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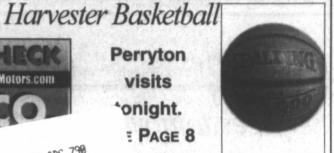
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Cleaning up the county



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS **Gray County Precinct 2** employees cleared an area on the county's right-ofalong Browning Avenue between Baer Street and Price Road Tuesday morning. From left, Bill DeVoll moves debris by hand while Robbie Cochran operates a backhoe and Morris Swift uses a bulldozer to clear the area of trees, brush and debris. The uprooted trees were left on the county right-of-way at the edge of the street so that anyone wishing to cut them up to use for firewood may come and do so, said Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

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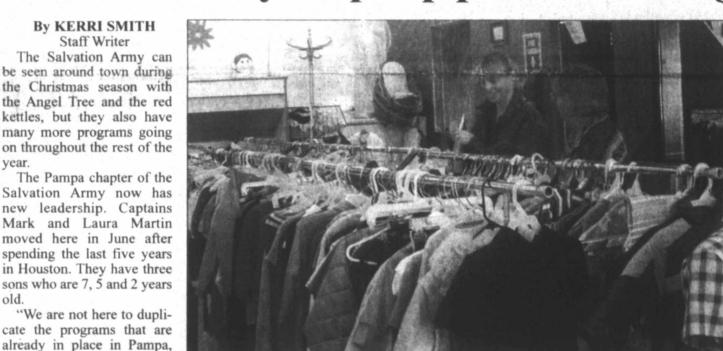
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Browsing through the children's clothing at the Salvation Army Thrift Store at 409 W. Brown is Earlene Wyant, right. Helping her sort through the options and sizes is employee Mary Wyant.

together and serve a Christmas meal yet.

There is a canned food drive currently under way at the schools. The high school food was picked up before Thanksgiving, but the Junior

not decided if they will get High and all of the elementary schools are going to have barrels available until late December so students and their families can contribute. This food will be distributed to the Angel Tree

families when they pick up

the gifts that were donated. "We not only want them to

receive a gift for their child, but have at least a few good meals," Laura Martin said.

The building at 701 S. Cuyler also houses a food pantry. This food is pur-

chased from the Amarillo food bank and those needing food can stop by and pick up some items. If they don't have the item people need, they will give vouchers to be used at a grocery store. The Salvation Army is always in need of donations of food and baby formula. Anyone wanting to donate items can do so as long as they are non-perishable items which are not expired. Laura Martin said they cannot give out food that has already expired for the risk of someone getting sick.

A thrift store is located at 409 W. Brown, which takes donations such as clothing, furniture and appliances. The Martins urge people to only drop off items when the store is open and also make sure they are "re-sellable" and not just something that needs to be trashed. The income received from the thrift store is used throughout the year for various programs. The hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

See ARMY, Page 3

### Accident closes road

**By KERRI SMITH** 

Staff Writer

but are here to fill in the

cracks," Mark Martin said.

"The Salvation Army is here

to fulfill any needs that peo-

One of the main needs

they aim to satisfy is hunger.

For Thanksgiving, 24 volun-

teers cooked and delivered

meals to the home-bound

people that normally rely on

Meals on Wheels, which was

closed that day. They have

ple have."

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS An accident at about 3:30 p.m. Monday briefly shut down the southbound lanes of Duncan Street near Louisiana Avenue after a pickup and a Camaro collided. Southbound traffic was routed to the inside northbound lane while the wreckage was being cleared from the roadway. No information was available on possible injuries of persons involved in the accident.





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#### **Obituaries**

### Services tomorrow

STONE, Florence Mae — 10 a.m., Church of God, Binger, Okla. **UNDERWOOD**, Trinidee Dawn — 2 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.

#### Florence Mae Stone, 82

BINGER, Okla. — Florence Mae Stone, 82, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Binger Nursing Home. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Church of God in Binger with the Revs. Leroy Kerbo and Ron Nelson officiating.

Burial will be in Murray Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home of

Mrs. Stone was born Oct. 23, 1924, at Lookeba, Okla., to the Rev. Carson and Luria Mae (Spradlin) Kerbo. She attended Binger schools. On July 3, 1941, she married Rufus Brian "R.B." Stone at Binger.

She moved to California in 1951, returning to Binger in 1990. She had a background in music, was a homemaker and belonged to Binger Church of God.

Mrs. Stone was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Melvin McNatt; and a sis-

ter, the Rev. Floy Kerbo.

Survivors include her husband, R.B. of Binger; a daughter, Sandra Alston of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; two sons, Roy Stone of Binger and Rick Stone of Pampa; two brothers, G.W. "Dub" Kerbo of Binger and Roy McNatt of Tulsa, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Underwood

**Trinidee Dawn Underwood, 29** 

RIVERTON, Wyo. - Trinidee Dawn Underwood, 29, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 29, 2006, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Underwood was born Sept. 4, 1977, in Pampa and had lived in Riverton, Wyoming for the past two years. She was a 1996 graduate of Pampa High School. She

married Robert Andrew Underwood on June 14, 1996. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Robert www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Andrew Underwood of the home; a son, Donald Lewis Underwood of the home; a daughter, Rebekah Ann Underwood of the home; her parents, Don and Gayla Summers

of Pampa; a sister, Tausha Robinson and husband Torrey of Amarillo; her grandparents, T.E. and Darlene Drinnon and Imogene Adams, all of Pampa; her fatherin-law, Bob Underwood and wife Roseann of Bixby, Okla.; her mother-in-law, Laura Underwood of Little Rock, Arkansas; a sisterin-law, Ann Fritz and husband David of Houston, Texas; and by her husband's grandparents, Jack and Wanda Mitchell of Pampa.

Memorials may be to Life Gift, 1200 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

-Sign the on-line register book at

#### **Edward Lesesne Sutherland** 1913-2006

Edward Lesesne Sutherland, 93, who was a long-time resident of Uvalde County, died November 26, 2006, at the age of 93 while residing at the Pampa Nursing Center in Pampa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 2, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the Montell Methodist Church in Uvalde County with interment at Montell Cemetery.

A memorial service is scheduled today, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006, at 7 p.m. in Hi-Land Christian Church of Pampa.

Lesesne (pronounced La-sane'), as he was known to most of his friends and family, was a devout man of faith, and a member of the Montell Methodist Church in Nueces Canyon, where he served as song leader and as general caretaker of the church for many years.

He was born the youngest of 11 children on January 17, 1913, in northern Uvalde County to William Depriest Sutherland II and Emma Rogers Sutherland. He was also the youngest of 34 double-first cousins, progeny of three Sutherland brothers married to three Rogers sisters.

Lesesne was the last surviving doublefirst cousin.

He was a quiet man of independent nature missed by all who knew him.

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Gray County Weather

who took pride in his family and his work. Having grown up on his family's ranch in the Nueces Canyon, he was accomplished at many trades and had a great appreciation of nature and the outdoors.

In 1936, while living in Austin, Texas, Lesesne met and married Melitta Emma Goeth at her family's home at Cypress Mill in Blanco County, Texas.

In 1949, Lesesne moved his family to Uvalde where he owned and operated service stations from 1949 to 1962. He then worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker, retiring from Blevins Cabinet Builders in

In 1970, he constructed a new home on his family land in the Nueces Canyon near Camp Wood, doing most of the work himself. He and Melitta called this home until October 2002 when they moved to Pampa.

Lesesne is survived by his loving wife of 70 years; two sons, Eddie and wife Rose of Austin, and Gary and wife Karin of Pampa; two grandsons, Jason and wife Serina, and Noah and wife Amy; and five great-grandchildren, Kenadie, Lauren, Colin, Zane, and Sierra Sutherland.

He was much loved, and will be greatly

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Sunday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 24.

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Wind chill values

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### Five traffic stops were made.

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Pampa PD

Emergency Services

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1100 block of Duncan, the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Highway 60 and Wells Street, and the intersection of Hobart and Alcock

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1000 block of Charles, the 2600 block of Navajo, three times from an unreported location, the 1300 block of Williston, the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive, and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A black backpack was found.

A welfare check was made in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway.

A runaway was reported on two occasions in the police department

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of 17th and Hamilton streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Garland.

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in

the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby. Criminal mischief was reported in

the 1100 block of West Coronado. The back of a building was painted with graffiti, resulting in an estimated \$100 damage. Violation of a city ordinance was

reported in the 500 block of Doucette. A threat was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident. Assault was reported in the 400

block of Harlem. No injuries were reported in connection with the inci-

Aggravated assault on a family member was reported in the 3000 block of Rosewood. No injuries were reported in connection with the inci-

One burglar alarm was reported. Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Gray. Estimated cost of the incident is \$15,325 and involves 7 feet of fence, lighting fixtures, a toilet, a sink and vanity, a medicine cabinet, a front door, a glass storm door, a steel door, and a skirt board.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose Lane.

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Monday, Nov. 27

North Faulkner by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, no driver's license, and failure to appear.

Miguel Angel Chavez, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Harvester by PPD on capias pro fines for no driver's license, no insurance, and failure to appear.

Timothy Aaron Justice, 36, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors marshal for speeding, running a stop sign, violation of a city ordinance, and two counts of failure to appear.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 27

1:26 p.m. - Four units and eight personnel responded to Bruno Street on a false alarm.

3:23 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Duncan on a vehicle accident.

4:50 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Alcock on a vehicle accident.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

3:45 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Wells on a vehicle accident.

#### **Ambulance**

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

Monday, Nov. 27

8:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of North Christy and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:31 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 10:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit

responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to

1:18 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of East Foster and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

2:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital.

4:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

4:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Golden Plains Community Hospital and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

4:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

3:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit Richard Gene Jones, 32, of Pampa responded to Highway 60 and Wells was arrested in the 2100 block of and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

high as 20 mph. Monday: Mostly sunny, 35 mph. Wednesday Night: A 50 Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. with a high near 39. West percent chance of snow. Stocks . 77.81 -1.38 . 64.88 +0.69 White Deer. Coca Cola . 65.28 +0.65 . 22.36 -0.27 Wheat +0.46 69.59 +0.84 Com 46.70 +0.09 KMI Wal-Mart The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. 65.90 +0.13 Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & XOM Nat'l Oilwell. New York Gold 30.80 -0.14 26.88 +0.23 Co. of Pampa. Limited Williams

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with gusts as high as 35

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

This gingerbread family, complete with house, decorates the lawn of a house on Browning Street.

### NY mayor meets with victim's family

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg met today with the family of a man killed outside a strip club on his wedding day by a barrage of police gunfire, the second straight day Bloomberg has reached out to angry community members.

The 50-bullet police volley — likened to a "firing squad" by the Rev. Al Sharpton killed 23-year-old Sean Bell after his bachelor party, wounded two of his friends and ignited concerns over police tactics and firepower. The three men were unarmed.

Bloomberg went to the family's church in Queens and met with Bell's fiancee and father, and with Sharpton. The mayor then met again with other community leaders.

On Monday, Bloomberg said the police response seemed "unacceptable" and "inexplicable," but he was steadfast in his support for Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who has been denounced by some critics since the shooting.

Of the victims, Bloomberg said Monday: "There is no evidence that they were doing anything wrong," referring to what led up to the moment their car struck an undercover officer outside the nightclub.

In contrast to Bloomberg's outreach, former Mayor Rudy Giuliani was hounded for what some viewed as a slow response to the killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant who was shot 19 times in on other officers to make the arrest. the entry to his apartment building by four

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certain tee shirts because

shirt they want. Graph your results on the above tee shirts.

urds Link: Math/Data Analysis: Summarize and display data in a graph

of what the shirts say.

white officers. Those officers were acquitted of criminal charges.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said Monday his office was investigating the Saturday morning shootings and the results would be presented to a grand

The shooting stemmed from an undercover operation that began 1 a.m. Saturday at the strip club Kalua Cabaret, part of a citywide crackdown sparked by the death of a teenager following a night of partying earlier this year at a Manhattan nightclub.

Police said they had received several complaints about prostitution and drug dealing at the cabaret and sent in two undercover detectives who left their guns behind because of searches at the door.

The detectives apparently spent the next few hours nursing drinks and mingling with

Officials said the officers weren't impaired. "We authorize them to have two drinks, and not more," Kelly said.

One of the officers alerted the backup team outside that a man inside was possibly armed. An undercover detective retrieved his weapon and confronted Bell and his friends after they entered their car.

Kelly suggested that it was unorthodox for the officer to blow his cover rather than rely

### Army

#### Continued from Page 1

Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The Salvation Army also helps people in need by paying bills. They provide emergency rent and utility vouchers for people who have received eviction or cut-off notices. People can also get gas vouchers to help cover the cost of driving to medical facilities in Amarillo. In order for someone to receive these services, they must fill out an application and it must be approved.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Red Kettle campaign. Bell ringers are needed for United supermarket and Wal Mart to collect donations. The money collected will be used not only for Christmas programs, but throughout the year as needed.

Church services are also provided at the South

Martins are ordained ministers. A Ladies Home League meets at 10 a.m. every Thursday for fellowship. Children get together at 6 p.m. on Thursday for devotional. The Junior Soldiers consists of children between the ages of 6 and 13, which study a Bible story, have a craft that relates to the story and also have a snack. The Corps Cadets, which are teenagers, study topics that relate to

Cuyler location. The

The League of Mercy will visit nursing and senior housing facilities during the month of December. This group, which is adults as well as children, sing Christmas carols and give out small gifts to the residents to help lift their holiday spir-

teenagers such as peer

pressure.

The Angel Tree will be out starting this week and people are urged to adopt an angel and buy a gift so these people can receive clothing or toys for

Christmas. The Salvation Army partners with the Optimist Club for the annual shopping trip for children that will be on Dec. 9 this year. Volunteers take children around for a shopping trip, they get to eat lunch, wrap gifts and enjoy a visit from Santa also.

Laura Martin said they always need more volunteers now and during the rest of the year. They try to offer a variety of programs for the community and those in need, but it is not possible without the donations and volunteers.

The office at 701 S. Cuyler is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch daily. Food and clothing vouchers are available on Monday and Wednesday only. Emergency rent and utility vouchers are only given out on the first and third Mondays of each month. For questions on any of the programs offered, call 665-7233.





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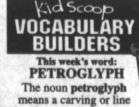


Try to answer the questions below. All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page!

What does glyph mean? a. an alien from the planet

- Glyphon b. picture c. hiccup
- Petroglyphs can be found: a. on Mars b. only in the desert c. all over the world
- Which of these things did Bushmen NOT use ostrich eggs for?
  - a. bowls b. storing water c. shoes
  - Bushmen live in: b. Africa c. France
  - Petroglyphs may have been used to: a. tell stories
  - b. remember important events c. decorate d. all of the above
- 6. The petroglyph of the flute player on this page is a copy of one found in: a. the New York
- symphony b.the southwestern United States c. Hawaii
- At some schools children are not allowed to wear:
- a. shoes b. socks c. tee shirts with certain pictures and words

rde Link: Reading Comprehension: questions by connecting literal tion found in, and inferred from, text.



drawing on a rock made by prehistoric people.

troglyphs help scientis understand the past.

Try to use the word petroglyph in a sentence today when talking with friends or family.

# Viewpoints

# The bizarre things some people do

Anyone checking recent news reports from around the world would swear that common sense is a most uncommon commodity.

In Lexington, S.C., a man was charged with murder after fatally shooting his friend Saturday with a highpowered rifle. The reason given for the shooting? An argument over a \$20 bet on a college football game.

The two had drunk beer all afternoon while watching the game, and the dispute arose after the game ended. It probably also arose after a number of beers were consumed.

The murder weapon was a hunting rifle the shooter had in his car.

In an eerie case of deja vu, a man set himself on fire as an extreme gesture of protest of the war in Iraq.

The 52-year-old committed his fiery suicide by an off-ramp in downtown prevent the Chicago on Nov. 3. He wrote his obituary on his Web site bird flu, has before taking that final step, and explained his act as the plans to kill ultimate symbol of protest against the war in Iraq.

The Chicago man's act may jog the memories of people old enough to remember the Vietnam War. In 1963, a Buddhist monk burned himself to death at a Saigon intersection in protest against the South Vietnamese

Another familiar setting for conflict in Asia is in the

Marilyn

**Powers** 

Staff Writer

South Korea, in an effort spread of announced

and dogs. The measure was decided upon after a recent outbreak

of the virus at a chicken farm south of Seoul. South Korea decided upon the drastic step even though there is no scientific evi-

dence to suggest that cats

and/or dogs can pass the

virus to humans.

Dogs, cats, and pigs within the area where the virus was discovered were sched-

uled for the executioner before the end of this week. No information was available on just how many

four-legged animals would be killed. Destruction of chickens and eggs within the area of

concern has already begun.

Various medical mavens have said it is an extreme step to slaughter dogs and cats in order to prevent the spread of bird flu. But this is not the first time South

Korea has done just that. During the last outbreak of

bird flu in the country in 2003, cats and dogs were killed in South Korea, along with 5.3 million birds. One can't help but wonder

about the reasons behind the

planned slaughter. South Koreans specially breed dogs for eating, and dog meat is considered a delicacy. One Korean official said that other countries also kill

cats and dogs to curtail the spread of bird flu, but those countries just don't make it public.

An expert with the United Nation's Food Agricultural Organization said that the plan to slaughter dogs and cats to prevent

spread of the avian virus was "not a science-based decision."

On the lighter side, one man in Wisconsin is hoping to get into the Guinness Book of World Records with the longest hair. Arm hair, that is.

The man, who admits to using conditioner on the furry forearms, has one arm hair that reportedly measures a little over four inches. If the measurement is accepted by the world record book's gurus, the man beats the previous record of just under four inches.

I suppose we all crave our 15 minutes of fame, even if we achieve it by a hair.

### Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2006. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

On this date: In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South

American strait that now bears his name. In 1806, French forces led by Joachim Murat entered Warsaw.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

'Happiness is a sort of atmosphere you can live in sometimes when you're lucky. Joy is a light that fills you with hope and faith and love.

> — Adela Rogers St. Johns American journalist (1894-1988)

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran, Iran, during World War II.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4

on a course to Mars.

In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary William Perry joined U.S. soldiers in the mud and freezing rain of Bosnia-Herzegovina to deliver a Thanksgiving message of discipline and patience for their still-unfinished peacekeeping mission. A stuck hatch on the space shuttle Columbia prevented two astronauts from going on a spacewalk (engineers later discovered a loose screw had jammed the hatch mechanism).

Five years ago: Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over.

# AND, OH YEAH, I WANTA GONY PLAYSTATION 3 GO I CAN TURN AROUND AND SELL IT ON C. BAY! I MEAN WHO'S GOT TIME TO STAND IN LINE

### Should America seek to copy Europe?

European countries such as France, Germany and its Scandinavian neighbors and suggest that we adopt some of their economic policies. I agree, we should look at Europe for the lessons they can teach us. Dr. Daniel Mitchell, research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, does just that in his paper titled "Fiscal Policy Lessons from Europe."

Government spending exceeds 50 percent of the GDP in France and Sweden and more than 45 percent in Germany and Italy, compared to U.S. federal, state and local spending of just under 36 percent. Government spending encourages people to rely on handouts rather than individual initiative, and the higher taxes to finance the handouts reduce incentives to work, and invest. The

Some Americans look to European results shouldn't surprise anyone. U.S. per capita output in 2003 was \$39.700, almost 40 percent higher than the average of \$28,700 for European nations.

Over the last decade, U.S. the Walter economy Williams has grown twice as fast Columnist as European economies.

2006, In European unemployment averaged 8 percent while the U.S. average was 4.7 percent. What's more, the percentage of Americans without a job for more than 12 months was 12.7 percent while in Europe it was 42.6 percent. Since 1970, 57 million new jobs were created in the U.S., and just 4 million were created in Europe.

Dr. Mitchell cites a com-

parative study by Timbro, a would take Europe about Swedish think tank, showing that European countries rank with the poorest U.S. states in terms of living standards, roughly equal to Arkansas and Montana and only

slightly ahead West Virginia n d Mississippi. Average living space in Europe is

just under 1,000 square feet for the average household, while U.S. households enjoy an average of 1,875 square feet, and poor households 1,200 square feet.

In terms of income levels, productivity, employment levels and R&D investment, according to Eurochambres Association European Chambers of Commerce and Industry), it

two decades to catch up with us, assuming we didn't grow further.

We don't have to rely on these statistics to make us not want to be like Europeans; just watch where the foot traffic and money flow. Some 400,000 European science and technology graduates live in the

European migration to our country rose by 16 percent during the 1990s. In 1980, the Bureau of Economic Analysis put foreign direct investment in the U.S. at \$127 billion. Today, it's more than \$1.7 trillion. In 1980, there was \$90 billion of foreign portfolio investment - government and private securities – in the U.S. Today, there's more than \$4.6 trillion, much of it coming from Europeans who

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### Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

Texas: Nov. 20

Austin American-Statesman on the Texas appeals court:

Justice is not always easy to come by in Texas, particularly for death-row inmates who have to depend on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for a

review of their cases. This state's highest appeals court for criminal cases consistently ignores justice, even when the evidence of injustice is clear. True to its recent history, the court last week rejected two appeals from condemned inmates whose trials were travesties of justice.

The most ardent death penalty advo-

cate understands that a capital murder proceeding must guarantee a fair trial. One of the strongest arguments against capital punishment in Texas is that the judicial system is so broken that innocent defendants can be condemned and

Last week's rulings by the Court of Criminal Appeals provided more evidence for those who hold that view. In separate rulings, the court upheld the convictions of Jose Ernesto Medellin and Daniel Acker, two convicted murderers who had clearly inadequate defense attorneys at their trials.

Neither Acker nor Medellin is a model citizen, and the crimes they were convicted of are horrible. Acker was found guilty of killing his girlfriend in Hopkins County, and Medellin was

convicted and condemned for the rape and murder of two teenage girls in

Nevertheless, even the most despicable defendant should be afforded competent counsel at trial. In fact, the more heinous the crime, the more the state should ensure the defendant has a good lawyer and a fair trial. That was not the case for Acker and Medellin.

Last month, American-Statesman reporter Chuck Lindell detailed the horrendous appeal filed by Acker's court-appointed attorney, Greenville lawyer Toby Wilkinson. The appeal was largely taken from a ranting letter Acker had written. Also, Wilkinson's writ was filled with errors.

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find our investment climate more attractive.

What's the European response to its self-made economic malaise? They don't repeal the laws that

make for a poor investment climate. Instead, through the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), they attack low-tax jurisdictions. Why? To support its welfare state, European nations must have high taxes, but if Europeans, as private citizens and businessmen, relo-

jurisdictions, it means less money is available to be taxed.

Dr. Mitchell addresses this issue through his research at the Center for Freedom and Prosperity (www.freedomandprosperity.org). The OECD has a blacklist for countries they've identified

cate, invest and save in other as "tax havens." The blacklisted countries include Hong Kong, Macao, Malaysia (Labuan) and Singapore. Also targeted are Andorra, Brunei, Costa Rica, Dubai, Guatemala, Liberia, Liechtenstein, the Marshall Islands, Monaco, Philippines and Uruguay. The blacklisted jurisdictions

have strong financial privacy laws and low or zero rates of

The OECD member countries want the so-called tax havens to change their laws to help them identify the earnings of their citizens. Most of all, OECD wants these countries to legislate higher taxes so as to reduce

their appeal. A suggestion that we should be more like Europe is the same as one suggesting that we should be

-Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

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Joe Autry, left, won a door prize during a recent meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Dinner Club. DeLynne Dunn, right, director of the dinner club, presented the prize to Autry.

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### **Appeals**

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That didn't matter to the appeals court judges, who rejected the appeal without mention of the awful condition of Wilkinson's writ.

Medellin's case went all the way to the International Court of Justice in the Hague and provoked a memorandum from President Bush. News reports focused on the Texas appeals court's admonishing the president for overstepping his authority under the Constitution's separation of powers doctrine, but the heart of the issue is still ineffective counsel.

Medellin is a Mexican national, one of 51 Mexicans on death row in the United States that the international court said deserved reconsideration and review because they had not contacted their consuls. Bush last year directed state courts to abide by the ruling of the United Nations' court.

The Texas judges didn't like that, and in denying Medellin's appeal, wrote that the president had overstepped his authority. Perhaps, but that ignores the fact that Medellin's 1994 trial was flawed. His court-appointed defense attorney was suspended from practicing law during the trial for ethical violations, and he failed to call any witnesses during the punishment phase.

International treaties should ensure fairness for everyone. Americans arrested abroad most certainly want to be able to contact their government officials and be assured a fair trial. Their rights can only be secured as long as foreign nationals arrested and tried in this country are afforded those same considerations.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals continues to ignore justice and common sense, and it has been admonished for its untenable rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, which is where these two cases are inevitably headed.

Support for capital punishment in Texas wanes a little each year, in no small part because cases like Acker's and Medellin's raise so much doubt in the public mind about the system's fairness. It is essential that anyone on trial for his life have competent counsel and a fair trial. But that isn't happening in Texas because the Court of Criminal Appeals neglects its duty.

### **Caprock Canyons preparing** to break ground on new center

QUITAQUE Wildlife and Department will gather with

local dignitaries this afternoon at 5 to break ground for the construction of a 4,440 square-foot Visitor Center at Caprock Canyons State Park scheduled for completion by summer of 2007.

A reception will follow the groundbreaking at the Hope Center.

The \$1.5 million project

will include installation of a Representatives of the Texas number of informative exhibits inside and outside the Visitor Center. They are designed to create a concise and cohesive interpretive narrative about the cultural and natural resources of the state park, the Texas State Bison Herd and Caprock Canyons Trailway.

The exhibits are projected to be completed by fall of 2007.

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Patty Harlan, G.M.



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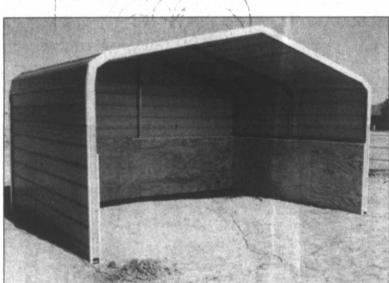
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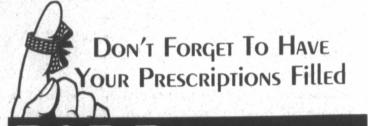
tion, enhanced viewing and check out the services the company Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs.

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## Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The short story is, I slept with a married co-worker. I paid him to come to my house to hook up my computer, but when he arrived, everything but that happened. He had been flirting with me for months, and when he got here one thing just led to another. He is a complicated mess, and I knew that going in, but I allowed myself to do it anyway. Now when we're at work, he acts like nothing ever happened. Guilt is not his thing. He has other women in the office on the line, as well as several others I have heard about through the grapevine. I am confused by my need to be around this man and wonder what I was thinking. I feel hollow, sick and lonelier than I did before. I have been widowed 10 years and have never slept with SYLVANIA anyone else until now. How do I handle, first, my feelings, and second, the work DEAR BETH: Your question brought to relationship? I am beginning to wonder if he did this out of pity for my being lonely. If that's the case, I feel even worse. Please help me deal with the guilt and understand why I did this, and come out of this with some self-respect. - CONFUSED AND **ASHAMED IN MINNESOTA** 

**DEAR CONFUSED AND ASHAMED:** You probably were thinking how nice it felt that someone made you feel attractive and special after 10 years of widowhood. That kind of a "high" can be pretty intoxicating. You feel "hollow, sick and more lonely than before" because you didn't get what you really wanted, and you know you sold yourself short. Rather than continue beating yourself up over this, use it to spur yourself into getting out and meeting eligible men so you can find what you need in a relationship that has a future. As to how to handle things at work, keep your communications with the office Romeo short and strictly business-related. He appears to have already put this behind him, and so should you. P.S. If you paid him to hook up your computer and all you got was sex --

you know what that makes him. He owes you a refund, but don't count on getting

**DEAR ABBY:** I come from a mid-Atlantic state. I recently met a woman named "Diana" from New England. When Diana introduced herself, she pronounced her name "Di-ann-er." When I address her, should I pronounce her name as she does? Or should I pronounce it "Di-ann-a" in my normal manner? I don't want to seem like I'm mocking her by mimicking a New England accent, but I also don't want to mispronounce her name. My friends and family are split on what is more courteous. What do you think? - BETH IN PENN-

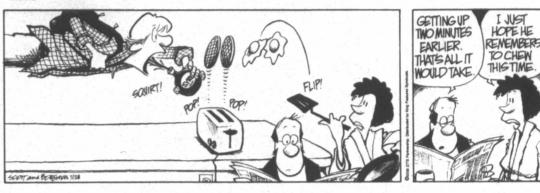
mind the old song lyric, "You say 'potato' and I say 'po-tah-to.' You say 'tomato' and I say 'to-mah-to.'" In your case, the polite thing to do is also the safest. Pronounce Diana's name as you normally would, and you won't get into trouble.

**DEAR READERS:** This Saturday, Dec. 2, the Hallmark Channel will air a made-fortelevision movie, "The Christmas Card," that features a romance strikingly similar to the ones that have resulted from Operation Dear Abby. As you know, many romances, marriages and children have "sprung" from Operation Dear Abby, which supports our men and women in the military stationed worldwide. So, tune in, sit back and enjoy it with me! And now that the holiday season is in full swing, remember to take a moment and send a holiday greeting to our men and women in the military by logging onto www.operationdearabby.net.

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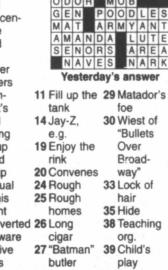
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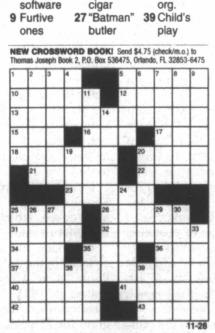
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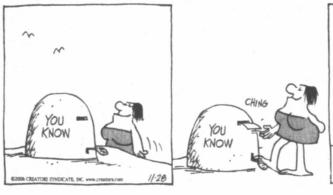
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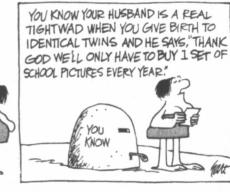




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#### **Haggar The Horrible**



#### **Peanuts**



#### Flo & Friends



#### **Blondie**



Pampa High School's freshman girls improved their record to 5-1 with a 43-40 win over Amarillo High Monday night.

Emilie Troxell led Pampa scorers with 16 points. She was 10 of 12 from the free throw line.

Shelbie Watson had eight points and was 5 of 6 from the charity stripe. Ashley Facio and Brooklyn Barker chipped in five points each and were both three of four at the foul line.

Hayley Smith grabbed five rebounds to lead the

Pampa is entered in the Borger tournament Thursday and Saturday. The freshman girls play at 6 p.m. Thursday and at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



The freshman girls basketball team celebrates its 43-40 win over Amarillo High

### Harvesters to host Perryton tonight

By DONNY HOOPER Special to The News

The Pampa Lady Harvesters and Harvesters will host the Perryton Rangerettes and Rangers tonight in basketball action at the Clifton McNeely Field House.

The girls will tip off at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow at approximately 7:30.

The Lady Harvesters are coming off a win over the Borger Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday, improving to 2-5 on the season while the Harvesters enter tonight's game coming off of a second place finish in the Lions Club-VFW tournament this past weekend.

Both teams will be traveling to Canyon this week for tournament play beginning on Thursday and running through Saturday.

Radio: KGRO AM 1230 Pregame: 5:50 p.m.

### Seattle's returning stars help turn tide against Packers, 34-24

SEATTLE (AP) — It took unprecedented Seattle snow, Matt Hasselbeck struggling in his return from an injury and Shaun Alexander's career-high workload to get the league MVP to stop asking Mike Holmgren for 50 carries.

like I want to get the ball 50 times a game," Alexander said. "I've changed my mind now - 40 is

Forty was way good enough for Alexander's season-high 201 yards rushing and return to relevance that rallied the Seahawks to a 34-24 victory over the fading Green Bay

Packers in Wisconsin-like snow Monday night.

"I feel like I need a massage and a cold whirlpool and some good rest," said Alexander, who bested his previous high of 35 carries.

He abruptly returned to 2005 "I used to always crack jokes MVP form after missing six games with a broken foot and gaining an average of just 56 yards in four games sandwiched around the injury. His re-emergence — on a foot that is still cracked — came on a night in which the long injury layoff affected Hasselbeck far more than the driving snow that blanketed the field.

"Ah, sure. Some of it was probably that," Hasselbeck said. "Some of it was sloppy, I don't know. I would like to know."

The Pro Bowl quarterback had three interceptions and fumble that Abdul Hodge returned for a touchdown — all in the first half against Green Bay's 31st-ranked pass defense. While Hodge was giving Green Bay a 14-9 lead, Hasselbeck stayed facemask down in the snow for what seemed like a full minute, pounding the turf.

"I'm probably would have been there longer, but it was cold and

Josh Brown kept Seattle in the tion for his redemption. game with four field goals in the opening half. That bided time until Hasselbeck rebounded with three touchdowns in the second half. Those perfectly placed passes to D.J. Hackett, Darrell Jackson and Jerramy Stevens erased a 21-12 deficit over the final 21 minutes. Hasselbeck finished 17-for-36 for 157 yards.

Alexander's romps — plus key, third-down penalties on Packers defenders Patrick Dendy (illegally contacting a receiver) and Cullen Jenkins (roughing Hasselbeck) repeatedly put Hasselbeck in posi- on a Monday night.

"That was not the plan coming into the game," Holmgren said of Alexander's 40 carries. "I really felt we could throw the ball against them pretty good.

"But things were happening, so I kind of took the ball out of Matt's hands for a while.'

The first snow at a Seattle home game seemed like a more natural setting for the Packers. But Brett Favre fell to 41-9 when the temperature is 34 degrees or colder in his 252nd straight start — and 32nd and possibly his final appearance

### Survey shows McGwire likely to fall short in HOF voting

NEW YORK (AP) — For one roadblock. glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. about 20 percent of eligible voters, America stopped to watch each and only one in four who gave an time he came to the plate, and opinion plan to vote for McGwire cheered every time he sent a ball this year. That's far short of the 75 into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame some-

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer, saying he wouldn't talk about his

Now, with Hall ballots in the

The Associated Press surveyed percent necessary to gain induc-

"There is a clause on the ballot indicating that character should be considered and after his nonperformance at the congressional hearings his character certainly comes into play," said the Dayton Daily News' Hal McCoy.

"He doesn't want to talk about the past?" he said, "Then I don't want to consider his past."

The St. Louis Cardinals, mail, McGwire's path to baseball McGwire's last team, suggested immortality may have hit a huge calls for McGwire be left with his

business manager, Jim Milner. A interesting," she said. office was not returned.

Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn. Results will be announced in early January.

"Mark fits the criteria, just like everyone else," Hall chairman Jane Forbes Clark said, "We've been very pleased with the judgment exercised by the writers over the past 70 years of voting.

"The ballot says a player's record of achievement, contributions to the teams, the game, their character, longevity and sportsmanship should be considered. I think this year's balloting will be

message left Monday at Milner's The AP contacted, via e-mails McGwire, and everyone else voted, and telephone, about 150 of the McGwire would need 84 percent of McGwire, who hit 583 career approximately 575 present or forhome runs, headlines the ballot mer members of the Baseball released Monday along with Cal Writers' Association of America who are eligible to cast ballots. Of that number, 125 responded, including 25 AP sports writers. Most of the voters' names were obtained in the Major League Baseball media directory.

And the breakdown was:

- 74 will not vote for McGwire.
- 23 will vote for him. - 16 are undecided.
- 5 refused to say.
- 5 aren't allowed to vote by their employers.
- 2 will abstain from voting. That means if all the undecideds

and those refusing to say voted for the rest to get into the Hall.

Chaz Scoggins of The Sun in Lowell, Mass., was among McGwire's supporters.

"He wasn't breaking any baseball rules during his career," he said. "As for using performanceenhancing substances, the fact that so many pitchers have been detected using them kind of evens the playing field."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig wouldn't address McGwire specifically, saying it was unclear how this generation of home run hitters will be judged.

### 'Boys release Vanderjagt, sign kicker Gramatica

IRVING, Texas (AP) This is how serious Bill Parcells is taking the Dallas Cowboys' stretch drive: He cut inconsistent kicker Mike Vanderjagt on Monday.

Hailed as the answer to the Cowboys' kicking woes Gramatica, who was signed when signed in March, Vanderjagt wasn't living up to his statistical claim to fame as the most accurate kicker in league history. He was only 13-of-18 on field goals, a 72.2 percent success rate that was the lowest of his nine-year career.

Vanderjagt also didn't like having to kick off, one of many aspects of his quirky personality that didn't always go over well with Parcells.

Dallas gave Vanderjagt a \$2.5 million signing bonus as part of a three-year, \$5.4 million deal, so this is a costly move. The message could be worth it for Parcells as he tries to guide the Cowboys into the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and to their first division title since 1998.

Dallas (7-4) has a onegame lead over the New York Giants in the NFC East going into their meeting Sunday at the Meadowlands. Parcells often talks of the

swirling winds at the stadium where he spent the first eight years of his career, and he apparently wasn't ready to play a big game there with a kicker he didn't trust.

But can he trust Martin replace Monday to Vanderjagt?

Once so accurate that he nicknamed "Automatica," Gramatica was out of the NFL last season and was cut by New England in the preseason. He played three games this season for Indianapolis while Adam Vinatieri was injured, making his only attempt, a 20-yarder.

Cowboys players and coaches did not talk to the media Monday. The locker room will be open Tuesday, and Parcells will speak to reporters for the first time since Dallas beat Tampa Bay 38-10 Thursday.

Vanderjagt made his only field goal attempt against the Buccaneers, but the 22yarder seems to have been too close for comfort for Parcells. The previous week, facing his former team, Indianapolis, Vanderjagt missed two first-half field

### Opening day success



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Leslie Ramming of Pampa took this 8-point white tail deer on opening day on a Shamrock hunting

### College coaching carousel continues

By The Associated Press

Alabama fired coach Mike Shula, in part because he couldn't beat Auburn. Iowa State, in hiring Texas assistant Gene Chizik, sought a piece of a national champion to revive the lackluster Cyclones.

And Michigan State welcomed back one of its own Monday, when the Board of Trustees approved the hiring of former Spartans assistant Mark Dantonio, who spent the past three seasons at the University of Cincinnati.

But in a day of coaching changes, Shula's ouster was the biggest news — and now Alabama begins its fourth search for a football coach since 2000.

The Crimson Tide finished the season 6-6 with three straight losses, including a 22-15 defeat by state rival Auburn less than two weeks ago. Alabama failed to beat the Tigers in four tries under Shula.

A former Alabama quarterback, Shula led the Tide to a 10-2 season last year and a Cotton Bowl victory. The 41-year-old coach, son of Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula, had a 2623 record in four seasons.

"From my very first day on this job, I had a single mission: To return the Crimson Tide to its place among the elite programs in college football," Shula said in a statement. "Although I maintain that we were moving steadily in that direction, I regret sincerely that I will not be given the opportunity to finish the job I was hired to do."

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines will serve as interim head coach, athletic director Mal Moore said.

The Tide has had seven coaches in the 24 years since Paul "Bear" Bryant's last season in 1982. Bryant had directed the Alabama program for 25 years.

Shula took over the proud but troubled program less than four months before the 2003 season after Mike Price was fired following spring practice for a night of drinking at a strip club in Pensacola, Fla. Price got the job after Dennis Franchione bolted for Texas A&M.

Shula spent 15 years as an NFL assistant before he took the Alabama job, but had no experience as a head coach.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Use the daylight hours to forge ahead and follow through. Tap into resources such as friends and associates. Broaden your horizons. The more you see the total situation, the happier you will be ultimately. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Where your friends are. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Assuming greater responsibility

heads you down a new path. Others find

you for advice and direction. You think in terms of possibilities and new opportunities. A meeting is starred in the near future. Tonight: Happy times are here. Get into the moment. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* You will see life in a more diligent and positive manner. Evaluate what is happening with someone at a distance. You might not have the full story. Think in terms of taking a greater role in what is going on. Tonight: In the limelight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You find answers when others cannot. A discussion with a partner could be enlightening. You might not realize what a strong team you make with this person. Work with others, especially if they challenge you. You will gain a stronger understanding. Tonight: Let your mind play and/or relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* You might want to let others make decisions, knowing that you don't have all the answers and perhaps will never have them. Answer others and be responsive to suggestions. Having your say is one matter; controlling others is another. Tonight: Be a duo.

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### Alaska to strip companies of oil and gas leases

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. is reviewing its legal options in the wake of Alaska's decision to strip it and other oil companies of their leases in the North Slope's Point Thomson oil and gas field.

The state said Monday it was revoking the leases after finding Exxon Mobil failed to come up with a viable plan for developing the field's vast reserves.

Exxon Mobil spokeswoman Susan

Reeves said the company was disappointed.

"Exxon Mobil has complied with the Point Thomson lease agreements, the unit agreement and all Alaska statutes and regulations. Any litigation by the state to take back the Point Thomson leases is likely to be protracted," Reeves

Other oil companies being stripped of their leases include BP PLC, Chevron

Corp. and ConocoPhillips.

Exxon Mobil has 30 days to appeal the state's decision to the Superior Court. State officials predict litigation could take as long as three years.

Gov. Frank Murkowski, alongside Natural Resources Commissioner Mike Menge, announced the decision at a news conference in Anchorage on Monday, just one week shy of the end of his administration.



The above manger scene and table piece are a sample of the decorations that will be on display at the upcoming annual Festival of Trees this Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The festival will open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.



Pampa Sheltered Workshop recently celebrated Thanksgiving by serving up some turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Enjoying the meal were Titan employees Jerry Gillis, Joe Murray, Greg Stevens and Larry Ely.

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Funding for the new visitor center comes from various sources including a significant donation from Buffalo Funds, a mutual fund family managed by Kornitzer Capital Management of Kansas, in partnership with the Texas and Wildlife Foundation.

Other dollars come from Proposition 8 bond funding approved by Texas voters in 2001 for major repairs and construction at state parks and other TPWD sites, plus a federal highway grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Visitor Center's introductory exhibits will help park visitors better understand the natural resources of the canyonlands, the North American bison and peoples of the canyonlands.

park store, 24-hour restrooms, registration and administrative areas, and a group meeting pavilion.

There also will be a park map with wayfinding information, interpretive panels on bison conservation located at the nearby bison overlook and panels offering in-The center will include a depth interpretation of

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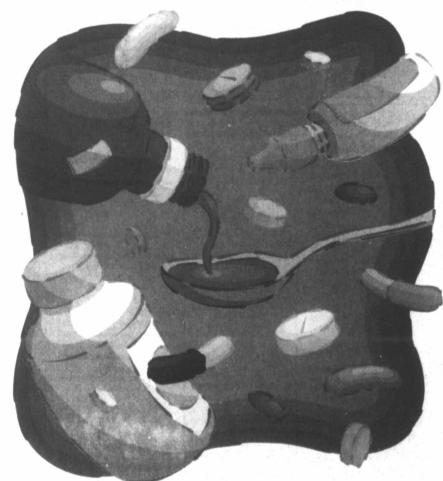
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