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Suspect King's hearing moved to next week

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

PINEVILLE, Mo. -- The Thursday hearing for a man accused of murdering two people in this Southwest Missouri community and suspected of killing a family south of Pampa has been postponed until next week.

Levi King, 24, is charged with murdering Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law, Dawn Burr McCool, 47, on Sept. 29, 2005.

King has also been indicted by a Gray County grand jury in the predawn shooting deaths of Brian Conrad, 31; his pregnant wife,

Michell Conrad, 35; and her son, Zach Doan, 14, on Sept. 30, at their home between Pampa and Interstate 40. Michell Conrad was six months pregnant at the time of her death.

King had been scheduled to appear in court Thursday, but a change in the McDonald County Prosecuting Attorney's office on election day last November has resulted in the pushing back of the case to Tuesday.

Janice Lynn Durbin defeated incumbent Steve Geeding for the prosecutor's job. Durbin took office this week.

Tim Finnical, who had been appointed special prosecutor, will continue to lead the prosecution in the double murder case here.

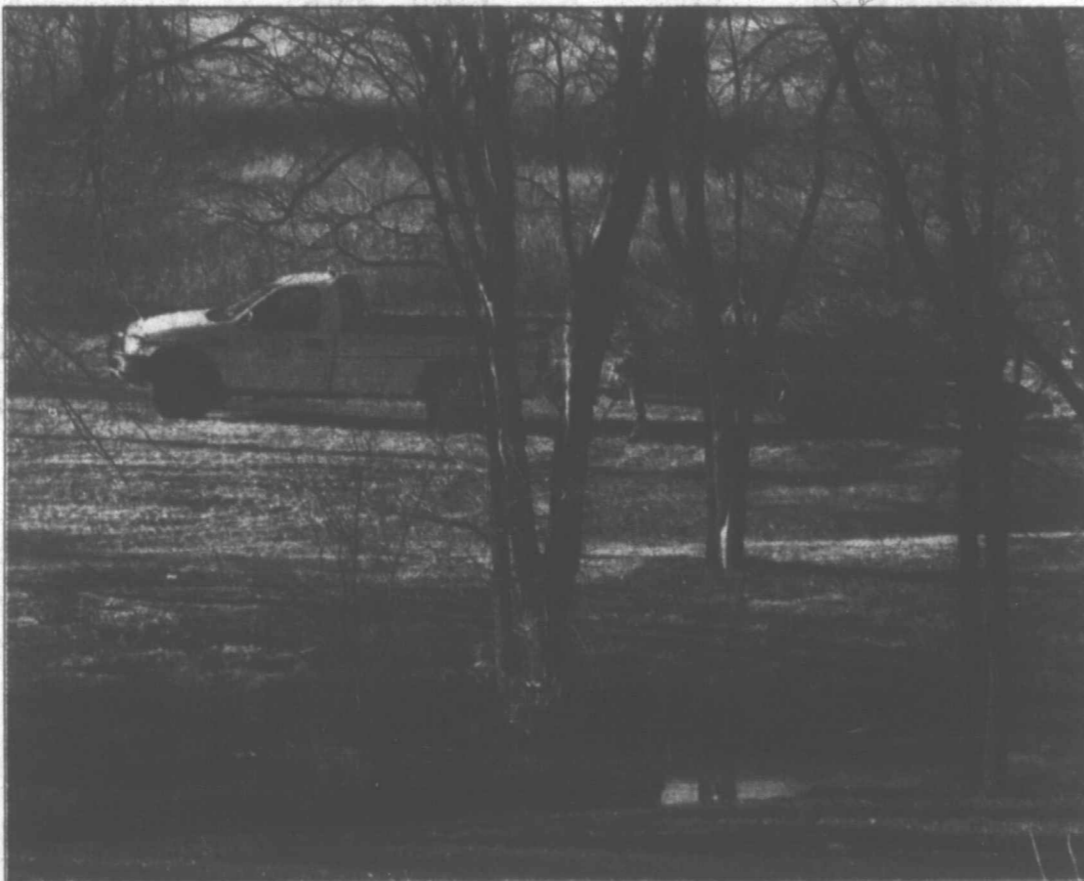
At his Tuesday appearance, King is expected to waive his preliminary hearing in Division II court (similar to a Justice of the Peace Court in Texas) and be bound over for trial in the Division I Court (similar to a state district court in Texas) of Judge John LePage. King is expected to plead not guilty to the Missouri murder charges against him. King is also expected to have his request for a change of venue granted.

At his initial arraignment here in March, King pleaded guilty to the murder charges against him with regard to the McCools' deaths. The charges at that time did not include special circumstances that would have allowed the prosecutors to seek the death penalty. Finnical said that the prosecution had until the trial date to file the special circumstances.

In Missouri, as in Texas, there have to be special or aggravating circumstances, such as killing while committing another crime or com-

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Limb removal



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

City workers tie down a trailer load of tree limbs they removed from the north end of Mora Wilks Park, near Evergreen and 16th streets, this morning. Removal of tree limbs felled by a heavy coating of ice on Dec. 19 continues in city parks, with curbside removal in residential areas to begin after public property has been cleared.

Teacher salaries see growth spurt

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Teacher salaries in Texas saw the largest growth in six years, according to a report released by the Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of School Administrators. A survey was sent out to 1,031 Texas school districts and 744 districts responded, which represents 72 percent of the total districts in the state.

The weighted average teacher salary in responding districts is \$44,615 for 2006-2007, which is up 6.9 percent from the 2005-2006 average salary of \$41,743. This increase is significant since the past six consecutive years showed a growth of 2 percent or less. Part of this increase is due to the passage of House Bill 1 in 2006 of the 79th Legislature, which required districts to increase salaries for teachers

by at least \$2,500.

Region XI, Fort Worth, has the highest weighted average salary of \$46,933. Region VIII, Mount Pleasant, has the lowest weighted average of \$39,423.

The average starting salary for a new teacher in Texas is \$32,266, which is 18 percent higher than the state minimum of \$27,320. The pay for new teachers in Pampa for 2006-2007 is \$33,500, which is \$2,500 more than last year's rate of \$31,000.

Some school districts pay stipends (fixed payment for services) for certain types of specialties that teachers offer. Pampa pays teachers with a master's degree a stipend of \$750 extra a year over those with a bachelor's degree. They also pay a stipend to teachers who are

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City's street names a historical who's who

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Pampa is a city full of history from the early 1900s. Many of the city streets were named after residents who lived here at that time, according to Gray County Heritage. Here are a few examples:

Atchison - named after Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.

Barnard - First Chamber of Commerce President, Charles B. Barnard.

Barnes - maiden name of M.K. Brown's wife Josye Lucille.

Montagu, Kingsmill, Brown - all named after M.K. Brown (Montagu Kingsmill Brown) who was co-manager of White Deer

Land Co. with C.P. Buckler.

Buckler - after C.P. Buckler, co-manager of White Deer Land Co. with M.K. Brown.

Brunow - First doctor in Pampa, Dr. V.E. von Brunow.

Cook - First lawyer in Pampa, Charles C. Cook.

Charles, Christine, Mary Ellen - all after Charles C. Cook's children.

Cuyler - trustee of White Deer Land Co. Cornelius C. Cuyler.

Duncan - First mayor of Pampa, J.N. Duncan.

Finley - First cashier of First National Bank and later president of the bank,

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Just ducky



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

The lake at Recreation Park shows effects of recent precipitation as water covers the walking surface of the dock next to the boat ramp, leaving only the top rails and upper end of the vertical posts visible. Water has also crossed the spillway at the opposite end of the lake and filled in an area stretching back to the National Guard Armory. The automated weather station near Recreation Park recorded 2.03 inches of rainfall on Dec. 29, and a total of 3.16 inches for the month of December.

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Grass in ice



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Tufts of grass stick through the ice on a pond Tuesday off the Bowers City Highway.

New Yorkers promote bull riding event

NEW YORK (AP) — For the rest of this week, New Yorkers can take a taxi by the horns.

Five normally yellow cabs, covered in fake brown and white cowhide and decorated with bull's horns on the roof, lined up outside Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, part of a promotion for a two-day Invitational Bull Riders event on Jan. 6-7.

"It's hard to get noticed in New York," said Gavin Harvey, a cable TV executive

backing the event. Through Sunday, fares will be free for anyone willing to hail a cab that looks like a cow on wheels.

It will be Gotham's first experience with professional bull-riding, which is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, according to Harvey, president of Versus, a cable channel that features various rugged sports including professional hockey and boxing.

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certified to teach bilingual education. In Pampa, those who teach Spanish classes or ELL, English Language Learners, get an extra \$3,000 for their first year of teaching and an additional \$1,500 each year after that. Other districts also pay stipends for math, science and special education teachers.

Pampa follows the majority of school districts in

regard to stipends. Of those districts that responded to the survey, 53 percent pay stipends in at least one critical shortage area and 61 percent pay teachers with master's degrees more.

Pampa also follows the majority of districts when it comes to hiring bonuses, longevity pay and performance incentive plans. Very few districts pay teachers extra for these areas. Only 11 percent pay hiring bonuses, 14 percent offer longevity pay for service and 12 percent have some type of performance incentive plan.

A teacher in the Pampa district receives a pay raise with each year of experience. According to the pay scale for 2006-2007, after 10 years of experience, a teacher will get paid \$38,132. After 20 years, the pay goes up to \$45,222. A teacher who has taught for 40 years can expect a salary of \$49,407.

Using these figures, a teacher in Pampa will average a \$400 a year raise each year. After 40 years of experience, a teacher makes \$16,000 more a year than a new teacher.

Democrats launch political Web site

DENTON — In order to capitalize on recent electoral gains and provide a forum for progressive ideas in Texas, several Democratic party activists have

announced the launch of TheTexasBlue.com, a political Web site designed to promote an exchange of ideas in Texas politics.

Former Congressional

candidate Curtis Clinesmith, Karl Lynch, Josh Berthume, and George Nassar are combining their political and technological know-how to benefit Texas Democrats.

With unexpected Democratic victories, close election results in hundreds of races across the state this November, and recent polling suggesting advances for Democrats, many have recognized the face of politics is changing in Texas.

"Texas Democrats need an innovative forum where they can share ideas and build unity for the 2008 election cycle and beyond," Clinesmith said. "I am excited to do my part in adding to the debate."

"The Texas Blue will serve as an online think tank for Democratic politics," Berthume said.

For more information, contact Josh Berthume at (940) 382-1591 or at josh@thetexasblue.com.

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mitting multiple murders, in order for the prosecution to seek the death penalty.

When King pleaded guilty, Judge Timothy Perigo allowed prosecutors to redraw the charges against King to include the death penalty, and King was allowed to withdraw his plea.

Eventually, the prosecutors dropped and then refilled the charges against King, noting the special circumstances.

King's attorney, Charles Moreland of the Missouri State Public Defender

System, argued that the state should not have been allowed to seek the death penalty and that because King initially pleaded guilty to the murders without special circumstances the most King could be sentenced to was life in prison without parole.

The Missouri Supreme Court ended the summer of legal wrangling and said the charges would stand and the case could go forward.

King was arrested Oct. 3, 2005, by U.S. Border Patrol agents as he tried to cross the border from Mexico back into the United States at El Paso.

He was driving Orlie McCool's red 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup. Authorities said they found a number of

weapons in the truck along with an identification card belonging to Conrad.

King reportedly told law enforcement officers that he had crossed into Mexico, but became frightened and was trying to return to the United States when he was arrested on a murder warrant out of Missouri.

Officials said bullets found at the Conrad home matched one of the weapons found in the truck that King was driving.

King is being held without bond by the Missouri Department of Corrections. He was transferred to a state prison after an alleged escape attempt from the McDonald County Jail earlier this year.

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B.E. Finley. Francis - George Tyng's youngest son.

Gray - a prominent Texas lawyer and member of the first Texas legislature, Peter W. Gray.

Gwendolyn - M.K. Brown's sister.

Hobart - "Father of Pampa" and manager of

White Deer Lands 1903-1924, Timothy Dwight Hobart.

Lea, Lynn - granddaughters of former superintendent L.L. Stone.

Malone - Second funeral director, Grover C. Malone. Purviance - one of the senior doctors in town, Dr. Walter Purviance.

Russell - Judge Russell Benedict, who was sent to Texas in 1903 with power of attorney to transfer title to the purchasers of the

White Deer Lands from the New York and Texas Land Co.

Schneider - founder of Schneider Hotel, currently Schneider House apartments, Alex Schneider.

Sloan - owner of first two-story house in Pampa, C.P. Sloan.

Tyng - First manager of White Deer Lands 1888-1903 George Tyng, who is credited with naming the town after the "pampas of the Argentine."

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Viewpoints

The making of the family history book ...

My son has entered the family history book.

2006 will always be known in Bowser family lore as the Christmas that Brad fried the turkey.

It was the first Christmas that my son and his wife hosted the family Christmas gathering.

After driving to Lubbock Christmas Eve, I arrived at their home, all decked out for the holidays, to be greeted at the front door with the news, "Dad, we're going to have fried turkey."

Christmas dinner had been a topic of concern for some weeks before. Brad did not want to have the traditional roast turkey. He doesn't, as it turns out, like turkey.

He likes to cook out on his

grill in the backyard and does an admiral job with steaks, burgers and even lobster, but I for one had misgivings about deep-frying a Christmas turkey.

Brad said he and Dana, my wonderful daughter-in-law, had been to a friend's house a few weeks before and had had their first taste for fried turkey. Indeed, Brad had borrowed his friend's propane tank, burner and fry pot, along with handwritten and somewhat vague instructions about how to deep-fry a turkey.

"It was really good," said my enthusiastic scion.

He also allowed how he had a ham in case the fried turkey didn't work out.

I need to mention here that my son is a paramedic. His

wife is a nurse. They have even stranger hours than newspaper reporters. Both worked Christmas Eve while I minded my grand dogs, a pair of Chocolate Labs, Sage and Ginger.

With both kids having gotten in during the wee hours of Christmas morning, things moved slowly. In fact, it was near the crack of noon before the house started stirring.

The presents were under the tree. A fire was roaring in the fireplace. Like a couple of kids, the dogs were running in and out and investi-

gating the packages under the tree.

Then it happened. Sage stepped on a present with her name on it. There was a squeak. Both dogs went en pointe.

"Sage," Brad screamed, and the dogs ran back outside.

My son followed with 40 pounds of peanut oil and headed for the frying apparatus.

"How much do I put in?" he asked as he hoisted the plastic bottle.

I looked around to see to whom he was speaking.

After filling the bucket about half full, we examined

the oil level carefully, and then looked at each other. Then he poured a little more just to be on the safe side, before lighting the burner.

"How long will it take to get up to 325 degrees?" he asked as he immediately checked the thermometer.

Again, I looked around to see to whom he was talking.

Forty-five minutes later with the thermometer reading 150 degrees, we went back inside to finish preparing the turkey.

My son pulled the thawed bird from the refrigerator as he began explaining to me how he had injected it with some sort of Creole marinade.

One should never watch the preparation of food by two medical professionals.

There was a discussion of the proper gauge of needle needed to inject marinades and also a quick lesson in turkey anatomy as Brad rubbed down the turkey with mustard and spices and placed the bird on the spindle that would be used to hold it as he lowered it into the boiling peanut oil.

"Look at how that tendon works," my son said to his wife, as he worked the bird's wing back and forth.

The turkey sat upright impaled on the spindle, its wings being manipulated by the master of the house. Its drumsticks splayed ingloriously.

Then came the moment of truth -- almost.

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David Bowser
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2007. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. (Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.)

In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.

In 1938, the "March of Dimes" campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, ten days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

Ten years ago: President Clinton declared northern Nevada a major disaster area following days of rain that sent rivers over their banks in the Reno and Carson City area. Bryant Gumbel signed off for the last time as host of NBC's "Today" show.

Five years ago: A three-year federal investigation into the political and personal finances of Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., ended with no criminal charges.

'I can forgive, but I cannot forget,' is only another way of saying, 'I will not forgive.' Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note — torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.'

— Henry Ward Beecher
American clergyman
(1813-1887)



A disciple of the pleasure-pain principle

I don't think it is a good idea to climb mountains in the winter. I don't think it is a good idea to climb mountains at any season. I've never been remotely attracted to the allure of climbing a mountain.

These thoughts are prompted by the deaths of three young men on Mount Hood in Oregon. One can presume they were doing something that gave them pleasure, and that they accepted the risks of their avocation. People die all the time, and, in fact, eventually we all will die from one cause or another.

I am not averse to taking risks; it's that the alleged benefit of mountain climbing has never seemed worth it. It is a physically grueling task, often painful, and risky. So you get to the top, you take a look around, and then you start back down. I just

can't see the point of it.

You could say you've accomplished something most people in the world never will, but most people in the world would reply, "You're darn right we never will, because we have better sense." Who wants to endure cold, lack of oxygen, exhaustion and danger just to say he made his body suffer? It sounds masochistic to me.

I'm a great believer in the pleasure-pain principle. Seek what gives you pleasure and avoid what gives you pain. Of course, we can't always do that. Sometimes circumstances force us to endure hardship, pain and suffering, but those are generally circumstances

we can't avoid. I argued in vain when I was in the Army that I didn't need to practice being cold and wet, that I could endure it just as well the first time as the 50th, but the Army thought that practice would make a perfect stoic.

Another reason I've never been drawn to mountain climbing is that I've always been lazy. I'm sure my choice of career was influenced by the fact that sitting at a typewriter was much easier than putting on a new roof, hauling in a heavy net of fish, digging a ditch or laying brick.

My early attraction to firearms stems from the same factor. It's much easier to pull a trigger than to beat a man to death with your

fists. Besides, it's been my experience that when most people look down the barrel of a gun, they suddenly decide they aren't as mad as they had originally thought. Discretion is not only the better part of valor; it's a heck of a lot better than being dead.

Finally, mountain climbing often involves a human vanity we ought to rid ourselves of. People will often think, if not say, "I conquered Mount Sowhat." No, they didn't. All they did was climb to the top. Goats do that all the time. The mountain was there long before they were and will be there long after they are gone. Humans can't conquer nature. That is a delusion that causes a lot of harm.

We can despoil it with our garbage and cause tempo-

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Austin American-Statesman on preserving 'affordable' housing:

There is usually great care given to the backdrop for presidential news conferences, but whoever worries about that kind of thing must have been on Christmas vacation last week. How else would you explain using the Indian Treaty Room to talk about immigration? The other topic discussed at the same news conference was the war. As a friend of ours so sarcastically noted, "Nobody has ever lied in the Indian Treaty room."

Who's happy now? It will be little

comfort to anyone who has ever undergone the torture of a building project to know that bigger doesn't mean better or easier. U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel is learning a lot about government construction projects as he helps oversee the construction of the proposed federal courthouse. The project is to be on the site of the ill-fated Intel Building at Fifth and San Antonio streets. He notes with a chuckle that he was advised that the U.S. General Services Administration the agency in charge of getting the project built has a motto: "We're not happy until you're not happy."

To your health. You might think there are no marketing niches left for beer, but Anheuser-Busch spotted one and has sprung to arms. You could even

call it a public health service.

On Wednesday, the company announced a new beer made from sorghum called Redbridge, which will be sold by restaurants and stores that carry organic products.

If you have a relative with celiac disease, you know the significance of this announcement. "Celiacs" about 3 million Americans have to avoid a protein called gluten because it eats away at the lining of the small intestine. Untreated, celiac disease can seriously damage a person's health and even threaten life.

Celiacs do fine if they avoid anything with gluten in it. The problem is that gluten is found in wheat, barley and oats and that includes breads, rolls,

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off the frying apparatus, he included the propane tank, the burner and stand, the connecting hose, the pot and the spindle upon which the turkey was now ensconced. He did not include the hook by which one lowers the turkey into the boiling oil.

We fashioned a coat hanger into an appropriate hook.

"I hope this works," Brad said, beginning to sound worried.

"It will be delicious," his wife reassured him, and then quietly added as the door slammed behind my son, "I hope."

I pulled the lid off the pot of boiling oil. Brad began lowering the turkey into the hot, smoking liquid as it sputtered and popped.

With the turkey half way in, he yelled, "It's going to over flow. We put too much oil in there."

He hesitated. The turkey was half in and half out of the fiery liquid.

"Put it in there," I ordered in an authoritative voice.

The hot bubbling oil rose to within an inch of the rim of the pot. I clapped the lid back on.

As we walked into the kitchen, Dana was on the phone.

She hung up and said, "Mom says you need to fill the pot with water, put the turkey in it and then mark the level so you'll know how much oil to put in."

Brad and I looked back out at the pot busily frying the Christmas turkey.

When I left the next day, Sage and Ginger were fighting over Reggie Hedgehog, the squeaky toy that had been left beneath the tree for Sage by Santa. Phil Pheasant, the squeaky toy left for Ginger, lay ignored in a corner of the living room. The squeaking mechanisms in each died before dark Christmas Day.

Christmas 2006 was indeed a wonderful one. It was filled with family and friends and loved ones and stories that will be passed down to future generations in Christmases to come. It was filled with love and loved ones. I shall always cherish it.

The ham was great.

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biscuits, pies, cakes, cookies and an amazing array of other products with even trace amounts of wheat. And,

tragically, beer, which has a lot more than a trace.

Sorghum has no gluten in it. Anheuser-Busch said it consulted the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness to develop its new gluten-free beer. At least three other gluten-free beers are made in the United States, but none by brewers of the size of Anheuser-Busch.

We haven't had a chance yet to taste Redbridge, which will be brewed in New Hampshire. The company describes it as a "heartly, full-bodied lager brewed using imported Hallertau and domestic Cascade hops. It is brewed with sorghum and has a well-balanced, moderately hopped taste."

Cheers!

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rary damage with bad practices, but in the long run, nature will prevail.

The planet was here before we came along, and it will be here after we have disposed of ourselves. We need the planet; it doesn't need us.

For those energetic people who still feel the call to climb the highest mountain, we ground-huggers wish you well and pray for your safety. We

just hope you will respect the mountain and leave it as you find it. Bring down whatever you take up, most assuredly including yourself.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Authorities arrest man accused of recording execution

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The person believed to have recorded Saddam Hussein's execution on a cell phone camera was arrested Wednesday, an adviser to Iraq's prime minister said.

The adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media, did not identify the person. But he said it was "an official who supervised the execution" and who is "now under investigation."

"In the past few hours, the government has arrested the person who made the video of Saddam's execution," the adviser said.

Iraqi state television broadcast an official video of Saturday's hanging, which had no audio and

never showed Saddam's actual death. But the leaked cell phone video showed the deposed leader being taunted in his final moments, with witnesses shouting "Go to hell!" before he dropped through the gallows floor and died.

The unruly scene was broadcast on Al-Jazeera television and was posted on the Internet, prompting a worldwide outcry and big protests among Iraq's minority Sunnis, who lost their preferential status when Saddam was ousted in the U.S.-led invasion of March 2003.

Al-Maliki on Tuesday ordered his Interior Ministry to investigate the video — who made it and how it reached television and Web sites for public viewing.

Today, an Iraqi prosecutor

who was also present at the execution denied a report that he had accused National Security Adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie of possible responsibility for the leaked video.

"I am not accusing Mowaffak al-Rubaie, and I did not see him taking pictures," Munqith al-Faroon, a prosecutor in the case that sent Saddam to the gallows, told The Associated Press.

"But I saw two of the government officials who were present during the execution taking all the video of the execution, using the lights that were there for the official taping of the execution. They used mobile phone cameras. I do not know their names, but I would remember their faces," al-Faroon said in a

telephone interview.

The prosecutor said the two officials were openly taking video pictures, which are believed to be those which appeared on Al-Jazeera satellite and a Web site within hours of Saddam's execution.

Kenya sends troops to Somalia's border to isolate militants

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Kenya sent extra troops to its border with Somalia on Wednesday to keep Islamic militants from entering the country after Ethiopian helicopters attacked a Kenyan border post by mistake while pursuing suspected fighters.

Meanwhile, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni flew to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, to meet with Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to discuss the framework of a regional peacekeeping mission to Somalia, said Okello Oryem, the Ugandan minister of state of foreign affairs.

European backers of the Somali government were also meeting in Belgium to discuss how the European Union can support a possible peacekeeping mission for Somalia.

Somalia's government forces, backed by Ethiopian troops, have been pursuing the remnants of the Islamic militia that until two weeks ago controlled most of southern Somalia and the capital, Mogadishu.

Four Ethiopian helicopters apparently mistook a Kenyan border post at Harehare for the Somali town of Dhobley on Tuesday and fired rockets at several small buildings, a security officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. There were no reports of casualties, but Kenyan tanks were sent to the area early Wednesday, the officer added.

Residents in Dhobley said they witnessed Ethiopian military aircraft bombing the area.

"Four military helicopters flew over our town several times and bombarded somewhere on the Kenyan side of the border," resident Mohamud Ilmi Osman said.

In the Kenyan port of Mombasa, Somalia's President Abdullahi Yusuf met with his Kenyan counterpart,

'Four military helicopters flew over our town several times and bombarded somewhere on the Kenyan side of the border.'

— Mohamud Ilmi Osman
Private resident

Mwai Kibaki. Kibaki said Kenya would not be used as a refuge for people seeking to destabilize governments in the region — clearly referring to foreign fighters for the Somali Council of Islamic Courts who may be sought for terrorism and other crimes.

Kenya has deployed troops, armored vehicles and trucks with light weapons along the 400-mile border with Somalia. A U.S. counterterrorism task force has trained new coast guards and recently gave Kenya three patrol boats.

Events calendar

• **CREATE-a-Beat!** of Pampa is offering a series of eight classes for hearing infants and their families. "Baby Sing & Sign" is divided into eight-week sessions. The enrollment fee is \$100. Sessions 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@createabeat.org.

• **Back in Control parent training** will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo and Jan. 20 at Opportunity Program in Wellington. Registration for both classes will be at 8:45 a.m. Each class is being offered through Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)** of the High Plains will hold an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA volunteers serve as special advocates in court cases involving neglected or abused children. The volunteers help ensure that such children find safe, permanent homes, assisting the courts and the often overburdened child welfare system so that no child falls through the cracks.

• **The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Marianne Logan will be the facilitator. The guest performer will be Don DeHay of Amarillo.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and

chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Jan. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The 19th annual Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop** is planned Jan. 18 at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The program has been approved by the state ag department for 5.25 CEUs. Registration is \$35. To register or for more information, contact Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband returned from Iraq a few days ago, and, of course, my parents wanted to talk to him. Well, when they called, Dad and Mom both made off-color comments to me about our sex life. They always want to joke about it, but I never do. It's none of their business. I don't discuss my sex life even with my closest female friend. I believe sex is something that is private between a husband and wife. My husband is the only man I have ever slept with. My parents, especially my father, always have some kind of dirty joke or question about our relationship when I go home to visit, and I am tired of it. They are easily insulted and angered, especially my father (who once thought it would be funny to accuse me of hopping into bed with my husband the first chance I got while we were dating), so I can't just say, "I don't like those jokes -- stop it!" What can I do? It always makes for an embarrassing moment. — **EMBARRASSED IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: To paraphrase an old saying, "Those who can, do; those who can't, talk about it." Your parents may be trying to show you how "with it" they are by making these comments. Or your father may have always had an unhealthy preoccupation with your sex life. They have no business asking you personal questions about it. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with telling them it makes you "uncomfortable" and you want it stopped. And if they take offense -- so be it. Let them sulk.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in construction since I was 19. I'm 47 now. I want to know, what makes a man lose his courage? I started my own business two years ago, and since then I have been doing mostly

interior work -- remodeling kitchens, bathrooms, hanging doors, etc. My most recent job is a second-story add-on, and while I have been working on it I have found myself nervous about heights. I have never been afraid of heights before, but I was uneasy walking the walls and working off a ladder. I have never felt like this before. It's kind of embarrassing. My guys tease me, but I laugh it off. Am I just getting older (which I don't want to admit) or out of practice? I'm not losing sleep over this, just wondering why. — **"VINCE" IN VALLEJO, CALIF.**

DEAR "VINCE": It could be that you are out of practice, or it could be something else. I am a firm believer in intuition, and if yours is telling you that you should avoid heights, it could be that your sense of balance is "off." My advice is to schedule a physical exam with your doctor and discuss this change in your normal pattern of behavior. There could be a physical reason for your sudden anxiety about heights, and you should not ignore it.

DEAR ABBY: How do I get my husband to pick up his belongings? His shoes, jewelry, and all sorts of items of clothing are spread all over the house. I'm afraid if I keep "reminding" him, I'll come across as a mother figure. — **TERRY IN HOUSTON**

DEAR TERRY: Leave everything where it is, and when your husband starts asking you where his shoes, jewelry and other items of clothing are, tell him they are right where he left them. Once you begin picking them up and putting them away, he will expect you to continue for the rest of your life.

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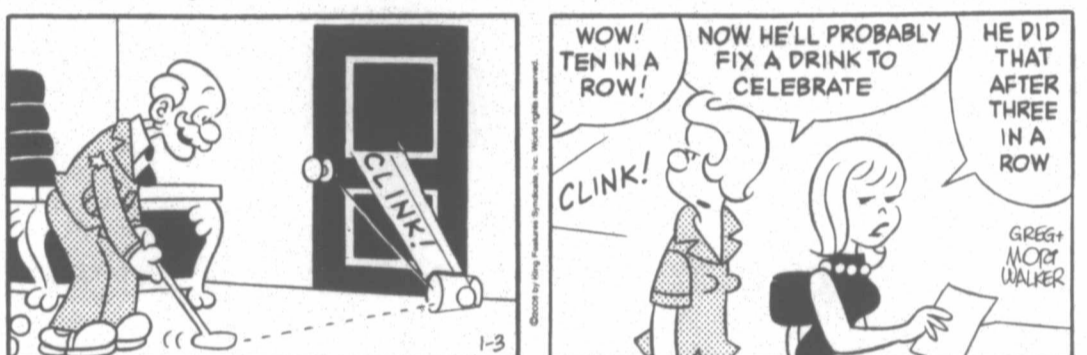
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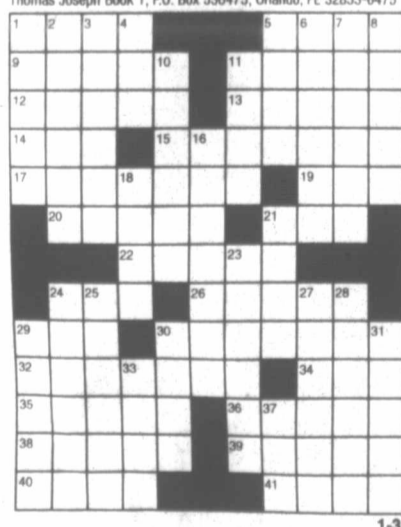
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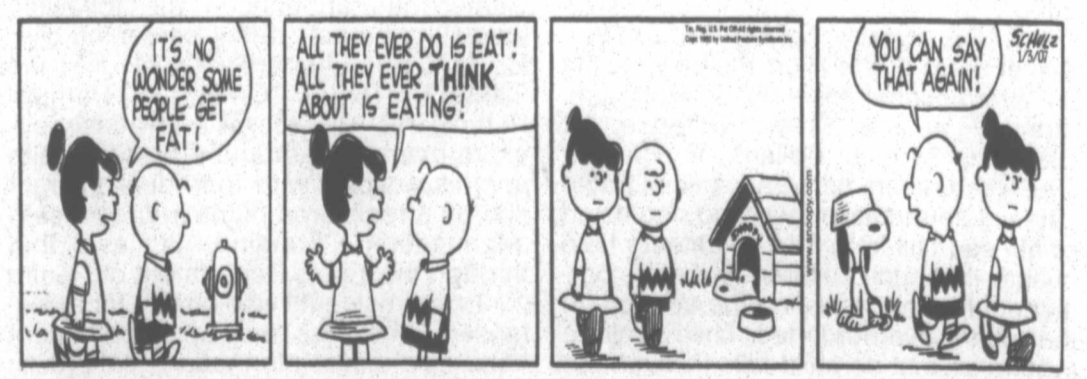
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Sports Day

Saban leaves Dolphins for Alabama, following weeks of speculation

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Nick Saban is 'Bama bound. Saban accepted the Alabama coaching job and abandoned his bid to rebuild the Miami Dolphins after only two seasons. He informed Miami owner Wayne Huizenga of the decision Wednesday. Huizenga announced the departure at a news conference, without Saban. Huizenga said he met with the coach at Saban's house this morning. "It is what it is," Huizenga said. The Crimson Tide first approached Saban shortly

after they fired Mike Shula in late November. Huizenga said he received repeated assurances from Saban that he would return in 2007, and the coach issued frequent, angry public denials of interest in moving to Tuscaloosa. On Dec. 21, for example, he said: "I'm not going to be the Alabama coach." But when the Dolphins' 6-10 season ended Sunday, Alabama sweetened an offer that reportedly would make him the highest-paid coach in college football. He has three years remaining on his Miami contract at \$4.5 million a year.

A preference for the college game may have also swayed Saban. He won a national championship at Louisiana State and is 15-17 with the Dolphins. This was his first losing season in 13 years as a head coach. In the past, Huizenga has been persuasive when dealing with coaches. He talked Don Shula into retirement in 1996, talked Jimmy Johnson out of retiring three years later — Johnson lasted one more season — and was able to lure Saban to the pros in 2004 after other NFL teams had failed. But this time, Huizenga

failed to change Saban's mind. After Saban turned down the Tide in early December, they offered the job to Rich Rodriguez, but he decided to stay at West Virginia. Alabama lost last week to Oklahoma State in the Independence Bowl to finish 6-7. Possible candidates to replace Saban include Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, former Green Bay head coach Mike Sherman, San Diego Chargers offensive coordinator Cam Cameron, Indianapolis assistant head

coach Jim Caldwell, Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator Norm Chow and Pittsburgh Steelers assistants Russ Grimm and Ken Whisenhut. The Arizona Cardinals and Atlanta Falcons are also seeking a new coach. The Dolphins' next coach will be their fourth in nine seasons, a big change for a franchise that had the same coach — Shula — for 26 years. Miami has failed to make the playoffs the past five years, a franchise record. The Dolphins are coming off their third losing season

since 1969 and face a likely roster overhaul. With Daunte Culpepper still struggling to recover from reconstructive knee surgery in 2005, Miami remains unsettled at quarterback, a troublesome position since Dan Marino retired seven years ago. The team needs upgrades in almost every other area for a feeble offense and aging defense. Saban leaves behind the NFL's largest staff of assistants and general manager Randy Mueller, who might be given more responsibility under a new coaching regime.

James Coffee nominated as Red Zone Player of the Year

By Jordan Reagan
Sports Editor
James Coffee of Pampa High School has been nominated as Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year. Sponsored by the makers of Old Spice Deodorant, nominees for Red Zone Player of the Year are first selected by high school football coaches across the nation. The program honors athletes who exemplify perseverance and dedication, and perform to their best ability

under pressure. Selected nominees are those who embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their teammates on and off the field. As a nominee, Coffee is among a select group of players who are eligible to be selected as a national Red Zone Player of the Year and be honored in a full-page feature in USA Today in February. Having been selected by high school coaches, Coffee will also receive a certificate

to acknowledge his accomplishment. He is also eligible to be named one of 50 national Players of the Year. The top 50 players nationwide will be named Red Zone Players of the Year and will receive a plaque among other awards. The Red Zone Player of the Year program is nationally sponsored by Procter & Gamble. The program is created and managed by 360 Youth, LLC, an Alloy company.

Boise State leaves us wanting more

By ANDREW BAGNATO
AP Sports Writer
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Say what you will about the BCS, and many have said plenty. But if it wasn't for the BCS, most fans wouldn't know Boise State from Boys Town. The ninth-ranked Broncos would never have been given a crack at No. 7 Oklahoma on a stage as grand as the Fiesta Bowl. They'd have run all those gadget plays against Memphis, or someone like it, in the YourNameHere Bowl in Shreveport. Ian Johnson would still be a 5-foot-11 tailback nobody wanted. Well, nobody except a certain cheerleading captain.

them another reason to do everything they can to prevent a playoff. In a playoff, the power conferences would have to deal with Boise State every year — or Utah, Fresno State and Brigham Young. And the more exposure and money those programs receive, the bigger and badder they'll become. Once upon a time, there was a women's college in Tallahassee, Fla. It decided to admit men and fielded its first football team in 1947, losing all five of its games. That team eventually became the fearsome Florida State Seminoles. Boise State started playing Division I-A football in 1996. Eleven years later, it won the Fiesta Bowl. The BCS doesn't want to see Boise State every year. But it can put up with the occasional upset, if that's what Boise State's victory was. Think about this: the Broncos beat five bowl-bound teams during the regular season. Those teams went 4-1 in the postseason. The Sooners beat six bowl-bound teams. They went 2-4. The BCS honchos went into full self-congratulation mode Tuesday for showing the foresight to invite the Broncos. Don't be fooled. Boise State and its ilk gained admission only under threat of federal legislation and lawsuits. But it was nice of the

Broncos not to embarrass themselves when they showed up. They used the right fork at team dinners and accepted the Fiesta Bowl's lavish hospitality with grace. Then they smoked the Sooners to the delight of millions. Now the Broncos have returned to the land of potatoes, but they've left a lot of us wanting more. More trickery. More undersized and unrecruited players. More of rookie coach Chris Petersen, looking like a man who had a peek at the cards after the dealer shuffled. Petersen was caught smiling on the sideline Monday night. Doesn't he realize how serious this is supposed to be? Bless him if he doesn't. Petersen wouldn't bite when reporters asked if he planned to declare his team the uncrowned national champions. "Hey, we don't worry about that," Petersen said. "We just go and play who they tell us to play. The pollsters vote how they want to vote. We're just happy to control what we can control." It wouldn't take an NFL-style playoff to squeeze one last bit of fun out of Boise State. If there were a "plus-one" championship game after the bowls, as has long been discussed, the Broncos might be in line for a shot at the Ohio State-Florida winner. Maybe that would be a bad idea. The Broncos might be overmatched. Jim Tressel's well-drilled Buckeyes wouldn't fall for that amazing Statue of Liberty play, would they? Thanks to the BCS, we'll never know. This is as good as it gets for Boise State — for now, and maybe forever.

'We just go and play who they tell us to play. We're just happy to control what we can control.'

— Chris Petersen
Boise State Head Coach

Arrest made in stabbing death of 2 inside restaurant owned by hockey star

DETROIT (AP) — A 17-year-old former employee of a downtown sports bar owned by the Detroit Red Wings' Chris Chelios was arrested in the stabbing deaths of the restaurant's manager and a cook. The bodies of Cheli's Chili Bar manager Megan Soroka, 49, of Dearborn, and cook Mark Barnard, 52, of Detroit were found Tuesday morning at the hockey star's eatery. "We believe, just based upon the information right now, that it is a former disgruntled employee that may be responsible for these two murders," Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings told reporters for the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News. The suspect had been fired by the bar about a month ago, said police spokesman James Tate. He could be arraigned on murder charges Wednesday morning. Soroka and Barnard were found on the restaurant's second floor and were believed to have been killed just before 9 a.m., said police spokeswoman Yvette Walker. Friends and family say Soroka was an important part in Chelios opening his downtown sports bar. Dedicated and trustworthy, she helped make the bar an instant fan favorite, they said. Chelios "counted on her for everything

because he travels so much," said Lisa Septer, a relative of Soroka who worked with her years ago. Barnard's mother, Gwen Sharpe, said her son recently told her about problems with an employee. "I never dreamed it would be carried out like it was on Mark and that poor woman," said Sharpe, 71. Police questioned other employees who were inside the restaurant at the time of the slayings. The three-story building, which is next to Comerica Park — home of the Detroit Tigers — was cordoned off, and police were scouring the roof. "We are deeply saddened by the tragedy that occurred at our establishment this morning," Chelios said in a statement. "Our hearts go out to the families of the victims — they were wonderful employees and were part of our family. "We are cooperating fully with the Detroit Police Department in their investigation and are hopeful the perpetrator will be brought to justice in quick order. We appreciate the community's support at this difficult time." Chelios, who did not play in Detroit's 2-1 win against Anaheim on Tuesday night, will not travel with the team on Wednesday so he can deal with matters at his bar, coach Mike Babcock said. The Red Wings play in San Jose on Thursday.

Tiger expecting a cub; Will Mickelson loan him a pager?

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist
Even fatherhood is going to change Tiger Woods only so much. So stop reading, Phil Mickelson, and you, too, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen and do something more productive with your time, like practice. You won't find much farther down the page to be encouraged about, anyway. Bookies in Vegas are already laying 2-to-1 odds that his kid will be beating yours 20 years from now, whether it's on a course or a court, inside a diamond or a boardroom. Those changes, though, will be more interesting to the rest of us, if only because they'll make Woods that little bit easier to relate to. Not just because he'll be advertising minivans soon instead of luxe sedans, or because he'll rush to the first tee

some days with milk stains smeared across one shoulder of his impeccably tailored polo. Like lots of other people, a baby at home will translate into more distractions, more demands on his time and tugging at his heartstrings. And there's little reason to think Woods plans to stop at one. In December, 2004, soon after marrying former model and nanny Elin Nordegren, he was asked about starting a family. "It will be a life change, there's no doubt about that," Woods replied. "For me it will be bigger than it will for Elin, just because she's had siblings. I've never had siblings before. I've been an only child, so for me to grow up with someone else, it will be different, because I've never had that. "When we have, obviously, hopefully, more than one, then it will be really difficult,

because I've never dealt with that," he added. "I've only dealt with just myself." Yet, consider this: Of all Tiger's considerable gifts and acquired skills, the most otherworldly is his ability to focus the second he slips a few golf tees in his pocket. And that is not about to change, ever. "When we have, obviously, hopefully, more than one, then it will be really difficult because I've never dealt with that!" — Tiger Woods The first clue Woods could wrap himself in an impenetrable cocoon came

on the final Sunday of the 1997 Masters, when he walked out the backdoor of Augusta's clubhouse staring at the first tee and didn't even blink, let alone nod, in the direction of a petite woman in a fire-engine red dress who screamed "Go Tiger!" in his ear. And she was his mom, Kultida. The latest clue came at the end of last summer's British Open. Anybody who watched the tears literally pour out of Woods after he tapped in the winning putt had to marvel at how he carried himself the previous four hours. Woods never displayed so much as a flicker of emotion when Chris DiMarco closed to within one shot with five holes left, nor when he responded with three straight birdies to beat DiMarco back, a stretch of golf Woods knew would have thrilled the father he'd buried not quite

three months earlier. Somehow, Tiger kept both the gathering sadness and satisfaction at arm's length until the task was completed. That was another thing that Earl Woods would have loved. He spent 20 years in the military, did two tours of Vietnam, trained with the Green Berets and waged psychological warfare on young Tiger nearly every time the two ventured out on the golf course. Earl jangled coins during his son's backswing or rolled golf balls across his line just as Tiger was about to putt. And those were some of the gentler tactics. "I wanted to make sure," Earl once said about the unorthodox golf lessons, "that he'd never run into anybody who was tougher mentally than he was." So it will be interesting, too, to see how Tiger raises his own cub. Does he or she

play golf? "I'll certainly introduce it to him," Woods said during that same 2004 interview. "Hopefully it will take." How well it takes remains to be seen. There's a long history of sons following their fathers into the game but only Young Tom Morris, who won four majors between 1868 and 1872, was an unqualified success. Julius Boros, Dave Stockton and Al Geiberger are among those whose sons won a PGA Tour event. The sons of greats Jack Nicklaus and Johnny Miller, on the other hand, couldn't hold onto their tour cards long enough to make a name for themselves. Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitkeap.org

FORD FAREWELL

Mourners in Michigan pay respects to their president ahead of final day of mourning

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Tens of thousands of mourners with their winter caps in their hands and bundled-up children in tow snapped photos, quietly prayed and offered military salutes today as they filed past the casket of their state's only president, Gerald R. Ford, on the final official day of national mourning.

Following an afternoon church service, the late president was to be interred in a private ceremony just a few steps from the lines of mourners stood, on the grounds of his presidential museum.

Grand Rapids was Ford's boyhood home, and he played football for the University of Michigan's national champion teams in 1932 and 1933.

Many people in the crowds that lined up through the chilly night and into today to say a final goodbye paid tribute to his state ties by wearing Michigan sweat shirts. Officials estimated that some 60,000 people would pass through during the 17-hour Michigan viewing.

Julie Setlock adjusted a football with the words "A true American and hometown hero" at a makeshift memorial outside the museum.

The 37-year-old from nearby Rockford had arrived Tuesday night with her three children to view the late president's casket, but the lines were so long, she decided to try again Wednesday morning. Even at 7 a.m., she faced a 30-minute wait.

"It's not very often you have an opportunity to pay respect to a president, so I couldn't pass it up," said Bill Kleinhans, a Grand Rapids busi-

ness owner who was also in line early Wednesday.

Donald Rumsfeld, who served in Ford's cabinet as his chief of staff and as his defense secretary, was to deliver a eulogy during the afternoon service at Grace Episcopal Church. Former President Jimmy Carter, who defeated Ford in 1976 but later became a close friend of his former opponent, and Richard Norton Smith, who used to be the director of the Ford museum and presidential library, also were scheduled to speak.

Ford, who became the nation's 38th president after Richard Nixon resigned, died Dec. 26 at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He was 93.

On Tuesday, people jammed streets and waved as Ford's casket was carried from the Grand Rapids airport, where it arrived following services at Washington National Cathedral.

"You were a paradoxical gift of remarkable intellect and achievement wrapped in a plain brown wrapper," Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said of Ford. "Welcome home to the people that you reflected so well when you were in Washington."

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— Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm

Only six U.S. cities win highest scores for emergency communications

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Sept. 11, 2001, New York fire battalion chief Dennis Devlin issued an urgent plea: His men were in "a state of confusion" and needed more working radios immediately.

Yet, more than five years since Devlin and 342 other members of the city's fire department perished at the World Trade Center, the government says only six U.S. cities have fully answered the late fire chief's call by adopting advanced emergency communications systems.

New York is not one of the six, according to the scorecard by the Homeland Security Department that was to be released Wednesday.

A draft portion of the report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press gives the best ratings to the Washington, D.C., area; San Diego; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Columbus, Ohio; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Laramie County, Wyo.

The lowest scores go to Chicago; Cleveland; Baton Rouge, La.; Mandan, N.D.; and American Samoa. The report includes large and small cities and their suburbs, along with U.S. territories.

In an overview, the report says all 75 areas surveyed have policies in place for helping their emergency workers communicate. But it also finds that "formalized governance (leadership and planning) across regions has lagged."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke would not comment on the report, saying only that in releasing it Wednesday, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff will "talk about nationwide assessments for interoperable communications."

The study is likely to add fuel to what looms as a battle in Congress this year. Democrats who take over the majority this week have

promised to try fixing the problem emergency agencies have communicating with each other but have not said specifically what they will do, how much it will cost or how they will pay for it.

"Five years after 9/11, we continue to turn a deaf ear

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to gaps in interoperable communications," — the term used for emergency agencies' abilities to talk to each other, said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "If it didn't have such potentially devastating consequences, it would be laughable."

The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, revealed major problems in how well emergency agencies were able to talk to each other during a catastrophe.

Many firefighters climbing the World Trade Center towers died when they were unable to hear police radio warnings to leave the crumbling buildings.

The report says first responders in New York now have well-established systems to communicate with each other — but not the best, most advanced possible.

Thirteen U.S. cities score better than New York.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, \$2.9 billion in federal grant money has been distributed to state and local first responders for the improvement of their emergency communications systems.

Baby dispute: Judge sets deadline for test

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge in the Anna Nicole Smith baby dispute has given the former Playboy Playmate until Jan. 23 to have her daughter undergo paternity testing sought by a former boyfriend, the man's attorney said.

Superior Court Judge Robert Schneider ruled in favor of the 39-year-old Smith's ex-boyfriend Larry Birkhead last month. Birkhead claims he's the father of Daniellynn Hope Marshall Stern, who was born Sept. 7 in the Bahamas.

It wasn't known when Smith's daughter might have the DNA test.

"We can't make it any easier for her," Birkhead's attorney, Debra Opri, said Tuesday.

An after-hours phone message left Tuesday for Smith's lawyer, Ronald A. Hale, wasn't immediately returned. He had previously declined to discuss the judge's ruling. Paternity cases are typically confidential.

Birkhead, 34, sued in October to get a paternity test.

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