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Sheriff's office off to busy start in '07

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The first week of 2007 has proved to be a busy one for Gray County Sheriff's Office, as arrests were made in two cases while two others remain under investiga-

Miguel Antonio Valdez, 28, of Pampa was first arrested on Jan. 4 on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The vehicle had been reported missing from a Pampa business, and deputies spotted Valdez driving it in the 300 block of East Craven last Thursday. Valdez was arrested and the vehicle was recovered.

Valdez' charges did not stop there, however. He has since been charged with theft and two counts of for-

"A subsequent investigation indicated he'd stolen some checks from that same

business where the vehicle came from," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of GCSO. "He also apparently took tools from the business and pawned them at a local pawn shop."

arrest on drug charges on Friday. Deputies stopped

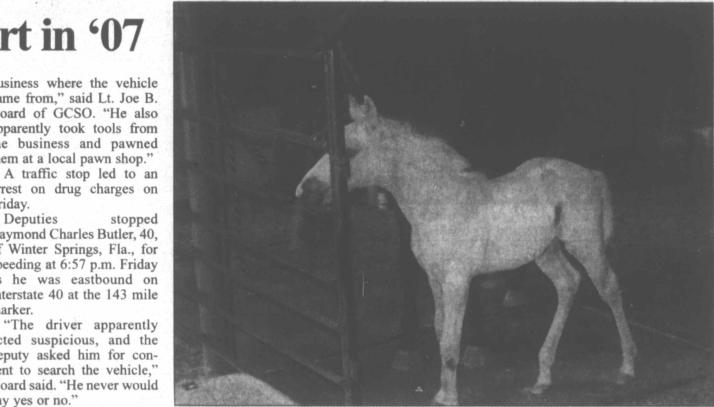
Raymond Charles Butler, 40, of Winter Springs, Fla., for speeding at 6:57 p.m. Friday as he was eastbound on Interstate 40 at the 143 mile marker. "The driver apparently

acted suspicious, and the deputy asked him for consent to search the vehicle," Hoard said. "He never would say yes or no."

A K-9 unit out of Wheeler County was called to the scene, and when the dog and handler arrived, Butler reportedly told the handler

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Missing horses



Courtesy photo

A mare and a colt have been reported missing from property belonging to Johnny Williams about 1 1/2 miles west of McLean on Dec. 30. Susie Thomas, Williams' sister, said the horses belong to her and her father. The mare bears scars on her back from last year's wildfires. Anyone with information on the palomino colt and the mare should contact the Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022.

Craftsman uses pallets to make unique creations



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER Cayson "Casey" Evans works at his lathe turning a piece of wood destined everyone here for Christmas," to house a unique writing instrument.

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer In a world of mass produced items, one man in Pampa makes

each of his creations unique. Cayson Evans produces individual writing instruments with the care of an Old World crafts-

"There's no two alike," Evans said. "I don't have a jig. It's all

Known to his friends simply as 'Casey,' the retired electrician turns out these pens from his workshop at home. While he sells some of them through a couple of stores in Pampa, most go to family and friends, espe-

cially over Christmas. "We had both our kids and said the 74-year-old Evans.

One of those children, his son Pete, got him started turning the wooden cases for the Cross Pen inserts two years ago.

Pete Evans bought some wooden blanks and gave them to his father and helped him get started. Soon Casey Evans was busy developing his own designs and found a surprising source of wood for the pens.

"Most of these are made from pallets," he said.

Each pen is unique, he said. "I don't go by the books or plans or anything," Evans said. "I make everyone of them differ-

Although he's a retired electrician, he still works part time for

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Although he's been making pens for a couple of years, Evans has only recently started inlaying different colored woods in his creations to form a cross for Cross Pens.

Out of the past





A.G. EDWARDS.



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

The top of the building at 217 N. Cuyler has a very ornate facade. Built in 1929, this building originally was the home of Montgomery Ward & Co. until 1962. It was vacant for many years and then housed Western Auto from 1970 - 1980. A few different women's clothing stores held residence after that through the 1980's. In 1990, The Hobby Shop moved into this building and was open until it closed recently. Currently, work is under way inside the building to become the home of yet another business.

DPS seizes more drugs

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers seized cocaine and marijuana and arrested two people last weekend following two separate traffic stops along Interstate 40.

The first stop and the first drug seizure of the new year occurred at 12:31 a.m. Saturday between Conway and Groom. A 2006 Chrysler van traveling east was stopped for a traffic violation. With the help of a DPS K-9, 69 pounds of marijuana were found inside some luggage. The estimated value of

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Mostly cloudy

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 20 and 26 early. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Wind chill values between 32 and 37. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Southsouthwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north-northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27. Northnortheast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.

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East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Man shot, killed in struggle with officer

man involved in a struggle with a police officer was shot and killed Monday after using the officer's stun gun to attack him, marking the second officer-involved shooting in Houston in as many days.

Officer Leonard Smith, 37, was taken to a Houston the suspect was handcuffed hospital after he was struck in the neck and right shoul-Monday.

Authorities didn't release the man's name late Monday. Family members said the man was Robert McIntosh, 23.

He was a passenger in a car that the officer had stopped because of a defective tail light. The driver, McIntosh's girlfriend, had an arrest warrant, said Capt. Dwayne Ready.

After the officer had taken the female driver into custody, he returned to the vehicle and asked the passenger to get out of the car. The officer had smelled the odor of narcotics, Ready said.

The passenger began fighting with the officer as he tried to place him in the patrol car. The man broke away and the two ended up in a ditch, where the officer attempted to stun the man with his Taser, Ready said.

"The suspect was able to grab the officer's hand with the stun gun and turned it on

HOUSTON (AP) — A (him)," Ready said. "It popped the officer's thumb out of the socket.'

> Authorities said the officer moved away and drew his weapon, shooting the man in the chest. It was unclear how many times the

At least one witness says when he was shot.

Yolanda Perry, wife of the Rev. George Perry, said she was standing outside the Greater Lighthouse Church when she witnessed the scuffle. Perry said the officer beat the suspect on the face with a flash light after firing the stun gun. Perry also said the officer handcuffed the man before pulling out his

Ready said it's not uncommon for police to handcuff suspects after shooting them. In this case, the handcuffs were removed the paramedics when arrived, Ready said.

The police department and the Harris County District Attorney's Office are investigating.

The shooting was the second officer-involved one in Houston in as many days. On Sunday, an officer shot and killed a man wielding a hammer after attempts to subdue the man with a Taser and a beanbag shotgun failed.

Obituaries

Mose Samuel Hughes, 84, a devoted family man and Christian, died Sunday, Jan.

7, 2007, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Stewarts Funeral Home in Hollis, Okla., with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Mr. Hughes was born July 19, 1922, in Mangum, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. He married Juanita Crabb on Dec. 24, 1943, in Hollis, Okla.

He lived in the Gould and

Mose Samuel Hughes, 84 Ron area for 18 years. He brother.

served in the Army for three years, one month and 24 days in Sicily and North Africa in the 15th Infantry Division. He was awarded a Purple Heart and Conduct Good Medal.

He loved to fish and hunt. He helped care for his Hughes mother-in-law and was a devoted husband,

father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather and



er, Nannie B. Hughes, three sisters, Sarah Mims, Opal Wheeler and

two brothers, David Hughes and Crawford Hughes. Survivors include his

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He worked for Cities

wife, Connie Juanita Hughes of Pampa; a daughter, Gloria Hamilton and husband Glenn Hamilton of Pampa; a grandson, Shane Hamilton and a granddaughter-in-law, Starla Hamilton of Pampa; a great-grandson, Hamilton; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Hayes and husband Roger of Olustee, Okla., and Carrie Rose of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews. Flowers may be sent to

Stewarts Funeral Home, 417 E. Broadway, Hollis, Okla. 73550

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Seven traffic stops were made, including one in the 900 block of Love which involved possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A vehicle accident was reported in the police department lobby.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 500 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of Lowry, the 500 block of North Starkweather, the 2100 block of Beech, the 2100 block of North Zimmers, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, and on four occasions from an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 900 block of South Wells and on two occasions in the 1300 block of Warrant service was attempted on

three occasions, resulting in at least Lost property was reported in the

police department lobby. A suspicious person call was received from the 1300 block of

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Davis, the 1300 block of Coffee, and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville and the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Sex offender registration was reported in the police department

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department

Assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

One open door was checked. Theft was reported on two occasions

in the police department lobby and at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles, where four jackets, two pairs of pants, and bubble gum were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$75.

Identity theft was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Monday, Jan. 8

Joseph Hyle Horvath, 37, of Hermosa Beach, Calif., was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for pos-

session of over 30 pounds but under 50 pounds of marijuana.

Donald Dane Johnson, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Herculano B. Oroz, 47, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for Oklahoma authorities on a fugitive warrant out of Pawnee County, Okla.

Christopher A. Huneycutt, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of Department on a probation violation Anne.

for aggravated assault.

Colby Wayne Scott, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Love by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Fire

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

Monday, Jan. 8 8:09 a.m. - One unit and three per-

sonnel responded to the 1100 block of Sirroco on a lift assist.

10:58 a.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Crane on an odor investigation.

6:39 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Central Park on an investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance responded to the following calls for the 24hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Jan. 8

8:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a call for medical assistance in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

9:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a call in the 2200 block of North Nelson. At least one person was transported. Tuesday, Jan. 9

12:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit West Kingsmill by Pampa Police responded to a call in the 300 block of

Texas today ...

Council to put immigration measure on ballot

Hamilton.

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas (AP) — Voters will get the chance to decide whether the city should keep a new rule requiring apartment landlords to verify the citizenship or immigration status of their ten-

During a meeting Monday, the City Council voted to put a rental ordinance they approved late last year on the ballot May 12. But in the meantime, the council plans to let the new rule take effect Friday.

The Mexican American Defense Legal Educational Fund plans to ask the courts for an injunction to immediately suspend the ordinance from being enforced,

Opponents of the ordinances had submitted a petition in hopes of forcing a vote on the measures, a move allowed under the city's charter.

MALDEF staff attorney Marisol Perez said by phone Monday night.

LULAC and other opponents of the new rule plan to start registering voters in time for the municipal elections, said Elizabeth Villafranca, president of the Farmers Branch chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens

In November, the City unanimously Council approved requiring property managers or owners verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment renters. Property managers or owners who break the rule face a misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Council members

approved resolutions making English the city's official language and allowing local authorities to become part of a federal program so they can enforce immigration laws.

Opponents of the ordinances had submitted a petition in hopes of forcing a vote on the measures, a move allowed under the city's charter. More than 1,200 registered voters from Farmers Branch signed it, far exceeding the number required to force a vote, said attorney William Brewer, who represents several opponents of the new rule.

Jury to begin deliberating sentence for truck driver today

HOUSTON (AP) - Arms around each other, family members of a truck driver facing a possible death sentence for his role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling

attempt listened as a defense attorney pleaded for a jury to spare his life. "I ask you as if his father

were asking. Please save his son, please save his son," defense attorney Craig Washington said Monday as he turned and looked at the father of Tyrone Williams. "You have the power in your hands to save (his) son." A jury was set to begin

deliberating today whether to sentence Williams to death or up to life in prison. He was convicted last month on 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants in connection with the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants. The start of deliberations was to come a day after closing arguments in his retrial.

More than 70 immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic were packed inside Williams' trailer in the failed 2003 smuggling attempt from South Texas to Houston. Nineteen died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation after nearly four hours inside the oven-like container.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A tumbleweed tangled in the fence is silhouetted in the dawn last week on the **Bowers City Highway.**

Sheriff

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he had some marijuana in his pocket. Butler then handed marijuana to the handler, Hoard said.

"During an inventory of the vehicle, deputies found a small brown bottle of liquid," Hoard said. "They asked Butler what it was, and he said it was cannabis

Butler was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of two or more but less than four ounces of marijuana.

An investigation into a report of criminal mischief at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, on Highway 60 West, is still open.

An alarm signal was received from the restaurant at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday. Upon arrival, deputies noticed that the windows on the north side of the building and near the main entrance were broken.

The building checked, and no one was found inside, Hoard said.

The owner was called and came to check the building. Nothing was reported missing.

"The perpetrator disconnected power to the building and then threw rocks through the windows," Hoard said. "This case is currently being worked as a criminal mischief."

One who didn't get away was arrested after being observed by deputies who had made a traffic stop.

At about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, deputies made a traffic stop in the 100 block of East Albert. During the stop, they observed a pickup traveling at a high rate of speed south on Barnes Street, Hoard said.

"The pickup struck a light pole on Barnes, backed up, and took off," Hoard said. "They pursued to McCullough Avenue. He turned on Varnon Drive, and then pulled into a driveway in

the 1100 block of Prairie Drive."

Jose Luis . Garcia-Martinez, 36, of Pampa was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail for evading arrest. He was also charged with no insurance, no driver's license, and duty on striking a fixture.

A burglary rounded out the week's reports for the sheriff's office.

At 2:19 a.m. Monday, deputies were dispatched to the Sadie Hawkins store at 1301 S. Hobart in reference to a burglar alarm.

They arrived at the business and discovered that one of the north doors of the building had been broken

The owner of the business was contacted and came to the address. The owner said that 20 packs of cigarettes, some beer, and some disposable cigarette lighters had been taken. Estimated value of the stolen merchandise is \$150.

"The investigation is continuing at this time," Hoard

Evans

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friends, including CTW in Pampa.

"I still work out there part time on call for maintenance work," Evans said.

With permission, Evans started cutting up pallets there for firewood after installing a pot-bellied stove in his home.

"I found a bunch of pallets that had black walnut in them," Evans said, "so I took a bunch of them and some cedar and started cutting them."

Experimenting with the wood, he found they made beautiful pens.

Often he'll laminate the wood from the pallets for exotic designs.

"These are Cross Pen inserts," Evans said. "You can buy the refills for them."

He began adding crosses on the wooden pen shells after a friend at church showed him how.

"He just used a table

saw," Evans said. "I use a router."

The crosses are created by making two cuts at 90degree angles and inlaying a different colored wood before the wood is turned on the lathe.

Evans said it would be quicker to use a table saw, but then with a grin, he added, "I've got more time than money."

He started making the pens for friends, but now he sells them through Pampa Custom Framing, when he has extras to sell.

Most of them still end up going to friends and kinfolks, he shrugged.

Evans, from Shamrock, and his wife, the former Mary Bird from Bowers City. will have been married 50 years on April 3.

He and his wife both come from large families.

"I'm the oldest of seven and she's the youngest of seven," Evans said. "When you start getting into nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews, you need lots of gifts for Christmas and birthday presents."

Mild winter causes oil prices to drop

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices dropped below \$55 a barrel today on expectations of more mild weather and rising inventories. Prices haven't closed below \$55 in 18 months.

Temperatures in the Northeast have been warmer than normal this winter, curbing demand for heating fuels in the world's largest heating oil market.

Market watchers are also looking for a rise in U.S. petroleum inventories in this week's government report.

Light, sweet crude for February delivery dropped \$1.29 to \$54.80 a barrel in morning trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after dipping as low as \$53.88 in electronic trading. The front-month contract last closed below \$55 a barrel in June 2005.

February Brent crude at London's ICE Futures exchange fell as much as \$1.96 to \$53.64 a barrel.

Traders said a break through key support levels triggered a wave of sell orders.

The front-month crude contract has fallen 8.1 percent so far this year, based on Monday's closing price of \$56.09. The contract ended 2006 at \$61.05.

The market "is still in a liquidating mode," said John

Simes, president of Global Futures & Options Inc. in Heathrow, Fla.

The decline Tuesday followed a volatile session Monday, when prices rose as high as \$57.72 on reports that OPEC oil ministers are considering another cut in output, and worries that a dispute between Russia and Belarus could result in energy shortages in parts of Europe.

The halt to the flow of Russian oil through Belarus initially supported prices Monday, but ample supplies in Germany, Poland and Ukraine were expected to keep refineries running.

Nigeria's oil minister Edmund Daukoru discouraged talk of any immediate action to support prices by OPEC, which recently resolved to cut output by 1.7 million barrels per day.

"Let's implement the 1.7 million fully then we'll see if there's a need for additional cuts," Daukoru told Dow Jones Newswires.

If OPEC announced another production cut analysts say prices would likely rise. OPEC's previous cuts haven't been able to keep crude prices above \$60 a barrel for long, largely because many traders doubt that the cuts are fully enforced.

Drugs

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the marijuana is \$29,259. Julian C. Walter, 31, of New Orleans was arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle. Investigators believe this load originated in Las Vegas and was headed for New Orleans.

The second seizure of the weekend occurred at 10:40 Sunday between

Groom and Conway. A 1999 Toyota pickup traveling eastbound was stopped. A K-9 alerted on the vehicle and troopers discovered 13,000 grams of cocaine hidden inside a speaker box. The estimated value of the cocaine is \$728,000.

Bennie Russell Barnet, 41, of Greenville, S.C., was arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail. This load is believed to have originated in San Diego and was headed for Greenville.

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Gray County has been chosen to receive \$9,767 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by Department of Homeland Federal Security's Emergency Federal Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities: Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army and United Way of America. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas around the coun-

A local board made up of United Way, Gray County Ministerial Judge, Associations, City of Pampa Representative, Salvation Army, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Good Christian Samaritan Services, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Tralee Crisis Center, and the Harvest House will determine how the funds awarded to Gray County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service is Jan. 15.

agencies in the area. The

Gray County has been local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the pro-

> Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and / or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are

urged to apply. Gray County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, Tralee Crisis Center and Pampa Meals on Wheels participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 3,457 meals, 230 nights lodging, 18 paid utilities and

2 rent payments. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Katrina Bigham at the United Way office at 200 N. Ballard, suite 105 or call the office at 669-1001 for an application. The deadline for applications



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Viewpoints

Flu: Does your nose shy away from tissues?

What is the cause of that ailment for about two ruddy glow on people's faces?

Could it be leftover Christmas cheer, or the lingering aftereffects of New Year's imbibing?

And is that a joyful noise issuing from their mouths?

No, no and no. The ruddy cheeks are likely from fever, and red noses are chapped from too much tissue application.

The noises are the barks and coughs, whistles and wheezes, sniffles and sneezes associated with respiratory infections, and are far from joyful.

I have had a respiratory

months now, and three visits to the doctor for three different antibiotics have not van- f e l l e d quished it.

I know others who are in included about the same boat, having pigeons, just about gotten over their respiratory illness only to have it boomerang, sometimes for a second or third time. There is a rumor afoot that some people are in the hospital with pneumonia.

At least we haven't dropped dead like all those birds in Austin.

Up to 60 dead birds prompted closure of a 10block stretch of downtown Austin early yesterday after

their carcasses were found clogging the streets.

Marilyn

Powers

Staff Writer

species sparrows, and grack-

Officials whose job it is to concern themselves with such things say they don't know what killed the birds, yet they do not believe there is a threat to public health or an imminent threat to the

Well, gee. If they don't know what killed all those birds, how do they know whether there is any type of however. threat to humans? Answer:



Downtown Austin reopened around noon yesterday after air quality tests showed no dangerous chemicals or other worrisome things in the air.

A highly detectable worrisome thing was in the air over Manhattan in New York City yesterday morning,

New Yorkers reported an odor which some said resembled that of the additive mixed with natural gas to make it detectable by smell. The stink could be smelled throughout Manhattan and as far away as Newark, N.J., 10 miles west of New York City.

Two people were reported hospitalized with shortness of breath as a result of the mystery miasma. No source, cause or reason for the smell had been found as of yesterday afternoon.

The New York counterpart to the Austin officials whose job it is to concern themselves with anything which might threaten public health said that the unpleasant odor was not dangerous, even though they didn't know what was causing it or what, exactly, it was.

Same situation, different destination: The city officials are just trying to forestall any type of panic or other undesirable reaction.

Maybe New York's gas is killing Austin's birds.

Meanwhile, I continue with my own respiratory misadventure and hope that whatever it is goes away before too much longer. My poor nose can't take much

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2007. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif. On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union. In 1861, the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing

One's lifework. I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too.

— Theresa Helburn American theatrical producer (1887-1959)

reinforcements Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

In 1945, during War World American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister; he was succeeded by Harold Macmillan.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers.

1968, Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of

unmanned explorations of the lunar surface. In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a

In 1987, the White House released a memorandum prepared for President Reagan in January 1986 that showed a definite link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release

of American hostages in Lebanon. Ten years ago: A Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29

people on board. Five years ago: A U.S. military tanker plane crashed in western Pakistan, killing all seven Marines on board. Two Islamic militants stormed an Israeli army post near the Gaza Strip, killing four soldiers before being shot dead in a gun battle. The Bush administration and the auto industry agreed to promote development of pollution-free cars and trucks powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

I'M JUST LIKE Lezier ANY OTHER SIXTY-SIX YEAR OLD CATHOLIC - ITALIAN GRANDMOTHER ... SPEAKER NANCY PELOS IN PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION.

Rules more important than personalities

Not that many complimentary things are said about politicians. When a problem arises, people say, 'Government ought to do something." They seem to have forgotten that it's the politicians who are running the government. Many think things can be changed by electing different politicians, but I ask: Given the incentives politicians face, why should we expect one politician to differ significantly from another? We should focus less on personalities and more on rules.

The kind of rules we should have are the kind that we'd make if our worst enemy were in charge. My mother created a mini-version of such a rule. Sometimes she would ask either me or my sister to evenly divide the last piece of cake or pie to share between us. More times than not, an argument ensued

division. Those arguments ended with Mom's rule: Whoever cuts the cake lets another. the other take the first piece. intervention, fairness emerged and arguments ended. No matter who did' even division.

Walter By creat-Williams ing and enforcing Columnist neutral rules, we minimize

conflict. Consider one area of ruthless competition - sports. In Super Bowl XL, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the their evenhanded enforce-Seattle Seahawks had a lot ment. Even football teams on the line. Specifically, there's the \$73,000 payment per man, contract enrichment and other benefits to the winners. Despite a bitterly fought contest and all that

about the fairness of the was at stake, the game ended because predictability is peacefully and winners and losers were civil to one

How is it that players with As if by magic or divine conflicting interests and reasons for winning can play a game, agree with the outcome and walk away as the cutting, there was an good sports? It's a minor

miracle of sorts. That "miracle" is that it is far easier to reach agreement about the game's

rules than the game's outcome. The rules are known and durable, and the referee's only job is with losing records would find their long-run interests lie in known, durable and evenhandedly applied rules. They can more adequately devise a winning strategy

enhanced.

Suppose the game rules were flexible and referees played a role in determining the game's outcome. In other words, imagine the referees were more interested in what they saw as justice than enforcement of neutral rules. What might one predict about team behavior? Instead of trying to raise team productivity, owners would allocate resources to influence-peddling in the form of lobbying or bribing the referees.

In the case of last year's Super Bowl, the referees might have argued that since the Pittsburgh Steelers won four previous Super Bowl championships, demands that the game be rigged in favor of the Seattle Seahawks, who have never won a Super Bowl. It's easy to imagine all the conflict

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: Jan. 2

candidates for Congress: It's virtually automatic: New candidates for Congress inevitably pledge to

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on new

stamp out those persistent government evils collectively known as "waste, fraud and abuse.' But when it gets down to the nitty-

gritty of investigating and exposing those evils, the real work often is left to faceless government bureaucrats known as "inspectors general," or IGs. There are, in fact, dozens of offices

of inspectors general (known as

'OIGs") charged with examining the

operations of specific agencies of the U.S. government to help ensure that beleaguered taxpayers are getting their money's worth. The mere presence of IGs probably

helps keep many government officials from departing from the straight and narrow path of propriety. After all, who wants to be the target of a potentially embarrassing investigation by a nosy

But now, according to an Associated Press report by writer Larry Margasak, it's the IGs themselves who "are increasingly under attack, as the top government officials they scrutinize try to erode the watchdogs' independence and authority."

"During 2006, several inspectors general felt the wrath of government bosses or their supporters in Congress after investigations cited agencies for poor performance, excessive spending or waste," Margasak reported.

As the most-prominent example, Republicans in Congress who are friendly to the Bush administration tried to do away with the job of Stuart Bowen Jr., the pesky IG for Iraq, who conducted high-profile investigations of how Uncle Sam spent money for the troubled reconstruction effort there.

As Margasak noted, Bowen "found dramatic examples of missing weapons, wasted billions and excessive overhead costs by Halliburton," a major federal contractor once headed by Vice President Dick Cheney.

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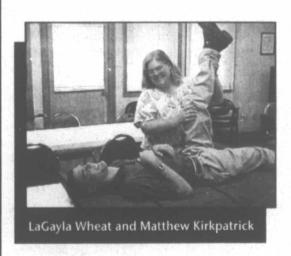
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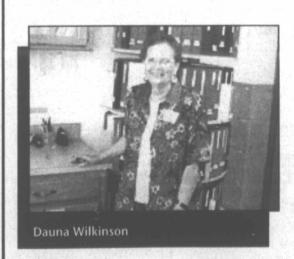
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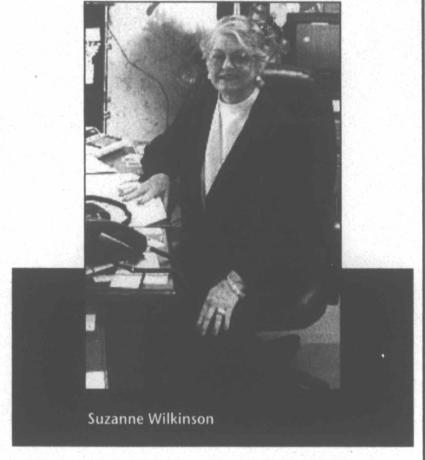
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Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

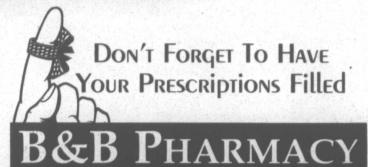
The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant, and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

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Rotary meeting



Angie Robinson, dean of students at Clarendon College, recently discussed the various types of financial aid available to today's college students. Grants, scholarships, work study and student loans were four types of financial aid discussed. Mrs. Robinson advised students to keep a close watch on application deadlines and recommended starting the process as early as possible.

Jolie says she wouldn't have adopted like Madonna

Jolie says she was horrified by attacks on Madonna as saying in this week's ediabout her adoption of a tod- tion of Gala, a gossip magadler from Malawi, but sug- zine. "In that country, there gested the pop singer took a isn't really a legal framerisk because of the African work country's adoption laws, a Personally, I prefer to stay French magazine reported.

'Madonna knew the situa-

PARIS (AP) — Angelina tion in Malawi, where he was born," Jolie was quoted adopting. on the side of the law."

Jolie and actor Brad Pitt Malawian boy, David clarified.

three children: have Maddox, adopted from Cambodia; Zahara, adopted from Ethiopia; and another daughter, Shiloh, who was born to the couple in May.

Madonna and her filmmaker husband Guy Ritchie are adopting a 1-year-old Banda. He joined her two children, Lourdes and Rocco, in Britain in October.

Human rights groups in Malawi have said they are concerned the government cut legal corners to fast-track the adoption and that they want adoption laws there

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Takamoto said he

phrase in

"Strangers in the

Night."

Scooby-Doo cartoon creator dies at age 81

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Iwao Takamoto, the animator who created the beloved Scooby-Doo and directed the cartoon classic "Charlotte's Web," has died. He was

Takamoto died Monday of heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Warner Bros. spokesman Gary

In a career that spanned more than six decades, Takamoto assisted in the designs of some of the biggest animated features and television shows for Disney and the Hanna-Barbera animation team. They included "Cinderella," "Peter Pan," "Lady and the Tramp," "101

Dalmatians," "The Jetsons" and "The Flintstones."

created But it was his creation of Scooby-Doo, Scooby-Doo after the cowardly dog talking with a with an adventurous heart, that captivated Great Dane audiences breeder and named endured for generahim after Frank tions. Sinatra's final

Takamoto said he created Scooby-Doo after talking with a Great Dane breeder and named him after Frank Sinatra's final phrase in "Strangers in the Night."

The breeder "showed me some pictures and talked about the important points of a Great Dane, like a straight back, straight legs, small chin and such," Takamoto said in a recent talk at Cartoon Network

"I decided to go the opposite and gave him a hump back, bowed legs, big chin and such. Even his color is

Takamoto also created other famous cartoon dogs such as Astro from "The Jetsons" and Muttley, the mixed-breed that appeared in several Hanna-Barbera animations. He also directed the 1973 feature "Charlotte's Web."

Born in Los Angeles to parents who had emigrated from Japan, Takamoto graduated high school when World War II began. He and his family were sent to the Manzanar internment camp in the California desert, where he learned the art of illustration from fellow

Despite a lack of formal training, he landed an interview with Walt Disney Studios when he returned to Los Angeles and was hired as an apprentice.



very special site has been selected for a memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The location is the National Mall in Washington, DC.

> Washington's famous memorials and museums

The memorial will honor

Dr. King's vision for all to enjoy

a life of freedom, opportunity,

surround the Mall.

on the map below.

and justice.

The National Mall is not a shopping center. It is a large park that stretches from the Potomac River to the Capitol Building. Many of

Sound Bite

On today's Kid Scoop, we use the word site, which means a location. It is pronounced the same as the word sight, which means the ability to see.

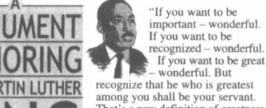
Do the math to find out the term for words that sound the same, but have different meanings. The even-numbered term reveals the answer.

16+9 = antonym9+23 = homonym

17-6 = synonym

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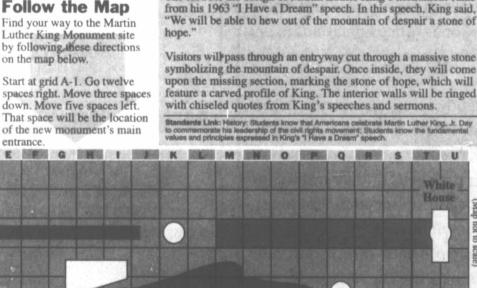
recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness it means that everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.'

from The Drum Major Instinct, a sermon by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968

What will the monument look like?

The idea for the design of Martin Luther King's monument came from his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. In this speech, King said, We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of

symbolizing the mountain of despair. Once inside, they will come upon the missing section, marking the stone of hope, which will feature a carved profile of King. The interior walls will be ringed with chiseled quotes from King's speeches and sermons.



A Mall of Monuments

Each of these three important national monuments, located on the National Mall, honors a President of the United States. Do you know which monument is for which President? Unscramble the names above each picture. Then find and label each one on the map above using the grid location shown below each of the monuments.

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indards Link: History: Students understand how important figures reacted to their times, and why they were significant to the history of our dem

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newspaper for pairs of words that have the same sound, but different meanings and spellings. Cut out 10 pairs and glue them to a iece of paper, Next to each word, write or paste an example of how the word is used.

Extra! Extra!

That Sounds

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The Kid Scoop Puzzler

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Add the symbol for addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to make each row of 2s equal the number at the end of the row. There is more than one answer to each equation.

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Stumped? Solutions are at: www.kidscoop.com/index/kids.html

Double Word Search

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

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FROM THE What's it all about?

Lesson Library www.kidscoop.com

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, look through the newspaper for pictures of people helping or serving one another. Clip one picture and write a paragraph

summarizing what it is about. Standards Link: Civics: Students understand why civic responsibility is important and recognize example

Same and Different

Write about three ways you and a friend are the same, and three ways you are different from each other.

Kid Scoop Together: Fill in The Blanks!

Read the silly story below. Fill in the blanks using the corr homonyms from the lis

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CRISPYTON -The hometown of the famous chef Melba Towst plans to build a park in her honor.

'Around a giant statue of a rolling pin, we're planting a lovely

"It's really an honor. I don't know without Crispyton and the people here. I still Crispyton High School jacket wherever I go.

"We're going __ bake a huge cake, using more than _ tons of project coordinator Sy Dishe. "We hope to set a new record. A lot of ingredients must be

It will take a lot of care to the creation to the Crispyton banquet ___ The town may have to

extra workers if they hope to get the cake

Melba will be at the opening ceremonies and will lead a _ through the park. Later, she'll treat visitors to a delicious stir-fry meal prepared

The statue will be painted Melba's favorite color,__ and later, some of her earliest cookbook recipes will be aloud by Crispyton mayor Anna Kettle.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Students understand grade-level appropriate vocab idscoop

VOCABULÁRY BUILDERS

MONUMENT The noun monume means something built in mory of a person, event or special deed.

ilt to honor Dr. Marti equal rights of all peopl

Try to use the word monument in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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that would arise - team owners bringing lawsuits for what they see as biased referee decisions, and games ending in rancor and fights.

There would be a reduction in the skill and fitness of all players and a lower overall quality of the sport. After all, if the outcome is determined by how well the team influences the referees, why spend resources recruiting and training superior players? It's better to use those resources for lobbying and bribes.

We have a set of rules that are known, neutral and intended to be durable. Those rules were created by our founders and embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Those rules have been weakened by a Congress of both parties that picks winners and losers in the game of life. The U.S. Supreme Court, which was intended to be a neutral referee, has forsaken that role and become a participant. All of this means we can expect a future of bitterly fought elections and enhanced con-

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

Bowen's job was saved by a coalition of **Democrats** and Republicans who object-Continued from Page 4 ed to efforts to eliminate

In another headline-making item, the board of directors of the Legal Services Corp., the federal legal-aid program for the poor, discussed earlier this year the possibility of firing Kirt West, the agency's inspector general, after he uncovered lavish expenditures of tax dollars by top agency managers on limos, upscale hotels and \$14 "Death by Chocolate" desserts.

It hardly should be surprising that efforts to can or muzzle IGs often come from those who have been embarrassed by the findings of their investigations.

Although some IGs occasionally might be overzealous or excessively critical of the agencies they are examining, we've generally found them to be effective public watchdogs who foster good government by helping ensure that taxpayers get more bang for their

If there's anything harder to exterminate than cockroaches, it might be government "waste, fraud and abuse." The federal IGs help ensure that those banes of taxpayers are at least kept somewhat in check.

Shame on anyone who tries to muzzle these watch-

Events calendar

will has scheduled to dis- childhood "Founding Mothers" by Roberts, Wednesday; "First Man in by Colleen Rome" McCullough, Feb. 14; "Widow in the South" By Robert Hicks, March 14; "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in

• 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 Wednesday (10 a.m.); March 21 (10 a.m.); and March 20 (6:30 p.m.). To register or to find out more, call 665-7474 or ecmoore@create-

abeat.org. Leadership Perryton and other sponsors will present Jeff Tobe, of Pittsburg, Pa., from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus in Perryton. Registration will be from 6-6:30 p.m. Tobe will present "Coloring Outside the Lines." Individuals, business owners and employees are invited to attend the free seminar. For more information, contact Perryton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575.

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

Texas The Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that

· Pampa Book Club give protection against diseases cuss the following books: including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chicken-pox (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 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. "Our Diamond Miss" Youth Achievement Program will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at Pampa Optimist Club. For more information or an entry form, call 665-8921 or (405)378-0250. Competition is open to infants and youth up to 19 years of age. Categories are modeling, talent, glamour, photogenic, portfolio, World of Babies, Beautiful Baby, baby photo and portfolio.

· Back in Control parent training will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan.
20 at Opportunity
Program in Wellington.
Registration for the class will be at 8:45 a.m. The class is being offered through Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

Fast-spreading short-lived blaze wipes out four mansions in Malibu, damages more

The blaze was fanned

by Santa Ana wind as

it raced through the

celebrity enclave near

Pepperdine University.

"Red flag" fire danger

warnings posted by the

National Weather

Service remained in

effect for much of

Southern California

because of the strong

wind and low humidity.

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters watched for flare- was reported about 5 p.m. Monday. ups Tuesday in an exclusive seaside neighborhood after a

homes, destroying four and a guest house. Four other houses were significantly damaged by the wind-driven fire Monday, and one resident who was not identified was hospitalized because of smoke inhala-

Properties were still smoldering early Tuesday and about 150 firefighters and arson investigators were on the scene.

"Right now we cannot speculate about how this happened," Inspector Rick Dominguez said early Tuesday.

The blaze was fanned by Santa Ana wind as it raced through the celebrity enclave near Pepperdine University. "Red flag" fire danger warnings posted by the National Weather Service remained in effect for much of Southern California because of the strong wind and low humidity.

"Anything that was down there that could burn, did burn," said County Fire Chief Michael Freeman.

Fire officials didn't release the names of property owners devastating fires. In 1993, hundreds of homes were lost and who lost homes, but actress Victoria Principal was among three people were killed. A 1996 fire injured 11 people and those who rushed out to hose down their houses after the fire destroyed six homes.

Her publicist, Alan Nierob, said her home wasn't damfast-moving wildfire swept through multimillion-dollar aged. "She covered her house with water," he said.

Victoria Pinero, co-owner of Little Angels Pet Services, which takes care of dogs and other animals, was housesitting at one of the homes destroyed in the blaze. She said she wasn't home at the time the fire erupted, but rushed back to save the owners' four dogs.

She said she found two dogs, but "we are still looking for the last two dogs. ... We did everything we could," she said, crying. "For these people, the dogs were basically their children.'

The blaze burned near the Malibu Colony, one of the area's original beachfront neighborhoods, dating to the 1930s. The densely built stretch of luxury homes has been a

favorite of celebrities over the years. Residents of Malibu include Mel Gibson, Pierce Brosnan, Pamela Anderson, Barbra Streisand, Ted Danson, David Geffen, and Courteney Cox-Arquette.

Malibu has frequently been the scene of



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Mail keeps arriving regarding names that match occupations. My staff and I have been having a wonderful time reading it, and I would love to share more with you. So, if you're up for a chuckle, read on. (If not, just go back to the national news.)

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter about MINN. Miss Hunger, the dietitian at Stout University, I had to write. My father was DEAR ABBY: When I first moved here, I born in Menomonie, Wis., where Stout is located, and later taught there. He used to tell me about a law firm there called Ketchum and Cheatum. Also, he had a high school classmate named Iva Liver. -- ANN H., COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I interviewed an attorney who was supposed to handle an important matter for me. His name: Rex R. Case. (Needless to say, I did not hire him!) -- LINDA, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: The day your column on funny names appeared, I had a good laugh and then began reading the front section of the paper, where I encountered the following. It's from The Associated Press with a byline of Lauran Neergard, which I am enclosing. It's titled "Circumcision of African men can cut HIV risk by half." The physician quoted from the World Health Organization is Dr. Kevin De Cock. I could not believe the two articles appeared in the same newspaper on the same day. -- BON-NIE IN WABASH, IND.

DEAR ABBY: For many years the Internal Revenue supervisor in Oklahoma City was "I.M. Filer." -- ANONYMOUS IN **OKLAHOMA**

DEAR ABBY: My sister lives in Williamsville, N.Y. (near Buffalo), where there is a funeral home that seems nothing out of the ordinary, except for the name: Amigone Funeral Home. (Am I Gone.) True! Look them up -- they're in the phone book! -- ALAINE IN JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

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DEAR ABBY: Here in Anchorage, Alaska, we have a dentist named Dr. Phil Wright. -- VERN S., ANCHORAGE

DEAR ABBY: I have two names for you. My daughter's pediatrician is Dr. LeFevere, and my former priest's was Father O'Pray. -- STEPHANIE IN BLOOMINGTON,

was looking for a new ob/gyn and came across a listing for a Dr. C. (Cynthia, I believe) Hymen. -- MEGAN IN STRAT-FORD, CONN.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago I needed minor surgery and went to the VA hospital in Palo Alto. The young female anesthetist was a novice named Mallet. Try as she might, she could not find a vein -- and when I took the "Mallet by the handle" and told her if she couldn't find a vein she should use a mallet, she didn't crack a smile. -- EARL C., MANTECA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I once met a liquor salesman named Casey Sause. -- PAMELA IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

DEAR ABBY: I have diabetes and see a dietitian and a diabetes educator. Their last names are Short and Stout. I'm sure they never hear the end of it. - NANCY IN NOBLESVILLE, IND.

DEAR ABBY: Linda Toots taught flute at Tanglewood! -- PEGGY B., CHICAGO

DEAR ABBY: There's a nudist colony in northern New Jersey that is owned by a Dr. Lust. -- ADRIAN IN PRINCETOWN. N.J.

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, here in Fort Worth, Texas, we had a doctor named Dr. Rumph. His specialty? Proctology, of course! - HAD TO LAUGH IN FORT WORTH

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"I think you just got voted off the island."

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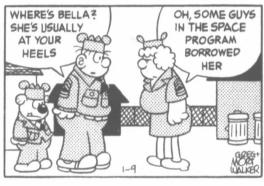
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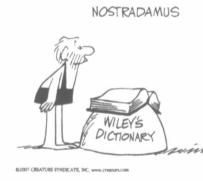


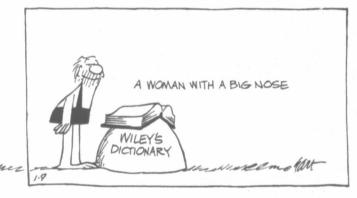
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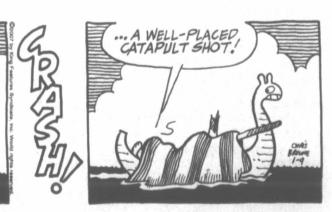
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Sports Day

Florida defies all odds, reverses spread at National Championship

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) the very same field in the - For more than a month, the Florida Gators stewed in silence.

Asked about Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, they heaped on the praise. Asked about No. 1 Ohio State, they poured on the compliments.

When they got on the field Monday night, the Gators showed how they really felt.

Second-ranked Florida turned out to be way too good for the Buckeyes, embarrassing them 41-14 to run away with college football's national championship.

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"Honestly, we've played a lot better teams than them," Florida defensive end Jarvis Moss said. "I could name four or five teams in the SEC that could probably compete with them and play the same type of game we did against them.

Florida got all but one of the 65 first-place votes in the final Associated Press poll. Ohio State dropped from No. 1 and finished second.

Chris Leak and Tim Tebow showed off coach Urban Meyer's twin quarterback system to perfection as the Gators became the first Division I school to hold national titles in football and basketball at the same time.

Now, only one question remains: What about 13-0 Boise State, the last undefeated team left standing after stunning Oklahoma on

Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day? The No. 5 Broncos got the other first-place vote in the AP poll.

Florida's amazingly easy victory left the Gators with a 13-1 record and the Buckeyes at 12-1. That, and with Wisconsin Louisville also having lost just once, will almost surely renew calls for a playoff sys-

"I love Boise State. We don't want to go play them. We're done, we're done, we're finished," Meyer said.

"There are probably five, six, seven great football teams in this country and there is one way to figure out who the better team is and that's to go play the game," he said.

Meyer was certain his team was among the best, even though many questioned whether Florida belonged in this game. The coach urged his Gators not to take the bait.

"Always say great things about your opponent. If you're going to talk, talk about your teammates," Meyer said.

"Like I said, motivation, it was not an issue. If you are looking for a great pregame speech, didn't have to make any. We had one for 30 days there," he said.

Ohio State started out like the one-touchdown favorite it was, but only for an instant.

Ted Ginn Jr. returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown, but then it quickly fell apart for the



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> Urban Meyer Florida Head Coach

Buckeyes. Ginn hurt his foot in the touchdown celebration and hobbled off after Ohio State's first offensive play.

By the time he returned for the second half on crutches, Florida led 34-14.

"We scored on the first play of the game and from that point on really couldn't keep the pressure where we needed it to be," Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel said.

"Ohio State didn't get it done," he said.

Leak, maligned for never winning the big one, completed 25 of 36 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown. The Rambo-like Tebow threw for one TD and powered into the end zone for another.

"My legacy was to get the

University of Florida back here," Leak said.

Smith, meanwhile, joined a long list of Heisman Trophy quarterbacks -Jason White, Eric Crouch and Gino Torretta, among them - to fall apart in bowl games. He was just 4-of-14 for 35 yards with one interception, sacked him five times and held him to minus-29 yards on 10 runs.

"Not everything in life is going to go the exact way you want it," Smith said. "I don't have any regrets, though. I really don't. We came out and fought. We came up short.

"Sometimes you have great games and sometimes you don't."

Defensive ends Derrick Harvey and Moss made it a miserable night for Smith. Linebacker Earl Everett got into the act, too, running down Smith on one play despite missing his helmet.

"Nobody never gave us a chance at all," Florida receiver Dallas Baker said. "We came here with a chip on our shoulder and something to prove. Nobody gave us a chance, but finally we can throw up the No. 1."

It was the second national title for Florida, adding to the one Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel brought home in 1996 under coach Steve Spurrier with a 52-20 romp over Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

This time, the man in

charge was the 42-year-old Meyer, once a .200 hitter in the low minors in Atlanta's baseball farm system. Since then, he's made a rocket rise in the coaching ranks, topped off by a title in his second year at Florida.

The trophy will make a perfect bookend for the one the basketball Gators won by beating UCLA for the national championship in Indianapolis last spring.

"How do I compare them? Both have confetti landing on my head," athletic director Jeremy Foley said. "I couldn't believe it in April, I can't believe it now. I can't believe I can talk about it without jinxing



They earned that national championship, no doubt about it."

— Jim Tressel Ohio State Head Coach

Obviously, things had to break our way to even get

Tressel's team, meanwhile, looked as if it belonged at the Holiday Bowl, because it took this night off. Given 51 days to prepare, the Buckeyes were confused from the get-go once Florida got the ball. In the first football matchup between these schools — they've both played the sport for 100-plus years — the Gators emphati-

cally stopped Ohio State's 19-game winning streak. The Buckeyes beat a pair of No. 2 teams, defending champion Texas Michigan, earlier in the season, but they were no match for Florida's speed, strategy

and style. Ohio State hoped to win its fifth national title, having taken it behind Maurice Clarett in 2002.

But these Buckeyes looked completely flummoxed by Florida's frenetic offense at the outset. Trying to match up with the Gators' shifting formations, they often jumped around at the line and still were out of position.

Leak gladly took advantage of the confusion, picking wide-open receivers at will and hitting his first nine passes. Criticized most of his career for a lack of fire, the guy with the soft, green eyes seemed real comfortable.

By the end, the numbers were numbing. Florida outgained the Buckeyes 370 yards to 82, led in first downs 21-8 and time of possession 40:48 to 19:12.

"They earned the national championship, no doubt about it," Tressel said.

Texas Tech shuts down Kansas State's offense

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) -Fourteen years later and Bob Knight still has Bob Huggins' number.

Jarrius Jackson scored 23 points in a 62-52 victory Monday night, in the coaches since they joined the Big 12.

Martin Zeno added 12 points and freshman Decensae White had 11 for the Red Raiders (13-4, 2-0 Big 12), who have won seven of their last eight and are off to their best start in three years.

It was only the third meeting between Knight and Huggins, who together have 1,459 career wins and rank first and seventh respectively among active Division I coaches in victories. The two hadn't faced each other since Dec. 19, 1992, when Knight was at Indiana and Huggins at Cincinnati. Knight has won all three meetings by double digits.

"I think it's kind of amazing, in this league this year any win is going to be really good for whoever gets it," Knight said. "There is going to be a lot of evenly played games in this league, just like Kansas State has had

evenly played games and ended up losing both of them."

Texas Tech, playing without starting center Esmir Rizvic, led 27-26 at halftime before building a 41-32 lead first meeting between the two famed with about 10 minutes left in the

The Wildcats (10-6, 0-2) used a 9-0 spurt to cut the lead to two points, but Knight quickly called a time-out that quieted the Bramlage Coliseum crowd. The Red Raiders scored immediately out of the break and slowly built their lead back up to 11 with just under 4 minutes to play.

"In the first half, I think we were kind of tentative," Jackson said. "In the second half, we kicked it up a notch. I have to give credit to them. They were playing very good defense."

Jackson was the catalyst, penetrating the lane to draw fouls and hitting short jump shots every time Kansas State threatened to get back in the game. The Big 12's third-leading scorer added seven rebounds, three assists and was 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

"Once we got a seven- or eightpoint lead, they had to extend a little bit, and it gave us a little bit more room," Knight said. "I think Jackson took advantage of that."

David Hoskins had 23 points on 7of-13 shooting to lead the Wildcats, who have lost three in a row since winning the Las Vegas Holiday Classic in December. Leading scorer Cartier Martin was held to only six points on 2-of-11 shooting, and didn't hit his first field goal until the 10:29 mark of the second half.

"We just couldn't get a stop," Hoskins said. "For a 10-minute stretch they made layups."

Employing Knight's trademark man-to-man defense and harassing the Wildcats in the half court, Texas Tech held Kansas State without a field goal for nearly nine minutes in the first half.

The Red Raiders kept the pressure up throughout the second half, holding Kansas State to 30 percent shooting for the game. The Wildcats hit only 2-of-15 3-pointers and committed 14 turnovers.

Varsity, JV travel to Caprock tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

After having played Dumas to open district just 4 days ago, both the varsity and JV girls will be on the road tonight, playing at Caprock.

Like all of the district opponents that the varsity girls will face, they have not previously gone up against Caprock yet this season.

"I hope the girls can carry on with their good defense,' Coach Troy Fry said, "We have had a consistently good defense, and a great offense as well."

Fry has especially been working on the Lady rebounding Harvesters' skills lately, in hopes that they can come out impervious to those of Caprock's - particularly the skills of two certain talented post girls.

As the team prepares to face Caprock among other district opponents, the Lady Harvesters' star player, Britteni Rice is drawing closer to breaking the alltime scoring record

After having broken what was thought to have been the record earlier this season, the actual record of 1,889 points is expected to be broken by Rice within the next few games, if things keep going the way they've been going.

As far as the JV goes, they hope to redeem themselves after losing their first district game against Dumas on Friday.

Tonight, the JV will begin at 6 p.m. at Caprock, followed by varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Freshman girls outplay Iverson helps Nuggets snap five-game skid Caprock for 12 wins

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Continuing in an almost perfect season, the Pampa freshman girls basketball team defeated Caprock on Monday to improve their record 12-1.

Led by Ashley Facio with 15 points and 6 steals, the freshman girls took the game a.m. Saturday.

45-28.

Other contributors were Shelbie Watson with 12 points, 6 steals and 4 assists, and Andi Hutto, the leading rebounder, with 12 points and 7 rebounds.

Next up on the freshman girls' list is Palo Duro, who they will play at home at 10

City League Volleyball deadline approaching

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will sponsor men's, women's and mixed, adult 4 on 4 (four players on each team) volleyball leagues. Players must be 14 years old

Entry deadline will be Jan 12, at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan 22, 2007

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$ 100 and player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of five (5) players per team.

Roster forms, fact sheets, and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204. For more information please call 669-5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

DENVER (AP) — Allen Iverson is finding his comfort zone and shaking his

shooting slump. He went into a funk shortly after joining the Nuggets in a blockbuster trade from Philadelphia last month, playing with a patchwork that's missing lineup Carmelo Anthony and J.R. Smith, who are serving suspensions for fighting with the New York Knicks last month.

Iverson thinks he finally turned the corner in Denver's 102-94 win over equally depleted the Bucks on Milwaukee Monday night that snapped the Nuggets' five-game losing streak.

Iverson had ping-ponged his way around the court as usual, fighting collapsing zones and contracted passing lanes when he worked free on the left baseline in the closing minutes, grabbed a pass from Earl Boykins and swished an open 3-pointer that gave Milwaukee a 92-84 lead with 3:18 left.

It also gave him an inkling that his rhythm was right around the corner.

"Those are the types of shots I need," Iverson said. "Especially rhythm shots. Not always creating a shot for myself. Just having teammates create easy shots for me. When other guys got the ball, especially Earl, I try to find open spots to where I can just get a shot off without a hand in my face all the time.

"And I think with Melo coming back (in two weeks), that will make it that much more easier for me to not always have shots in traffic, not always have to beat two or three guys to get a shot."

In other games, Houston beat Chicago 84-77 and the Los Angeles Clippers defeated New Orleans 100-90.

irritated Iverson sprained right big toe that he hurt in Los Angeles on Friday night, but X-rays were negative and the Nuggets said he'd probably Wednesday against San Antonio.

play," Iverson said. The last thing the Nuggets

need is another injury.



'It's not an excuse to get a loss because Michael [Redd] is not here, you have to have someone step up for him and figure out a way to win.

> — Andre Bogut Milwaukee Bucks

They lost Kenyon Martin for the season with a knee injury in mid-November, and Marcus Camby has been dealing with a broken right ring finger for weeks. He returned from a one-game absence to get 19 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots against the Bucks.

"If it was cut off, I'd Iverson shot 9-for-21 from the field and finished with 23

Milwaukee was without injured guard Michael Redd and lost his backcourt mate Mo Williams to a sprained shoulder in the second quarter. The Bucks also were without forward Charlie Villanueva, who missed his third straight game with an injured right shoulder.

"It's not an excuse to get a loss just because Michael is not here," Milwaukee's Andrew Bogut said. "You have to have someone step up for him and figure out a way to win.'

Ruben Patterson, who played in Denver last season, started in Redd's spot and scored 29 points, three shy of his career high, and had 12 rebounds.

Redd learned Monday that he'll miss four-to-six weeks because of an injured left

Nuggets forward Eduardo Najera bruised his left shoulder in the first half and didn't

First Deer



7 year-old Justin Beck took his first deer, an 8-point buck, on Jan. 2 in Wheeler County east of Shamrock.

Duke University president defends decision to allow lacrosse players to return

The president of Duke University on Monday defended his decision to allow two lacrosse players accused of sexual assault to resume taking classes, and he criticized the lead prosecutor in the case.

Richard Brodhead also called for a civil debate about race and class, issues that arose after the accuser in the case alleged in March that she had been raped at a lacrosse team party. All but one of the players on last year's team was white. The accuser is black.

Lacrosse players Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann had been barred from attending class during the fall semester while their case was pending. A third player, Dave Evans, graduated in May, the day before he was charged.

Rape charges against the

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — three men were dropped last month, after the woman who said she was attacked wavered on some key details. The men are still charged with sexual offense and kidnapping; they are not expected to go to trial before the spring.

"Although the two students still face serious charges, in the changed circumstances, it seems only right to strike the balance at a different point. The fair thing is to allow the students to continue with their studies," Brodhead wrote in a letter to students and faculty.

Lawyers for Seligmann and Finnerty have said their clients have not decided whether to return.

Brodhead has been critical of District Attorney Mike Nifong since the charges were dismissed, and he continued that Monday.

Houston Rockets come back against Chicago from halftime deficit

CHICAGO (AP) — Tracy Hayes and Luther Head McGrady was tired, tight, and couldn't shake his defender. He was feeling much better by the time the fourth quarter started.

"I knew I was going to take over," McGrady said.

McGrady scored 15 of his 31 points in the final period, hitting the go-ahead jumper to lift the Houston Rockets to an 84-77 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

"I couldn't seem to get going, physically," McGrady said.

But once he found the energy, he didn't stop.

McGrady hit a 22-foot jumper with 1:19 left to break a 77-77 tie. Houston's Shane Battier blocked a driving layup by Ben Gordon with 25 seconds left. McGrady then hit one of two free throws to make it a point game and Chuck

added two foul shots apiece.

'We're a team that hangs in there. We've been without Yao or McGrady or both since [early December]. We've tried to play good and find a way to win.'

> — Jeff Van Gundy Houston Rockets Coach

It was the sixth straight 30-point performance for McGrady, who hit just three and scored 25 in the final two periods.

"I kind of got loose a little bit, made some adjustments, (got) the ball on the move a lot and (created) some space on offense," he said.

Juwan Howard added 16 points and nine rebounds. Dikembe Mutombo grabbed 16 rebounds, and the Rockets won for the sixth time in eight games since Yao Ming broke a bone in his right leg. They hit just 34 of 87 shots, including 8-of-32 on 3-pointers, but the Bulls never got going, either.

Chicago went 30-for-82, including 3-of-15 from long range. The Bulls suffered their third loss in four games - each by seven points or

"A lot of shots we had were open," said forward Michael Sweetney, who had points and six eight of 10 shots in the first half rebounds. "We just had an

off night."

Gordon led Chicago with 24 points, and Luol Deng scored 20 after finishing with 30 in Saturday's 106-89 win over Detroit.

"Well, they are No. 1 in the league in points allowed and defensive shooting percentage," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said. "Sometimes when you get that reputation, teams come in and for whatever reason they miss. They are a good defensive team. Dikembe Mutombo protects the basket and they have guys on the perimeter who move around well."

And they're winning without Yao, who was in Chicago to have his leg examined. The All-Star center attended his first road game since Dec. 23, when he fractured a bone below his knee during a Clippers, and players bel-

game as he hobbled into the locker room on crutches, his leg in a brace.

"We're a team that hangs in there," coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We've been without Yao or McGrady or both since (early December). It hasn't been a situation of woe is me. We've tried to fight and claw, play good and find a way to win on a given night."

Yao's presence wasn't enough to spark the Rockets early. They shot 1-for-17 from 3-point range in the first half and trailed 40-30 at the break. Or, as McGrady put it, the Rockets "played terrible basketball."

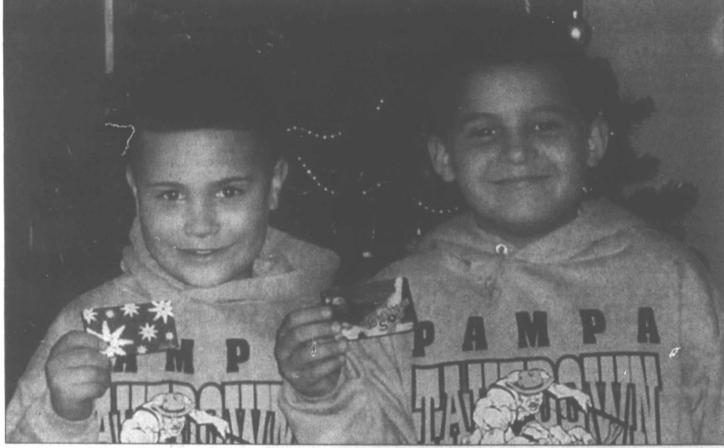
McGrady got going, and the Rockets wiped out the lead. They were ahead 54-51 going into the fourth and used the long ball to make it loss to the Los Angeles a seven-point game in the opening minutes.

his first nine shots after failing to connect on his last 11 in Sunday's overtime loss to Minnesota, started the quarter with a 3. McGrady added two more as the lead reached 65-58, but the Bulls weren't finished.

They scored eight straight and 11 of 13 to take a 69-67 lead with 6:25 left. Gordon scored seven during that stretch. His jumper off the dribble put the Bulls ahead by one, and he hit a 3-pointer after a basket by McGrady to make it 69-67 Chicago.

We play great defense," McGrady said. "In the third quarter, we came out and made some adjustments on the defensive end. We put a stop to their tough guys and made them take shots they didn't want to take. On the other end, we came down and executed our offense and got ourselves back in the

Fund raising



For having raised the most money for their organization, the Pampa Takedown Club, two youngsters were rewarded for their efforts. Landin Leal (left) raised the most money and was rewarded with \$50. Hylee Gomez, who raised the second-most was rewarded with \$25. The fund raiser was organized in order to help everybody in the club be able to afford traveling expenses, competition fees, etc. The Pampa Takedown Club is a non-profit local youth wrestling organization for younger children.

Los Angeles defeated by Oilers in overtime

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a minute into the game, Edmonton's Jan Hejda was knocked over the boards and into the Los Angeles Kings' bench by fellow rookie Konstantin Pushkarev. He got his revenge the best way possi-

Hejda scored his first NHL goal with 3:46 left in overtime, giving the Oilers a 2-1 victory Monday night. What made it even sweeter was that Pushkarev's first NHL goal had tied the score with 14:11 left in regulation.

"This is my first NHL goal, and for me a great moment because it was the winning goal for the team which is most important," Hejda said. "Ryan made a great pass and it was not hard for me to score that goal."

Jarret Stoll had a powerplay goal and Dwayne Roloson made 34 saves for the Oilers in the only game on the NHL schedule.

Smyth's assist on the winning goal gave him 10 points in seven games after missing 10 contests because of a bro-

ken right thumb. Pushkarev, the Kings' 21year-old right wing, started the play that led to his tying goal when he bumped rookie defenseman Mathieu Roy off the puck in the left corner. Pushkarev then backtracked toward the Oilers' blue line, got a pass from Lubomir Visnovsky and took a long wrist shot that beat Roloson through a screen.

"We were doing a good job cycling in the corner and shooting at the net, whenever you shoot on the net something can happen," Pushkarev said.

Stoll opened the scoring at 7:17 of the second period with his 12th goal, a onetimer from the top of the left circle that beat Mathieu Garon high to the glove side while Brian Willsie was serving a hooking penalty.

Irsay ready to face the heat when Colts return to Baltimore

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Irsay has almost everything an NFL owner could want.

The Indianapolis Colts' All-Pro quarterback is still in his prime, two receivers are headed to the Pro Bowl and there's a budding star at running back. They've reached the playoffs seven times in eight years. The financial future looks 'equally bright: There's a new stadium under construction and an expanding season-ticket list.

But Irsay has one other wish that 23 years after the Colts' bitter move from Baltimore to Indy, some of the hard feelings it created would finally heal.

"We're talking about a long time ago, really a quarter-century ago," Irsay told The Associated Press on Monday. "That was another time, another place and another era."

Some Baltimore Colts fans may never forgive the Irsay family. And now they'll get another chance to vent their frustration with the Colts coming back to Baltimore to play the Ravens in a divisional playoff game Saturday.

The Irsay name has been hated and cursed for more than two decades by Baltimore fans.

They're still angry at the images of the infamous "midnight move," Mayflower vans pulling away from

the team complex under the cover of darkness in March 1984.

At the time, Jim Irsay was a 20something recent college graduate in the Colts front office who had little influence on his father, the team owner. Irsay called his dad his "own man," and acknowledged he only learned of the impending move the morning the Colts left

Irsay explains his late father didn't think the Colts could be competitive with an outdated stadium, and when the city refused to build a new one it threatened to keep the Colts by using eminent domain, potentially stripping Robert Irsay

of ownership.

From Jim Irsay's perspective, if the city or state made any effort to extend an olive branch, he believes his father would have kept the team in Baltimore. Instead, Robert Irsay wouldn't risk losing his team.

"I know he didn't want to move, but the business model was crumbling and his attorneys felt with the eminent domain threat, the city was going to move on the team," Jim Irsay said. "That's why there was a sudden move — there was so much fear on both sides."

The secondary role Irsay played in the ticket office and accounting department back then matters little to the fans of today. After all, he's still an Irsay.

The 47-year-old owner, who inherited the team from his late father a decade ago, hopes this weekend's reception will be more pleasant than his first trip back home in 1998. On that trip, Irsay remembers seeing a T-shirt with a Ravens fan urinating on his father's grave.

Indianapolis returned Baltimore again in 2001 and lost 39-27 before finally winning 24-7 at Baltimore in the 2005 season opener. Saturday will be the Colts first playoff game in Baltimore since 1977.

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fully. Money easily could slip out of your

hands. Your efforts mark a period in

which you will be making some major

changes. This year, you might be a

thinker. Next year, you will act. If you

are single, many people see you as a

good catch. Make sure someone has

depth before you bond. If you are

attached, share your successes. Involve

your sweetie more in your public life.

LIBRA often pushes you into a leader-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

**** Think in terms of understand-

ing and gaining new insight. You find

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ideas, events and choices on your plate.

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** Slow your pace and consider what

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mate the power of persuasion. If you

have been putting off a discussion, the

time has come. If you meet someone

interesting, stop. Tonight: Socialize,

** Indulge and enjoy. Think in terms

of growth and gains. What might have

felt restricted loosens up. Be aware that

this fact might be simply in your mind

and attitude. Don't take any action based

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**** Someone easily could mistake you for the Cheshire cat, with your ear-

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go. Tonight: Go for the proverbial pot of

** Take your time relaxing and listen-

the process of deciding need not be com-

mon knowledge. Think in terms of long-

term ramifications. Buy a new item for

your home or a token gift for a room-

mate. Tonight: You don't need to decide

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others suggest. Tonight: Aim for what

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project, especially as you sense people

aren't adversarial. Ask for feedback, but

know that ultimately the decision is

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ask yourself where this change in attitude

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Chavez to nationalize Venezuela's power, phone industries

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — As Venezuela embarked on another six years under Hugo Chavez, the president announced plans to nationalize power and telecom companies and make other bold changes that will concentrate more power in his hands.

Chavez, who will be sworn in Wednesday to a third term that runs until 2013, also said he wanted a constitutional amendment to strip the Central Bank of its autonomy and would soon ask the National Assembly, solidly controlled by his allies, to give him greater

powers to legislate by presidential decree.

"We're moving toward a socialist republic of Venezuela, and that requires a deep reform of our national constitution," Chavez said in a televised address after swearing in his new Cabinet. "We're heading toward socialism, and nothing and no one can prevent it."

The changes are in keeping with pledges he made after his re-election last month to take a more radical turn toward socialism. His critics have voiced concern that he would use his sweeping victory to tighten his grip

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on power, following in the footsteps of Fidel Castro.

Cuba, one of Chavez's closest allies in the region, nationalized major industries shortly after Castro came to power in 1959. Bolivia's Morales, another Chavez ally, moved to nationalize key sectors after taking office last year.

"The nation should recover its ownership of strategic sectors," Chavez said. "All of that which was privatized, let it be nationalized," he those sectors in an area so important and strategic for all of us as is electricity."

Chavez, first elected in 1998, has progressively remake Venezuelan society, rewriting laws, setting up statefunded cooperatives and starting a land reform program that has turned over large swaths of ranch lands to poor farmers. Chavez calls it his Bolivarian Revolution, named after South American independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"The eight-year transition phase is ending and we're

added, referring to "all of entering a new era — the Simon Bolivar national plan, Bolivarian socialism, Chavez told his audience of cheering supporters.

The nationalization appeared likely to affect Electricidad de Caracas, owned by Arlington, Virginia-based AES Corp., and C.A. Nacional Telefonos de Venezuela, known as CANTV, the country's largest publicly traded com-

Chavez said lucrative oil projects in the Orinoco River basin involving foreign oil companies should be under national ownership.

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Witnesses say U.S. airstrike hits targets in southern Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A U.S. airstrike hit targets in southern Somalia where Islamic militants were believed to be sheltering suspects in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies, Somali officials and witnesses said today. Many people were reported killed.

Monday's attack was the first overt military action by the U.S. in Somalia since the 1990s and the legacy of a botched intervention known as "Black Hawk Down" — that left 18 U.S. servicemen dead.

Helicopter gunships launched new attacks today near the scene of the U.S. airstrike, although it was not clear if they were American or Ethiopian aircraft, and it was not known if there were any casualties.

Two helicopters "fired several rockets toward the road that leads to the Kenyan border," said Ali Seed Yusuf, a resident of the town of Afmadow in southern Somalia.

The aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower gathering missions over Somalia, the military said. Three other U.S. warships are conducting anti-terror operations off the Somali

U.S. warships have been Command and have been Monday.

seeking to capture al-Qaida members thought to be fleeing Somalia after Ethiopia invaded Dec. 24 in support of the government and drove the Islamic militia out of the capital and toward the Kenyan border.

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The White House would not confirm the attack, nor would the Pentagon.

But a U.S. government official said at least one AC-130 gunship was used. The and launched intelligence- of anonymity because of the married a local woman, operation's sensitivity.

> after targets day or night. They are operated by the Special Operations

used heavily against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The airstrike occurred Monday evening after the suspects were seen hiding on a remote island on the southern tip of Somalia, close to the Kenyan border, Somali officials said. The island and a site 155 miles north were

The main target was Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, who allegedly planned the 1998 attacks on the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed 225 people.

He is also suspected of planning the car bombing of a beach resort in Kenya and the near simultaneous attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner in 2002. Ten Kenyans and three Israelis were killed in the blast at the hotel, 12 miles north of Mombasa. The missiles missed the airliner.

Fazul, 32, joined al-Qaida in Afghanistan and trained there with Osama bin Laden, according to the transcript of an FBI interrogation of a known associate. He came to arrived off Somalia's coast official spoke on condition Kenya in the mid-1990s, became a citizen and started AC-130 gunships have teaching at a religious school elaborate sensors that can go near Lamu, just 60 miles south of Ras Kamboni, Somalia, where one of the airstrikes

U.S. sub, Japanese ship collide in Straits of Hormuz

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A U.S. nuclear-powered submarine collided with a Japanese oil tanker in the Straits of Hormuz, through which 40 percent of the world's oil supplies travel, officials

No one was hurt in the accident that happened Monday night in the 34-mile wide straits, which are bordered by Iran and Oman and serve as the entrance to the Persian Gulf.

Damage to the fast-attack USS Newport News subma-

rine and the supertanker was light and there was no resulting spill of oil or leakage of nuclear fuel, officials from the U.S. Navy and the Japanese government said.

Both ships remained able to navigate, Navy officials

The bow of the submarine was traveling submerged when it hit the stern of the supertanker Mogamigawa as the vessels were passing through the Straits, causing minor damage to the Japanese vessel, the U.S. Navy and Japan's Foreign Ministry said. The Japanese government said it was informed of the crash by the Navy and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

The tanker, operated by Japanese shipping company Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd., was able to continue to a nearby port in the United Arab Emirates, the statement said.

Commander Kevin Aandahl of the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet in Bahrain confirmed there had been a crash and that there were no injuries aboard either ship. Aandahl said the submarine had surfaced and its crew was evaluating damage.

The Navy said the sub's nuclear propulsion plant was undamaged. The Newport News is based in Norfolk, Va., and is part of a U.S.-led multinational task force patrolling the Persian Gulf and nearby seas. It has a crew of 127.

The Mogamigawa was traveling from the Gulf to Singapore and was carrying a crew of eight Japanese and 16 Filipinos.

