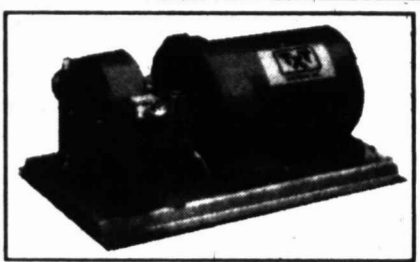




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**Analyst fired for role in faulty DNA tests**

HOUSTON — A DNA analyst whose labwork helped convict a teenager of rape, has been fired.

Christy Kim, a 21-year veteran of the Houston Police Department, was suspended indefinitely Monday, the Houston Chronicle reported in Tuesday's online edition. The news comes nine months after Josiah Sutton's release from prison for a 1998 rape.

Kim testified during Sutton's trial that evidence from the crime scene was an exact match with Sutton's DNA. Sutton, who was 17 at the time he was convicted, was found guilty largely because of the weight of DNA evidence. He was released when new tests excluded him as a suspect.

Kim, who filed an appeal Tuesday, is the first from the department to be fired since DNA testing was suspended last year. Two high-ranking department supervisors resigned in June.

**DEATHS**

Darrell W. Evans, 63, Disciples of Christ minister.  
Gladys Pearl Fuller, 80, services pending.  
Cruz Urrutia, 62, formerly of El Paso.

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**U.S. New Year's: Safe and secure**

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Revelers can expect hovering helicopters and bomb-sniffing dogs with their champagne and confetti as cities hunker down for their most heavily guarded New Year's Eve in memory.

From Times Square to the Las Vegas Strip and California's Rose Parade, police were rolling out unprecedented security measures Wednesday, triggered by a hike in the national terrorism alert to orange, its second-highest level.

Armed helicopters were to prowl the Las Vegas Strip, where 300,000 people were anticipated.

In New York, workers sealed man-hole covers and removed mailboxes to guard against any potential bomb attack in Times Square. More than 750,000 revelers were expected to gather under the guard of counter-sniper teams and seven police helicopters.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said New York City was well-protected. "Sadly, terrorism is something that we have to live with," he said. "Leave the worrying to the professionals."

New York police were focusing more heavily than last year on hotels, landmarks and ferry terminals as a result of their analysis of anti-American "chatter" culled from the Internet and other sources, police

Commissioner Ray Kelly said. "We think it's prudent for us to do that."

Partygoers headed to New York were warned to expect long delays at bridges and tunnels. Every vehicle on affected routes is subject to a random stop and search, New Jersey officials said. State troopers will be riding the rails to assist transit police on trains going in and out of New York.

"Drivers should allow much, much more time than normal," said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Officials nationwide said there were no specific threats to traditional gatherings and urged people to go forward

with celebrations. Still, FBI and other federal agents have been sweeping the Las Vegas area for weapons or threats, said Ellen Knowlton, FBI special agent in charge in Las Vegas.

The Strip has 74,344 hotel rooms and 18 of the nation's 20 largest hotels.

Nearly the entire Las Vegas police force of about 2,000 officers was to be on duty, plus about 600 jail officers. Authorities also were relying on help from about 4,000 hotel security guards.

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration said airspace over the Strip would be restricted.

(See SECURITY, Page 8)

**Possum on the half-shell**



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

An armadillo, jokingly called "possum on the half-shell," takes advantage of recent warm temperatures to scout an area just east of Lefors off Texas Highway 273.

**Deputies arrest Pampan on gun, drug charges**

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Three different locations were involved in Tuesday's arrest of a Pampa man on charges involving drugs and guns.

At about 6:50 a.m., Gray County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gregory Keith Lang, 33, 516 Doucette, for possession of drug paraphernalia. Lang was booked into Gray County Jail on the charge.

A search warrant was later executed at a building in the 400 block of East Craven in connection with Lang. Firearms, suspected methamphetamine, marijuana, and equipment allegedly used to illegally store and transport anhydrous ammonia, which is

used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, were all found on the premises, according to a sheriff's department press release.

Several more firearms were also found at another location by deputies and Pampa police officers. At least one of these firearms was reported stolen in a burglary in Gray County, the release stated.

Lang remained in jail at press time today in lieu of \$10,000 bond. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams, a second degree felony; possession of marijuana over four ounces, a state jail felony; theft of a firearm, a state jail felony; unlawful possession of a firearm, a state jail felony; and possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams, a state jail felony. (See ARREST, Page 8)

**NBC: Video of injured POWs aired on Iraqi TV**

NEW YORK (AP) — Iraqi state television took graphic footage of badly injured prisoners of war Jessica Lynch and Lori Piestewa, who may have died shortly afterward, following the ambush of the soldiers' convoy, NBC reported.

The video, aired Tuesday on "NBC Nightly News," shows the two Army privates — and best friends — at the hospital where they were taken following the March 23 ambush of the 507th Maintenance Co.

The tape was never aired in Iraq, NBC reported.

Piestewa, her face swollen

and bruised and her head loosely bandaged, is shown as someone positions her feet, and then her head, for the camera shot. Her lip is shown curling back in an apparent grimace.

Lynch, 20, of Palestine, W.Va., is also shown bandaged, her lip cut.

Neither appears awake or alert.

"We had no idea that anyone had taped her or where this tape came from," Percy Piestewa, Lori's mother, told the Arizona Republic.

Piestewa told the newspaper that the family did not

know Lori had been hospitalized with Lynch.

Telephone messages left with two spokespeople for Lynch's family were not immediately returned.

Iraqi doctors have previously said the women were brought to a private clinic following the ambush, and that Piestewa, a 23-year-old mother of two from Tuba City, Ariz., died half an hour later of severe head injuries.

Lynch was rescued by U.S. forces April 1, while five other soldiers were found about two weeks later elsewhere in Iraq. But 11 of their colleagues died

during and after the ambush in Nasiriyah.

Piestewa was the first U.S. female service member to die in the war.

The identities of Lynch and Piestewa were verified for NBC by Spc. Shoshana Johnson, one of the rescued soldiers.

"It was a little shocking to see Lori, but it also gave me a little peace to know that they tried, they did their best for her," Johnson, 30, of El Paso, Texas, told the network. "I mean, it was obvious they tried to bandage her up and give her medical care."

NBC told the Army it had

obtained the tape before airing it so the families of the soldiers could be told first, according to MSNBC.com.

Defense Department spokesman Jim Turner said Tuesday night officials were aware of the Iraqi video, but had not seen it and did not have details about what it contained.

The United States repeatedly bombed Iraqi TV studios after they aired interviews with American prisoners of war. But this tape survived because an employee at the state network kept it at home, NBC reported.

**Changes meant to boost U.S. beef confidence**

By MARK SHERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is taking major steps to boost confidence in the U.S. beef supply at home and abroad, where more than 30 countries have banned American beef products since mad cow disease first surfaced in Washington state a week ago.

The changes announced Tuesday include a ban on meat from cows that can't walk or stand on their own and a promise to speed creation of a nation-

**T**he changes announced Tuesday include a ban on meat from cows that can't walk or stand on their own and a promise to speed creation of a nationwide animal tracking system.

wide animal tracking system. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said consumers shouldn't see an increase in prices as a result.

A spokesman for the meatpacking

industry, however, said beef prices could increase "pennies per pound." The projected cost for the tracking system that would allow rapid response to a disease outbreak is more than \$500

million for the first six years.

The regulations are supported by consumer and animal welfare advocates and include faster testing of cattle at higher risk of mad cow disease because of age or the presence of neurological problems. Meat will not be processed until test results are back.

Veneman said small intestines from cows will no longer be allowed into the U.S. food supply, nor head and spinal tissue from cattle older than 30 months — an age chosen because the disease generally has an incubation period of at

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**THE REV. DARRELL W. EVANS**  
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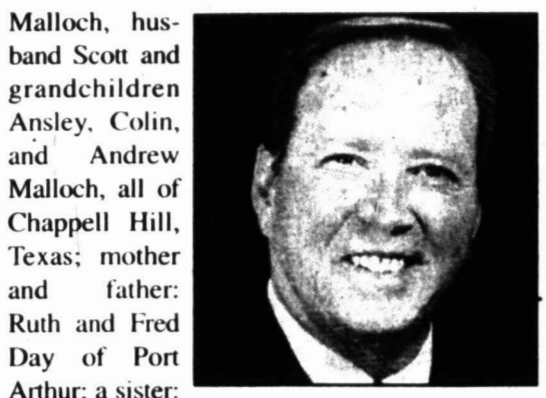
The Rev. Darrell W. Evans, 63, of Pampa, died Dec. 18, 2003, at Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Pampa with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

The Rev. Evans was born Oct. 25, 1940, in Donna, Texas. He was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.A. and a B.S. degree and received a masters of divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at TCU.

He was ordained as a pastor in the First Christian Church in Port Arthur. He served churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and served First Christian Church in Pampa, First Christian Church in Miami, and First Christian Church in Amarillo.

He served as a chaplain and board member of Hospice of the Panhandle in Pampa. He was a former chaplain of the Pampa Regional Medical Center and was a member of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance.

Survivors include his wife: Billie Sue Evans, of the home; two sons: Dr. James Evans, wife Emily and granddaughter Ellie, all of Austin; Erik Evans, wife Beth and grandson Jonah, all of Bellingham, Washington; a daughter: Leigh



Malloch, husband Scott and grandchildren Ansley, Colin, and Andrew Malloch, all of Chappell Hill, Texas; mother and father: Ruth and Fred Day of Port Arthur; a sister: Lucy Cody and husband Tom of Shreveport, Louisiana; sister-in-law: Bonnie Evans of Torrance, California; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Vivian and Emil Methvin of Silsbee, Texas; sister-in-law: Judy Lanclous and husband Dr. Kenneth Lanclous of Augusta, Georgia; brother-in-law: George Methvin and wife Marie of Asheville, North Carolina; nieces and nephews: Melissa and Charlie Cook of LaPorte, Texas, Jeff and Shelley Cody of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his former wife Kathy Dunagan of Austin.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church (which will be designated to The Christian Church Benevolent Fund for retired ministers), 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**CRUZ URRUTIA**  
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Cruz Urrutia, 62, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born May 4, 1941, Mr. Urrutia moved Pampa from El Paso four years ago.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Chuy Urrutia in 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Urrutia, of the home; two sons, Jose Urrutia of Pampa and Hector Urrutia of Mexico; five daughters, Elva Urrutia, Rebecca Urrutia, Veronica Sanchez and Carla Salazar, all of Pampa, and Guadalupe; his mother, Josefa Urrutia of Kansas; three brothers, Pepe Urrutia, Domingo Urrutia and Juan Urrutia, all of Kansas; and three sisters, Pila, Catalina and Eva, all of Kansas.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**GLADYS PEARL FULLER**

Gladys Pearl Fuller, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



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**Willie recording anti-war ballad**

AUSTIN (AP) — Willie Nelson plans to debut an anti-war ballad that he wrote Christmas Day at a fund-raising concert Saturday for Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich at Austin Music Hall.

Nelson said he plans to record "What Ever Happened to Peace on Earth" on Wednesday in

Nashville, Tenn., and rush-release it as a single.

"Now, I haven't played it for Toby (Keith) yet," a laughing Nelson told the Austin American-Statesman for Tuesday editions. Although the two are close friends, the sentiments of Nelson's song are the polar opposite of Keith's angry-American anthem "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue," with its call to arms.

"Toby wrote that song in reaction to 9/11, which was a totally different thing than watching U.S. soldiers die in Iraq," Nelson said. "Toby's said he's not a Republican or a Democrat; he's a Christian. So we're coming from the same place."

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**ON RECORD**

**POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

**Monday, Dec. 22**

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of Somerville. Entry was through a window that had been broken with a rock. Clothing, a coffee maker and a scanner were taken, for an estimated loss and damage of \$130.

**Saturday, Dec. 27**

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Christy. A fog light was stolen from a vehicle. Estimated loss was \$200.

**Sunday, Dec. 28**

Burglary was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton. A doorknob valued at \$10 was reported as damaged. A large red basket with rope handles, valued at \$20, was reported stolen.

**Monday, Dec. 29**

Tampering with identification numbers was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Duncan. Six plate glass windows were damaged. Estimated damage was \$900.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart. Taken were clothing and undergarments valued at approximately \$237.60. Arrested in connection with the incident were Jessica Leann Beck, 20, 1334 N. Coffee #1, and Michelle Nicole Clemmons, 21, 1332 N. Coffee. Both were charged with theft over \$50 and under \$500.

**SHERIFF**

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

Waynetta Britton, 45, homeless, was arrested for six bond surrenders and forging a financial instrument.

Timothy Clemmons, 26, 1336 Coffee, was arrested for public intoxication.

Gregory Lang, 33, 516 Doucette, was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm, use of equipment for anhydrous ammonia, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and theft of a firearm. (See story, page 1.)

**FIRE**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**

3:08 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a smoke alarm in the 1900 block of North Dwight. Investigation showed the alarm was due to a defective smoke detector.

**CORRECTION**

In a front page article Tuesday about the Worth the Wait program, the statistics on teen pregnancies in Gray County were incorrectly reported by the writer. The figures are based per 1,000 girls, ages 13 to 17, not per 100 girls. Therefore, where the teen pregnancy rate was reported as 34.8 percent, the correct percentage is 3.48 percent, etc.

**ACCIDENTS**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

**Friday, Dec. 26**

12:10 p.m. — A 1999 Cavalier driven by Amanda Diane Calcote, 21, 800 N. Nelson, and a 1995 Ford pickup driven by Ada Ledford Westbrook, 53, 2713 Rosewood Lane, collided in the 900 block of North Somerville. Calcote was cited for failure to control speed.

**Monday, Dec. 29**

3 p.m. — An unknown 2004 white four-door Pontiac collided with a 2000 Toyota, owned by Douglas Ladd, 1840 Fir, in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

**STOCKS**

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

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MCD	24.72	-0.06
XOM	40.94	+0.26
SLB	24.79	-0.20
Pioneer Nat	32.09	-0.66
JCP	26.07	+0.15
COP	65.83	+0.43
SLB	55.04	-0.50
Tenneco	6.89	+0.02
CVX	86.69	+0.63
Wal-Mart	52.93	+0.15
OKE	22.06	-0.14
SS Grp	9.52	-0.23

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	42.41	-0.16
BP	49.38	+0.30
Celanese	40.56	-0.04
Cabot Corp	31.97	+0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	29.96	-0.17
VLO	45.89	-0.86
HAL	25.91	-0.31
Intrad	32.76	-0.24
NOI	22.52	-0.41
New York Gold	416.25	
Silver	5.97	
West Texas Crude	32.79	

**AMBULANCE**

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

7:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**

3:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 60s and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain after midnight, lows around 40 and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. New Year's Day should see mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs around 70. Southwest

winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the upper 40s.

**STATEWIDE**

**By The Associated Press**  
Areas of Texas will be cloudy with a chance of rain Wednesday. Temperatures will remain warmer along the coast and to the south.

In the Panhandle, it will be mostly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s.

The Permian Basin will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain later on. Temperatures will reach highs near 65 degrees.

Showers are possible after 5 p.m. in West Texas. It will be mostly cloudy with a high near 60 degrees.

North Texas will be mostly sunny with a high near 66 degrees. Moderate winds between 8 and 16 mph will sweep across the region.

Central Texans will see partly cloudy skies and temperatures around 65 degrees.

East Texas is expected to be mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly cloudy later. Temperatures should reach highs in the upper 60s.

It will be mostly cloudy along the coast with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Temperatures will reach highs around 70

degrees. Patchy fog will cover the region in the morning.

South Texas will be mostly sunny with highs in the mid-70s.

**Three die in crash**  
WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Authorities were investigating what caused a head-on collision that killed a woman and two former Midwestern State University football players.

About 7:25 a.m. Tuesday, Lawrence Donnell Reece was driving north on U.S. 281 near Scotland, south of Wichita Falls, when his car crossed into the southbound lane on a curve and collided with Joann Cooper's car, said Joe Clement, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman.

Cooper, 68, and Robert Wayne Walker, 23, Reece's passenger, were dead at the scene, Clement said.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Online Bargain Hunter Pays Premium For Painful Scam

**DEAR ABBY:** The price of the laptop computer I purchased on the Internet seemed too good to be true. That should have been my first clue. However, the seller seemed pleasant, had an excellent rating and great reviews.

Via e-mail, he said he was a reseller of computers and he had an excess of this model. According to him, the money would be safe in escrow through Western Union and he was affiliated with Safe Trading, a well-known online security company. I had 10 days to return the computer and get my money back if I wasn't completely satisfied. Otherwise, after 10 days, he would collect his money from escrow.

He was selling from Spain, but only once did I question him about possible problems. What an expert he was at saying the things I wanted to hear about his online accolades and e-mail references. I even apologized for implying that he might be capable of wrongdoing.

Well, my money is gone. The escrow and good reviews were fake. The issue is "being investigated." Recovery will be difficult or impossible because the \$1,000 was wired from my bank by me. This scammer was an expert, and I trusted him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I recently moved to America from Germany because of a four-year, long-distance relationship with my now live-in boyfriend, "Warren."

Things were great when we lived apart. We'd spend months together when I had time off from the university.

Now that I live in his homeland, he spends most of his money gambling on the horses. It has reached the point that he can't afford to pay rent because of his gambling.

I am looking for work. He is gone all night at the races or betting

online. It is starting to ruin our relationship. I realize now I came here for a stranger. I have threatened to go back to Germany if he does not change. I told Warren it was the horses or me. Was I wrong to issue an ultimatum?

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**DEAR ME OR THE HORSES:** You were right to draw the line. The "rush" some people get from gambling is the same as the rush addicts get from drugs — and it can be just as addictive. If Warren is unwilling to get help for his gambling addiction, your wisest move would be to cut your losses, tell him auf Wiedersehen and return home.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 25-year-old professional who works at an upscale retail company. I am very soft-spoken.

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**DEAR FED UP:** Rather than trying to correct them, consider consulting a speech therapist. Lowering the register of your telephone voice and speaking in a more authoritative tone should solve your problem.

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**CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS:** A word to the wise. If you plan to toast the New Year tonight, please appoint a designated driver. And on this night especially, designated drivers should remember to drive defensively. To one and all — a happy, healthy New Year.

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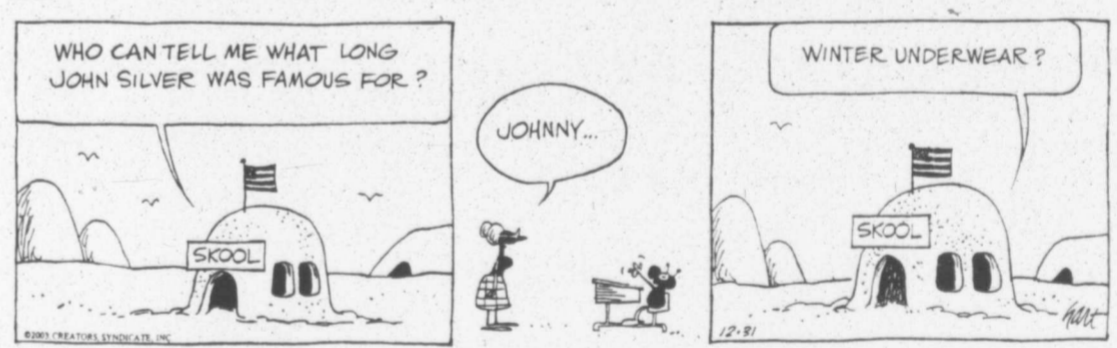
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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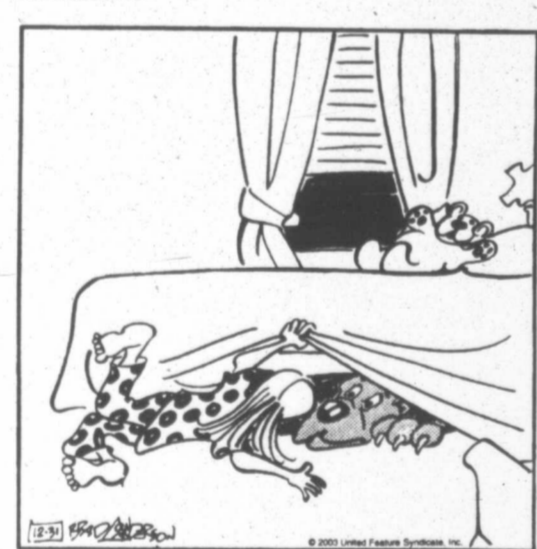
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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders rout Navy in Houston Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — B.J. Symons' trip from the NCAA record book to the pros will take a secretly planned detour through the operating room.

There had been rumors and hints that the injury he suffered to his left knee while leaping in celebration of a touchdown toss on Oct. 11 was bad. Neither he nor Texas Tech ever revealed how bad until after he threw for 497 yards and four touchdowns Tuesday to beat Navy in the Houston Bowl.

He told reporters he will undergo surgery next Tuesday to reconstruct the

anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. It's an injury often considered a season-ender, but he pressed on for seven more games en route to a Division I-A record 5,833-yard season.

"He's had a tremendous year," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "He did the equivalent of breaking the home run record, and he did it against the toughest defenses in the country. He not only broke it, but he put it out of reach."

Time will tell, but Symons did obliterate Ty Detmer's 13-year-old record of 5,188.

And Symons, who patiently waited until his senior season to get his chance, did it practically on one leg.

"I knew I was only going to have one season, but I wanted to make the most of every opportunity that I had," he said, looking ahead to April's NFL draft. "I feel like I've got a lot of football left in me."

Both Tech and Navy finished 8-5, though that was a much bigger accomplishment for the Midshipmen, who are at a perennial recruiting disadvantage with their tough

entry standards, strict regimens and the five-year armed services commitment after graduation.

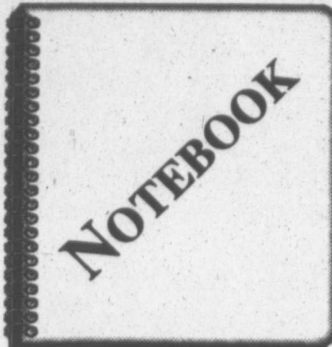
Not to mention that the Mids won just three games in the previous three years before coach Paul Johnson rejuvenated the program. It was only Navy's second bowl appearance since 1981, which also had been the last year the Mids won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy for best record against the other service academies until they swept Army and Air Force this season.

"As I told our guys in the

locker room after the game, I'm proud of them," Johnson said. "Even with what I saw on the field, I'd rather be the coach of my team than the other team after watching them."

Johnson may have been referring to a rash of celebration penalties Tech incurred as it padded its lead in the fourth quarter, including two flags after its final touchdown that forced the Red Raiders to kick off from their own 10.

"I can only coach my team," Johnson said. "Somebody else has got to coach the other team."



### BASKETBALL

**CLARENDON** — Pampa downed Clarendon 38-24 in the first round of the Greenbelt Junior Varsity Girls Tournament on Monday.

Autumn Darden had 12 points to lead Pampa in scoring.

Halftime score was 19-16, Clarendon's favor. Pampa was able to take a 30-21 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Andria Kidd had 14 points for Clarendon JV.

### VOLLEYBALL

**PAMPA** — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's adult volleyball league. Men's and women's 4 x 4 (four players on each team) divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline will be Jan. 14 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Jan. 19, 2004.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players).

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws 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 through Friday.

### FOOTBALL

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Mark Clayton hated to leave the Superdome field on Tuesday.

The Oklahoma wide receiver was the last player off the turf after practice and admitted he'd be happy to stay out their right through Sunday's Sugar Bowl.

"A lot of the time this still seems like a dream to me," Clayton said.

He wasn't just talking about playing for the BCS title against LSU, but also about being a college student. A few years ago Clayton had no idea he'd go to college, let alone become a star football player.

College was not a possibility, he thought. When he was in high school, he never even watched a college football game on television. He certainly hadn't been to one.

"Nobody in my family went to college," Clayton said. "I wasn't thinking about that. I was just in school having fun, being a kid."

That changed as the recruiting letters started coming in.

Oklahoma had an inside edge because Clayton's grandmother lives there. When Clayton finally saw his first college game it clinched his decision.

"The first game I saw was Oklahoma and the University of Notre Dame," Clayton said. "And they were like four or five wide and I thought, 'Yea, I've got to go there.'"

## Texas falls in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Even the defense came up big for Washington State in the Holiday Bowl.

The No. 15 Cougars scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to build a 16-point lead, then came up with a huge defensive stand late in the fourth quarter to beat No. 5 Texas 28-20 on Tuesday night.

The Holiday Bowl has a history of big offensive plays and wild finishes. That's what the Cougars' D helped provide.

Linebacker Will Derting said the Cougars were pumped up because the Longhorns dissed them at a banquet Monday night.

"They said we have an OK defense and you kind of take that personally," Derting said. "It got us fired up."

With the Longhorns trailing by eight, senior receiver Roy Williams caught a 45-yard pass from Chance Mock to give Texas the ball at the WSU 11 with 2:31 to play.

After Mock threw an

incompletion, WSU blitzed hard and forced Mock deep into the pocket. D.D. Acholonu hit Mock and forced a fumble that was recovered by Derting at the 36-yard line with 2:16 to play.

"They were coming from everywhere," Chance said. "We knew coming in that's how they were going to play."

Texas got the ball back one more time, but Mock was sacked at midfield by Acholonu as time expired.

Washington State (10-3) won 10 games for the third straight year. At times, Texas (10-3) looked nothing like the highest-ranked team not in the BCS. The Longhorns saw their six-game winning streak end, and with it a chance to post three straight 11-win seasons for the first time in school history.

The Cougars came up big on special teams, too. Punter Kyle Basler was named defensive MVP after pinning the Longhorns inside their 5-yard line four times.

### Estacado defeats Pampa High cagers

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Estacado downed Pampa 70-35 in Tuesday's consolation bracket at the Caprook Holiday Tournament.

Louis Rogers led Estacado in scoring with 20 points, including four 3-point goals. Albert McCleod added 10.

Andy Rodgers had 17 points to pace Pampa. Collin Bowers followed with 8.

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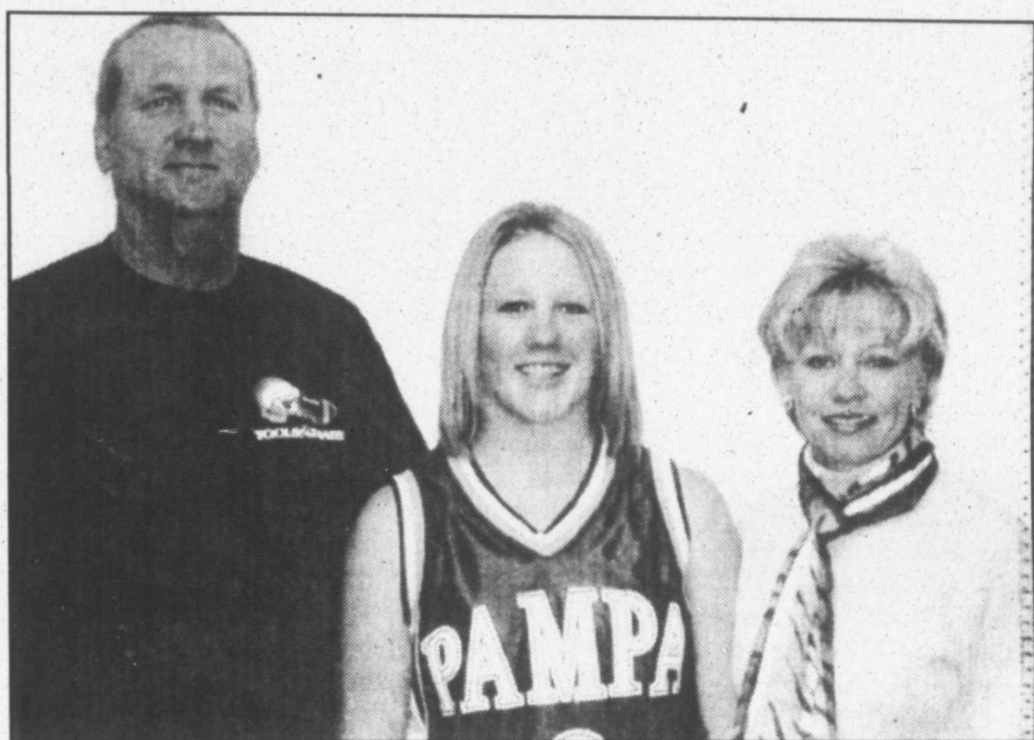
### Mavs down Bucks

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks know they won't have it so easy in the first half of their next game against the Milwaukee Bucks.

Antoine Walker had 22 points and 14 rebounds and Dallas held on for a 101-92 win Tuesday night after nearly blowing a 20-point half-time lead. The teams meet again at Milwaukee on Friday.

"It's going to be a different ballgame," said Dallas' Antawn Jamison, who scored 17 points off the bench. "They're going to be ready to play in the first half. They're playing at home. They're a tremendous and different team at home."

### Harvester Spot-light



Lindsey Ammons is a junior guard on the Pampa girls basketball team; Her parents are Dale and Lee Ann Ammons, above. Lindsey's other activities include volleyball, concert choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Baptist Church youth group, and choir member. She is also a member of the 2005 Senior Ring Committee, D-Fy-It Advisory Board and National Honor Society. Her grandparents are Jim and Joyce Cantrell, and Tom Ammons.

### Dolphins creating new general manager position

MIAMI (AP) — Ron Wolf declined to be considered for a job with the Miami Dolphins, who are creating a new general manager position.

The Dolphins will interview Tampa Bay interim general manager Tim Ruskell and Buffalo assistant general manager Tom Modrak, team presi-

dent Eddie Jones said. The Dolphins stripped coach Dave Wannstedt of his authority over personnel Monday.

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# Bird counts give idea of variety of species on South Plains

By RAY WESTBROOK  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bird watchers have seen everything from an inexhaustible supply of sparrows and grackles to strikingly beautiful songbirds, rare hawks and an occasional eagle on some of their expeditions across the Lubbock area.

"We are on the Great Plains flyway," said Anthony Floyd, who organizes Christmas counts each year for the Llano Estacado Audubon Society. "Typically tens of thousands of water fowl move through," he explained. "Some come from as far north as Canada, and the ones that come through our area are most likely headed for the Gulf Coast."

This year's drought has registered an impact.

"The numbers on all our water fowl are down as far as I can tell," Floyd said in antic-

ipation of what the bird census will show when all the counts are in. "There is not as much water for them to land on," he said. "But above and beyond that, even given the amount of water we have left, their numbers seem pretty low."

Floyd thinks there may have been some water quality problems, along with some kills.

"All of that has an impact on the birds not necessarily geese, but things like gulls and cormorants," he said.

Many of the songbirds, such as warblers, continue on to the Mexican coast or as far as South America after flying through the Lubbock area.

The evening grosbeak, somewhat rare in Lubbock, comes every three to five winters, Floyd said.

"If they show up, they are eruptive, which means when they move south they move south in big numbers. So, if

you wake up one winter morning in Lubbock and see an evening grosbeak in your yard, you might see 75 of them."

Even some of the endangered whooping cranes come through annually, according to Floyd.

"Occasionally, one will hang out at Muleshoe for a few days," he said of the wildlife refuge in that area.

Birders say 318 whooping cranes are in existence, and 180 of those remain in the wild. According to Floyd, the population dropped to the 20s before breeding and reintroduction programs began to raise the numbers.

Some species, such as the meadowlark, remain year round across the South Plains, but their numbers rise visibly in the fall when others of their kind migrate to this area for food supplies.

Bob Rasa, who participates

in the annual bird counts in this area, developed an interest in identifying birds in the 1970s when he was living in Maryland.

"In 1984, I moved here and got together with LEAS," Rasa said. "A good friend of mine and an excellent birder, Cliff Stogner, took me under his wing and got me involved with the club. Every year I look forward to the counts we have in the Lubbock area."

The bird observers often endure bitter winter cold and occasionally the small hours of the night to fulfill their mission. Rasa said he starts at 4 a.m. when counting owls in this area.

Rasa said he enjoys the outdoors, the thrill of the hunt and the comradeship of those who have the same interest.

"The counts give us yearly information about the birds in

our area, and the information is funneled back to the Audubon Society," he said.

"The Muleshoe count especially has its moments. It is usually the coldest, but this pain can be chased by some great, hot chili brought by Cliff. It also may be low in species count, but it usually produces some surprise. My favorites up there are the long-eared and short-eared owls and the occasional golden eagles.

"Some others like trying to identify the longspurs on the wing. We usually leave that to Cliff and Anthony, our superbirders," Rasa said. "We are very blessed with a nice variety of birds. People from all over come in to see our gyrfalcon and varied thrush that Anthony identified for us."

"On occasion we have had some red crossbills. Where we have water, such as the Lubbock lakes and Ransom

and Buffalo, the wintering waterfowl will bring in some new ones occasionally.

"Part of the love of birding is that on any given day you can be surprised with a new and special bird."

Floyd said it takes only a pair of binoculars and a field guide to become a bird watcher.

"The bottom line: If you just want to go out and look at big birds, you don't need anything," Floyd said. "It helps to have a field guide so you know what you're looking at. For smaller things, you will want to buy a reasonably good pair of binoculars. A good pair now is about \$75."

Like other hobbies, birding can have its upper levels. Floyd said one individual he knows owns a \$9,000 pair of binoculars that can be attached to a digital camera. The equipment comes with a tripod.

## San Antonio lockdown Milwaukee Bucks 89-74

By T.A. BADGER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs, winners of 13 straight, are turning up the defensive pressure when it counts.

Their latest lockdown came Sunday against the Milwaukee Bucks, who were held to their lowest point total of the season in an 89-74 loss.

"The guys have been great making defense their primary focus all these games," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, "because we have games with too many turnovers and a lot of games where we don't shoot free throws."

Sunday fit both of those categories: San Antonio had 17 turnovers, though only five in the second half, and the Spurs went 19-for-35 at the line.

Those flaws, however, were negated by the Spurs' defense down the stretch.

The Spurs have held their

opponents to an average of less than 78 points during their winning streak, the longest in the NBA this season. San Antonio has limited opposing teams to 80 points or less 15 times in 32 games, winning each time.

On Friday, Orlando was within a basket midway through the fourth quarter and the Spurs ended up winning by 15. On Sunday, Joe Smith hit a 16-footer to pull the Bucks to 66-63 with more than 10 minutes remaining. It would be their last basket for six minutes, and by the time Michael Redd drove for a layup with 4:38 left, it was 80-67 Spurs.

"We've had our moments that we haven't been playing as well as we should," conceded Manu Ginobili, who scored 25 with nine rebounds and three steals. "It just so happened that I made my first three shots and my confidence goes up automatically."

Tim Duncan, Tony Parker

and Hedo Turkoglu each scored 12 for the Spurs.

Duncan, who aggravated a left ankle sprain on the opening jump ball and struggled offensively all night (3-15 FG, 6-16 FT), had 15 rebounds and Turkoglu grabbed a season-high 12.

San Antonio broke the Bucks' three-game winning streak.

Milwaukee's previous low-scoring game was 82 on Nov. 23 in Toronto, but that night the Bucks came away with a win.

"You tell us we're going to hold Tim Duncan to 12 points, I like our chances," said Milwaukee coach Terry Porter, who finished his playing career in 2002 as Duncan's teammate. "Really the only one that shot well and hurt us was Ginobili."

Redd led Milwaukee with 22 points and Tim Thomas had 13.

## Two Texans among USOC athletes who tested positive for drugs

By ROB GLOSTER  
AP SPORTS WRITER

Sprint champion Kelli White was among seven American athletes — six in track and field and one in cycling — identified Tuesday by the U.S. Olympic Committee as having flunked drug tests this summer.

White and five others tested positive for the banned stimulant modafinil. Hammer thrower John McEwen tested positive for modafinil and the newly discovered steroid THG, and cyclist Adham Sbeih tested positive for the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

The USOC announced the test results after the substances were found in two urine tests from each of the athletes, and following a 30-day review of the tests by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

All seven athletes are appealing their test results, the

USOC said in a news release from its base in Colorado Springs, Colo., and any suspensions or other sanctions would come only after those appeals are exhausted.

White, of Union City, Calif., already faces the loss of her two gold medals at the World Championships because of modafinil use. The USOC said Tuesday that White also tested positive for modafinil at the U.S. track and field championships at Stanford, Calif., in June — where she also swept the 100 and 200 meter titles.

By winning at the national meet in June, White qualified for the world meet in August in France. She has claimed she was prescribed modafinil for the sleep disorder narcolepsy — a claim that has been ridiculed by international track officials since word emerged of other athletes using the banned stimulant.

Also testing positive for

modafinil at the U.S. track and field championships were sprinter Chryste Gaines, of Lithonia, Ga.; 400-meter runner Sandra Glover of Sugarland, Texas; McEwen, of Ashland, Ohio, and hurdler Eric Thomas of Houston.

Hurdler Chris Phillips of Little Rock, Ark., tested positive for modafinil at the World Championships.

Sbeih of Sacramento, Calif., tested positive for EPO at the U.S. Cycling Federation's Elite Track National Championships at Trexlertown, Pa., in August.

Modafinil use results in disqualification at the event at which a positive test has occurred. THG use could lead to a two-year ban for McEwen.

At least three other U.S. track and field athletes tested positive for THG this summer, and their cases are still being considered by USADA.

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 Independent Executor  
 Estate of  
 W.M. Ledbetter,  
 Deceased  
 c/o Don R. Lane  
 P.O. Box 1781  
 Pampa, Tx. 79066-1781  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
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 Dec. 31, 2003

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 Q L A A B U Y H H Q Y L F S Q L U W  
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 B U S Q Y U Y G N Y L X — N R T X  
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**Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT LIES BEHIND US AND WHAT LIES BEFORE US ARE TINY MATTERS COMPARED TO WHAT LIES WITHIN US.** — OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

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**BORN TODAY.** Father Guido Sarducci, Don Novello (1943), basketball player John Logan (1921), WNBA guard Bridget Pettis (1971)

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## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004.  
 Always remember: There are no problems — only solutions. Make this your theme this year, and you will be delighted by what happens. You develop an unusual way of looking at issues and become less dependent on traditional modes of handling things. You express dynamic thinking throughout the year. Others notice this new type of thinking, which could have a strong impact on your career, as well as those around you. If you are single, forget maintaining that status, i.e., you will have to work on staying single. You will meet someone delightful. If attached, don't sweat the little things, and enjoy each other. Relive some of your special romantic dates and times. TAURUS makes you laugh.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You might want to chill out and do something that you feel is appropriate for the new year. Stay close to home and relax with a loved one. A buffet dinner with close friends might be the best way to christen 2004. Tonight: Indulge, my dear Ram.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You delight in what others do. Friends are full of surprises. Get ready — this will be a continuing pattern for several years. Stability won't be found through your friends. What you can count on being stable is instability. Tonight: You are the cat's meow.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* You might need to use today to catch up on sleep. You also might need to

have a private discussion with a family member who means a lot to you. Finances could be a prime topic. You might want to avoid that subject. Tonight: Sleep at last.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Ask for what you want, but don't be surprised if it arrives at your door in a twisted or surprising manner. Count on an O. Henry twist here. Avoid someone who might be rather combative or difficult — OK? Know that, ultimately, you will have what you want. Tonight: Still partying?  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* You need to be on top of your game right now. News from a distance could have you regrouping and thinking through a personal matter. You might have a knee-jerk reaction. Try not to act on it. Wait awhile, as the situation could change. Tonight: A must show.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Not everyone looks at a situation the same way you



# Corps of Engineers will no longer supervise oil imports

By LARRY MARGASAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just weeks after Pentagon auditors said Halliburton may have overcharged taxpayers to import oil to Iraq, the Defense Department is removing the Army Corps of Engineers from its role in supervising the program.

The Defense Energy Support Center, which buys fuel for the military throughout the world, will supervise the shipments and choose new contractors to replace Houston-based Halliburton, Vice President

Dick Cheney's former company. "We're taking over the mission," the center's spokeswoman, Lynette Ebberts, said Tuesday.

Democratic lawmakers have criticized the prices charged the U.S. government by Halliburton's KBR subsidiary, which has been importing refined petroleum products into Iraq under a mission awarded without competitive bids. Cheney headed Halliburton before running for vice president.

Earlier this month, the Defense Department's auditing agency supported the Democrats' allegations,

finding the company may have charged up to \$61 million too much for delivering gasoline to Iraqi citizens.

Ebberts would not comment on whether the audit prompted the change, which was ordered Dec. 23.

President Bush tried to calm the controversy, saying Halliburton should repay the government if it overcharged for fuel, which was imported from Iraq's neighboring countries.

Halliburton has said it expected to be cleared by the Defense Department. The company said its

pricing resulted from a contract with a Kuwaiti firm, the only company approved as a supplier by the Corps.

Halliburton got its contract to rebuild Iraq's dilapidated oil industry as an outgrowth of a contract with the Army to provide emergency logistical help for situations such as the Iraq war. The Army Corps of Engineers opened the oil rebuilding process to competitive bidding earlier this year and was preparing to award up to \$2 billion in replacement contracts.

Those contracts will still be awarded for the rebuilding of Iraq's

oil industry, but will no longer include oil imports, the Corps said.

Richard J. Connelly, director of the support center, said the existing contract would remain in place for now, so that fuel deliveries will not be interrupted.

Corps spokesman Robert Faletti said, "I don't believe the report had anything to do with the transfer."

The support center said it would award contracts under competitive bidding, a process that could take two to three months, but would consider a short-term contract until the bids are awarded.

## Ready to respond



(Courtesy photo)

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) participated in the Top O' Texas Christmas Parade with disaster volunteer Lill Thomason driving. Also riding in the vehicle were Thomason's daughter Laura and local Disaster Chair Heidi Phelps and her grandchildren. The local Red Cross depends on donation to continue to provide disaster relief, and presentations disaster preparedness and CPR/First Aid training. Tax-free donations can be sent to the local Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell. Call for class schedules at (806) 669-7121.

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## BEEF

least three years, officials said. The Bush administration also is ordering changes in slaughterhouse techniques to prevent meat from being accidentally contaminated with brain or spinal cord tissue that can spread bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease.

"Sound science continues to be our guide," Veneman said, adding that the food supply was safe even before she announced tougher regulations.

"We are increasing the testing," she said Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show.

"What we do is, we test the highest risk animals. We test from high-risk populations. You have to remember that most of the cattle that are slaughtered and put into the food supply in this country come from animals that are less than two years old and are virtually no-risk animals for this disease."

Mad cow disease is a concern because humans who eat brain or spinal matter from an infected cow can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. During a mad cow outbreak in the 1980s in Britain, 143 people died of it.

The first U.S. case of mad cow disease was found in a

Washington state Holstein slaughtered Dec. 9.

The Food and Drug Administration said for now it will not prohibit the use of the high-risk cattle products in pet foods and feed for chickens and pigs, saying there is no scientific evidence to support such a ban. There has been a ban on using cattle products in feed for cattle, sheep and goats since August 1997.

Many of the changes were implemented by Canada in May, when a single case of mad cow surfaced in Alberta.

USDA had been considering some of the measures before the Washington state case. A coalition of congressional Republicans and farm state Democrats had blocked Congress from including the ban on meat from downed animals in a \$373 billion catchall spending bill that has passed the House and awaits a vote in the Senate.

Democratic presidential candidates have seized on the mad cow emergency to criticize the Bush administration for policies they said have left the nation more vulnerable to such problems.

Several Democratic lawmakers said they would push for a statutory ban on downed animals, notwithstanding the new regulation announced by Veneman. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said his bill

to create a national tracking system would help overcome opposition from meatpackers.

Dan Murphy, spokesman for the American Meat Institute, the meatpackers' trade association, said his group generally supported the announced changes, although he called them "aggressive and extraordinary compared to international standards."

Terry Stokes, chief executive officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said his group also agreed with USDA's actions. "As USDA reiterated, the beef supply is safe, and these steps taken today are being done out of an abundance of caution," he said.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said he would press legislation to mandate country-of-origin labeling on meat products. Such a measure would have made clear that the diseased Holstein, which officials believe was born in Canada, did not originate in the United States, Daschle said.

Under the new U.S. regulations, the sick cow slaughtered in Washington state earlier this month would not have been allowed to enter the food chain. The cow was sent to meatpacking plants almost two weeks before test results showed that it had mad cow disease.

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## SECURITY

Thousands of local officers and federal agents were to fan out through Pasadena, Calif., where revelers gather along the 5 1/2-mile Rose Parade route and attend the Rose Bowl football game on New Year's Day. Video surveillance cameras were to capture images of spectators lining the streets.

Flights over the Rose Bowl were to be limited to police and military aircraft; everyone working in the stadium, from hot dog vendors to television camera crews, was being required to wear photo ID.

Terrorism concerns did not dim the enjoyment of visitors Tuesday.

"We decided not to live our lives in fear, and do what we want to do," Janet Powles, 60, of Rapid City, S.D., said as she watched volunteers apply flower petals to floats in the Rose Palace.

The increase in the alert level to orange and reports of threats to Las Vegas did appear to affect business there. Deutsche Bank analyst Marc Falcone said New Year's Eve cancellations jumped in the last week. His survey of Las Vegas hotels found twice as many cancellations this year as in 2002.

Boston was expecting more

than a million visitors for its "First Night" arts festival, the nation's oldest such celebration. Security there was to remain consistent with the last two years' events.

Metal trash cans are removed from the Boylston Street parade route and replaced with cardboard boxes, to minimize damage if there is an explosion. And the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority was posting security officers and bomb-sniffing dogs on buses, subways and trains carrying revelers into the city.

In smaller cities and rural areas, officials described

increased security at public places such as malls and heightened surveillance at vital infrastructure such as bridges, power plants, water systems, airports and ports.

In Rutland, Vt., police Lt. Kevin Geno said the city's First Night celebration would be met with beefed up patrols in the downtown area. He acknowledged it seemed incongruous to have to worry about terrorism in a city of about 17,000 in south-central Vermont. "You have to look at it like it can happen anywhere," he said. "The bottom line is you never know..."

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## ARREST

session of a firearm by a felon, a third degree felony; and improper use of equipment for anhydrous ammonia, a third degree felony.

Bond for the charge of possession of a controlled substance was set at \$6,000, with \$1,000 each set for the remaining four charges.

No bond was quoted by a Gray County Jail spokesperson concerning the original charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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