a Potter County charge of theft by check.

Eric Guyer, 22, 610 N. Davis, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Steve Gardner, 18, 1217 E. Kingsmill, was arrested for minor in possession.

Monday, Nov. 29

A counterfeit bill was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 W. Charles.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. A warrant will be sought in connection with the case, according to the police report.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Jimmy Janow, 44, Borger, was arrested for public intoxication.

Jerry Don Thomas, 44, Stinnett, was arrested for public intoxication.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, Nov. 29

7:43 a.m. — A 1992 Mercury Cougar, driven by Timothy Robert Johnson, 22, 1901 Coffee, and a 2000 Chrysler Town and Country, driven by Jani N. Ashwinkamar, 46, 2735 Aspen, collided in the intersection of 19th and Duncan streets. No injuries were reported. Johnson was cited for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn and failure to control speed.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.07
Milo	3.09
Corn	3.72
Soybeans	4.70

The 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa were unavailable due to problems with company's satellite feed.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Nov. 29

Keri Lynn Moxen, 34,

Correction

"The Nutcracker" will be performed by Pampa Area Ballet at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 29

12:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Christine and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Starkweather and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No transport.

Fire

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

Monday, Nov. 29

5:15 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Opening statements set for first trial related to smuggling deaths

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors were set to hear opening statements Tuesday in the first trial related to the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants, whose May 2003 journey turned into the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

The panel of 10 women and four men — chosen on Monday — is expected to hear prosecutors allege that Victor Jesus Rodriguez, Claudia Carrizales de Villa and Fredy Giovanni Garcia-Tobar were part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport a group of more than 70 immigrants inside a tractor trailer.

Packed inside the nearly airless trailer, the immigrants began succumbing to stifling temperatures that authorities estimate reached 173 degrees during their trip from South Texas to Houston on the evening of May 13, 2003.

Early the next morning, the trailer was abandoned at a truck stop near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Authorities found 17 immigrants dead

inside the trailer. Two others later died.

The victims, including a 5-year-old Mexican boy, died from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation. The immigrants were from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic.

Rodriguez, 38, is accused of picking up several immigrants who had arranged with his parents to be smuggled and taken to a house belonging to his father.

Authorities say his parents, Victor Sanchez and Emma Rodriguez, ran one of the operation's smuggling cells.

Carrizales, 36, from Mexico, is accused of harboring immigrants and feeding them at a restaurant owned by the smuggling ringleader, Karla Patricia Chavez, who pleaded guilty in June.

Garcia-Tobar, a 25-year-old from Guatemala, is accused of working with Chavez to pick up immigrants across the border and help recruit truckers to haul them.

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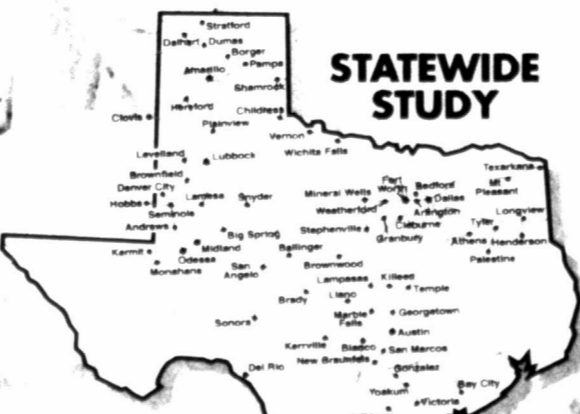
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Agenda

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Insurance bids will be opened at 10 a.m., and commissioners will consider IMS reinsurance proposals for the health insurance plan.

Chuck White of Pampa has requested approval to create a housing development on a proposed subdivision on 23.668 acres of an 81.76-acre tract of Section 93, Block 3, I&GN RR Co. Survey. The site is south of Gymnastics of Pampa, which is located on the section of Loop 171 between the city landfill and

Texas Highway 70.

Bids will be opened concerning the sale of a 1981 motor grader and purchase of a new motor grader for Precinct 1.

Also on the Dec. 1 agenda:

- Sheriff's department checking accounts at Bank of America. Names on the accounts will be updated to reflect recent personnel changes, said Peet.

- Adjust employee policy manual regarding holiday compensatory time.

- GASB 34 compliance policies.

- Intra budget transfer requests, pay bills and salaries, and internal audit report.

Trees

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Meredith House, United Supermarket, Wal-Mart, Pampa Regional Medical Center, The Pampa News, National Oilwell, Bank of America, Titan Specialties, NBC Bank, Culberson-Stowers, and Bank of the Southwest. Other trees may be placed, also, Steward said.

Between 500 and 600 angels are hung on this year's trees, "and more applications are coming in today," Steward said.

Ray and Cathy Hupp are Angel Tree Program coordinators for

this Christmas. Ray Hupp is also the advisory board chairman for the Pampa Salvation Army office.

Another Christmas activity by the Salvation Army, the bell ringers, also began last Friday. The bell ringers, located at United Supermarket and Wal-Mart, stand beside kettles which hold donations by passers-by. All funds raised by the bell ringers go to help local needy persons for Christmas, Steward said.

For more information about the Angel Tree or bell ringer programs or other volunteer opportunities, visit the Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler or call 665-7233.

Crash

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Withington, a 4th Infantry spokesman. Army investigators were sent to the scene to determine the crash's cause.

While the information was incomplete, the Army did release some background on the victims.

Allen was born in Alaska but listed Oklahoma as his home of record. He graduated from Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., before joining the Army in 1977.

In his 27-year military career, Allen was stationed at several U.S. and overseas posts and also

worked at the Pentagon. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

Moore was a native of Peabody, Mass., and a soldier for 24 years.

Clapp, a senior automotive maintenance officer who joined the Army in 1974, was born in Lebanon, Pa., and listed Greensboro, N.C., as his home of record.

Gardner was born in Germany and listed Iowa as his home of record, while Evans was a Michigan native whose home of record was in Florida. Brown, a helicopter mechanic, was born in Kansas and listed his official home as Stonewall, La.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Little late, isn't it?

This truck was spotted recently in the 800 block of East Francis, where it was parked in front of the Sexton's Grocery building. The lettering on the truck identifies it as a milk delivery rig, although Sexton's closed a number of years ago. Could it be coincidence, or an extremely overdue delivery attempt?

Ricin

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terrorists. Unless treated quickly, there is no antidote. Symptoms arrive late and can be confused with other illnesses.

In October 2003, someone left a threatening letter containing ricin at a South Carolina postal facility. A second letter, addressed to the White

House, was discovered by the Secret Service at a Washington offsite mail processing facility the next month.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the October 2003 mailings of letters containing ricin. No arrests have been made and no suspects identified.

British authorities, meanwhile, are scheduled to begin trials for five men charged with conspiring to pro-

duce a chemical weapon. During that investigation, British police said they found traces of ricin.

The Texas researchers will test the safety of a genetically engineered protein vaccine, RiVax, developed by a team led by UT Southwestern's Dr. Ellen Vitetta.

People enrolled in the clinical trial will receive the vaccine. Then, their blood will be tested for their body's ability to generate protective antibodies.

Iraq

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Several casualties were seen lying next to a damaged vehicle, according to an eyewitness who arrived on the scene before troops sealed off

the stretch of road where the blast occurred. A military ambulance drove up minutes later to evacuate the casualties.

The highway, which multinational troops use daily to commute between the huge military base at the airport and Baghdad's center, is con-

sidered one of the most dangerous roads in Iraq. The British Embassy announced Monday that its staff would no longer be permitted to travel on the road.

In Beiji, a U.S. military statement said the two attacks occurred about 9:10 a.m.

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Viewpoints

Winter weather can be driving nightmare

Winter. Bah. Humbug. I am already tired of winter, and it isn't even December yet. I do not understand those people who say they want it to snow. They claim disappointment if we get "only" three or four inches of the stuff. Maybe they don't have to get out in it. Others, like me, have to be out and about unless conditions are so bad that everything is at a literal standstill. I've had to learn how to drive in fresh snow, packed snow, ice and black ice, and fog. I manage to remember these skills from year to year, but apparently some drivers don't retain that

information. I've watched vehicles hurtling down Hobart or Duncan at regular speed while I'm trundling along at a cautious, walking pace in my car. Then, when they have to try to stop for a red light, oh, my goodness. What panic. Their vehicle looks like it is auditioning for some crazy four-wheeled ballet as it circles, sashays, dips and sways. It reminds me of the Dallas-Fort Worth people who get one or two episodes of ice each winter, and forget how to drive on it every time. I have also learned that sometimes bad things happen, even if you're doing all

you can to prevent them. The first vehicle my husband and I bought brand-new was a victim to winter weather. And of course, I was driving. I had just graduated from West Texas State University and had gone to work for the Amarillo Globe-News as a staff writer. We lived in White Deer, so I had to commute to work every day. I had to be there at 7 a.m., so I got an early start to the day on work days. One winter morning, black ice covered pavements

in much of the area, including Amarillo, White Deer and points in between. I left early to head to work, and managed to have no trouble all the way to FM 1912, the highway everyone used to cut across from Highway 60 to Interstate 40 on the outskirts of Amarillo. I made it across FM 1912 to I-40, and that's when my luck ran out. I crept up the on-ramp in the darkness and headed for the first overpass. A tractor-trailer rig was jackknifed on each side of

the westbound lanes on the overpass, leaving no room for error for the rest of us. As I climbed the overpass to its top, my tires finally lost traction. The back end of my car swung to the right in a counterclockwise arc. My right rear fender struck the front set of tires on the trailer of the rig to my right. This impact caused the car to accelerate in its counterclockwise spin. My entire driver's side hit the driver's side of the trailer, with me pointing back the way I had come. If you've ever been in an accident or other frightening experience, you've probably noticed that time seems to

slow way down during the event. I don't know why it seems that way. All I know is that I managed to say the entire Lord's Prayer and another one of my own invention before the car stopped moving. I had my safety belt and shoulder harness on, and wasn't hurt, although my nice shiny new car was totaled. The right rear fender was caved in, the entire left side of the car was crumpled, there were even a couple of holes punched in the metal of the driver's side where protrusions on the trailer had hit it, the driver's door window was broken out, the



Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

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Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 30, the 335th day of 2004. There are 31 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 30, 1782, the United States and Britain signed preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana to France, which had sold it to the United States.

In 1804, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase went on trial, accused of political bias. (He was acquitted by the Senate.)

In 1900, Irish writer Oscar Wilde died in Paris at age 46.

In 1936, London's famed Crystal Palace, constructed for the International Exhibition of 1851, was destroyed in a fire.

In 1939, the Russo-Finnish War began as Soviet troops invaded Finland.

In 1954, Elizabeth Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala., was slightly injured when an 8 1/2-pound meteorite crashed through the roof of her house.

In 1962, U Thant of Burma was elected Secretary-General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjöld.

In 1966, the former British colony of Barbados became independent.

In 1981, the United States and the Soviet Union opened negotiations in Geneva aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe.

'A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.'

— Oscar Wilde
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In 1993, President Clinton signed into law the Brady bill, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

Ten years ago: Two passengers died and nearly 1,000 others and crew members fled the cruise ship Achille Lauro after it caught fire off the coast of Somalia; the ship sank two days later. (The Achille Lauro had gained notoriety in 1985 when it was hijacked by Palestinian extremists.) Rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and wounded in a New York recording studio in an apparent robbery. (Shakur was killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas in 1996.)

Five years ago: The opening of a 135-nation trade gathering in Seattle was disrupted by at least 40,000 demonstrators, some of whom clashed with police.

One year ago: U.S. soldiers in Iraq fought back coordinated attacks throughout the northern city of Samarra. Two South Korean contractors were killed in a roadside ambush. Nathaniel Jones, a black man, died during a fight with Cincinnati police in a case that heightened racial tensions. Walt Disney Company vice chairman Roy E. Disney stepped down from the board of directors.



NFL player models perseverance

THE MEADOWLANDS, N.J. — Over left guard for six yards. Past the right end for eight yards. Over left guard for no gain. Over left guard for eight yards. Those were the first-quarter achievements of New York Jets running back Curtis Martin on Nov. 14, in the 100th-straight game he has started. Big deal, you might yawn. But those short runs add up: Martin is No. 6 on the list of the National Football League's all-time leading rushers, with almost 13,000 yards. His streak began in 1998, and the second-quarter performance I saw was typi-

cal: Over right guard for one yard. Up the middle for two yards. Over right tackle for one yard. Over left guard for one yard. Over right guard for four yards. Over right tackle for eight yards. Over left guard for seven yards. Over left guard for nine yards. Boring, you might say. But by the end of this year, his 10th season, he is likely to be in fourth or fifth place all-time, because of runs that

rarely make double digits. He continued his meat-and-potatoes work in the third-quarter: three yards over left guard, two yards over left tackle, two yards over left tackle, three yards over left guard, two yards around left end. Wearisome — or a model of perseverance? Martin is not the fairytale hero who kills a dragon. He's not the movie hero who saves the world from annihilation by

asteroid. He's a tough player who gave the Jets a touch-down and a 7-0 lead by banging off a lineman, ricocheting off a linebacker and bouncing into the end zone. Total yards credited to his account: one. Martin's childhood did not teach him perseverance. As he told Linda Watkins for her book, "God Just Showed Up," "When I was growing up, I didn't expect to live past the age of 21. Any day, any second, I thought I'd be dead because violence was part of my life. ... When I

Marvin Olasky
Columnist



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U.N. hurt by food-for-oil debacle

In a recent letter to the staff of the United Nations, Secretary-General Kofi Annan discusses the results of an internal survey: Many U.N. employees admire their dedicated supervisors in the field, but suspect the integrity of the top officials. The staff believes that honesty and competence are insufficient factors in the assignment and promotion of senior officials. In ordinary circumstances, the survey's findings would constitute a searing indictment of the world body and its administration. Considering the revelations of grotesque fraud in the U.N.-administered oil-for-food program in Iraq, the

survey results seem mild and understated. Initial inquiries by the interim Iraqi government, an independent U.N. panel, and U.S. House and Senate committees have discovered that Saddam Hussein illegally diverted \$10 billion, meant for food and medical supplies, to his own pockets and purposes. Before he was deposed, the Iraqi dictator might have gained another \$11 billion from oil smuggling outside the U.N. program. In effect, Saddam was

able to do the very thing the U.N. economic sanctions and oil-for-food program were meant to prevent: He used his country's oil wealth to benefit himself and his cronies and to buy arms to repress his people. Saddam was able to accomplish this because of a confluence of forces. Lax supervision and favoritism at U.N. headquarters laid the groundwork for the fraud and have brought disgrace upon the agency at a time when its services are much-needed. Annan's son was a consultant to a Swiss

company that got the contract for ensuring that supplies — and only allowable supplies — reached Iraq. The company failed so badly, letting in luxury items and other illegal goods bound for Saddam's cronies and unscrupulous middle men, that its basic commitment to the job lies suspect. However, while the United Nations did little to combat the inevitable corruption and insider dealing, U.N. member nations also deserve blame. France wanted one of its banks to take in and pay out the money from the oil-for-food transactions. Russia wanted to buy Iraqi

Texas Thoughts

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Report: Violent crime in schools cut in half over 10 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent crime against students in schools fell by 50 percent between 1992 and 2002, with young people more often targeted for violence away from school. There were about 24 crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery and physical assault for every 1,000 students in 2002, down from 48 per 1,000 a decade earlier, according to a report Monday from the Education and Justice departments.

The reduction mirrored the trend found outside classrooms — overall crime is at a 30-year low across the nation. The report found instances of school violence involving students have dropped steadily since a string of fatal shootings in the 1990s, notably the 1999 killings of 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado by two heavily armed students. "There has been a drop, and we attribute a lot of that to the fact that schools are focusing on the issue more," said William Lassiter, school safety specialist at the Center for the Prevention of School

Violence in Raleigh, N.C. Schools have taken a number of steps, from installing metal detectors and hiring more security personnel to implementing programs aimed at curbing bullying, which can lead to more serious crimes. A recent analysis of more than 200 studies show that school-based violence prevention programs reduce school violence by up to 50 percent, said Dewey Cornell, director of the Virginia Youth Violence Project at the University of Virginia.

"Prevention programs have been quietly successful but tend to get overlooked. If you have one fight at school, it gets a lot of attention," Cornell said. Others say the scope of the problem is underreported by the federal study, which relies on limited surveys and self-reporting instead of tracking actual reported crimes. In addition, the data used is already outdated, said Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services, a consulting firm.

U.N.

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oil at favorable prices, and the United States wanted to keep in place the economic sanctions that prevented Saddam from replenishing his arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. As Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the U.N. Development Program, told a Houston audience this spring, these and other nations acquiesced to Saddam's demand that he be cut in on the deal, and forced the United Nations to go along. As a result, corruption that might have been measured in tens of millions

grew to involve billions of dollars that would not go to relieve Iraqis' suffering. Actually, it wasn't dollars at all, but euros. Saddam insisted that the oil deals be paid in euros, which are harder to trace. The various schemes, nicknamed UNSCAM, were fairly simple in concept. Nations and companies bought the oil below market rates and sold it for a profit. Some of them paid

Saddam under the table for the privilege. Sellers and importers of luxury goods bought with oil money apparently paid off inspectors employed to thwart them. However, the chances of getting to the bottom of UNSCAM are low. The U.N. probe, headed by former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volker, doesn't wish to cooperate with the Senate investigation. Russia, apparently, doesn't wish to cooperate with anyone.

When he was the chief U.S. administrator in Iraq, Paul Bremer discouraged the interim Iraqi government from pursuing the culprits and missing money, calling into question his commitment to Iraqi self-government and justice. Apparently the administration needs a United Nations that is not completely besmirched to help stabilize and democratize Iraq. As Secretary-General Annan's Web site admits, the United Nations has long had a reputation for inefficiency (read: needless opulence). The scandalous revelations of the oil-for-food program have reinflated that reputation, and the United Nations will not soon live it down.

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Model

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turned nine, my grandmother's murder reminded me I lived in a violent world. ... A knife was stuck in her chest. ... I was almost killed many times." The discipline of sports helped to change him: "Football has taught me a lot. I've learned to work hard, be diligent and have strong faith." (Jets coach Herman Edwards simply says, "Curtis Martin understands how to work.") That makes sense. These days, because of the interests of my youngest son, we watch the NFL Channel more than any other, and

story after story has the same emphasis: It's vital to work hard and have the will to succeed. But underlying that discipline, more often than cynical journalists often let on, is God's grace, which Martin took to heart in 1993. He says, "The more I followed God, the more he helped me develop godly thoughts. That changed my attitude and then my behavior. God took away my confusion and fears." Martin is better-known

and better-paid than the salesman who believes in following God's will by going out day after day to find out what his customers need, or the mom who doesn't miss a carpool assignment — but the goal is the same: Perseverance, an unnatural trait in a society that emphasizes immediate gratification. Faith in God doesn't spare believers from disappointment. With the Jets trailing Baltimore 17-14 in the fourth quarter but nearing the end zone, it

looked like the pounding runner could lead his team to victory. When he gained only four yards in his next two carries, though, New York had to settle for a field goal that sent the game into overtime. In that extra period, the pounding runner gained only three yards and Baltimore won the game. But he's still able to profess, "God is the One who protects me on the field just like he did when I was in the streets." That's also perseverance. *** Marvin Olasky, Ph.D., is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and editor of "World," a weekly news magazine from a biblical perspective.

"The more I followed God, the more he helped me develop godly thoughts."

—Curtis Martin
New York Jets

Winter

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dashboard was pushed up into an inverted V, the front corner support post along the edge of the windshield was bent, and so on. I was heartbroken over the destruction of my beautiful car, but I was grateful that I had not been hurt. I walked away from a wreck that destroyed a car that was

made when cars were still made of metal. I don't think my driving, the trucks' presence, or any mechanical condition of my car caused the wreck. I blame it all on winter weather. Ever since then, I haven't been particularly fond of winter. *** Write to Staff Writer Marilyn Powers at reporter1@thepampanews.com.

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Ukraine court, parliament debate election standoff

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's Supreme Court resumed its probe Tuesday into bitterly disputed results from the presidential runoff election, while parliament met to debate the threat to this ex-Soviet republic's unity.

The simultaneous sessions of Ukraine's highest judicial and legislative branches came amid rising support for an opposition-demanded revote as the best way to avoid splitting Ukraine into a pro-Russian east and pro-Europe west.

Ukraine's government has been paralyzed since the Nov. 21 presidential runoff sent hundreds of thousands into the streets of the capital for round-the-clock protests to support opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, who claims massive fraud robbed him of victory.

Ukraine's eastern Russian-speaking regions, which support the declared winner, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, retaliat-

ed with threats of autonomy, sparking fears that this eastern European nation of 48 million might break apart.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma said Monday he would support a repeat vote.

Yanukovich said that if he becomes president, he will offer the post of prime minister to Yushchenko, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Tuesday.

"After political reform is carried out, the prime minister's post should become the main place of duty in the government," Yanukovich was quoted as saying, referring to planned reforms that will strengthen the hand of parliament in Ukraine, lessening the power of the presidency.

In parliament, speaker Volodymyr Lytvyn criticized "many state, regional and local officials in the east and south of the country for inciting separatism ... and unconstitutional and illegal aspirations for independence and autonomy."

Lytvyn said that "calls for new autonomous regions in Ukraine are illegal and punishable under the criminal code."

The opposition has asked the Supreme Court to annul the election results, which found Yanukovich the winner with a margin of 871,402 votes.

Under Ukrainian legislation, the court cannot rule on the overall results but can declare results invalid in individual precincts.

The appeal focuses on results from eight eastern and southern regions.

Yushchenko's lawyers cited turnout of above 100 percent in hundreds of precincts in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions, problems with voting lists and multiple voting with absentee ballots.

"Serious falsifications were used against Viktor Yushchenko and against millions of Ukrainian voters," said Yushchenko's lawyer, Svetlana Kustova.

The opposition also asked the court to name Yushchenko the winner based on his winning a narrow plurality of the votes in the first round on Oct. 31.

It has pledged to seek a parliamentary vote of no-confidence in Yanukovich's government.

Kuchma's support for a rerun of the election indicated the government was feeling the mounting pressure from both the throngs of opposition protesters in Kiev's Independence Square and the fearful and increasingly rebellious east.

The West has refused to recognize the election results, while Russia congratulated Yanukovich and complained of Western meddling.

In Russia, parliamentary speaker Boris Gрызlov warned on Tuesday that the election crisis in the Ukraine could end in national schism or bloodshed.

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Nutcracker



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 under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. Above: Kyle Anaya, Marissa Fuentes, Jace Jenkins, Dustin Whinery, Tyler Montgomery, Collin Sutherland, Cheyenne Williams; (middle) Cheyenne Anaya, Bailey Joyce, Mary Grace Little, Brendon Woelfle, Duy Nguyen, Dacie McGill, Vanessa Ontiveros, Michaela Blaylock; (front) Adeline Little, Kami Ware, Ashleigh Pulatie and Elise Kennedy.

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Nature's fury

Second storm hits Philippines, resulting in hundreds of deaths

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The death toll from landslides and flash floods in the eastern Philippines jumped to nearly 340 with 150 others missing Tuesday, after a second rainstorm hit a region still reeling from last week's deadly typhoon.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman, who returned to Manila late Tuesday afternoon from an aerial survey of the area, said 306 people were killed and 150 missing in Quezon province overnight, about 40 miles east of Manila.

The Office of Civil Defense reported 19 were killed in Aurora province, eight in Rizal province, and one each in the Manila suburb of Marikina and Camarines Norte province. Other officials reported three died in Bulacan province north of Manila.

Soliman told ABS-CBN television that bad weather and roads blocked by landslides and submerged in flood waters prevented authorities from delivering relief supplies and rescuing people on rooftops.

Helicopters had to drop food packs to those on rooftops because there was no place to land, she said.

She most of the dead were in three Quezon towns: Real, Infanta and General Nakar. At least 150 were reported missing in Real, she said.

Officials were arranging for a coast guard boat to reach the three Quezon towns facing the Pacific Ocean, from where a new typhoon was approaching.

Reuben Sindac, police intelligence chief in Quezon, quoted a colleague as saying he saw 10-20 bodies floating in the floodwaters.

He said police communications equipment and vehicles in Infanta were damaged and the whole town was underwater.

Air force spokesman Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla said that stricken towns in Quezon were inaccessible after swollen rivers washed away bridges and uprooted trees.

A coast guard helicopter flew 12 people who were injured in the Quezon landslides to Manila for treatment, most with fractures and some in critical condition, Amparo said.

A private helicopter used to survey damage crash-landed in flood waters in northern Nueva Ecija province, but the pilot and a radio reporter with him were rescued by a military helicopter.

TV footage showed residents stranded on patches of dry land, waving at rescue helicopters. Brown-colored floodwater submerged bridges, and large areas of hillsides were swept away, sending tons of dirt and debris onto roads and toppling coconut trees.

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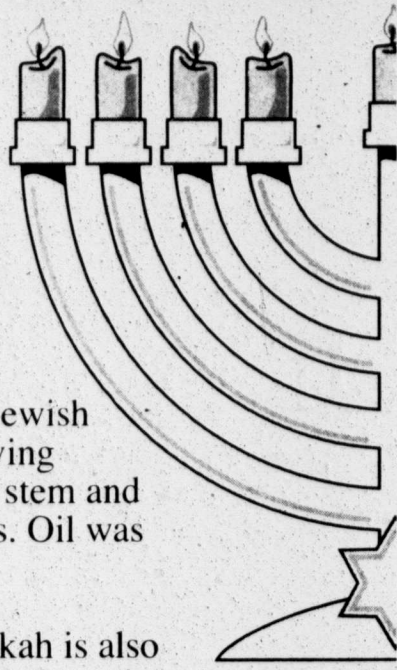
A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Hanukkah

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HAPPY HANUKKAH!



Draw and color the other half of this Menorah.

The Menorah

The menorah is one of the most ancient _____ of the Jewish people. The first menorah was described in the Bible as having six branches, _____ on each side of a central stem. The stem and the branches were carved with _____, including flowers. Oil was put in the carved flowers and burned for light.

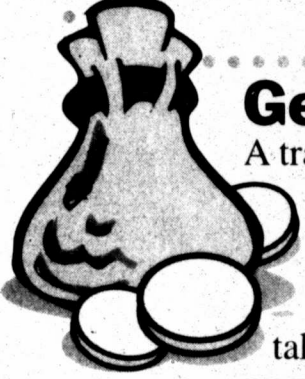
The special lamp lit during Hanukkah is also called a menorah. It is different from the six-branched menorah that stood in the ancient Temple of _____ because it has eight branches and a stem.

Today, many people burn candles instead of oil in the menorah. The _____ candle is called the **shammash**, or "helper" candle. It is lit every night of Hanukkah and is used to light the other candles. By the last night of Hanukkah, the menorah is _____ with nine bright candles.

This year, the last night of Hanukkah is December 15. What night did Hanukkah begin?

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Find the missing center words to complete the above story.

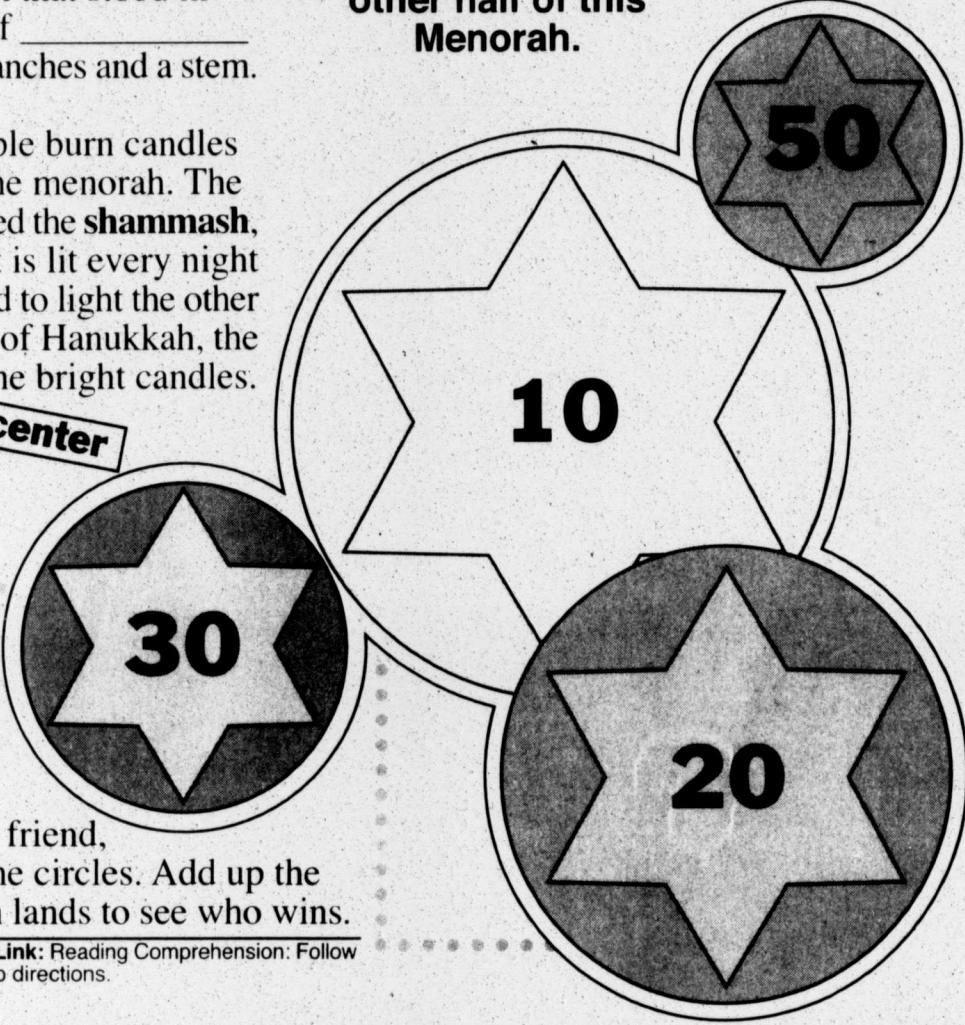


Gelt Game

A traditional Hanukkah gift for kids is a pouch of chocolate coins called gelt.

Lay this page on the floor. With a friend, take turns tossing three coins onto the circles. Add up the numbers in the circles where each coin lands to see who wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.



A Festival of Lights

Ding! Dong!

"Yay! Grandma and Grandpa are here!" yelled Jacob.

As soon as her grandparents were in the door, Sarah started to ask for a story.

"Grandma, will you tell us the story of the lights?"

"Yes!" said Jacob. "Tell us why we celebrate Hanukkah by lighting candles for eight nights."

"Well, children, a long, long time ago..."

"More than two thousand years ago," piped up Jacob.

Grandma smiled. "That's right. More than two thousand years ago, the Jewish people

were ruled by King Antiochus who wanted them to change their religion."

"After many years of fighting, the Jewish people won the freedom to worship their own way and returned to Jerusalem."

"But why do we light the candles?" asked Grandpa as his eyes twinkled at the children.

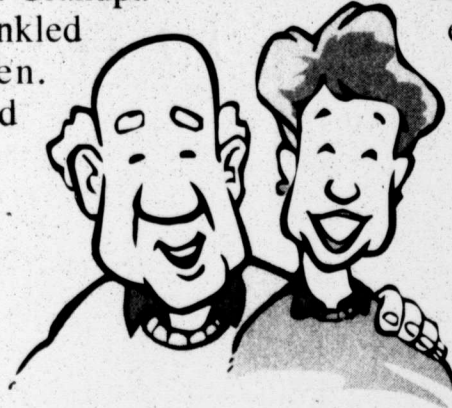
"I know!" said Sarah.

"After winning their freedom to worship in their own way, the Jews rededicated

their Temple to their own God. This was the first Hanukkah. The word means 'dedication.'"

"The priests wanted to celebrate for eight days," said Grandma. "But they only had enough oil for the Temple lamp to burn for one day. Then, a miracle happened. That little bit of oil burned for eight days."

"And now, we still celebrate Hanukkah, the miracle of the lights!" Jacob finished.



Standards Link: Social Studies: Students understand the traditions of varied cultures.

Find Eight

Look through the newspaper and find eight of each of the following:

- contractions
- common nouns
- verbs
- adjectives
- abbreviations

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify parts of speech, contractions and abbreviations in text.

Weekly Writing Corner

A Gift Money Can't Buy

What would be a wonderful gift you could give each member of your family—a gift that would not cost money?

I can do things for them, like giving them dinner. I would give them salad, steak, pasta, water and soda. I would give them breakfast in bed. I would let them relax a lot and wash the dishes for them. I'd do all the work for Dad. I'd help my brother on his computer. That is what I will do without buying.

Miranda, 3rd Grade

Money can't buy love. Money can't buy family time. Money can't buy friends. Money can't buy friendship. Money can't buy loyalty.

Dominic 5th Grade

The thing money can't buy is love. Love is an important thing that comes from your heart, not money. If it's your mom's, dad's, brother's, or sister's birthday, give them the gift of love.

Kazia, 4th Grade

If I gave a gift to my family it would be thanks for taking care of me. I would say thank you to each one of them.

Jesse, 5th Grade

I would give my sister space on the all too small bed, because she is always pushing me off. I could give Mom a big, tight, and squeezey hug. I could help Dad by making breakfast.

Kaitlyn, 3rd Grade

What I want to give to my dad is getting good grades. I'll just put them into an envelope and put it on top of his bed. Then he'll be proud of me. That's what I'll do.

Eric 6th Grade

If I could give my family one thing, I would give them more time to spend with each other.

Mac 6th Grade

I would make a cake for my mom. The cake would be chocolate flavor. I would make the cake because I love my mom.

Matthew 3rd Grade

Write On!

Write Words Wonderfully

Write an **alliteration**: a sentence where every word, or nearly every word, starts with the same letter. For example: **A**gitated **a**lligators **a**te the **a**pples **a**nxiously.

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Attention: Weekly Writing Corner

Please include your school and grade.

Hanukkah Soup

Unscramble the words to find out what is in the soup Jacob and Sarah's mother made for dinner.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level appropriate words correctly.



ANSWERS: Pepper, chicken, potato, salt, onion, carrot, broth.

Double Double Word Search

- HANUKKAH
- CANDLES
- ANCIENT
- LIGHTS
- JEWISH
- SOUP
- BRANCHES
- GELT
- EIGHT
- MENORAH
- BURNED
- SHAMMASH
- STEM
- LAMP
- KIDS

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Decorate your house with the wonderful words that you know. Find and cut out words you know from the newspaper. Glue these words onto strips of paper to make a construction paper garland. The more words you know, the longer your garland.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Read grade level appropriate words.



What did the little candle say to the big candle?

ANSWER: "I'm going out tonight."

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Mixed	Monday	6:30 pm	50-Heaven Seniors	Sept. 13	Sept. 13
	Monday	6:30 pm	Celanese Mixed	Jan. 3	Jan. 3
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Casino	Aug. 17	Aug. 24
	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Wednesday Nite Mixed	Aug. 25	Aug. 25
	Thursday	6:30 pm	Chamber Merchant	Aug. 19	Aug. 26
	Friday	7:00 pm	Harvester Combo	Sept. 3	Sept. 10
	Saturday	6:30 pm	National Oilwell Mixed	Aug. 21	Aug. 21
	Saturday	6:30 pm	Church League	Aug. 28	Aug. 28
ABC	Thursday	8:30 pm	Scratch Trio	Aug. 19	Aug. 19
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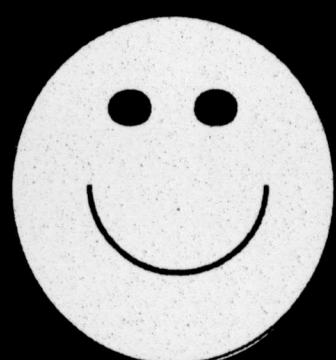
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in regard to the mother who discovered her 14-year-old daughter sleeping in the nude. I say bravo to that mother and father for creating a home where the girl felt safe enough to sleep that way.

When I was young, I had an older brother who harassed me. I slept with my ears alert and covers up to my nose. I have been through two divorces -- and I wouldn't have allowed myself to be caught sleeping in the nude by either of my husbands. They might come home or wake up in a rage, and I needed to be prepared for whatever might happen. I now have a husband with whom I'm completely relaxed -- so I no longer feel the need to wear anything in bed. I keep a robe at bedside for emergencies, but I now sleep comfortably without nightclothes that wrap around my legs or cut off the circulation in my arms. -- SLEEPING WELL IN TOPEKA

DEAR SLEEPING WELL: I have always considered wearing (or not wearing) clothing in bed to be a comfort issue. It hadn't occurred to me that it might reflect a measure of emotional security. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the "Worried Mom" made me laugh, remembering when I was in high school. A group of friends and I decided to "kidnap" four other friends and take them out for breakfast before school. We surprised them in their beds, intending to take them out in public in their pajamas.

All was well until the third house. Like the girl in the letter, our friend "Angie" slept in the nude. I have never seen anyone blush harder than she did that morning. -- CHRISTA IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR CHRISTA: I guess the "surprise" was on YOU.

DEAR ABBY: I suspect that "Worried Mom" reacted so strongly because she's terrified of her daughter's awakening sexuality, and Mom equates nudity with sex, and sex is "wrong."

Now Mom has two tasks ahead

of her. The first is to overcome her own hang-ups. The second is to have a frank discussion with her daughter about how to protect herself in sexual situations. Please, tell her to stop worrying. Sleeping nude IS more comfortable. -- DOES IT TOO, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR D.I.T.: What was it that Marilyn Monroe used to say? At bedtime her preferred attire was Chanel No. 5.

DEAR ABBY: There are few things in life more freeing than taking a hot shower and jumping nude into bed with fresh, crisp sheets. Please tell that mother not to make something nasty of it. She should try it herself. -- BIRTHDAY SUIT SLEEPER IN CASEVILLE

DEAR SLEEPER: One thing about a birthday suit, it's always in style. And if it loses its shape, it can be altered.

DEAR ABBY: That mother needs to worry about more important things in life than what her daughter wears to bed. If the worst thing that girl has ever done is sleep in the nude, the writer is one lucky mom.

Obviously, "Mom" hasn't started menopause yet. If she had, she, too, would be sleeping in the nude because of hot flashes. -- HOT FLASH MOM, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: As a nation that prides itself on freedom and liberty, we sure have become a nation of Puritans when it comes to the human body. In most of Europe, the sight of breasts on public television is matter-of-fact, and nude or partially nude bodies sunning on the beaches of the Mediterranean are commonplace.

I would like to challenge your readers to explain why the sight of a nude body is an object of fear and shame rather than of beauty and pride. -- ANTI-PRUDE IN SCOTTSDALE

DEAR ANTI-PRUDE: That's an intelligent question.

For Better Or Worse



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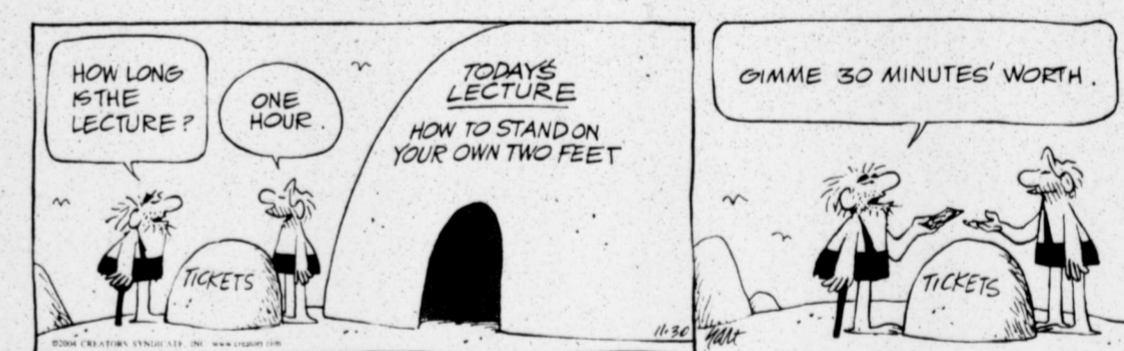
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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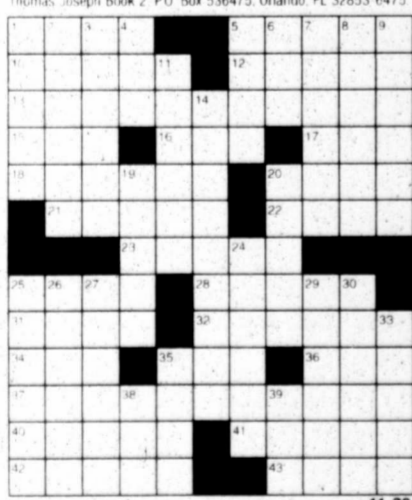
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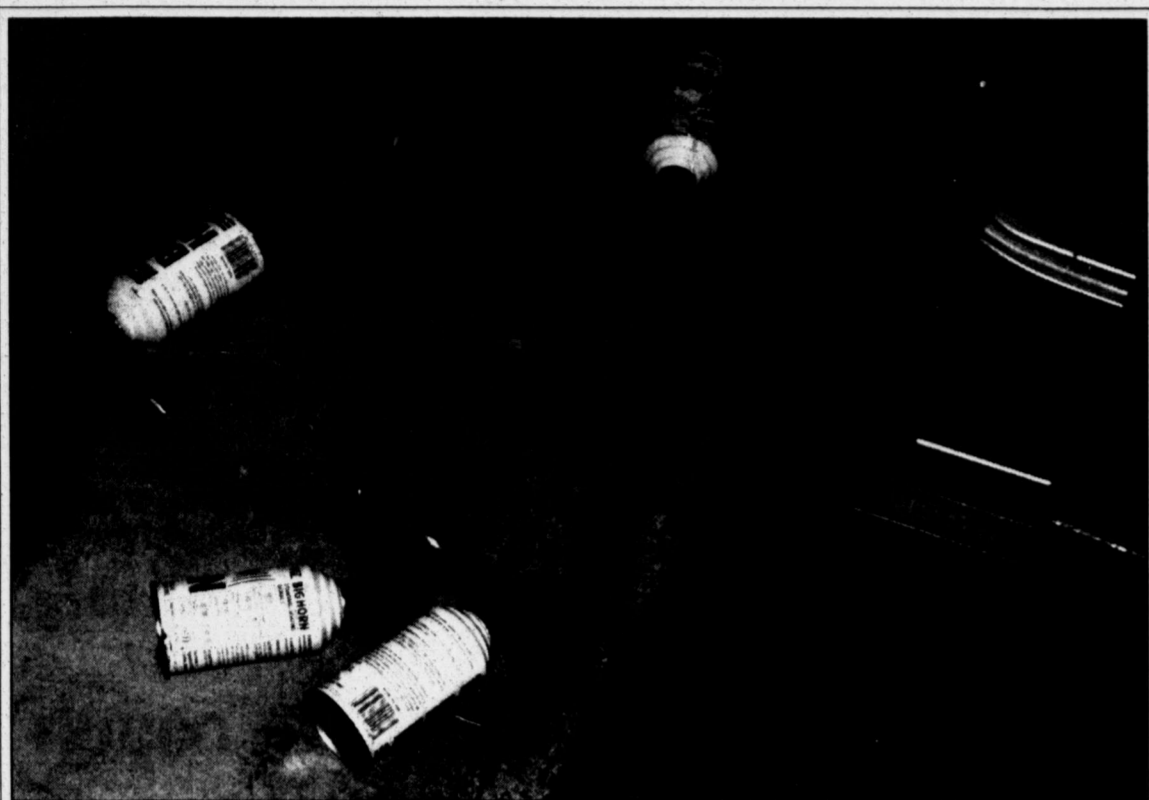
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Sports Day



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Air horns that spent much of the night blasting encouragement from the Pampa side line fall silent following last Friday night's game against Aledo in Bedford.

When the final whistle blows

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The players cleaned out lockers yesterday.

Coaches shared some final thoughts with a few of them.

Then the locker room fell silent.

The football season is over.

It's been a long season. For many of the seniors, the end of last Friday night's game against Aledo in Bedford marked the end of a long journey. One that began when they were in the seventh grade. Perhaps even before then for a few. You see, the concept of Harvester football starts early in Pampa. It's one of the unique aspects being part of a one high school system offers. This is how tradition is born. And it is this that causes a community such as Pampa to extend so openly and with such emotion, the support it does for the Harvester program.

For many of the seniors who stepped off the field for the last time Friday night in Bedford, the finality of all they have been through must be setting in. Some will go on to other sports. A few will join Coach Reed and the rest of the basketball team. Others will join Coach Cadenhead and the wrestling team. But there is just something special and unique to football. You just don't turn it off. It lingers. It steeps just long enough that you can still taste and smell it for weeks. It leaves a void.

And it isn't just the players who feel it. Coaches feel it too. Head Coach Heath Parker says, "It's not easy. You're around these kids for so long. Many of them since the seventh grade." Parker adds, "This group in particular has given so much. They worked so hard all year long."

Fans feel it. Drive by Harvester Field in

the next few weeks and try not to recall the close meeting with Randall. The night when Brody Smith rushed for more than 250 yards against Caprock. The first round playoff win against Andrews. Yes, even the shutout suffered at the hands of Palo Duro. The guys and the cool T-shirt cannon. Trent Loder roaming the sidelines shouting encouragement. The cheerleaders. The Riot. The band.

It was a great season.

And the deeper into the season you go, the harder it is to accept the end. To get within reach of the Holy Grail and not touch it is tough. Some would argue it might be better to not make the post season at all. These kids would argue otherwise. Jim Kelly was the quarterback of a Buffalo Bills team that went to 4 straight Super Bowls from 1991 to 1994 and lost each one. Yet he is in the Hall of Fame and still one of the most respected quarterbacks of all time. Not winning the 'big one' didn't make him any less of a man. Nor did it water down his career at all. Four Super Bowls in a row? That's an amazing feat.

The Pampa Harvesters have now made it to the Regional Championship game three years in a row. Yes they lost. But they made it. And in doing so set the benchmark future teams must try to maintain.

This Harvester team left next year's team something to shoot for. You never want to be the one who failed your predecessor. And yet, there is great reward in being the one who was able to conquer the challenge that plagued them.

To persevere is to never accept defeat. To never wallow in victory or excuse a loss.

It is endeavoring to accomplish a task. Take heart Pampa Harvesters. You have in fact Protected the Tradition.

Harvesters at full strength.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester varsity basketball team will take to the friendly hardwood of The Pit tonight when they host the Perryton Rangers. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Head Coach Jeff Reed and his team are coming off a solid performance this past Friday and Saturday in the Amarillo Invitational tournament where they brought home a third place finish.

What's more, the team will be complete as Clayton Hall, Brittin East, Eric Kingcade and Sharod Young make the transition from football to basketball. And though thankful to be at full strength, Reed says it may take a while for the football players to find their

basketball legs. "It will take a few games for them to get into basketball mode," said Reed. "They don't think it will. They believe they can get into the mindset of the game immediately. I will be happy if we can get up to speed by the time we play in the Clovis Tournament next month."

Reed's hope to this point was to build a sense of confidence in his team. To get them to realize their potential now and not rely on the football players to make them better. So far so good.

Pampa has already scored wins over a tough Canyon team as well as Borger and Caprock. Brandon Johnston put up 22 points against the Longhorns Saturday.

Still, Reed says, "It is good to be at full strength now."

HARVESTERS IN ACTION

Yesterday's events canceled; tonight's games as scheduled

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The wrestling matches scheduled for last night against Caprock were canceled due to weather. The next scheduled event for Pampa wrestlers is the Raider Duals at Randall High School Dec. 3 and 4.

The freshmen boys and girls basketball games were canceled as well.

The Harvester basketball teams will be in action tonight as Pampa hosts Perryton. The Lady Harvesters will tip-off against the Perryton at 6 p.m. at McNeely Field House. They will be followed by the varsity boys at 7:30.

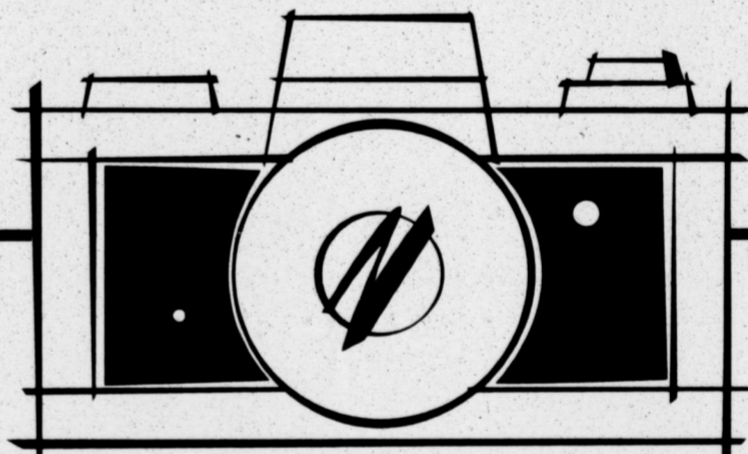
The junior varsity teams will play tonight as well. Those times are 6 p.m. for the boys and 7:30 p.m. for the girls.

Fall mixed volleyball standings

City of Pampa Fall Mixed Volleyball standings as of Nov. 29, 2004:

Team	Wins	Losses
Culberson-Stowers	4	0
A.S.S.I.	4	1
PRMC	3	1

B & H	3	1
Sheila Webb Ins.	2	1
Rigdon State Farm	1	3
N.B.C.	1	3
Domino's	0	4
Albus Construction	0	4



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Brown's Butch Davis resigns

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned under pressure Tuesday, leaving a last-place team with five games left in a sinking season filled with close losses and costly injuries.

The Browns dropped their fifth straight game on Sunday, 58-48 at Cincinnati. The team went 24-36 and made the playoffs just once in Davis' four seasons as head coach.

Davis left with three years remaining on a contract worth about \$12 million. It wasn't immediately clear if he agreed to a buyout.

Browns president John Collins was to speak at an afternoon news conference, team spokeswoman Lisa Levine said.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie or defensive coordinator Dave Campo

was expected to take over as interim coach for the Browns, who host the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots on Sunday.

Pressure had been mounting on Davis for weeks as the Browns' season crumbled with a score of injuries to key players and a handful of agonizing losses. Things got so difficult for Davis and his family last week that he sent his wife and son to Florida to avoid all the attention.

The Browns, who are 3-8 this year and just 8-19 since the end of the 2002 season, have 13 players on injured reserve, including six starters. They continually came up short in tight games during Davis' tenure, and this season was no different.

In a statement, Davis said "intense pressure and scrutiny" made the move necessary.

"I accept responsibility for the mistakes that we have made," Davis said, "but it was my and my staff's intention to do everything we could to lay the foundation and build a team that could win a Super Bowl. I hope that some of my decisions we have made will be a part of a brighter future for the Browns organization."

'My future is clear for the moment. I have no immediate plans to stay in coaching.'

— Butch Davis
Head Coach, Cleveland Browns

"My future is clear for the moment. I have no immediate plans to stay in coaching."

Amid speculation last week that Davis was about to be fired, Collins said the coach would remain in place for the rest of the season — unless he resigned.

Davis, who helped restore the University of Miami's program before joining the Browns in 2001, could be a candidate for the job opening at Florida.

In January, Browns owner Randy Lerner gave the 53-year-old Davis a two-year contract extension through 2007 and the added title of executive vice president, despite the club's 5-11 record in 2003.

Lerner felt pressured to keep Davis, thinking the coach was being courted by several college programs.

Davis took the Browns to the playoffs in 2002, their only postseason appearance since returning to the NFL in 1999. But the team endured more than its share of hard-luck losses; sustained an array of costly injuries; underwent a roster-cleaning salary-cap purge in 2003 and a yearlong quarterback controversy last season; and mourned the death of owner Al Lerner.

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Kansas quickly takes care of Tri stars

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Kansas got a big lead in a hurry and made sure Nevada couldn't repeat last year's upset.

Wayne Simien had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his third double-double in as many games, and the second-ranked Jayhawks opened with a 19-4 run Monday night on the way to an 85-52 victory.

Kansas (3-0) led 43-16 at halftime and was up by as many as 39 points.

"I thought our defense was pretty good," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "I thought the whole team played sluggish in the second half, which is to be expected. We still have to learn to put our foot on the throat."

Nevada beat then-No. 6 Kansas 75-61 last year, an early highlight in a season in which the Wolf Pack went on to win the Western Athletic Conference, reach the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament and finish 25-9.

"Coach brought the old clips when they smacked us pretty good and the fans stormed the court," Simien said. "He did it to motivate us. I think it did that."

In other games involving ranked teams on Monday, it was: No. 6 Oklahoma State 76, Southern Methodist 57; No. 16 North Carolina State 60, Purdue 53; and No. 18 Texas 86, Coppin State 50.

Nick Fazekas, the Wolf Pack's leading scorer with a 23.3 average, was harried by Christian Moody into 1-for-9 shooting in the first half and finished with 17 points.

"We are just young," first-year Nevada coach Mark Fox said. "We just couldn't execute our offense against their pressure defense."

Fox was promoted to replace Trent Johnson, who took over the Stanford program.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 76, SMU 57
John Lucas scored 24 points to lead the Cowboys (4-0) as coach Eddie Sutton won for the 759th time, tying him for eighth place on the Division I career list with Ed Diddle. Lucas scored 11 points as visiting Oklahoma State took control in the first half with a 17-4 run.

Patrick Simpson had 20 points for the Mustangs (2-1).

No. 16 N.C. State 60, Purdue 53
Julius Hodge had 22 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead the Wolfpack (5-0) to the home win on the opening night of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Carl Landry had 18 points for the Boilermakers (1-3), who in coach Gene Keady's farewell season are off to their worst start since 1962-63.

No. 18 Texas 86, Coppin St. 50
Freshman Daniel Gibson scored 17 points for the Longhorns (4-1), who had 16 3-pointers, two short of the school record.

Texas had nine 3s in taking a 42-29 half-time lead. Darryl Proctor had 11 points for the visiting Eagles (0-3).



The Pampa Optimist Club recently held a Tri Star Basketball Competition during which Shelby Carr (left) of Miami took first place in the 8-9 year old girls division. Kendall Wheeler of Miami, took first place in the 10-11 year old girls division.

Nelson will sit; Johnson to coach

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson is demoting himself for a game to allow top assistant Avery Johnson to run the team.

Nelson will still be on the bench Tuesday night against San Antonio, but will leave it to Johnson to make decisions.

"I'll give him my opinion and he'll have to make the call," Nelson said. "Just like when he gives me his opinion, I reject some of them, he can reject mine."

Nelson would like Johnson to be his eventual successor, and plans to let him

coach five or six games this season. Nelson is in his eighth season in Dallas, and is signed through next season.

Nelson chose San Antonio as the first test because Johnson is familiar with the Spurs and coach Gregg Popovich. While playing in San Antonio, Johnson hit the title-clinching jumper in the 1999 NBA Finals.

Johnson ended a 16-year playing career when he retired as a player during the pre-season. He returned to Dallas this summer, initially signing as a player-coach.

Southern Miss prepares for busy December

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Southern Mississippi is bracing for a rare December double.

The Golden Eagles close their schedule against No. 4 California on Saturday. Ten days later, they kick off the postseason against North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl.

"The bowl game right now is the last thing we're worried about," quarterback Dustin Almond said Monday night. "We're just focused on Cal, and we'll get to the bowl game after Cal."

Hurricane Ivan forced Southern Miss to extend its already back-loaded regular season by an extra week. The home game with Cal (9-1), originally scheduled for Sept. 16, was pushed back when the storm pounded the Gulf Coast.

That cuts into valuable preparation time for the bowl for the Golden Eagles (6-4), whose final bye week was Oct. 30. They are closing the season with games on five straight Saturdays.

Most schools have nearly a month after

the regular-season finale to rest, heal, practice — and, of course, sell tickets — before their bowl games.

North Texas will have 16 extra days to prepare for the Golden Eagles. The Mean Green's season ended Nov. 18.

Southern Miss might not have enough time before the Dec. 16 bowl game to use all of its NCAA-allotted 15 pre-bowl practices. Two-a-days during the school year probably aren't an option, Almond said.

"I'm sure we'll just build off this Cal game," Almond said. "If (two-a-days are scheduled), just probably some walk-throughs (but) nothing full-gear."

Southern Miss accepted the bowl bid Sunday night after snapping a three-game losing streak and becoming bowl eligible the previous day with a 26-21 win over Alabama-Birmingham.

"I didn't even know there was going to be a deal (Sunday) night until I got the call," coach Jeff Bower said. "We'll be excited to go to New Orleans, but we've got to take care of this weekend first."

AP top 25 college football poll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Southern Cal (52)	11-0	1,610	1
2.	Oklahoma (7)	11-0	1,540	2
3.	Auburn (6)	11-0	1,530	3
4.	California	9-1	1,410	4
5.	Utah	11-0	1,342	5
6.	Texas	10-1	1,325	6
7.	Louisville	9-1	1,175	7
8.	Georgia	9-2	1,094	8
9.	Miami	8-2	1,037	9
10.	Virginia Tech	9-2	980	11
11.	Boise St.	11-0	952	10
12.	Iowa	9-2	911	12

13.	LSU	9-2	877	14
14.	Michigan	9-2	873	13
15.	Tennessee	9-2	802	15
16.	Florida St.	8-3	628	19
17.	Wisconsin	9-2	612	20
18.	Virginia	8-3	469	16
19.	Pittsburgh	7-3	304	—
20.	Florida	7-4	290	25
21.	Arizona St.	8-3	231	18
22.	Texas A&M	7-4	199	22
23.	Boston College	8-3	172	17
24.	Texas Tech	7-4	167	—
25.	Ohio St.	7-4	143	—

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 113, Toledo 63, Purdue 49, Colorado 43, Fresno St. 33, Memphis 32, Oklahoma St. 30, Navy 23, Miami (Ohio) 16, UTEP 12, Syracuse 11, Clemson 8, Alabama 7, New Mexico 5, Bowling Green 4, N. Illinois 3.

Body matching Ebersol's son found

MONTRORSE, Colo. (AP) — Investigators probing what caused a jet to crash during takeoff want to know whether it was de-iced before it went down, killing NBC sports executive Dick Ebersol's youngest son and two other people, a federal official said Tuesday. They have not ruled out other possible factors.

"We do want to look at de-icing

because of the weather conditions but we're not going to just focus on one possibility," Ellen Engleman Connors, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, told CBS' "The Early Show."

The plane carrying Ebersol and two of his sons crashed Sunday while taking off from the airport outside this small town 185 miles southwest of Denver. A snowstorm had moved through the area and there was light snow and fog at the time of takeoff.

Digging through the charred wreckage, investigators on Monday found what is believed to be the body of 14-year-old Edward Ebersol, youngest son of Ebersol, 57, and his wife, "Kate and Allie" star Susan Saint James.

The couple's oldest son, Charles, and the plane's co-pilot remain hospitalized and are expected to recover. Saint James and the middle Ebersol son, 18-year-old Willie, were not on the flight.

The pilot, 50-year-old Luis Alberto Polanco Espaillet of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 36, of Coral Gables, Fla., were also killed. The co-pilot was in critical condition at a burn unit in Denver.

Espaillet had a valid Dominican pilot's license, which he first obtained in 1977 and renewed as recently as 2000, said Francis Mesa, a spokesman for Dominican Civil Aeronautics. Mesa said Espaillet had worked as a private pilot for individuals and companies in the Dominican.

The plane's voice recorder was recovered Monday. The jet did not have a flight data recorder.

"I had two major concerns when I got here," said Arnold Scott, the NTSB's lead investigator. "The first was to recover the sixth occupant and the second was to recover the cockpit voice recorder. We accomplished those things and now we'll get into the intricate details of the investigation."

Connors said that among the factors to be studied are "structural failure, fuel imbalance, engine failure, was there a problem with air speed, human factors" and weather. Investigators will interview Ebersol

when doctors allow it, she said. Steve McLaughlin of MTJ Air Services, which de-ices private planes at the airport, said his company did not de-ice Ebersol's plane before it took off. Airport Manager Scott Brownlee said he did not know whether the plane had been de-iced.

Witnesses said it appeared the plane, a CL-601 Challenger, never got off the ground, and Scott said one of the survivors said it felt as if the plane was sliding off the runway during takeoff.

Doug Percival heard the crash and ran from the office of the towing company where he works. He said Charles pleaded for him to rescue his kid brother, and Dick Ebersol sat nearby on the snowy ground amid the billowing smoke, numbly rocking back and forth.

"You could tell he was in shock. Both of them had been ripped out of their shoes," Percival said.

Percival said he was going to crawl through a hole in the plane to look for survivors but turned around because of smoke.

He said leaking jet fuel soon exploded "like Roman candles." Gary Ellis was teaching Sunday school at a Baptist Church near the airport when he heard a loud "poof."

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SUIT NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

TAX-2556 Gray County, et al vs Jennifer Helsey Lot 11, Block 6, Wynnelea Addition, an addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas. Acct.# 11030820006011

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Don Copeland, Sheriff, Gray County, Texas B-22 Nov. 16, 23, 30, 2004

CAUSE NO. 9131 ESTATE OF HOLLIE ESTELLE HODGES, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HOLLIE ESTELLE HODGES, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HOLLIE ESTELLE HODGES, DECEASED, were issued November 9, 2004, in Cause No. 9131, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: GLENDA DICKEY. The residence of such Independent Executrix is in Gray County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claims is: P.O. Box 484, McLean, Texas 79057

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 9th day of November, 2004.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004:

You have an unusually dynamic and sunny personality this year. Others cannot stay away from you. Being born on a "1," you have unusual strength, and if used well, you will achieve many of your goals this year. Expand your circle of friends, and network to your heart's delight. Through travel or a class, you could meet a foreigner who will make waves in your life. Open up to other cultures. Detach and learn other styles and ways. If you are single and want to hook up, you will this year. You will meet this person through your friends, or you will have a strong friendship and romance. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan a special trip together or take a class together in massage or communicating. Entertain more often. LEO provokes your mind and is a lot of fun.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** A change of pace as well as the moods of others eases a lot of the pressure at work. Add a creative and humorous dimension to the day. Others finally respond. Be careful about a flirtation. It could go a lot further. Tonight: Let off steam. You need to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Slow down some and use the day to anchor in on basics. It might be more important than you realize to handle a family member or domestic issue now. Slow down, but be sensitive to a key partner. Tonight: Be a charmer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Your Ruler in retrograde might already be causing you a hassle or two. Pull back and avoid reacting. In

the next few weeks, when strange or odd happenings occur, think about how you could have prevented the problem. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Take a strong hand with your finances. Right now you don't want to go hog-wild, no matter what. Tame your Christmas-gift spending by choosing more experience-type gifts. Give a loved one a foot rub for Christmas. Use your imagination. Tonight: Plow through your Christmas list and at least decide who gets what.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You're in your prime, finally resolving difficult feelings and returning to your sunny, happy self. You embody the feeling of the holidays as you add a little joy in the life of nearly everyone you talk to. Verify the time of a meeting. Tonight: You are the cat's meow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might need some time off to regroup or to just rest up. With the last few days and the retrograde of your Ruler's sign, you might be up for several bad-hair days. Lie back and relax, even if a boss is difficult or there is a misunderstanding. Tonight: Cocoon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your friends help you with whatever you want to accomplish. Some might just want to take off and make this an easy day. Others naturally brainstorm and come up with solutions. Your flirtatious side emerges. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others might flake out, but the dependable Scorp comes through no matter what. Bosses and those you care about note your diligence and positive attitude. Weigh a moneymaking scheme carefully. Tonight: Count on a

late dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** What you hear might be a bit far-out. Check out facts on your own. Your imagination leads to daydreaming and many different ideas and solutions. Detach from the moment and relax your mind. Ask yourself why she is behaving. Tonight: Be where there is music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Let someone else make the first move. If you do lie back, you will be in a position of power and control. You might want to let this person air out his or her ideas, keeping your opinion to yourself right now. You'll learn a lot about this person. Tonight: Add some spice to a relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You might be reactive to others, but you are also having a good time. Allow your love of people and causes to emerge. Others appreciate your efforts. Sort through projects, and take on the one you want. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You're one of the few who can get work done. Dig in while others run off and are frivolous and silly. You get that way sometimes too. With those in charge, "yes" is the right word. Go along with this person. Tonight: Do some holiday shopping on the way home.

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High court considering at Title IX

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is considering whether a landmark gender equity law protects an Alabama high school coach who complained about unfair treatment of his girls' basketball team, a case testing the scope of women's athletic rights.

The coach, Roderick Jackson, lost his job in 2001 after repeatedly asking the Birmingham Board of Education to provide his team a regulation-size gym with basketball rims that weren't bent.

He then sued to get his job back permanently along with lost wages under the Title IX law, best known for promoting women's athletics. Justices were hearing arguments Tuesday on whether that federal statute covers people who blow the whistle on gender bias, regardless of their sex.

"People consider you a rabble-rouser, a troublemaker ... just for bringing to someone's attention that there was a problem," said Jackson, 39, who recently was reinstated as interim coach.

Marcia Greenberger, Jackson's attorney, said on

ABC's "Good Morning America" that he was trying to protect the rights of the girls to equal treatment with boys and should not have been punished for speaking out.

"What's at stake in this case — which affects every-

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— Roderick Jackson
Coach

one around the country in the area of athletics and in every type of educational arena — is, can somebody try to enforce Title IX by simply speaking out and bringing to the attention of school officials violations of the law without being punished?" she said.

At issue is whether Congress intended to allow

lawsuits by those who complain of gender bias when it passed the 1972 law barring discrimination in any educational program receiving federal funds.

The lower courts in the case said no, noting that Title IX is silent on the matter. But other federal courts have reached an opposite conclusion in similar cases, reasoning that coaches and teachers are better positioned to report discrimination than students.

Along with having access to information such as funding decisions, coaches are "more likely to have the courage and maturity necessary to make charges of discrimination and withstand the criticism that may follow," the Bush administration writes in a friend-of-the-court brief backing Jackson.

Jackson's case has drawn wide interest, with support from a coalition of 180 civil rights groups including the NAACP, the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Federation of Teachers, as well as dozens of women's advocacy groups.

Charges filed against more former energy traders

HOUSTON (AP) — Five former natural gas traders from three Houston-based companies have been indicted on federal charges of reporting bogus trade data to industry publications, which is used to calculate gas price indexes.

Three men named in indictments unsealed Monday worked at El Paso Corp., where five former traders already have pleaded guilty to reporting fake trades.

In addition, new charges were filed against Michelle Valencia, 34, a former Dynegy Inc. trader, who has a separate, nearly 2-year-old indictment on another set of false reporting charges on hold pending an appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concerning their constitutionality.

Besides Valencia, the indictments announced by U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby in Houston Monday named former El Paso

traders Donald E. Burwell, 44; James P. Phillips, 45; and Greg Singleton, 37. All were charged with conspiracy, false reporting and wire fraud.

A former Reliant Energy Inc. gas trader, Jerry A. Futch Jr., 41, was indicted on four counts of making false reports.

Burwell is from Dallas. The four others are from Houston.

All five pleaded innocent and were freed on \$50,000 bond. Their trials were set for January and February, but likely will be postponed, most of their lawyers said.

Earlier this year as many as 10 former El Paso traders and supervisors received letters from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston alerting them they could face charges of manipulating natural gas prices as the scope of a grand jury investigation into the matter expanded.

Movement afoot to erase ban on foreign-born presidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's forefathers envisioned a president born in the good ol' U.S. of A.; a red, white and true-blue chief executive for when the band strikes up "Hail to the Chief."

In 1787, they put it in writing — Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution: "No person except a natural born citizen ... shall be eligible to the office of president."

More than 200 years later, in a diverse nation with more than 33 million immigrants, the push is on to alter that venerable document and allow naturalized U.S. citizens — Americans like Arnold Schwarzenegger from Thal, Austria, and Jennifer Granholm from Vancouver, B.C., — to become president.

The number of foreign-born in the United States is increasing at a rapid pace: more than 1 million a year between 2000 and 2004, according to a recent study. Those millions, however, aren't the ones some proponents of the constitutional change have in mind.

Think California Gov. Schwarzenegger. Perhaps Michigan Gov. Granholm.

A Web site, Amendforarnold.com, promotes the effort with photos of the Austrian-born Schwarzenegger and a mention of the Canadian-born Granholm — "Amend for

Arnold and Jen," it proclaims. The same people who are sponsoring the Web site have bought ads on California television, hoping to create a groundswell of support.

Several measures have been introduced in Congress, including a joint resolution by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, which proposes a constitutional amendment that would extend eligibility for the presidency to immigrants who have held U.S. citizenship for at least 20 years.

Schwarzenegger became a citizen in 1983, Granholm in 1980.

Prohibiting foreign-born Americans from occupying the White House is "hard to justify in a nation where there are so many people who have become naturalized citizens," said Mark V. Tushnet, a professor of constitutional law at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Among those who think it won't happen is Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver.

"Forget about it," California's first lady says in an article in the January edition of Vanity Fair, which is scheduled to hit newsstands Wednesday. "It is not going to happen. The process takes years, and this is as far as it goes."

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