## spenime HERALD

## Local credit unions help beleaguered federal workers

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer
The partial government shut-
down is nowhere close to being down is nowhere close to being
resolved, but several local finanresolved, but several local finan-
cial institutions have found a way to take the sting out of the situation.
Because of the shutdown
760,000 federal workers in 760,000 federal workers in
unfunded agencles, including the 280,000 on furlough, will
receive only partial paychecks.

Big Spring's Assistant VeterCenter Director Warren Long ey said the hospital spen
Wednesday on national teleconference calls with the other 170 VA hospitals around the country talking about the situation.
Federal workers expecting to Federal workers expecting to
be paid on Jan. 2 will receive a partial paycheck less deductions." ing with management of the
hospital and with our union, the

City wants Coahoma back to table

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Earlier in this month the Big Spring City Council voted an agreement with the city of Coahoma to provide ambulance
service to Howard County. service to Howard County.
At the Dec. 12 meeting CounAt the Dec. 12 meeting Coun-
cilman John Paul Anderson said he thought the city should go back to the drawing board and start completely over in homa. council met in a special meeting Wednesday addressing

The immediate wish of the council is to get together with Coahoma officials and work out an agreement.
The dispute of who should
provide ambulance provide ambulance service for
the city of Coahoma stems around the question of liability and who would respond to calls in eastern Howard County

Anderson pointed to a recent
incident where the Coahoma incident where the Coahoma
ambulance responded to a the Big Spring ambulance back.
"If anything had gone wrong, the city of Big Spring would
have been liable," Anderson said.
Anderson previously stated the chance to work out a contract as long as all the burden
isn't on the citizens of Big isn't on the citizens of Big
Spring.
Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Tina Stone, City Manager Gary Fuqua, Anderson and other city officials have been meeting to try to work out an agreement
with Coahoma.

Currently, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is the county and remains in place until the Big Spring ambulance arrives.
Anderson sald the Volunteer Fire Department falls under the Good Samaritan Act and is free

- Help is near for people who suffer depression部 KELIE JONES
Edttor's Note: This is the third in a sertes looking at various mental illnesses and how new have helped and understanding have helped ther disorders.
Major depression is a mental illness and not a case of the
blues day. day. Depression involves the mind,
body, thoughts and behavior body, thoughts and behavior
often requiring medication and often requiring medication and
therapy to alleviate the symptoms.
Mental health officials say
ment Employees and we're talk-
ing to our employees as well to ng to our employees as well to tion is," Longley said. He added, "We're fortunate here in Big Spring because some of the lending institutions
including Citizens Federal Credincluding Citizens Federal Cred-
it Union and the Government Employees Federal Credit Union will issue interest free loans to any governmen Please see HELP, page 2A


## Negotiators inching toward serious talks

WASHINGTON (AP) - White
House and congressional negoHouse and congressional nego-
tiators are inching closer to new tiators are inching closer to new
talks on resolving the federal budget impasse, but the prospect of serious progress
seems to be at least a day seems to be at least a day away.
More than 280,000 federal More than 280,000 federal
workers remained off the job today, as did most of the people
charged with getting the budget
was described as prepared to bill. McCurry said the White
House objects to its call for the purchase of costly weapons sy tems the Pentagon does no want as well as its insistence on
a Star Wars missile defense system. Please see TALKS, page 2A

## White Hour settled

 White House press secret Mike McCurry said Capitol Hill and White House staff met today for lengthy discussions. report to leaders preparing on where budget agreement exists, where the sides are closeand where they are far apart.
President Clinton, meanwhile,


Feed me, Seymour, feed me. Ducks and geese at Comanche Trail Park gather around a visitor in hopes of food

## Depression isn't always the blues



Research has shown people suffering from major depression often have either too little or too much of certain neurochemicals.
CPersistent physical symp.
both individual and group ses-
toms that do not respond to sions. toms that do not respond to
treatment such as headaches, reatment such as headaches,
digestive disorders and chronic pain
Research has shown people suffering from major depression
often have either too little or to often have either too little or too
much of certain neurochemi. cals.
The solution? There are several different
medicines $\begin{gathered}\text { prescription } \\ \text { including }\end{gathered}$ medicines including
monoamine oxidase inhibitors, tricyclics and lithium. Doctors often have to try different which one will be the most Which one will be the most
effective.
Getting into some type of ther. effective.
Getting into some type of ther-
apy is also important including

Mental health offlitials suggest interpersonal therapy involving a concentration on the patient's personal relationships that cause and contribute to the
depression. Another type of herapy is cognitive/behavioral where the therapist helps the patient change their negative styles of thinking and behaving.
Depression can often be found in generation after generation in generation after generation
of families but it can also occur in those who have no family history of the lllness.
Frtday's artcle will focus on how people cope with their mental lllness and what family mem-

## Full vs. mid size stumps bid award

## By CARLTON JOHNSON

 Staff WriterA dispute over the terms "fullsize" and "mid-size" caused
Howard County Commissioners o temporarily rethink their original decision to award Pol-
lard Chevrolet the bid for three lard Chevrolet the bid for three
new vehicles for the Sheriffs new veticles
Commissioners
awarded Pollard the bid for three new Chevrolet Luminas offered by Bob Brock Ford, but the Ford dealer complained to saying Luminas are not classi fied as full-size sedans.
Pollard Representative Matt
Caperton said if he could not Caverton said if he could not the Sheriffs Office he would not bid in the first place. Caperton said size classifica-
tion is based on features such as cubic feet, trunk space and pas senger space.
He added as speciffed he met
every spec requested "We were $\$ 10,3$ than the other dealer and we met every spec put in the bid.
We would not have bid if w. Caperton said.
After talking to commissionrs for a while, Sheriff A.N. omething the Ford and Chevrolet dealers should discuss with specs had been met.
Commissioners agreed with candard and deputies took a look at both vehicles Wedneswould be satisfactory

After the decision had been made to stick with the Pollard bid, Commissioner Sonny Choate said the county wil
have to buy different equipmen for the Luminas such as the cages that separate the fron and back sections of the car, but of the $\$ 10,300$ savings by choosing the Lumina and added equipment over the Crown Vic equipme
toria.


## Obituaries

J.C. Hurt, Jr




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Senate then passed and clinton signed, bills to keep benefit
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Aldio Families with Dependent
Children, and foster care and Children, and foster care and
adoption, services. plus money
to keep services in the District to keep services in the D .
of Columbia functioning.
The partial government shut-
down stems fom disagreement
over how to balance the federal
and over how to balance the federal
budget by 2022 Republicas are
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Ings rom Medicare, Medcicald
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and museums are closed. and museums are closed.
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Md., whose suburban Washing
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## Help

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employee who bring in his or
her pay stub. This is to make up her pay stub. This is to make up
the different for what they nor mally receive."
For example if a person
receive $\$ 100$ and after deducreceive $\$ 100$ and after deduc-
tions and taxes has only $\$ 5$ left,
one of the participating instit. one of the participating institu-
tions will issue and interest free tions will issue and interest free Longley said once the crisis is
over and full pay is restored, the
participating institution will ver and full pay is restored, the
participating institution will
take a lump sum payment for take a lump sum payment for
the loans interest free. Longley said he free.
the dollar amount sure of it could be a significant six fig. ure amount because of the gen
erosity of local lending institu tions.
President Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich met
last Friday but without reach last Friday but without reach-
ing an agreement to end the
shutdown. The House and Senate then passed, and Clinton
signed, bills to keep benefit checks flowing for veterans,
welfare recipients under the Aid to Families with Dependent
Children, and foster care and children, and foster care and
adoption services, plus money to keep services in the Dis The partial government shut-
down stems from disagreement down stems from disagreement
over how to balance the federal
budget by 2002 .

## Off-duty officer accused of shooting other officers,

 killing paramedic
term budget deal is negotiated.

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## Iln Brief

Boy Scouts

## picking up trees

Boy Scout Troop 401 will pick
up and haul off your Christmas ree if you live in Big Spring. A suggested $\$ 5$ donation will help the scouts raise money for their
summer camps and in purchasing camping equipment. The pick-up date is Jan. 6. Cill $263-8860$ for more informa
tion and to schedule a time for
the scouts to pick up the tree.
Spelling bee
books available
The 1996 Howard County
Spelling Bee is scheduled for Spelling Bee is scheduled for
Feb. 27 at the Howard College
Auditorium.
Practice spelling books are
Practice spelling books are
cants ateach. at the Herald for 55
in in nformation can call K
Carruthers at $263-7331$.

## Mensa essay

contest set
Announcing the 1995-96 Mensa
Education \& Research Founda
tion Scholarship Essay Contest
tion Scholarship Essay Contest: Awards are made on the basis
of an essay of fewer than 550
words describing the applicant's

## Markets

Did you Win? LOTTO: 3, 4, 32, 38, 40, 49



March cotton futures 81.60 cents
a pound, up 44 points; Feb.
crude oil 19.47, down 3 points;
a pound, up 44 points; Feb.
crude oil 19.47, down 3 points;
cash hog steady at 45 cents
even; slaughter steers steady at
even; slaughter steers steady at
65 cents even; Feb. live hog
futures 49.65 , down 17 points;

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## Atlantic

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after the shooting. Rios was rid-
ing in a car with Valle at the
State police said a second of cer was also arrested, but his
name was not immediately name was
available.
Juarez Mayor Ramon Galindo
said Valle, who has been hospitalized with gunshot wounds to
his legs, is mentally ill and has his legs, is mentally ill and has
a personal problem with one of
the wounded officers that led to the wounded o
Authorities say Rios and Valle
also are suspects in the fatal also are suspects in the fatal
shooting Monday of a young woman inside a city cemetery.

academic or career goal. The academic or career goal. The
eligibility requirements are that
the applicant must be enrolled he applicant must be enrolled
in a degree program in an
accredited American institution of post-secondary education for he 1996 fall/winter term and be a U.S. citizen or permanent res
ident (not student visa). Th general awards are unrestricted as to age, sex, gender, level o
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Special awards are made fo additional specific criteria. All requests for applications must include a self-addresses
stamped envelope and be post stamped envelope and be post
marked no later than Jan. 5
1996. All submission must be postmarked no later than Jan further information contact Sharon Colbert, P.O. Box 15023
Odessa, Texas $797 c 8.5023$

## Walking tours

going at museum
Hear tales of a long-ago rail
road and cow town by walking
the historic streets of downtown
Big Spring every Saturday
through the end of the year.
Walking tours will begin at th
Heritage Museum at 2 p.m.
Groups iand individuals ar welcome. There is no charge fo the walking tours. Call the Her
itage Museum
267-8255, itage Museum, 267-8255, for
information or cancellations.


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Spring, 79720; or bring it by Spring, 79720 or bring it by
the office, 710 Scurry. For
more information, contact
TODAY
-Spring Tabernacle Church,
20edy, 10 a.m.m.-noon. food for area
-Salvation Army drug ion program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional
Rouncil on alcohol and drug Council on alcohol and drug
abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Allford.
-Spring City Senior Citizen

Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited. | group, $2: 3$ |
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| 267.3666. |

-Good Shepherd Fellowship, 10. Abrams, has services at 7
p.m. Everyone is welcome to -Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic
Mountain Medical Mountain Medical Cen
small cafeteria on first floor.
-Alcoholics -Alcoholics Anonymous, noon pen meeting, 615 Settles. - Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, $5-8$ p.m. at 2805
Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public
invited. Thited.
Turning Point $A$ Re e8:9:30
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 to all substance abusers. $9: 30-11: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .55$ and older -Spring City Senior Citizens ountry/western dance, 7:30 Super Six Band. Area seniors in V ited.
-Alcoholic
pen meeting and $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Big Boopk Study, 615 Settles.
SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and 10
meetings, 615 Sétles.
SUNDAY
-Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to
come.
-Incipient Shire Crossroads, local branch of the
Socliety of practice, 2 p.m., Comanche 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267 .
5825 .



## Abandoned 13-year-old turns into scamming woman



## Endangered Species Act tops farm

 stories for 1995FRESNO, Calif. (AP) -
Weather that ripped trees from
the ground and drowned vegeta the ground and drowned vegetables in Cailifrnia last winter
was bad - but not rotten
enough to win top honors as the enough to win top honors as the
most important farm story of 1995 in the natio
cultural state.
In fact, stat was elements of the
federal Endangered Species Act hat claimed the first and fourth Farm Bureau delegates conduct ed at a convention in Monterey
this month. For California farmers, the
most important story involved efforts pending in Congress to overhaul the law to ease what
they see as an unfair burden on them to protect wild plants and animals.
rant farmer ches that an immiand inhabited by the Tipton
kangaroo rat and other endan gered species had outraged farmers so much that it was Cal The government's decision Taung Ming-Lin for the alleged 1995 survey. Meanwhil
ore through California in January and March, causing milwo votes behind the proposed
endangered species Act over-
haul.
"It was difficult to find many It was difficult to find many
commodities that were not affected by the weather to some Farm Bureau's information director. "Weather can make or break a year for California agrrThe third most important high on the list in 1996. It is the possible ban next March of fumigate soil before planting and on some nuts after harvest. California's legislature will be asked to extend the fumigant's mental Protection Agency is scheduled to ban the chemical at the start of the 21st century layer.
Rounding out the top 10 sto es to California farmers were oncerns about chronic water federal grazing reform, passage of a state law requiring water planning before major new sage of federal legislation reversing a U.S. Supreme Court decision known as the Adams
Fruit case, reform of the state's Fruit case, reform of the state's
pesticide registration process and full deliveries of water from

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) Mozart. Purdue University researcher leagues recelved a his col $\$ 500,000$ grant from the U.S. Department
of Agriculture to study the menal well-belng of cows, chickens. pigs and other livestock.
During his research, Albright sald, the bovines balked at high-
decibel music from the rock group Kiss, but they liked Detalls such as these are lipportant, he sald, because a
happy cow gives more milt
han a grumpy one, leading to incre
ers.


Evidience tagged by Riverside County Sheriff's investigators lies in a tarp, foreground, Wednesday at the site of a trailer fire and explosion where three children were killed. Investigators Three children die when illegal drug lab explodes

## AGUANGA, Calif. (AP) - Three little children died <br> burning trailer and was found

 screaming and their mother was critically burned in anexplosion and fire believed explosion and fire belleved
caused by an illegar drug lab set caused by an illegal drug lab set
up in their moblie home in the up in
desert.
Meth
"Methamphetamine, or speed,", labs often are found in
Southern Callfornia's vast desert and rural areas, and authorities sald Wednesday
they were not surprised that they were not surprised the
children were in the home. "The fact that kids are around doesn't seem to make any difference," said Phil Pelzel, a
chemist for the state Justice chemist for the state Justice Department who has seen abo
150
homebrew speed labs. "Home cookers are cooking in the garage, kitchen, bedroom or anywhere, and many times don't care, and these chemicals and vapor:
The youngsters' mother, 39 year-old Kathy James, stood helpless outside as names
destroyed the home Tuesday destroyed the home Tuesday
afternoon and killed the chilaternoon ages 1,2 and 3 . Her 10 -
dren,

Allogations of evidence-planting checked

 harced out ah
unharmed staying with family "It's absolutely devastating to
alize there was realize there was three kids in
there because she had to stand there because she had to stand
there and watch her kids screaming and yelling and there wasn't anything she could do,"
said a nelghbor, Steven Mackey "That's why she got burnt so bad." James was in critical condition, as was a man who had
been at the house, Harry Jensen, 42. A second man there was not seriously hurt.
No immediate char No immediate charges were Aguanga, population 580, is in
Riverside County, about 60 miles north of San Diego. The wreckage, little more than a blackened smudge near a
dusty road in brush-covered desert hills, yielded clues point-
ing to the manufacture of ing to the manufacture of
methamphetamines, a stimumant popularized by bikers in the late 1970s.
Late Wednesday, several
adults who were inside adults who were inside the mobile home during the explo-
sion were found, said sherifrs sion were found, said

vould be returned. Utah on Wednesday and providd a photograph of Hoaks. She similar scam and sentenced to ${ }^{23}$ days in jall. When confronted, Hoaks con-
fessed to making up the story lessed to making up the story
and said she was simply trying to find a warm place to stay, Salt Lake County sheriff's Sgt.
Jim Vaughn said. Jim Vaughn said
Hoaks was book gation of making false or inconsistent material statements to a Judge and theft of services, tenced to up to 15 years in
prison prison.
While still posing as a boy, Hoaks said he had never been to
school, and that his family lived school, and that his family lived
a nomadic life, finding shelter where they could. He was placed in a group home.
In April, Hoaks told officials in Rapid City, S.D., that she was 13 -year-old Nathan Devine, who had been abandoned by his
mother who could no longer mother who
care for him.
Hoaks received about $\$ 728$ in cash and beneffits before workers at a youth home became sus-
picious and called police. Hoaks served seven months of a nine month sentence for welfare fraud before being released
from a South Dakota jail on Oct 11. She also paid $\$ 526$, of a $\$ 1,747$ inne, and completed 170 hours of court-ordered community ser-

In 1993, as a 22 -year-old, Hoak onvlnced police in Bennning old Arkansas boy abandoned in
Maine. Bennington officials spent two days trying to locate parents before Hoak's true iden ity was discovered during a routine physical.
In 1992, Hoaks sta In 1992, Hoaks stayed at a boys
home in Wichita, Kan., for six weeks and received free foot surgery and Christmas pre-
sents. State officials caught on to her during a physical when doctors found her breasts bound and a Caesarean section scar.
Similar cases involvins have been reported in Texas have been reported in Texas,
Idaho, Montana, New York,
New Jersey, Alaska and West Virginia.

## Warring parties pull back from Sarajevo


were other promising signs that
peace was gaining momentum
said. "They just shot at each
other, at soldiers and civilians."
ther, at soldiers and civilians."
On Wednesday, in the On Wednesday, in the hotly
contested suburb of Dobrinja, a French armored personnel carrier patrolled the former front,
accompanied by five foot soldiers and a dog.
They searched the area for mines, marked them and placed
barbed wire along the onetime front line. every 50 yards to watch and lisbeen impossible three weeks Elsewhere, French forces
patrolled a street in the frontpatrolled a street in the front-
line Stup suburb just north of the airport, where all forces
have pulled out from both sides phase of the peace plan. first
Dogs sniffed for explosives Civilians have not lived in the NATO spokesmen said things were going well overall, but it
was unclear whether there would be 100 phercent compli-
ance in all 38 areas designated There is a second series of deadlines built into the agree-
ment for the Serbs to turn over
Sarajevo districts they control Sarajevo districts they control
to the Bosnian government. beginning Jan. 19 and ending
two months later

## The rains in Spain kill four

Sotarday Morming
EXTENDED HOURS CUNIC
MADRID,
Heavy rain, snow and winds Heavy rain, snow and winds nearing 60 mph are responsible
for at least four deaths in three flooded. Heavy fog hampered days, authorities said Wednesport traffic along the coast.
Rains are expected to contin day. Flooding has closed high-
ways and slowed traffic across Rains are expected to contin-
ue for another week. ways and slowe
much of Spain.
The storms haver A Christmas Day mudslide in The storms have toppled trees, Jaen was blamed for a train
derailment that killed two engi-
neers and injured eight other 9 A.M. to 12 NOON NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY
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EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

 sibility." Teroesa Day, high school student, 199 -
## Renovation of courthouse step in the pride direction

The Howard County Courthouse etting a facelift thanks to voter s.

Already some of the work has been started, as
courthouse
So far, contractors Lone Star Waterhere is still much to be done, but the beginning bodes well for the quality of

When all the changes are complete, however, it will be up to those working
at the courthouse to keep it in good condition. That is part of the bargain we made-fix our courtho
make sure it stays fixed.

| Opinions expressed on this page are those torial Board of the Big Spring Herald unles indicated. |  |
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| Big Spring is coming a long way in taking pride in what is here now and what will be here in the future. This pride can do much to carry the town to leaders would |  |
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| than the walls that surround us at any |  |
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| it, in our smaller home |  |
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| Renovating the courthouse is one step |  |

## - Letters to the Editor



Christmas spirit does abound
Editor:
Whoev
 years makes me app.
ans all the more. My mother is a 1 1st grade
eacher at College Heights Ele
mentary mentary School with a student
who would have no Christmas.
When When I got here for the holliday we could too to help. I called
Walmart and talked with Judy lack while waiting to speak
ith someone in donations. with someone in donations.
When I told her our story she
said she couldn't let any child sald she couldn't let any child
go without a giff at at hristmas oshe donated $\$ 25$ for him
Catherine Jefferies from Wal nart helped us get a 840 Wal
mart Gift Cerificate and their anagers came up with 330 of ble shopping spree at Walmart irst stop was Apring Mall. heir manage Bill Conner went
all over the store to find a Dal
 pair or "His" Jeans. Next was the Helms made it possible for our 1 litte Christmas boy to get a $\$ 100$ alr of Roadskates.
These wonderful people. meaning of the Christmas Spir t. Thank you so much!

Stacie Campbell,
 about concealed weap
Re: Fears unwarranted

ly it's a shame our lawmen
attempt to tell fellow Texas citi: zens how fearful they now will
have to be and atemp to fill
fellow $\begin{aligned} & \text { Texas } \\ & \text { citizens on } \\ & \text { unwarranted fear towards }\end{aligned}$ fel. low law abiding Texas citizens.
Lawmen who fear this bad
perhaps ought to resign we
don't need them.
 stop attempting to fill fellow cit-
izens of Texas with unwarrant
ed and falles fears: personal opinion.
Criminals have carried
weapon for years and most

likely for years to come without | $\substack{\text { aly } \\ \text { Ilcense } \\ \text { I believe }}$ |
| :---: | I beleeve in our fellow Texas

citizns and rest knowing they citizens and rest knowing they
are armed law abiding citizens. Freedom to carry in Texas
Harold Hale Harold Hale
Big Spring
Let officials know who is really hurt Editor:
Now Now is the time for all good
men to come to the aid of their country In this time of connicts within our own government
squabbles about benefits for the squabbles about benentits for the eiderily, veterans benenits, social
securrty and other live or die secentls to our United States cit-
bens. izens.
I don't hear about Congress,
dent Senate or any other government
oficials going without their officials going without their
salaries. Why don't we hear about them cutting their pay for a month, year, or till next term.


## WHERE TO

## WRITE

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## Umbilical cord banks spring up for possible later use of cords

## WASHINGTON (AP) - Cathy Goldman is literally banking on Goldman is from her baby's the blood form umbilical cord. She's paying a compan umbilical cord. She's paying a company to kep it on ice ust in case he ever gets sick and (ivernem

 needs it back.Scientists say using umbilical
cord blood to treat lethal discord blood to treat lethal dis-
eases is highly experimental eases is highly experimental
and the government is about to
regulate the practice, but private companies are signing up
pregnant women nationwide to
save their newborsi pregnant women nationwide to
save their newborns' cells as a
piece of biological insurance. piece of biological insurance.
"If it doesn't work, you know
you tried everything you tried everything for your
chil said Goldman, of
Char iestown, Mass., who
watched as doctors drained the blood from healthy newborn
Alexander's
still-pulsating umbilical cord. 'Unfortunately you didn't have feel?"'
Usually, umbilical cord blood
is thrown away But since is thrown away. But since 1988, it has been used as a last resort
to help about 170 dying children
fight leukemia and other blood diseases.
Cord blood is a rich source of
stem cells, the building blocks stem cells, the building blocks
that produce blood cells. Cer-
tain diseases and cancer chemotherapy destroy these
stem cells, meaning patients
need need a transplant to survive.
Cord blood has about 10 times
more stem cells t than the stan-
dard - and very difficult dard - and very difficult -
bone marrow transplant.
But cord blood has not yet
been proven a better alternative
to bone-marrow transplants in to bone-marrow transplants in
tost patients most patients. And only one in
10,000 babies will develop a dis-
ease treatable by cord blood, said transplant pioneer Dr.
Pablo Rubinstein of the not-forStill, at least four U.S. compa-
nies are recruiting pregnant women to freeze and store their
babies' umbilical cord They charge $\$ 300$ to $\$ 1,500$ up
front, with yearly storage fees of
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## A doctor drains the blood from an umbilical cord shortly after a birth at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. Private companies are signing up pregnant women nationwide to freeze theiri babies' umbilical cord blood in the hopes it might fight lethal diseases that attack children later in life

unknowns," said Cynthia Fish-
nology is exciting
more information. Boston. But "this field is evolv-
ing rapidly. ... You'll see breast
cancer and possibly AIDS treat cancer and possibly AIDS treat-
ed with cord blood in the future." the Food and Drug
Now
Administration is about to reguAdministration is about to regu-
late those cryobanks, to ensure
they keep the blood safe and
don't offer false hopes. Nobody yet knows if cord bloood lets chil-
dren live as long as bone mar-
row transplants do, if it helps
adults - or even how adults - or even how long the
blood remains usable, the FDA
warned. The key FDA proposal: Every
cord-blood bank must licensed to offer the service as
medical experiment, whic means revealing all the ques-
tions to every parent and foltions to every parent and for-
lowing strict safety standards in
how they test the blood for how they test the blood fo
infection, freeze and thaw it.
iI feel very public, really has a right to
know" all those questions, said
Liana Harvath cellular hema Liana Harvath, cellular hematology chief at the FDA.
Dr. Jeffrey Sugarman of Duke
University agreed. "The tech-

## Light therapy approved to kill cancer which constricts the throat

| W SHINGTON (AP) -Pati-nts who choke on cancer-ous hroat tumors may soon get |  |
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| help from a new therapy approved by the government |  |
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| h simple light |  |
| ne Food and Drug |  |
| tration approved Photofrin to help clear the esophagus when |  |
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| patients' tumors grow so big that they cannot swallow. |  |
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| The approval makes Photofin |  |
| tment called photodyn |  |
|  |  |
| drug to make their tumors light |  |
|  |  |
| sensitive. The light then kills cancer cells. |  |
| "The attractiveness of it is... |  |
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| who sald photodynamic therapyalso is being tested against blad- |  |
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| ald der, bronchlal and other tumor. |  |
| The drawback: Patients |  |
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| remain vulnerable to verysevere sunburns until the drug |  |
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| wears off, in in abut 30 days.The American Cancer Society |  |
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| estimates that esophageal cancer struck 12,100 Americans in |  |
| 1995 and killed 10,900 of them,slowly constricting their throats |  |
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| until they could not eat or swallow their own saliva. |  |
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Study: Risk of AIDS through blood transfusion
BOSTON (AP) - Only about
two dozen of the 12 million pints
of blood used in transfusions
each year are infected with the
ADS virus, a study found.
Experts aiready knew that the
risk of catching ADS from a
transfusion is vanishingly
small. But the new study shows
it is only about half as great as
previously estimated. Nevertheless, the Food and
Drug Administration recently
recommended that an addition-
al test be performed on donated
blood to make it asfer still.
The newest analysis, conduct-
ed by Dre. Eve M. Lackritz and
others from the Centers for Dis.
ease Control and Prevention,
was based on a review of mil.
lion donations in 1992 and 1993 .

The National Institutes of
Health is about to award $\$ 37$ million to four blood centers to
find the answers, collecting cord blood from 20,000 infants. fo successful, the centers will
form a national donor bank for
parents who can't afford private torage or older children who
missed that chance. Saving cord blood is easy and
painless, said Viacord's Fisher. Once the umbilical cord is cut
from the baby, its leftover blood
is drained into is drained into a sterile bag. A
courier rushes the blood to a laboratory that, within 24
hours, tests it for infections and
freezes it in liquid nitrogen at 320 degrees below zero.
Collecting bone marrow, in Collecting bone marrow, in
contrast, requires anesthesia
before injecting a needle deep before injecting a needle deep
into the hip bone. It costs $\$ 5,000$
to $\$ 20,000$. Still harder is finding a genet-
ically compatible marrow donor. If relatives don't match,
the odds of finding a dononor from the odds of finding a donor from
the National Marrow Program

Infection increases chances of a premature birth
 infection may give doctors a
new way torede the hancos
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 called bacterial vaginosis, although most don't know it.
Two studies published today in the New England Journal of
Medicine demonstrate the
potential benefits of routinely screening and treating pregnant women for the vaginal infec-
tion, which can be eliminated with standard antibiotics. One of the studies concludes
that the infection increases the risk of delivering premature,
undersized babies by 40 percent. "Packs of cigarettes have
warnings
saying pregnant women should not smoke. The
risk associated with bacterial risk associated with bactertal
vaginosis is about the same as
the risk associated with smokthe risk associated with smokof the University of Pittsburgh,
lead author of one of the studies. problem of maternity care. Yet
up to now, there has been little up to now, there has been little
doctors could do to stop it other than to warn pregnant women
against bad habits such as smoking and drinking. Dr. Richard B. Johnston Jr.,
medical director of the March of Dimes, said the new work "will
be remarkably important to our be remarkably important to our
efforts to prevent preterm efrorts."
The infection is distinct from
yeast infections. It results when a variety of unwanted bacteria

## aner than believed

 People infected with HIV, theADDS virus, make antibodies
that ccirculate in their blood.
Blood banks routinely test
donated blood and throw away
any that contains AIDS antibod-
fes.
However, the body does not
produce the antibodites during
the first few weeks of an AIDS
infection.

## Toy sniping victim dies

EL PASO (AP) - A boy arrest ed in the Christmas Day shost ing of a motorist on Interstate
10 near Fort Hancock won't automatically be facing upgraded charges because the victim
has died, authovities say. has died, authovities say.
Ricardo Soto 13, is being he in a juvenile detention facility in Pecos on a charge of deadly conduct stemming from accusa Tarango in the head with a .22 caliber rifle.
Tarango, 41 , of Van Horn, died
Wednesday afternoon at Thoma son General Hospital in El Paso said Chief Deputy Jerry Kresta of the Hudspeth County Sheriftigating the shooting. Authorities said. Tarango's
seath did not immediately mean death did not immediately mean that the charge - which can
range from being a misderange from being a misdedepending on the severity of the crime - would be upgraded. investigation," said Hudspeth County Attorney Tom Chellis adding that he could not predict how long the probe might run.
Chellis said the next step for the boy is a Jan. 3 hearing during which authorities will determine whether further detention is warranted. The boy becomes
eligible for such a hearing on the 10th day of his incarceraThe teen-ager was arrested he allegedly shot Tarango's pickup truck and a tractor-trail er rig just outside Fort Han about 60 miles east of El Paso. Tarango, who was driving home, was shot once in the back to Thomason, where his condition steadily deteriorated. No Authorities say the Authorities say they are not
completely certain what could have motivated Ricardo, who has been described as reserved and well-mannered. Ricardo's sister, Erika, 15 was accidental.
But investigators have bee lending some credence to
remarks by Ricardo's 9 year-old brother, David Soto, who told authorities that Ricardo had
been trying to waylay a truck that he believed was loaded with toys.
David told The Assoclated
Press that Ricardo said he want ed to "shoot a trailer and get Nintendos out of it."
Ricardo was taken into cus miles from the shooting site. He was not armed, but Sheriff
Arcadio Ramirez said the was carrying a .22 -caliber but

Son arrested in shooting death of father

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) - A teen-ager has been arrested in connection with the
fatal shooting of his father Lance Butterfild, taken intorfustody, was
William Butter
Wuster William Butterfield, 45, was
shot in the left forehead and shot in the left forehead and
upper right chest shortly after
noon upper right chest shortuy atter
noon, North Richland Hills police sald.
The youth was charged with
murder and placed in the North murder and placed in the North
Richland Hills jail. Capt. Mike Womack said arraignment would be Thursday morning. Police went to the Butterfield residence after getting a call nearby convenience store, sa ing her father had been shot.
Officers met the girl at the Omcers met the girl at the the residence, where Kathy But-
terfield sald her husband had terneld sald her husband had on the floor.
The victim was transported by CareFlight to Harris Methodist Hospital, whe
nounced dead.


Yolanda Saldivar sits with her attorney Arnold Garcia during a gren denied a new trial Wednesday in Corpus Christi for Sal divar, convicted of killing Tejano music star Selena. Saldivar's lawyers contend key financial documents were kept from her original trial and the criminal record of an eyewitness was not
Saldivar denied new trial
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP a new trial for the convicted na, saying her request would be court. handled by an appeals Defense attorneys argued in a Saldivar deserved a new trial because the criminal record of key witness Maria Norma Mar
tinez, who has a conviction for food stamp fraud, was not revealed during the October
Ms. Saldivar, 35, was found guilty Oct. 23 of shooting Selena
singer once in the back March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel.
State District State District Judge Mike
Westergren, who presided over the trial, said in court paper signed Wednesday he found the revelation of Ms. Martinez's
theft conviction "somewhat problematic,", but "somewha the matter should be considered by an appeals court.
One of Ms. Saldiva
had claimed knowledge of Ms Martinez's record would have tarnished her credibility.
Defense attorney Patrick J
McGuire said few motions for newuire said few motions for purpose of the hearing was to
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SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER AND METHODIST MALONE $\mathcal{E}$ HOGAN CLINIC ARE BONNIE YOINGBLOOD MD TNESTHESIOLOGIST

Dr. Youngblood graduated from residency training from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas. She has received cerificates in subspecialty train ing for cardiothoracic and obstetrical anesthesia and was presented an award for outstanding resident in obstetrica Texas Children's and LBJ Hospitals, in addition to Texas Heart Institute We are pleased to have her as a new mem ber of our anesthesia team.

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## Boy, adult accomplice nabber

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A They don't have enough toys boy who said he was collecting
money for Toys for Tots and an this year, so they sent some of
us kids out to get donations," adult accomplice robbed a man Gwynn said.
of cash and Christmas presents of cash and Christmas presents,
then forced him to take some type of pills, police said. Police said Wednesday they
were beginning to investigate were beginning to investigate
the case this week. "This one catches me by sur-
prise," said Corpus Christi prise," said Corpus Christi
police Sgt. Isaac Valencia. "This police Sgt. Isaac Valencia. "This
is not a typical thing for us here in Corpus."
Bill Gwynn, 55, answered the Bill Gwynn, 55, answered the
door Saturday night and greeted a boy about 12 years old. Gwynn unlocked the screen
and turned to get his wallet When he looked back, the boy had entered his house, followed by a bearded man wearing sun-
glasses who pointed a pistol at him. "The boy did all the talking," Gwyn said. "The man never
said a single word the whor said a
time." a boy about 12 n's wallet. Then he from Gwynmoney to help for Toys for Tots. we made a real haul here
Three Fort Worth men charged with false imprisonment

FORT WORTH (AP) - Police ed a woman who also had left
have arrested three men, the church. including a Fort Worth doctor, Neighbors heard the man after they allegedy broke into a
man's home, injected him with a tranquilizer and bound him
with duct tape. The men were charged with
falsely imprisoning the man. who police say is mentally chal-
lenged, KXAS-TV in Dallas-Fort lenged, KXASTV in Dallas-Fort
Worth reported today. Authorities believe the victim used to be a memever of Christ
Truth Church in Fort Worth Truth Church in Fort Worth, a
church attended by the suspects. Officials said they didn't
know why the man was attacked. why the man was screaming and called police.
Sgt. Weldon Norman said three men at first denied any.
thing was wrong, but then offithing was wrong, but then offi-
cers located the victim after see
ing blood cers located he victim after se
ing blood stains on the floor.
"Tho vict "The' victim was acting real
grogey and we tried to talk to get more information because
this was such a bizarre inci dent," Norman said. Church officials said the
know nothing of the incident Police said Dr. Michael Tru-
man, identified man, identified as an assistant
minister in a church pamphlet Fate of pastor accused of money laundering now in hands of the jury



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Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard (4) is tackled by Air Force's LeRon Hudgins (32) in first quarter Copper Bowl action Wednesday in Tucson, Ariz. Tech downed Air Force, 55-41

## Barry plans relaxing first round of playoffs



Fired Tampa Bay head coach Sam Wyche gestures during a

New wrinkle on offense guides Tech to Copper win

Tech showed why the
Wishbone offense - a run-
based attack that doesn't work based attack that doesn't work
when a team has to catch up went out of style years ago.
The Red Raiders bolted to a
18-point halftime lead again 18-point halftime lead against
Air Force in the Copper Bowl, then put the game out of reach
with another surge in the sec with another surge in the sec-
ond half.
"It felt like for the first time "It felt like for the first time
this year we looked good for all
60 minutes," Zebbie Lethridge 60 minutes," Zebbie Lethridge
said Wednesday night after said Wednesday night after
directing a no-huddle offense
that caught the Falcons off-balthat caught the Falcons off-bal-
ance and powered Tech to a 55 It takes players to get ahead
of a team with Air Force's crunching ground game - 67
rushes for 4311 yards. And the Byron Hanspard set Copp Bowl rushing and scoring
records with 260 yards and four touchdowns weunesay night,
and Lethridge had 330 yards in total offense after passing for
245 and one TD, while running
for two.
"I knew it was going to be an
offensive game," Lethbridge offensive game," Lethbridge
said. "We were going to have to said. "We were going to have to
put points on the board to keep
up with them."

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Texas
Tech
showed
why
the $\begin{gathered}\text { The Ralders never showed the } \\ \text { no-huddle during the season. }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Lethridge threw a 38-yard } \\ \text { scoring pass to Stacy Mitchell }\end{gathered}$

and scored on 1- and 3 -yard Tech. 24 and 31 yards fo Air alton figured in Air Force's rally by picking off a pass by record with 211 consecutive nows without an interception, said the quick pace of the no "We just had poor execution Dalton said. "We didn't tackle ery well, and we. had ", Air Force's Dan 70 -yard runs. Nakia Addison ran for scores of an for a 7 -yard TD and Morgan scored on a 1 -yard run.
Johnson was the first to break the previous Copper yards by Kansas State's J.J.
Smith in 1993. Johnson had 145 of his 148 yards in four carries 80 yards to TDs on their firs four possessions.

Tampa Bay gives Wyche the axe after four seasons
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - A new
coach is just part of the coach is just part of the grand
plan to make the Tampa Bay Buccaneers more competitive.
The perenntal cellar-dweller The perennlal cellar-dwellers ing seasons Wednesday, but isn't the team's only priority this winter.
Owner Malcolm Glazer purchased the Bucs for a recor
$\$ 192$ million last January and insists the franchise has to have a new stadium to have a
better chance to be successful.
"We' "We're trying to do the best
we can to win football games. That's what we're in the busi-
ness to do," general manage ness to do," general manager
Rich McKay said after announcing that Wyche will not return for the final season
of a five year contract. "We're in the business to win
football games. situation clearly ties into winning ... and understand that the stadium issue ties directly into
winning. Don't think it doesn't. Winning. Dree agency, if you're not
financially competitive, you're going to wake up and you're going to be wiped out.
Plans to build a new
ion stadium in Tampa have stalled, and Glazer is exploring
options for relocation while maintaining that his preference still is to get a deal here. Among the cities that could
land the Bucs as early as next land the Bucs as early as nex
season are Cleveland, Lo Angeles and Orlando. The Glazers reportedly have als contacted Hartford, Conn., to
find out what that city might have to offer.
McKay declined to answer
specific questions about efforts secific questions about effort to find a stadium deal, bu
stressed that Wyche's job won't be filled on the basis of fan opinion or a candidate's poten "You don't make this on emotional factors. You make it
based on what's best for the football team. You make it on what gets this team to the next
level," he said. Wyche compiled a 23.4
record with Tampa Bay, includ record with Tampa Bay, includ-
ing this year's $7-9$ finish that normally would have been good enough to ensure his return
But the Bucs lost seven of their ast nine games after a 5 -2 start
Please see WYCHE, page 7 A

## Wolverines insist crowd noise won't be factor tonight vs. Texas A\&M

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - ing sounds of hard-driving
Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is musc. well aware of Texas A\&M's $\quad$ "I've had a headache for a
loyal fan following. He has a
week," Carr said Wednesday. $\begin{aligned} & \text { headache to prove it. } \\ & \text { The No. } 14 \text { Wolverines (9-3) }\end{aligned}$ "Normally, we practice with
crowd noise and you turn up are approaching tonight's the volume as high as it can go. Alamo Bowl in the Alamodome ranked Aggies (8-3) and have
practiced all week to the blar- $\begin{array}{cl}\begin{array}{c}\text { used music. } \\ \text { "We've practiced for } 10 \text { days } \\ \text { at a high degree of sound }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { erful offensive line, led by } 6 \text { - } \\ \text { foot-8, 299.-pound tacke Jon } \\ \text { Runyan, and slashing running }\end{array}\end{array}$
ecause we do anticipate it will carr, who will be making his
postseason debut, and Texas A\&M coach R.C. Slocum agree that establishing the run will
be the key to the game be the key to the game.
Michigan will match its powerful offensive line, led by 6 .
back Tshimanga Biakabatuka against the swarming blitzes of defense. "If you have any hope of beat ing them, you have to be able
to run the ball," said Carr to run the ball," said Carr, who years ago to get defensive ideas years ago to
from Slocum.
"'They are "They are so quick. If you get
into a passing game, they will
blitz their linebackers, attack protections and knock your quarterback down. It would quarterback down. It would
said. Aggies, meanwhile, likely will be without star running back Leeland McEIroy (sprained left ankle). If so,
Slocum will be forced to rely
apon freshmen D'And Hardeman and Sirr Parker. absolutely will not play, but don't see any way he can play. Slocum said. "He hasn't run single play in our workouts for
two weeks and his ankle is still swollen."

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## Alame <br> Continued from Michigan's has some of th in college fo Ceen racked ers have miss time becaus high fever sif weekend in including st backer Jarret tackle Whliam But But the coa should be read Irons, who Monday and



Barry


## Wyche

Wyche declined to answer
questions at a news conference, but did use the platform to thank fans and players for
their support before predicting success is on the horizon for the Bucs.
Despite
Despite losing 41 of 64 games
with Tampa Bay departed with the best winning
Alamo

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Michigan's defense, which
has some of the best has some of the best last names in college football - Irons,
Steele, Sword and Swett - has been racked by the flu. Carr sadd as many as 15 playtime because of nausea and weekend in San Antonio, including star midale line. backer Jarrett Irons and nose-
tackle William Carr,
But the coach said everyone should be ready to play.
"f feel a lot better," sa Irons, who missed practice
Monday and Tuesday. "I'm
percentage (.359) of any coach
in Bucs history. The team fin
ished $5-11$ each of his ished 5-11 each of his first two
seasons, then won four of its Wyche's job go 6-1 "This team is far better than it was four years ago when we started," Wyche said. "A couple of good things happen this
year and we would be feeling. $a$.
lot different right now. been complete. We cut no co ners. We didn't take one short asm or trying to be posithe the way through. I wish there had been more wins along with it, but sometimes the wins are just on the
bungled bow 1 games, going 5-1 from 1969 to 1989. But the Wolverines have won six o including three straight. Now it's A\&M that has the postseason problem. Under Slocum,
"I think we gain more if w
beat Michigan," Slocum said beat Michigan," Slocum said.
"If we lose to Michigan, people
will say 'So what, they lost another bowl game to a good football team and Slocum can
win the big one.' I can write that's already been written.

## Sugar Bowl has pair

 of teams on hot streakNEW ORLEANS (AP) - The alliance," Mackovic said. "Next be the next logical step Sugar Bowl has teams - The ince September. Virginia Tech lost its first
two and won nine straight.
Texas, the winner of the final
Southwest Conference champiTexas, the winner of the final
Southwest Conference champi-
onship, has not lost a game since Sept. 23.
In the Sugar Bowl, each is looking for bigger and bette
things.
"We want to be playing fo the national championship,",
Texas coach John Mackovic
said.","That's our long-range plan."
First things first, and that
means beating Virginia Tech
on New Year's Eve. on New Year's Eve.
"It's not a game we take light
ly," Mackovic said. Southwest Conference cham-
pion Texas ( $10-1-1$ ), is ranked No. 9 and last lost when Notr
Dame beat the Longhorns $55-29$ Virginia Tech, No. 13 with a $9-2$
record, finished as the Big East Conference champions afte
winning its last nine games. "This was like a honeymoo
year for us because we kne
be the next logical step
Mackovic said, boosting thei
ranking, their recruiting an any teams competing for one
spot in the alliance as we had


## Oilers look to continue turnaround next season



The rookie had appeared in
only four plays until the final three games, but he turned out to be worth the wait, throwing
only one interception in 80 pass
attempts and showing a grasp attempts and showing a grasp of the offense that offens
coordinator Jerry Rhome
been teaching all season.
"Steve has been the opposite
what his critics
of what his critics said he
would be," said H-back Frank would be," said H-back Frank
Wheheck. "People wondered
whether he could read defenses whether he could read defenses
or learn an NFL offense and
he's proven he can do all that he's proven he can do all that
and more." likes the future catching pass Cause unknown for player death Southside High School basket ball player has died of an
unknown cause after colliding with another player during a game, the San Antonio
Express-News reported in a copyright story in today's edi-
tions. Cesar Ybarra, 15, died at
Wilford Hall Medical Center just after collapsing late in the second quarter of a freshman School.
Hosital officials had sched Hospital officials had sched-
uled an autopsy for Thursday uled an au
morning.

[^1]the season, and the Oilers later achieve chemistry but our

lost former Pro Bowl defensive guys did, and they loved tolineman Ray Childress with a come to work," Fisher said.$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Running back Gary Brown } & \text { a chance to win. A } \\ \text { and cornerback Steve Jackson } \\ \text { question we had it.' }\end{array}$

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNER WEEK NUMBER 17 D.L. Swafford, Jr. Lubbock $\star 129$ Points
Local High Score Robert Wylie Big Spring $\star 110$ Points

# life! 

## PEZ dispensers not just candy holders; they're art

By PATRICIA CORRIGAN St. Louis Post-Dispatch A bride and a pineapple -
that's all John Devlin is miss. ing. He knows where to get both, but he doesn't want to pay for them.
The bride and the pineapple In question are PEZ candy dis-
pensers. Devlin, who lives in south St. Louis County, collects
them.
Known in PEZ circles as "The he has about 700 PEZ dis. pensers, some worth as much valuable dispensers in a safe deposit box, but some of the
home.
Devlin, 40, started seriously
collecting PEZ dispensers in collecting PEZ dispensers in 1988. His collection includes a panda, Bat Man, Mickey Mouse, Snoopy, Santa Claus, Popeye, Pluto, Frankenstein,
Miss Piggy, an elephant Miss Piggy, an elephant, the
Green Hornet, the Mutant Teen-age Ninja Turtles (with open-mouthed smiles or closed),
Pinocchio and Snow White. He has 31 different bunny head dispensers., He has a European PEZ dispenser with a little orange hippopotamus on
top. He has every pony dis. top. He has every pony dis-
penser made except the one with the purple head. And he

Cancer claims girl's life By JANET AUSBURY Features Edinor
"It's no big deal. They put the
needle in, I watch. When they ake tit out, I watch. No needie will trouble the kin of 10 -year-old Naomi collins any more. No chemotherapy will remove her hair. No complications will noom. with cancer on Dec. 24 while Massachusetts. "She just went o sleep. I think she was pooped," said her mother Thena Creamer. was profiled in a June 28, 1994 article in the Herald. She was unfazed by either her illness or its treatment, and would watch
the variety of tubes and needles
being than shy away.
Naomi's journey through the
dark world of cancer began in dark world of cancer began in iagnosed with Wilm's tumor was removed and she underwent chemotherapy on and off Toledo, Ohio.

## Babyface

New video shows little ones mugging it up

## By KATHERINE SELIGMAN

 San Francisco ExaminerBELMONT, Calif. - Bre Frost and Erica Dalton are not
yet 2 years old, but they know what they like. And what they ike looks a lot like them. It drools, it smiles, it sucks a Now, thanks to their mothers,
they can spend a blissful hal hour viewing what's believed to e the world's first video fo
infants. "Babymugs," the brain child of Linda Dalton and Shelly Frost, features 85 babies doing what babies do, accompa"We put so much work into it, it was almost like giving
birth," said Dalton screening birth," said Daiton, screening
the movie in her Belmont home
one day recently. "The first
up and smiled it, she crawled we knew we had a winner." ca and Bret, the movi is a perpetual winner. The tod ure when they see it. And so apparently, do other babies "I think our sales will be in the hundreds of thousands in the first year," said Ronn MVP Home Entertainment, a Southern California firm han diling the film's distribution My partner and I are calling Mis the Pet Rock of the 'gos." ${ }^{\prime}$ Dalton, 36, and Frost, 34, met
first as overwhelmed exhausted new mothers. Matched through the San Carlos. Belmont Mothers Club when
their babies were 6 weeks old,
lc" designs, including the open tions flower with an eyeball in it.
Devlin even has a small Devlin even has a small colpensers (sort of like those fake Rolex watches, only faux PEZ) that includes Mr. Spock of Star Trek fame, the
Cat in the Hat
He also boasts a healthy col lection of PEZ-related artifacts, such as the PEEZ Frisbee, the
PEZ beach umbrella PEZ PEZ beach umbrella, PEZ lapel pins, the PEZ skateboard and sales rack in one corner con-
tains PEZ dispensers and candy tains PEZ dispensers and candy
in the original packages. in the original packages.
Devlin admits his collection takes up lots of room. But not


Naomi Collins, shown in June 1994 at age 8, had already mop battled cancer for nearly two years when this photo was aken.
The fight finally ended Dec. 24, when Naomi died in The fight finally ended Dec. 24, when Naomi died in
Massachusetts.



#### Abstract

nized the first PEZ collectors Convention here in June 1993 he second was held last J993. The third annual National PEZ onvention will be in St. Louis (For information on the con vention, send a stamped, selfaddressed envelope to 640 Aqua Ridge Drive, St. Louis. Mo. 63129.) At the conventions, collectors trade and sell dispensers. Some cost as little as $\$ 5$ or less. Some cost as little as $\$ 5$ or less. Some for PZ in 1927 as a breath mint The "Make-A-Face" $\quad$ the German word for pepper penser, which is something like mint, and "PEZ" is an abbrevipenser, which is something like ation of the word. "Eat a pep- a Mr. Potato Head toy, with permint instead," urged the interchangeable parts, is con- early ads for PEZ. sidered rare. The dispenser, in - the parts, is worth betwee $\$ 1,500$ and $\$ 3,000$, Devlin said. All this excitement over a li can't get cherry PEZ that Devlin an't get cherry PEZ, the flavor he likes best. He has to go to Canada, where cherry PEZ is still available. PEZ was not always just a Devlin said Eduard Haas, a Austrian businessman, inventthe German word for pepper mint, and "PEZ" is an abbrev early ads for PEZ. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service


Butterfly season takes wing high in California By CHERI MATTHEWS PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. -
Thirty feet up, eucalyptus Thirty feet up, eucalyptus
canopies droop with the bodies of thousands of sleepy monarch depending on where they wan
butterflies. From time to time, to spend their days and butterflies. From time to time,
entire branches flutter with orange-and-black wings. But it
is the insects that fall to the is the insects that fall to the
ground that spark the attention
of visiting children. "It's a boy," announces Casey
Morrow, 7 , of Castroville, as she hands a monarch to her
sister, Carissa. The butterfly, too cold today to venture out
successfully, has the markings of a male - two black spots on
the back of its wings. Sally Herrgott, a woman who
wears butterfly pins and drives with an "I brake for butter-
flies" bumper sticker, takes the hies bumper sticker, takes the
butterfly and, cupping her
hand, blows on it ever so gingerly. Her breath warms the
wings so the monarch can fly wings so the monarch can fly
again. This is winter vacation for
migrating monarchs, which find sanctuary here among the
Monterey pines and eucalypter

Scientists estimate that near
ly 40,000 butterflies are clingin ly 40,000 butterflies are clinging
to the trees in Monarch Grove Sanctuary and in Washington
Park. of thousands of sleppy varies back and forth evenings,", said Herrgott, a member of the Friends of the
Monarchs. "The two locations
are about five blocks aput are about five blocks apart as
the butterfly flies." Last winter, Pacific Grove's
butterfly count totaled "It was very depressing, Herrgott said. "For every year
of drought. the of drought, the number
dropped. But last winter's dropped. But last winter's
heavy rains helped the milk weed to grow, which is the only
plant the monarch use to lay their eggs. As a result, they laid lots of eggs, and this year
we have oodles of butterfies." their migrant visitors that they passed a $\$ 1.2$ million bond in
1990 to purchase land and save a monarch grove from develo ment. Distril
Service



Josh James, 12, waits on a high slow one from his buddy, Brandon White, not shown, as the two hone their baseball skills in a neighb
cows, he says, are used to the whole idea.


## nugging it up

Test your reading compre hension by reading the story below and answering the ques KARACHI He swam for more (han 20 hours. He slept, floating on a life preserver made from his pants. He thought about his
family and how he never got to say goodbye. And he prayed. With bags under his eyes and a sunburnt face, Lance Cpl.
Zachary Mayo recounted Thursday how, after a strong wind knocked him off the aircraft carrier USS America, he Arabian Sea untll his rescue. "I never expected I would be off the ship," the 20 -year-old Marine told reporters here. I was in the water. That helped me to keep going.' The aviation maintenance had insomnia early Saturday so he stepped outside for a breath of fresh air and a peek at the A strong wind and a jolt from overboard; his shouts weren't heard on the empty deck above.
The Navy gave him up for lost after a lengthy search, and Mayo bobbed helplessly for a day and a half in the ocean picked him up and took him to their village.
Mayo enlisted in the Marines in 1993 and, after boot camp, aircraft hydraulics mechanic. He was assigned to the Marine Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron Three, a group of EA-
6B radar jamming planes based
in Cherry Point, N.C. Neatly shaved and wearing
civilian clothes, Mayo fidgeted nervously during a press conHe briefly described his thoughts as he floated alone at
"What came to mind were all before," he said. "I thought that 1 would never be able to say goodbye to my parents and to
my friends." my friends."
Mayo said
Mayo said he swam for " 20
hours, maybe 30 ." Overcome exhaustion, he put his Marine training to use by tying his pants in a knot and inflating The Pakistani fisherman who found him took him to Gwadar, their remote village close to the
Iranian border on the Arabian Sea coast.
As soon as he could find someone who spoke English, he lage residents welcomed him as a celebrity.
"I'd like to thank everybody for taking care of me and feed-
ing me and taking care of my needs," Mayo said.
Use the information from the story to answer the following true and false questions:
..... 1. Zachary Mayo, a United States Marine, was rescued after swimming for more than
20 hours in the Persian Gulf. 20 hours in the Persian Gulf. joined the Marines in 1993 and was trained to take care of air-
planes planes. Mayo had insomnia (difficulty sleeping) because there was no fresh air in his room. 4. A strong wind knocked the 20 -year-old Marine off the
deck of the aircraft carrier USS America. …. 5. When the Ohio crew-
man fell overboard, he was too man fell overboard,
scared to call for help.
..... 6. At first, Mayo's shipmates did not realize that he was missing.
Marine inflated (filled with air) his life jacket and tied it around his waist.
found the extremely tired Marine sleeping in the village of Gwadar.
$\ldots . .9$. The F kistanis who helped care for the American gerous. that the young Marine did after write to his parents. …. BONUS: After reading this article, you can guess that
the water temperature in the the water temperature in the
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above freezing.

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## Drawn to catching criminals



## Penny for your thoughts on children's allowances

By MIA B. MOODY Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO - Allowances are one inevitably fight over. Children usually want big
bucks in exchange for little bucks in exile parents often want total obedience, cleaning services and perfect grades in exchange for a pittance. es on how much money chisdren should get at certain ages, how much work they should do to get it and how much of their
allowances should be saved. Parents who include their
children in the decision process



GANGWAY!


It's everybody-out-of-the-pool time as Rambo, a 9-month-old Bengal tiger, takes the plunge in the fith-nloor swimming pool at a Tampa hotel. Trainer Granam homas Chipperfield circus playing in town. The young tiger is not yet performing, but attends all rehearsals to become acclimated to the sights, sounds and action of the circus.

## Video


details themselves. They put slowly out of the picture details themselves. They put
out a casting call by flagging $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { slowly out of the picture. } \\ & \text { The film has done better the }\end{aligned}$ out a casting call by flagging
down women with babies in
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Dalton and Frost ever imagined strollers, printing flyers, approaching strangers in malls
and landing a press release in a local paper.
They were flooded with more Than 200 calls. From those, they signed up every baby they could. The only requirement
for the young stars was being 3 for the young sta,
to 18 months old.
The cast is as varied as nature. Its members have peach-fuzz hair, no hair,
ringlets. They are chubby and ringlets. They are chubby and
petite. The babies generally petite. The babies generally
just sit or lie there. Some chew on a toy. Others just stare at the screen.
The pace changes with music The pace changes with music ing, then countrified. Truthfully, there is no high drama. to happen,", said Dalton, watching a motionless baby, on the screen. "I love that one."
The baby smiles, then tilts
it might.
In its fir
In its first Christmas season, the video is being sold for $\$ 9.95$
at places like Imaginarium at places like Imaginarium,
FAO Schwarz and Musicland. It has gotten a seal of approval from Parents Choice, a nonprof-
it organization that rates chilit organization then
dren's products.
The new entrepreneurs have taped "Oprah" and other national shows. They're getting
used to being called "the Babymugs Moms."
A sequel may be in the
works, but Dalton and Frost works, but Dalton and Frost
aren't sure they want to spond aren't sure they want to spend
more time away from their familites. Frost already is president of the Mothers Club and works part-time for an organi-
zation she helped found that zation she helped found that
finds homes for stray animals. Dalton has plans to work with homeless women,
"Basically



Tina Scholl, a commercial artist, shows some of her work in
Bedford, Texas. She contracts her artistic skills on a part-time Bedford, Texas. She contracts her artistic skills on a part-time
basis to law enforcement agencies. Area police officials say basis to law enforcement agencies. Area police
Scholl is one of the best sketch artists in the state


Blast rescue team sends holiday greetings to state By PENNY OWEN

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Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system that led to his expulsion from the Soviet

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In 1982, Nevell Johnson Jr., a black man, was mortally wounded by a police officer in a
Miami video arcade, setting off three days of race-related disturbances that left another man dead.
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    could not be revived. could not be revived.
    Kelly said doctors were foot-8, 150 -pound guard's death.

[^2]:     5)
    BONUS
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