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Residential limb pickup to begin after first of year



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Tree limbs felled by last week's ice storm are piled at curbs in the 1200 block of Charles, above, and around the city, awaiting pickup by city workers. Pickup of limbs in residential areas is expected to begin after the first of the year, after city parks are cleared of limbs.

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

City crews are still removing downed tree limbs from city parks and have not yet begun pickup of limbs from residential areas, according to City Manager John Horst.

"It looks like it will be after the first of the year before we get started on curbside pickup," Horst said this morning.

An ice and snow storm that moved through the area early last week left a coating of ice on trees and other outdoor surfaces, resulting in a large number of tree limbs breaking off from the trunks. Some limbs fell on power lines and resulted in downed electrical cables and temporary loss of electricity to some areas. Other limbs fell on vehicles and structures, sometimes causing damage.

"We still have a lot of limbs to haul out of the parks," Horst said. The city

parks will be cleared first due to issues of public safety, he said.

City officials decided after the ice storm to offer onetime, free curbside pickup of downed limbs from private property after city property is cleared. No street or area will be cleared of limbs more than once, and no limbs will be picked up if placed in

alleys. "If they drag them to the alley, we won't pick them up," Horst said. "If they take them to the curb, we don't know when we'll get to them, but we will pick them up.'

City workers are not allowed to go on private property to pick up tree

limbs, Horst said. "Residents should put the limbs as near the curb as they can, and be patient," he said. "They can always take

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DPS has quiet Hazmat cleanup holiday for

The Amarillo area Texas Department of Public Safety has had a relatively quiet holiday period so far.

traffic so far

"As of noon Sunday, area troopers have worked only a few vehicle crashes and only one of those involved injuries," Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Amarillo DPS office said.

Last year during the Christmas holiday period, DPS troopers statewide arrested 581 impaired drivers and issued 13, 951 speeding tickets and 2,886 tickets for seat belt viola-

Drivers should be aware that all available troopers will work this holiday sea-



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

Firefighters were called out this morning on a hazardous material spill at the corner of Price Road and Alcock, which turned out to be a diesel fuel spill. Cleaning up, from left, were firefighters Ricky Morehart, Capt. Tim Kirkwood and Rick Littlefield.

Lakes McClellan, Marvin planning reports released

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Public comments on management and long-range planning for Lakes McClellan and Marvin have been released by the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands.

The agency, which manages the lakes as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, held public meetings on both lakes' futures in September in Canadian and Pampa.

The September meetings included information on the initial phase of the planning process, called the Comprehensive Evaluation Report. This report, currently still in the draft stage, details the area's existing conditions and any need for change in management of resources

Blanca, Black Kettle, and McClellan Creek National Grasslands.

Lake Marvin, outside Canadian, is part of the Black Kettle National Grasslands. McClellan Creek Recreation Area is the proposed new name for Lake McClellan, which is in McClellan Creek National Grasslands.

Public comments concerned specifically with Lake McClellan were to remove burned trees damaged or killed by spring wildfires, improve maintenance of the area to attract more visitors, and add a handicapped-accessible trail below the dam at the lake.

Public comments aimed at Lake Marvin included improving signs,

or land uses on the Kiowa, Rita implementing a drawing system for the right to hunt on the Black Kettle lands, using a partnership agreement with Hemphill County to manage the lake, addressing the problems with illegal removal of red shale from Black Kettle grasslands and enforcing district policy prohibiting this activity, and not excluding prescribed burns from a shinnery Research Natural Area on Black Kettle lands, preferably a section in size. "Shinnery" refers to a type of oak that grows shin-high from the Edwards Plateau through the Texas Panhandle to western Oklahoma.

> Other September meetings were held in Cheyenne, Okla., Dalhart, Boise City, Okla., Clayton, N.M., and Roy, N.M., concerning Kiowa

National Grasslands and Rita Blanca National Grasslands.

Public comments released by the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands office in Albuquerque, N.M., which were gathered at the public meetings and which were not specific to any particular location included prohibiting the shooting of firearms in campgrounds, requiring grazing permit holders to live instate, providing an opportunity for bison to roam on the plains grasslands, continuing to allow hunting, considering whether oil and gas wells conflict with scenery and wildlife habitat, addressing the potential for future wind energy development, and emphasizing

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Store owners find lost luggage

Authorities were trying Tuesday to figure out how dozens of pieces of luggage belonging to air travelers ended up in a trash bin behind a Houston pet store.

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spokeswoman for the Harris tents of the bags were stolen.

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Obituaries

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HAYNES, Chubby Dale — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Chubby Dale Haynes, 74

Chubby Dale Haynes, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 25, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, 2006, Carmichael-Whatley Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Haynes was born August 31, 1932, in Mobeetie. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. He married Elnora Black on Jan. 26, 1956, in Pampa.

Corporation as a warehouse ing in his yard, and spending after 32 years of

service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korean the Conflict. He was a member of the VFW, Pampa Senior Citizens Center, Tri-State Golf Senior Association, West Haynes Texas and New

Association, and the Pampa Country Club. He was an avid golfer,

Senior

He worked for Cabot enjoyed horse racing, work-

supervisor, retiring in 1987 time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

> Survivors include his wife, Elnora Haynes, of the home; one daughter, Teresa Bruce and husband Wayne of Pampa; one son, Curtis Haynes of Lubbock; two sis-

ters, Wauline Golf Reynolds and Glorice Jones, both of Pampa; one brother, Walden Haynes of Pampa; three grandchildren, Tammy May and husband Byron of

Pampa, Wade Bruce and wife Season of Houston, and Chrissy Haynes of Amarillo; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor May, Westin Bruce and Garret Haynes.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister Glenna Matheu; and one great-grandchild.

MEMORIALS: Briarwood Full Gospel Church Building Fund, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line regisbook www.car.michaelwhatley.com.

HOUSTON (AP)

FBI special

County Sheriff's Office, which first responded to the luggage report, said the bags belonged to travelers at George Intercontinental Airport. She said tags on the bags showed

Department is handling the

case, Munoz and Wolfe said. Mary Clark, a spokeswoman for Continental, said

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Shirley F. Hoskins, 62

a store manager for four Shirley F. Hoskins, 62, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 26, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Hoskins was born March 12, 1944, in

Mexico

Canadian. She married She was a dedicated Donald W. Hoskins on Oct. 10, 1988, in Borger. She had been a resident of Pampa

since 1990. She worked for Alsup's as

years. She was in charge of advertising while serving on the Board of Directors of Act I. She was an LVN for 33 years, working for Pampa Regional Medical Center and Dr. Laxman Bhatia.

mother and grandmother. Survivors include her

huband, Donald W. Hoskins, of the home; one daughter,

Renee Seger of Gatesville; two sons, Ronnie Jones, of the home, and Richard Jones of Pampa; her mother, Clara Jones of Pampa; five granddaughters, Carissa Seger, Jennifer Jones, Ashley Jones, Jo Lynn Jones and Brooklyn Jones, all of Pampa; and two grandsons, Cameron Seger Oklahoma City, Okla., and Seger Andrew Jones of

She was preceded in death by a son, Randall Jay Seger in 1992; and a grandson, Randall Robert Alexander Jones in 2006.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Dec. 26 Patricia Dawn Jones, 20, of Pampa was arrested on

two counts of forgery. Wednesday, Dec. 27 Donn Michael Lambert, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Warren for assault causing bodily injury-family violence.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Dec. 26 11:22 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart on an odor investiga-

12:29 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart on a smoke scare.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Saturday, Dec. 23 Fifteen traffic stops were

A traffic complaint was

received from the 1000 block of North Wells. Vehicle accidents were reported on two occasions in

the 1400 block of North Calls concerning animals were received from the 1200 block of East Foster, on two

occasions from an unreported location, and the 1100 block of Duncan. Found property was

reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. Suspicious person calls

were received from the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of North

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Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of Duncan.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A welfare check was made in the 1800 block of North Sumner

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of South Faulkner and the 600

block of Lowry. Violation of a city ordinance was reported at the intersection of Faulkner and Oklahoma streets and the and the intersection of

500 block of West Brown. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East 14th, the 2500 block of Dogwood, the 700 block of North Christy, the 2400 block of Alcock, and the 600

block of Deane Drive. Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of West Cook, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 2100 block of North Faulkner, where four windows valued at \$250 were

shot out with a BB gun. Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana were reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive. One burglar alarm was

reported. Theft was reported in the 400 block of East Brown and at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles.

Assorted items with a total value of \$107.73 were taken. A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$27.07 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler. The ignition and steering column of a vehicle were broken, and coins were taken from

the vehicle. Total estimated cost of damage and loss is \$1,520.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Six traffic stops were made.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1000 block of Twiford, the 300 block of North Somerville, the 1400 block of Charles, Buckler and Somerville

Agency assistance was rendered in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of

Lowry. A missing person was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells and at One

Medical Plaza. A kidnapping was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. The call was deemed to

be unfounded. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 300 block of North Warren and the 500 block of Short.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of North Nelson and the 200 block of North Naida, where an arrest was made involving three warrants.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Deane Drive, the 600 block of North Somerville, the 400 block of North Nelson, and the 700 block of North Christy, where an arrest was made involving three war-

Criminal mischief was

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Ohio top court reprimands governor

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The state Supreme Court today publicly reprimanded Ohio Gov. Bob Taft for his ethics violations in office, a black mark that will stay on his permanent record as an attorney.

Taft, a Republican and great-grandson of President William Howard Taft, pleaded no contest in 2005 to failing to report golf outings and other gifts and was fined \$4,000. He could not seek re-election because of term limits and leaves office in less than two

weeks.

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel, an arm of the state Supreme Court, said in April that Taft violated Ohio's code of professional conduct for lawyers, and Taft later signed an agreement admitting the violation.

The justices agreed by a vote of 6-0 Wednesday with a recommendation from the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline to issue the public reprimand.

Limbs

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them to the landfill themselves at no charge."

Announcements will be made a week ahead of time before each area of the city will be cleared of curbside limbs, Horst said.

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reported in the 600 block of East Foster. A vehicle's floorboards were filled with water and the seats and dashboard were soaked with water.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of Williston. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Domestic assault causing bodily injury to a family member and interference with an emergency telephone call were reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

One burglar alarm was reported.

One open door was checked.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis, where water valued at \$50 was taken.

Monday, Dec. 25 No traffic stops were made.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 400 block of Rider, the 2200 block of North Hobart, and on two occasions from an unreported location.

Lost property was reported in the 2200 block of Williston. The incident involves a checkbook and driver's license.

Lost property was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A backpack, bag, I-Pod, clothing, wallet, driver's license and cell phone charger were lost. Estimated value of loss is \$445.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of Oklahoma.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Beech and Linda streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of Christine.

Harassment was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance and assault were reported in the 300 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Domestic assault and interference with an emergency telephone call were reported in the 1600 block of Christine. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson.

One burglar alarm was reported.

One open door was checked.

Tuesday, Dec. 26 Twelve traffic stops were

Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block

of Varnon Drive, the 1000. block of Sirroco, and the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Lefors and Browning streets.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1200 block of North Wells, the 400 block of Pitts, and on five occasions from an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered at One Medical Plaza.

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

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Browning and Wynne streets.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of North Warren, where no injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

One burglar alarm was reported. One open door was

checked. Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Finley. Three knives, 24 compact discs, a bottle of cologne, a necklace, and a

ring were taken, for an esti-

mated total loss of \$850.

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Lakes

treatment and control of invasive plants.

An updated draft of the Comprehensive Evaluation Report for the four grasslands will be posted on Cibola's Web site by Jan. 15, according to the agency's newsletter. Paper or compact disc copies of the report will be sent upon request.

Cibola expects to hold additional public meetings in communities in the grasslands during the spring or summer of 2007. The purpose of the meetings will be to talk with interested parties about preliminary draft desired conditions, strategic objectives, and guidelines for the revised plan.

"We are trying to finalize the Comprehensive Evaluation Report, which sets the stage for what we want to do under the need for change of our current management," said Don Jorgensen, natural resource planner specialist at Cibola's Albuquerque office.

The final plan for the future management and operation of the grasslands is slated to be in place by the beginning of 2008, he said.

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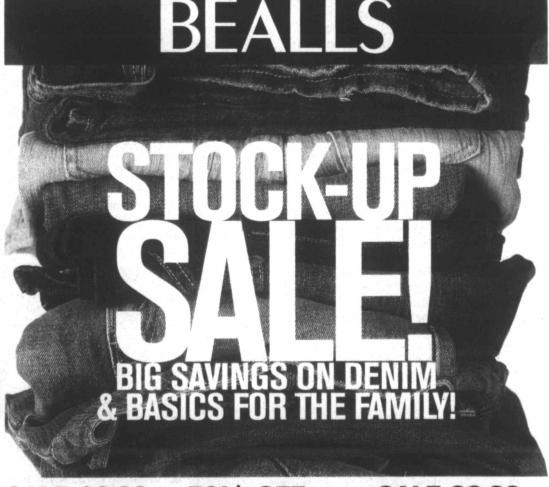
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Dems' 2008 race is Hillary's to lose

The battle for the 2008 face, he has the same sort of presidential Democratic nomination will come down to two candidates: Hillary vs. the Un-Hillary.

Sen. Clinton is so polarizing and a female candidacy is so novel, that the race for the nomination must revolve around her. Who will the Un-Hillary be?

The early front-runner is Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. As a new African-American candidacy was peaking.

first-of-a-kind credentials as Hillary and boasts genuine outsider status as well.

But Obama is very, very inexperienced. He was elected to Illinois' state Senate in a one-party district, then won the Democratic U.S. Senate primary because his wealthy, spend-it-all opponent was caught in a messy divorce scandal just as his

He won in the general candidate Alan Keyes election of

Dick

Morris

Columnist

'06 because Illinois is a blue state and the Republican who was to

adversary dissolved in a marital scandal of his own, whereupon the talent-poor local GOP opted to import the aburdist

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Obama's victory a foregone his book "The

Audacity of

Hope," he confesses that in his Senate campaign "no candidate ran a negative TV ad about me." That's as close as you get to a political equivalent of virginity.

Can Obama weather a presidential race? He better ramp up his learning curve if he is going to try. His book is filled with feature-story fluff about his background, eloquent philosophizing on the state of our nation and its history, and freshly scrubbed naiveté

about the political process. But it lacks any substantive ideas, policy innovations or even any insightful analysis of public issues. Unless he can step beyond such Oprah-level content, the national press corps will have him for breakfast.

The bottom line? He could grow into the role of a national candidate, but don't count on it happening this

-Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 2006. There are four days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the almost five-year-long journey helped to form the basis of his theories on natural selection and evolution.)

On this date:

Why must all the

churches be closed

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doors?'

— Paul Claudel

French author

(1868-1955)

In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France. In 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in

London.

In 1906, American composer, musician, actor and wit Oscar Levant was born in Pittsburgh.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1949, Queen Juliana

of the Netherlands signed an act granting sovereignty to Indonesia after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan.

President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal. In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome

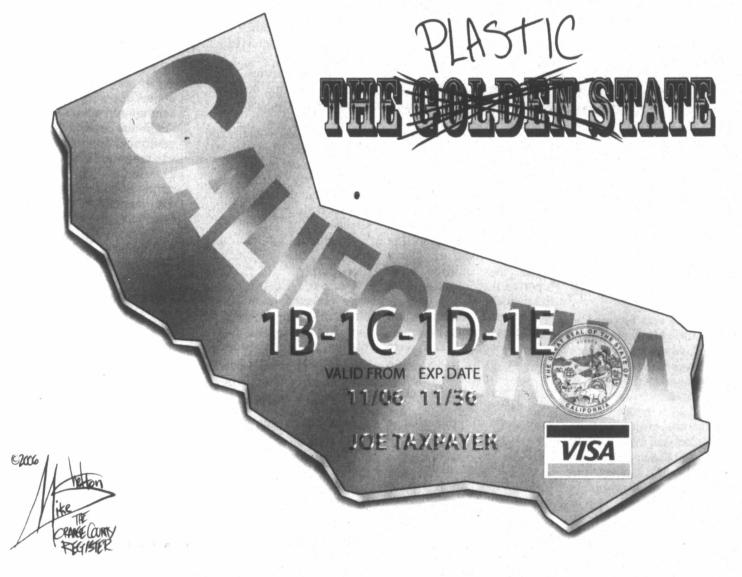
and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel. Ten years ago: In Belgrade, Yugoslavia, about 60,000

opposition supporters defied riot police and rallied in celebration of an international report backing their triumph over Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in recent local elec-

Five years ago: U.S. officials announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. President Bush extended permanent normal trade status to China. India and Pakistan engaged in diplomatic tit-for-tat, ordering half of each other's embassy staffs sent home and banning overflights by each other's national airlines.

One year ago: Grass fires burned in drought-stricken Texas and Oklahoma (over three days, nearly 200 homes were lost and the fires blamed for at least four deaths). Indonesia's Aceh rebels formally abolished their 30-year armed struggle for independence under a peace deal born out of the 2004 tsunami.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho, is 82. Rockabilly musician Scotty Moore is 75. Western swing musician John Hughey (The Time Jumpers) is 73. Actor John Amos is 67. ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 63. Singer Tracy Nelson is 62.



Late Chilean dictator was a tough old bird

The radical left is a hysterical, hypocritical and unforgiving bunch wretches. They're going crazy because Augusto Pinochet, a former Chilean dictator, outran his pursuers and hobbled through the Pearly Gates before they could hang or shoot him.

Personally, I've never believed the Chilean Army would allow Pinochet to be executed. If they would have, they are men with no

His worst enemies put the death toll during his 17-year reign at about 3,000. That's less than the number of people killed in one year in this country by ordinary thugs and fruitcakes. Even assuming all 3,000 were innocent – and it's a dead certainty most of them had it coming – his was one of the mildest dictatorships in the 20th century. Most of the deaths probably occurred in 1973, when the army overthrew the government of Salvador Allende, a radical leftist.

It should also be noted murdered some 2.5 million

that Pinochet restored the Chilean economy to prosperity, oversaw the writing and adoption of a new, democratic constitution and voluntarily surrendered power to the civilians in a democratic process. That was in 1990, so if the Chilean left has diddled around for almost 17 years without bringing him to justice, they have only themselves to blame for that.

After all, Pinochet wasn't suicide. The tough old bird hung in there

through heart attacks and strokes until the last minute.

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Reese

Columnist

Now, let's see how Pinochet compares with Fidel Castro: More blood, more deaths, more suppression, and he isn't ever going to voluntarily loosen his grip on power until the death angels drag him away.

How about Pol Pot? He

people, including women and children. His men liked to bury people up to their necks and refer to the rotting heads as "American dandruff." I never recall hearing the radical left scream about him.

How about Mao Tse-tung? The death toll he's credited with ranges around 60 million to 70 million, and of course he never surrendered

power did much for Chinese economy.

Then there's old Uncle Joe Stalin, the

hero of so many American leftists in the 1930s and 1940s. His murder toll is somewhere between 40 million and 50 million, and he never voluntarily surrendered power either.

So what's with all this screaming and vitriol that pasty little American leftists are spraying all over a man who, as far as America is

concerned, was never anything but a staunch ally? Part of it is the usual cowardice – dead men can't get you - but I think part of it is the fact that Pinochet, a rough old soldier, demonstrated that he knew more about economics than all these tenured Marxists in American unition

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What they can't forgive is that he was successful – he rescued the country from leftist chaos, restored the economy, got the people to pass a new constitution, and then voluntarily surrendered power when the people chose a new president. And he did all that without a bloodbath, as so many heroes of the left have caused even while they failed.

Gen. Pinochet was a welleducated man who continued his education as he rose through the ranks. After surrendering power in 1990, he concentrated on improving the training, equipment and

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Dec. 17

Houston Chronicle on Texas emis-

With Houston unlikely to meet federal ozone standards by 2010, Texas should follow the lead of 11 other states in adopting stiffer limits on pollutants created by automobiles. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has introduced a bill to do just that. To be considered in the coming session, the bill has the endorsement of the mayors of

Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth. Ellis argues that the stricter standards will eliminate the ongoing emissions of tens of thousands of tons of

pollutants linked to asthma, heart problems and cancer. "This legislation will require automakers to sell us the same clean cars and light trucks required in 11 other states," Ellis said. "It will reduce pollution and save us all money at the pump."

Because California's regulations were grandfathered under the federal Clean Air Act, which prohibits other, states from writing their own rules, it has been copied by 10 other states. The federal government has not challenged the validity of the copycat laws. However, the California law is under legal challenge by the automotive industry after the state expanded its restrictions to include carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming. Texas emits more car-

bon dioxide than any other state in the

Opponents of the stiffer standards in the auto industry claim the proposed requirements would increase the cost of a new vehicle up to \$3,000. Ellis says the initial cost is far less, on the order of \$300, and requirements for greater fuel efficiency would mean savings at the pump for new car owners. The legislation, dubbed the Low-Emission Vehicle Act, would only apply to 2009 and later model vehicles.

The bill would especially benefit Houston, which "needs aggressive action to reduce ozone and the air toxics we have identified as the highest public health risks," Houston Mayor

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Shepherds Helping Hand partnered with Santa this Christmas season to visit children in area schools and day care centers as a fund-raiser for the organization. "The fund-raiser was such a success that we are planning to do it again next year," said Pam Dalton, board member with Shepherds Helping Hand. Pictured with Santa are LaGayla Wheat and Mary Waldrop.

Events calendar

Pampa is offering a for hearing infants and Sing & Sign" is divided begin Jan. 10 (10 a.m.): Jan. 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 21 (10 a.m.); and March 20 (6:30 p.m.). To register or to find out more, call 665-7474 or e-mail cmoore@create-

abeat.org. Library in Pampa has scheduled several activities for the end of December and the

 CREATE-a-Beat! of beginning of January The upcoming activities series of eight classes are as follows: 10-11 Backpack a.m., their families. "Baby Snacks/2-4 p.m., movie - Thursday; and 10-11 into eight-week ses- a.m. board game day/2sions. The enrollment 4 p.m. movie - Friday fee is \$100. Sessions and Jan. 2. For more information, call 669-

 Pampa Lions Club is accepting used eyeglasses, any prescription or size, through Sunday at Pampa Post Office where several Lovett Memorial drop boxes are located. The glasses will be refurbished and sent overseas.

MESSY BUSINESS

Pipeline rupture causes offshore spill

of Mexico was expected to cause minimal harm to the although conditions could change. environment and coastline, officials said, as dive crews prepared to try to plug a ruptured pipeline.

Divers will inspect the medium crude oil pipeline today to survey the damage and begin repairs. The spill occurred about 30 miles southeast of Galveston, U.S. Coast Guard officials said.

Andy Tirpak, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the environmental damage of the spill would be minimized because the population of juvenile fish is low at this time of year. Also, the oil is light enough to evaporate and disperse quickly.

Houston-based Plains All American Pipeline, which operates the pipeline, is bringing in a dive ship, the American Victory, on Wednesday morning to begin repairs, Coast Guard Petty Officer Mario Romero said.

Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Adam Wine said the spill was unlikely to affect Texas beaches. He said winds

HOUSTON (AP) — A 42,000-gallon oil spill in the Gulf and currents were carrying the sheen away from the coast,

"It's not a very large spill and the impact will be very small for people on shore — tar balls, if that, Wine said. Romero said the pipeline was leaking from the platform side of the rupture at approximately 500 gallons a day. On

about two miles long and 100 yards wide. Scott Fitzgerald, Plains construction supervisor, said the pipeline comes ashore on Galveston Island and ends in Texas City at refineries run by Marathon and BP.

Tuesday afternoon, the spill was visible as a light sheen

The company detected a pressure loss in the High Island Pipeline System and shut the line down early Sunday, said Romero. The company was trying to contain the spill Tuesday by sucking the oil out of the line

The spill, located near an anchorage, was easy to spot and not disrupting ship traffic, Romero said. The tide was pushing the spill away from the shoreline, he said.

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benefits of the Chilean Army. He has also published a number of books.

Most important for

Americans to remember is that he was a Chilean, and he did what he did in Chile. It is, after all, none of our business. If the American left wants something to do, then, rather than crow over the death of a foreign leader, they should ask themselves why they are so all-fired ineffective at everything they do except talk. The war in Iraq, which we started, has caused the deaths of 650,000 people, if you want to believe

the number attributed to Pinochet's rule. -Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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Bill White said. "Adopting tighter emissions and fuel economy standards will

help us do that and meet federal clean air requirements."

Since only new cars would be covered, the environmental improvements as well as the economic impact of the law would be gradual. It's a largely painless way to put Texas on track toward cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles and healthier air. The Chronicle urges Texas lawmakers to give Senate Bill 124 and its House counterpart the serious consideration they deserve.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter on Nov. 22 from the mother who was concerned about how her stepdaughter is going to spell her daughter's name, which will be Jasiela (pronounced Gisella). And you, of all people, agreed that she should speak with the mother about spelling? Abby, that is the joy in naming your child! You get to choose the name and how to spell it. The unusual spelling of a child's name is what makes the child unique. For that mother to take that away from the mother-to-be, well, it's none of her business! The child will learn to spell her name, as she will other difficult words in life. I feel the mother is entitled to name her child whatever she'd like, as long as the husband agrees. - SHAWN IN **WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR SHAWN: One of the most interesting things about writing my column is not knowing how the public will react. When I answered that letter, I had no idea that some readers would react like angry hornets. I was trying to be logical, but there are strong feelings on both sides of the subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a soon-to-be new mom, I take exception to the arrogance people show regarding naming children. Because it is not a name that everyone is familiar with does not mean that it's not a good one. And spelling is in the eye of the beholder! I am appalled that people would couch their displeasure for a name under the guise of "for the sake of the child." I would encourage that writer to MYOB. I know if I were the stepdaughter and she said something to me, I would not be happy about it at all. - FUTURE MOTHER TO IAN OR MIKAYLA IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: I was given an unusual name. I have had to instruct everyone from teachers, students and co-workers as to how it is pronounced and the correct spelling. Does this mean my parents didn't

know the "correct" spelling of my name? I wholeheartedly say NO! I have also chosen to give my children unusually spelled names, names that were chosen with careful thought and consideration as to spelling and pronunciation. A name is something to cherish and live up to. My children have been and will continue to be taught this throughout their lives. If the grandmotherto-be is concerned about the name, she should start thinking of a good nickname to give the child. - KLISTA IN IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: I did a Google search on the baby name databases. One of the better ones I queried was Parenthood.com. It shows the male name "Jasiel" and identifies it as a biblical name meaning "the strength of God." Obviously, then, "Jasiela" is the feminine form of the name. Your advice seemed off-putting. "Hesitant" is well-meaning, but she should mind her own business. And for you to assume that Mum didn't know the correct spelling -well! That was a presumptuous remark and certainly not in your normally empathetic style. I think this is one of the rare times that you blew it, Abby! - LEANNE R. IN CANADA

DEAR ABBY: My siblings and I grew up with unusual names for the United States -- Deirdre (dear-dra), Aisling (ash-ling), St. John (sin-gin) and, easiest of all, Becket, pronounced as spelled. True, it wasn't always easy, but our teachers learned something new, and today, as adults, we love our names and are happy our parents ignored convention. -- DEIRDRE IN EKER, SWEDEN

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow, I'll share some of the letters from folks who agreed with my answer. Stay tuned ...

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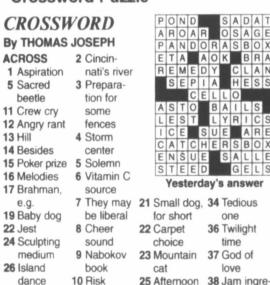
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Sports Day

Dateline NBC football special to air Friday Insufficient defense

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

When the 2006-2007 school year began in August, Dateline NBC began a search as they tried to find a model West Texas high school football team for a primetime special to air late in the year.

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After weeks of traveling around the state, NBC had narrowed its search down to five high schools, Pampa being one of them.

In the end, Pampa's relentless school spirit and constant outpouring of community support won producers over, and before anyone knew it, network camera crews could be found on the sidelines quite regularly.

As the reporter for the prime time special, NBC's Stone Phillips also became a familiar face in the community. It wasn't unusual to see Phillips playing catch with some of the players during practice or cheering the team on

In the end, Pampa's relentless school from the sidelines during the games.

Adapting well to the small, unusually close-knit community of Pampa, Texas, the NBC crew captured some great footage of the Harvesters, as well as the devotion of the football fans.

Following weeks since the football season has come to an end, fans and players alike can finally see the Pampa Harvesters on TV, along with the rest of the nation, on Dateline NBC at 8 p.m.

athletes in real life, but it

sure helps the less athletic

stand up in front of their

television rather that sit on

pick up next week when

school begins, and the var-

sity basketball boys will be

attending a tournament in

Clovis, N.M. this weekend.

encourage everyone, young

and old to get off of your

couch this holiday season

and take a stand for Wii.

In the meantime, I

High school sports will

the couch.

costs Spurs the game

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mo Williams' Christmas workout paid off immediately for the Milwaukee Bucks.

Michael Redd scored 36 points, Williams added 23 and the Bucks rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the San Antonio Spurs 114-107 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

"I came here yesterday and just worked on making layups, making layups, making layups, because those are big shots for me," Williams said.

Williams scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and Redd added eight. The Bucks shot 68 percent in the final period and outscored the Spurs 31-20.

The effectiveness that Williams and Redd showed in getting to the basket for layups contributed to Milwaukee having a 76-40 advantage in points in the paint.

The dominance came mostly out of the half-court offense because San Antonio had a 18-15 advantage in fast-break points.

Milwaukee also struggled from outside, going 1-of-11 from 3-point range.

"To score that many points in the paint against a team like San Antonio is remarkable," Bucks coach Terry Stotts said.

The Bucks (14-14) returned to .500 for the first time since they were 2-2 on Nov. 6. Redd was 14-of-22 from the floor and made all eight of his free throws as

Milwaukee won in San Antonio for the first time in five years. Andrew Bogut scored 14

and reserve Ruben Patterson had 13 for the Bucks. The Spurs (21-8) had won six of seven. But coach Gregg Popovich doesn't

think the won-loss record has been built by defense—as it usually is in San Antonio.

Popovich said, "This is

Popovich said, "This is our worst defensive team in the last seven to eight years.

"Our players need to make up their minds ... that (defense) is what wins games for us, or if they want to make summer plans."

The Spurs were playing without Manu Ginobili and Brent Barry. Both stayed home because of a stomach flu.

"They obviously missed those guys," Redd said. "But they're capable of beating anybody regardless of who is playing. They almost won tonight."

It looked like Tony Parker would take up the slack. He scored 24 points, but only two in the second half.

Tim Duncan had 25 for San Antonio.

"Things that hurt us in the first half we were able to shore up in the second half — mainly Parker's penetration," Stotts said.

Trailing by 13 in the third quarter, the Bucks took the lead when Bogut rebounded a miss by Redd and made the basket with 5:32 left in the

How to get tennis elbow in your living room

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

After being a Pampa resident for almost a month, I've come to realize that the community loves the holiday season almost as much as they do their sports.

This year, one of the hottest Christmas gifts on the market is changing the world of virtual sports.

Due to Christmas-like weather, most of Pampa's youth can be found indoors playing virtual sports on their new Playstations or XBoxes, rather than tossing a ball around outside.

If ever there was a gaming console that brought virtual sports into America's living room, it is the Nintendo Wii, specifically the game that comes with the console, Wii Sports.

The new Wii, unlike its rivals, brings sports video games to a whole new level with its wireless remote controller.

The controller itself is

used in the most realistic fashion yet, whether you're swinging a baseball bat, boxing like a heavyweight champion, or driving a golf

ball 300 yards.

If I'm not mistaken, I've become one of many across the nation that has developed a case of virtual tennis elbow this Christmas season while executing a mean forehand volley on Wii Tennis.

Sure, the Wii may be inadequate as far as training video gamers to be star

Photo by Jordan Reagan

Pampa High School junior Jeremy Martinez gets up close and personal with the Nintendo Wii. Using both the remote controller and the attached "nun-chuck," Martinez uses both hands to compete in a virtual boxing match on the Wii Sports game. "This thing is really cool," said Martinez, "This game makes me feel like I am actually able to go out there and take up boxing. But I know better than that." Other games available on Wii Sports are Tennis, Golf, Baseball and Bowling.

McGrady returns to Houston lineup, gives up too many turnovers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers played their best defensive game of the season to spoil Tracy McGrady's return to the Houston lineup.

McGrady finished with 19 points but shot 7-for-22 from the field in the Pacers' 81-76 victory Tuesday night. He had seven turnovers, including two critical ones in the final two minutes while the Rockets were trying to come back.

McGrady had missed seven

games with back spasms.

"It's pretty tough being out,"
McGrady said. "This league is too
good to come back and think
you're going to have an impact
right away. I thought I did some
things great out there, but for the
most part, I was a little rusty,
fatigued. Made a lot of fatigue mistakes and it's just going to take me

a few games to get into game

Indiana's Stephen Jackson, who guarded McGrady for most of the game, said it still was a tough matchup. McGrady averaged 19 points, six rebounds and six assists before sitting out.

"He's one of those guys that you've just got to make him work," Jackson said. "You've got to make him take tough shots. You've got to let him know you're there the whole game. He's not one of those guys you can flat out stop."

The Pacers allowed a season-low point total for the second straight game, and did it without their enforcer, Jermaine O'Neal. The 6-foot-11 center, who leads the league in blocked shots and tops the Pacers in scoring and rebounding sat out with flu-like symptoms.

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The Rockets were playing their first game since All-Star center Yao Ming was lost for at least six weeks with a fractured bone beneath his

right knee. Indiana forward Al Harrington took advantage with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

"We wanted to get the ball inside to Al and he delivered a lot tonight," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "We knew we needed Al to have a big game and get four or five guys in double figures."

Jamaal Tinsley scored 17 points, Jackson and Danny Granger added 13 points each and Jeff Foster had 16 rebounds for the Pacers.

Rafer Alston had 15 points and Shane Battier had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Houston.

Indiana pulled ahead 74-73 when Foster made the first of two free throws with 1:44 remaining. On the next possession, McGrady tried to drive but Tinsley stripped him, eventually leading to Harrington's bucket with 49 seconds left.

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McGrady missed a jumper, then

turned the ball over again, leading to Granger's two free throws with 20 seconds left that increased Indiana's lead to 78-73.

Alston came back with a 3-pointer for Houston with 16 seconds left to cut Indiana's lead to 78-76.

Indiana's Darrell Armstrong made the second of two free throws with 16 seconds left to bump the lead to 79-76. Houston's Luther Head missed a wild 3-pointer as the clock wound down, and Armstrong rebounded and made two free throws to seal it.

The Rockets fell to 14-7 with

McGrady in the lineup.

Houston had possession in the closing seconds of the first half with the teams tied at 39, but the Rockets turned it over and Jackson made two free throws with 0.8 seconds left in the half to take a 41-39 lead into the break. Indiana shot 29

percent from the field in the first half but had 12 offensive rebounds and forced 13 turnovers.

The Rockets opened the second half on a 13-4 run that included a 3-pointer and a 3-point play by Battier to take a 52-45 lead.

The Pacers stayed close with three baskets by Harrington, and a jumper by Jackson gave the Pacers a 60-58 lead with 2:58 left in the third quarter. Indiana held the Rockets scoreless for the last 4:14 of the period and led 62-58 after three.

The Pacers held Houston to 23 percent shooting in the fourth quarter

"We didn't play well offensively," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "You can't turn the ball over like we did tonight and expect to win, especially on the road. We were discombobulated out there."

Cotton Bowl tickets become a bargain

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tickets for the Cotton Bowl are so cheap that a family of four could see the New Year's Day game between Nebraska and Auburn in Dallas for less than \$100.

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The lowest price found Tuesday, on TicketLiquidator.com, was \$10 for a ticket with a face value of \$45. StubHub.com was selling a \$90 face-value

ticket for just \$12.

"Ten dollars is as low as anyone would sell them for, so you could say the ticket has hit bottom with the Cotton Bowl," TicketLiquidator CEO Don Vaccaro said.

TicketLiquidator, of Vernon, Conn., and San Francisco-based StubHub are among the online marketplaces that bring together ticket buyers and sellers. StubHub spokesman Sean Pate said the so-called "secondary market" gives a true indication of how hot — or cold — a ticket is.

Typically, fans go to the secondary market for hard-to-get tickets — and often pay significantly more than face value.

Buyers are getting the better end of the deal with the Cotton Bowl.

TicketsNow.com had \$15 tickets, and several other online brokers had plenty listed for \$20. Prime seats still go for several hundred dollars, but what surprises Pate is how little it costs for fans just to get into the stadium.

"Those tickets are dropping to unforeseen territory for a bowl game of that magnitude," Pate said.

Neither Nebraska nor Auburn had sold out its allotment of 12,500 tickets, all priced at \$90. All but about 3,500 of the 68,252 Cotton Bowl stadium seats have a face value of \$90. Omaha-based Ticket Express is getting 10 calls from people trying to sell Cotton Bowl tickets for every one trying to buy, president Chad Carr said.

Carr, like others in the travel and ticket business, say fans aren't enamored with Dallas as a destination. Brokers say Nebraska fans are let down after the Huskers lost to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game. Same goes for Auburn fans, who saw their Tigers' national championship hopes end with a November loss to Georgia.

The 10:38 a.m. kickoff time also is difficult to overcome, Carr said, as is the unpredictable January weather in Dallas.

At StubHub, the average price for a Cotton Bowl ticket is \$90, with \$406 the highest paid so far. Pate said he expects the average to fall as the game nears.

The average price is 19th among the 32 bowls and ranks behind games such as the Texas Bowl (\$100), Music City Bowl (\$116), Emerald Bowl (\$125) and Alamo Bowl (\$138).

The Bowl Championship Series title game, Pate said, is fetching an average of \$1,400.

Jason Randall, CEO of Austin-based Coast to Coast Tickets, said he's not caught off-guard by the low Cotton Bowl ticket prices because the stadium is large and the matchup pits teams from distant places.

"When there's not a championship on the line, it makes it a lot harder to justify the travel expense," Randall said. "If (the University of Texas) were playing in the Cotton Bowl against an interesting opponent, maybe that would shake things up. As it is, this game isn't that big a deal."

Ochoa dominates world of women's sports

NEW YORK (AP) — Lorena Ochoa swept all the major honors on the LPGA Tour and picked up another award at the end of the season with a landslide victory as the AP Female Athlete of the Year.

She received 220 points in

voting from sports editors around the country, double the point total of French tennis player Amelie Mauresmo, who captured Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

Maria Sharapova, who won the U.S. Open in tennis, and Lisa Leslie, who won her third MVP award in the WNBA, tied for third with 60 points. Rounding out the top five were French Open champion Justin Henin-Hardenne and Hannah Teter, a snowboarding gold medalist at the Turin Olympics.

It was the fourth straight year a golfer has won AP Female Athlete. Sorenstam won the award the previous three years.

U.S Junior Hockey team defeated in Germany

LEKSAND, Sweden (AP)

— The United States lost to
Germany 2-1 at the World
Junior Hockey
Championship, beaten by
Marcel Muller's goal 1:51
into overtime.

This was unified Germany's first victory over the Americans in the world juniors, although West Germany won three times, the last in 1981.

Often perceived as a klutz, Gerald Ford among most athletic presidents

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — His deliberate manner of speaking, some highly publicized mishaps and a recurring Chevy Chase bit in the early days of "Saturday Night Live" helped advance the notion that Gerald R. Ford was a bit of a bumbling stumbler.

In fact, Ford was one of the nation's fittest and most athletic presidents.

Ford, who has died at age 93, played center on the University of Michigan football team, where he was a three-year letter winner. His teams enjoyed consecutive undefeated, national championship seasons in 1932 and 1933. He was the Wolverines' most valuable player in 1934 and, on Jan. 1, 1935, he played in a college all-star game known today as the East West Shrine Game.

Michigan later retired Ford's No. 48 jersey.

During a 1934 game against the University of Chicago, Ford became the only future U.S. president to tackle a future Heisman Trophy winner when he brought down halfback Jay Berwanger, who won the first Heisman the following

"When I tackled Jay in the second quarter, I ended up with a bloody cut and I still have the scar to prove it," Ford said after Berwanger's death in June 2002.

'It's not hard to find Jerry Ford on a golf course -- you just follow the wounded."

— Bob Hope

He also was the captain of his football team at Grand Rapids South High School and was an all-state center in 1930, his senior prep season.

Former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, who died in November, told The Associated Press during assistant football and boxing

an interview in August that whenever Ford visited Ann Arbor in his later years, he would call on the team and join the players for dinner at their training table.

"At practice he would say, 'Bo, do you mind if I get in huddle?" said Schembechler, who coached the Wolverines from 1969-89. "There was one roughlooking Secret Service guy that always was looking over President Ford's shoulder.

"Once when the president was leaning into the huddle, the Secret Service guy was standing between the ball and the huddle, and our quarterback said, 'What should I do?"' And I said, 'Run over him."

After graduating from Michigan, Ford turned down offers from the Detroit Lions and the Green Bay Packers to play in the National Football League, said Don Holloway, curator of Ford's presidential museum in Grand Rapids.

Instead, Ford went to Yale University to become an coach, with the hope that it would help him get accepted into Yale Law School. Ironically, his coaching duties delayed his acceptance until spring 1938.

In April 1942, Ford joined the U.S. Naval Reserve as an ensign and he soon became a physical-fitness instructor at a preflight school in Chapel Hill, N.C. A year later, when he began service aboard the aircraft USS carrier Monterey, his first assignment was as athletic director and gunnery division officer.

He was in good physical condition when he became president at age 61. While living in the White House, he swam every day, skied regularly and played golf and tennis better than most other presidents, historians say.

But on a number of occasions, Ford, while golfing. hit into the galleries that lined the fairways to watch him. News cameras captured at least one spectator being hit in the head by an errant Ford shot.

Bob Hope, a golfing friend of Ford, once

quipped: "It's not hard to find Jerry Ford on a golf course — you just follow the wounded."

Journalists also reported when Ford tumbled while skiing, when he slipped and fell on some metal steps while getting off Air Force One in the rain in Austria and when he bumped his head on an airplane doorway.

skin during his 25 years in U.S. House of Representatives but he never cared for the jokes about his clumsiness, Holloway said.

Ford developed a thick

"I'm sure it had to be somewhat frustrating but he had the ability that every successful politician has and that's the ability to laugh at himself and to laugh with others about himself," he

In his memoir, "A Time to Heal: The Autobiography of Gerald R. Ford," he bitterly recounted how a brief stumble recorded by a television camera turned into a national

"There was no doubt in my mind that I was the most

athletic president to occupy the White House in years ... (but) from that moment on, every time I stumbled or bumped my head or fell in the snow, reporters zeroed in on that to the exclusion of almost everything else. ... (This) helped create the public perception of me as a stumbler. And that wasn't funny."

Ford was a little more game about the "Saturday Night Live" jokes in 1986 when he spoke at a symposium on humor and the presidency: "On occasion I winced. But on the other hand, Betty and I used to watch 'Saturday Night Live' and enjoyed it. Presidents are sitting ducks, and you might as well sit back and enjoy it."

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John Robert Greene, a Ford biographer and professor of history and government at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, N.Y., said Ford got the erroneous image because he was the first president whose every public move was scrutinized by a post-Watergate press.

Middle Tennessee defeated at first bowl game

(AP) DETROIT Central Michigan Middle Tennessee State both came away from the Motor City Bowl convinced their programs will benefit from the experience.

Only one coach knows for sure that he'll be around to find out if that's true.

Led by interim coach Jeff Quinn, the Chippewas scored on their first two drives and added another score on defense early in the second half to beat the Blue Raiders 31-14 in the Motor City Bowl on Tuesday night.

Quinn said the momentum generated by Central Michigan's first 10-win season since 1979 will help recruiting and will give a boost to returning players, who got a taste of success.

He acknowledged loving the experience of being a head coach just three weeks after Brian Kelly was wooed away by the Cincinnati Bearcats, but wasn't interested in lobbying for the job after leading the Chippewas to their first Division I-A bowl victory.

"Certainly, they made a statement and it's great to know they followed my lead," he said. "But it's really about them. They didn't win this game for Jeff Quinn."

Middle Tennessee State (7-6) played in a Division I-A bowl for the first time in its eighth season at college football's highest level.

"What Middle Tennessee did today, you can't put a price tag on it," first-year coach Rick Stockstill said. "It will help us short-term and long-term, and I'll forever be indebted to these guys."

Running back Eugene Gross, who scored in the second quarter to pull the Blue Raiders within a TD, said the program will be able to build on the breakthrough season.

"We made a big step to get the experience of a bowl game," he said. "It's the beginning of something special."

Central Michigan (10-4) was effective enough at the

start of each half to make sure its season ended on a winning note after losing its previous two bowl appearances — the 1994 Las Vegas and 1990 California Raisin Bowls.

Ontario Sneed scored twice early and Doug Kress returned an interception for a TD on the first possession of the third quarter.

"You don't always win games in the fourth quarter," Quinn said. "You can win in the first quarter."

Central Michigan quarterback Dan LeFevour, who had a TD pass and ran for a score, was the MVP. Defensive end Dan Bazuin won the lineman of the game award after making eight tackles, including two sacks, deflecting a pass and helping set up the defensive score with pressure.

Kress' 56-yard return put Mid-American Conference champions ahead by three TDs early in the third.

"That Middle hurt," Tennessee State quarterback

Clint Marks said.

The Blue Raiders held Central Michigan to minus-6 yards on its first two drives in the second half, then DeMarco McNair's 6-yard run made it 28-14 early in the fourth quarter.

Central Michigan botched a field goal attempt on the ensuing possession, giving the Sun Belt Conference cochampions hope McNair was stuffed at the line on a fourth-and-1 from their 29 with 5 1/2 minutes

That stop set up Rick Albreski's 43-yard field goal to make it 31-14.

"We had our chances and we fought till the end,' Stockstill said. "As a coach, that's all you can ask."

Bazuin, an NFL prospect, eft the game with a knee injury in the first half, but returned after halftime.

"I wasn't too scared," he insisted. "I was glad I was able to run off the field, come back and help win the game for the Chippewas."

Dallas Stars lack luster in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks' power play finally came through.

Denis Arkhipov and Martin Lapointe each scored a powerplay goal Tuesday night, and Nikolai Khabibulin made 20 saves to lead Chicago to a 2-1 victory over the Dallas Stars.

The Blackhawks snapped an 0-for-18 power-play slump that spanned four games and went 2-for-4 with the man advantage. They entered with the third-worst power-play conversion rate in the NHL (11.4 percent).

"We didn't do anything fancy," coach Denis Savard said. 'We got set up. You ain't gonna see pretty plays. Those are scored with rebounds and screens, getting the puck back to the point with D-to-D and stuff like that.'

Still, Savard said his team has a long way to go.

"It should be a confidence-booster for us, but our power play has to improve," he said. "Down the road here to the end of the year, it's going to help us get points."

Chicago defeated Dallas for the second consecutive time this season, following a 15-game winless streak (13-0-2) against the Stars that dated to March 2002.

The Blackhawks beat Dallas 2-1 on Nov. 29 in Savard's debut as coach. They are now 9-3-3 under Savard, who took over after Trent Yawney was fired on Nov. 27.

Arkhipov, who assisted on Lapointe's goal, said his team just tried to keep things simple on the power play.

"We talked a lot," Arkhipov said. "Instead of a lot of passes tonight, we stayed in front and shot the puck and got some rebounds. Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it's not." Stu Barnes scored for the Stars.

Nowitzki, Howard lead Mavericks' victory over Charlotte

teammate Josh Howard along as a sidekick.

Howard scored 27 points and Mavericks stretched their winning streak to seven games with a 97-84 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night.

Conference player of the week, went 10-for-19 from the field and grabbed eight rebounds. Dallas is 9-I this season when Howard scores 20 or more points.

publicity blitz to get Howard Allwon't need much help.

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki teammate Greg Buckner said. "He's player." is likely headed for his sixth straight doing everything, playing the best All-Star appearance, and this sea- ball on our team. We know Dirk's blowout, building a 57-45 lead after it with intensity," Charlotte Bobcats, who were competitive son he could have Dallas Mavericks an All-Star. We'd like to have two. early in the third quarter. But coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "He We think we're the best team in the league.'

Howard, averaging 20.8 points the quarter. Nowitzki added 23 as the over the last 14 games, would like to be in Las Vegas for the All-Star back to the Mavericks, scoring 11 game on Feb. 18. If he isn't chosen, he'll be happy for a few days off.

"That's a kid's dream always," Howard, last week's Western Howard said. "If the fans and into the fourth quarter. coaches want me, I'll want to play. good guys out there."

Howard credits better shot selec- said. The Mavericks have put on a tion for much of his improvement.

Star recognition, but if he continues right shots," Howard said. "I try to the late third-quarter flurry. On the to perform at the current level, he be in the right position. It's timing, three-point play, Howard dunked 17 points, Gerald Wallace had 16 "No doubt he's an All-Star," up everything. I've matured as a bringing the sellout crowd to its who've lost eight of 10.

Dallas seemed on the verge of a Charlotte responded with an 8-0 run knew he could go get it if he missed to get within four with 5:55 left in

Howard swung the momentum points during the final 4:19 of the third quarter while Dallas was on a 21-11 run for a 78-65 lead heading

"We lost our focus as a team the But I'm not going to cry if I don't first few minutes of the third quarter make it because there are a lot of and we just went out and started playing better basketball," Howard

Howard contributed a four-point "I was just out there taking the play and a three-point play during it's decisions. I know I can't chuck after rebounding his own miss, and Matt Carroll 14 for the Bobcats,

it. He's just a terrific player."

Nowitzki, Dallas' top scorer who's been slowed by a sprained ankle over the past week, moved well enough to shoot 9-for-15 while contributing seven rebounds.

The Mavericks improved to 21-7, the best record in the league and a half-game ahead of the San Antonio Spurs (21-8) in the Southwest Division. San Antonio lost 114-107 at home to Milwaukee on Tuesday night.

Reserve Devean George had 12 points for Dallas.

Dallas coach Avery Johnson was "He threw it up there and went concerned before the game with the against the Mavericks on Nov. 20 in Charlotte before Dallas used a late surge for a 93-85 victory.

> Five of Charlotte's seven victories are against teams with winning

> Charlotte missed 11 of its first 12 field goal attempts in the second quarter as Dallas moved to a 49-41 halftime advantage. Howard and Nowitzki each had 14 points in the first half.

The Bobcats got off 78 shots, the same number as the Mavericks. But Charlotte made only 31, a shooting percentage of 41.

"Our problem is real simple," Rookie Adam Morrison scored Bickerstaff said. "It's putting the ball in the basket."

Knight still clinging to his notion of college basketball

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist

Nobody should begrudge Bob Knight his next win, the one that nudges him past Dean Smith and into first place on college basketball's all-time Division I men's

If it helps, think how much earlier Knight might have reached this milestone if he hadn't wasted so much time bullying the hired help and throwing tantrums. But enough about that for a moment.

Turn on the TV any night this time of year and much of what you see on the floor Knight drew up some four decades ago. Just about

every team runs some version of his motion offense, or man-to-man defense, but only he still runs both religiously. It's Knight's notion of what the game should look like at any moment, a snapshot that's proven remarkably resilient in this digital age, when kids want to leap straight into the highlight reel, then dunk and never come down.

Before he ever coached a game, Knight was the sixth man on an Ohio State team that was as talented as they come and a lot more mature than they get nowadays. Using his time on the bench wisely, Knight cooked up a scheme perpetual-motion

that made it possible for any kid — and not just stars like John Havlicek or Jerry Lucas - to wind up with the best shot, provided both he and the basketball were moving often enough.

For all that, more than nostalgia props up the legend. Knight hasn't won a really big game in a long time — the last of his three national titles came in 1987, his last conference title in 1993, and his team's haven't advanced past the second

round of the NCAA tournament in the past dozen years. The talent deficit, though, eventually caught up with Knight. You could have stacked all the videotapes of

a red-sweatered menace crossing the line with players, assistants, referees, reporters and even administrators outside his office door in Bloomington, but it wasn't until Knight started losing too many big games that Indiana pulled the rug out from under him. When he resurfaced a year later at Texas Tech, he knew the talent gap would only widen. Knight put down roots in

Lubbock, anyway, a move that at the time seemed less about reclaiming past glory than methodically overtaking Smith and the D-1 record. Little has happened since to change the perception. Knight has upgraded

slightly the caliber of players who might consider playing there, and he's had to relax some dearly held rules about haircuts and tattoos to accomplish even that.

he's brought respectability and 20-win seasons to another town, and the same system that once drew the best players in the country to him like a magnet still worked well enough with middling talent to put Knight even with Smith heading into

Some milestones carry a significance beyond their numbers, and when Smith went past Adolph Rupp back in 1997, more than a few members of the fraternity

saw it as the fitting conclusion to an era of exclusivity.

The cold-hearted baron Kentucky stood astride the game for more than 40 years, but only one black played basketball there during that stretch. Smith made integration a cornerstone of his program at North Carolina, not simply benefiting from the cause but actively championing it. That's why, in the days leading up to his supplanting Rupp at the top, Nolan Richardson, who is black and won a national title at Arkansas, said he would "sleep much better at night knowing Dean is the man.'

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Egypt: Israeli soldier captured by terrorists still alive

Israeli soldier captured by Palestinian militants last June is still alive, Egypt's foreign minister said Wednesday during a visit to Jerusalem.

Ahmed Aboul Gheit said Egypt

JERUSALEM (AP) - The is mediating between Israel and heard from since then, though but I emphasize that we are work-Hamas to win the release of Cpl. Gilad Shalit, who was captured last June by militants linked to the ruling Hamas faction who tunneled into Israel and then fled back to Gaza. Shalit has not been seen or

Israeli officials have said they believe he is alive.

"This is a very sensitive issue," Aboul Gheit told a news conference in Jerusalem. "I hope and believe that he will be released ...

ing hard for his release and we are sure that he is still alive."

However, he said he could not guarantee Shalit's release.

Aboul Gheit spoke in Arabic and his comments were translated into

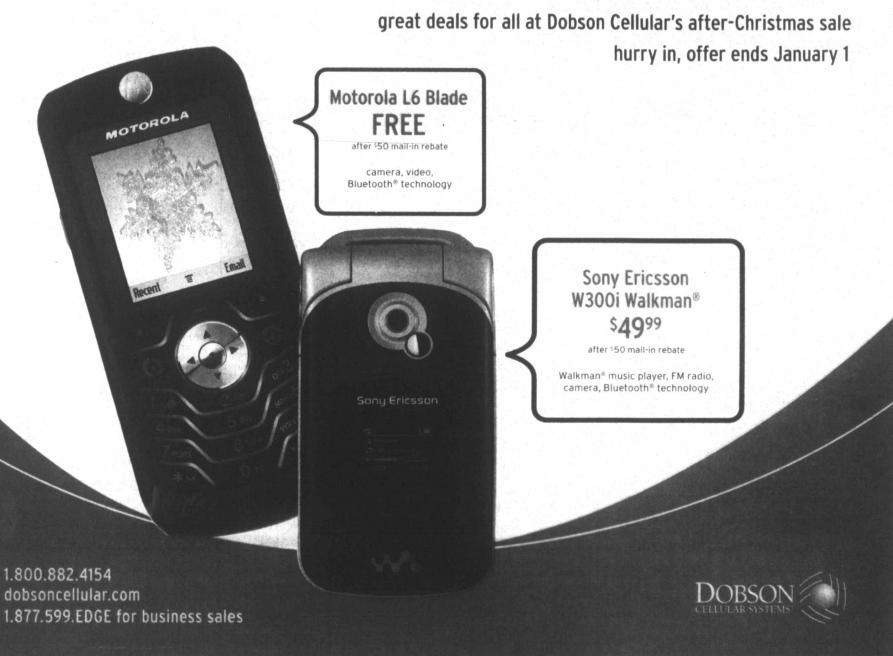
Hebrew. The news conference was held after a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni.

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People in the news

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) Adam Sandler, a New Hampshire native, helped brighten Christmas for a sister and brother who are struggling with cancer.

The 40-year-old actor, whose movie credits include "The Longest Yard," "50 First Dates" and "Mr. Deeds," sent a Sony Corp. PlayStation 3 loaded with games to 15-year-old Stephanie and 18-year-old Hudon Kevin Manchester. Sandler also sent signed DVDs, jerseys and an autographed "Longest Yard" poster.

> Monahan said in a phone interview Tuesday, "I was completely sarcastic." But Burditt, 18, took her seriously.

Stephanie has bone cancer that recently spread to her lungs. She is scheduled for surgery Jan. 8. Kevin diagnosed Hodgkin's lymphoma in November and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Christine Monahan, a teacher at Manchester Memorial High School, said the package from Sandler arrived last week. Monahan has been helping raise money for the family.

Memorial High senior Nathan Burditt camped out 34 hours last month to buy a PlayStation 3 and then, on Monahan's suggestion, gave the video game console as a prize in a fundraising raffle.

Monahan said in a phone interview Tuesday, "I was completely sarcastic." But Burditt, 18, took her seriously.

His explanation is simple. "I've had my tough times," he said Tuesday of medical problems that included frequent trips to a Boston hospital as a child and heart sur-

gery last summer. Burditt's donation of the \$600 video game console sent the fund-raising project to a new level. Monahan had hoped to raise \$500 to help the Hudon family pay some bills and buy Christmas gifts. Instead, the project raised \$21,000.

"Everybody out there, I just wanted to say 'thank you' and my family thanks you," Stephanie said.

Meanwhile, Burditt won his PlayStation 3 back albeit reluctantly.

Monahan said that wasn't a big surprise since many people buying tickets wrote his name on them.

Burditt wanted to sell it and donate the money to the Hudons, but the family said

"They had said I've already done enough. I don't really see it the same way, but I'm not going to go against what they say," he said.

For now, Monahan is keeping the system boxed at her house until Burditt makes a decision.