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One-car rollover claims life of Amarillo woman

A one-vehicle rollover near Pampa proved deadly to an Amarillo woman who was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the Chevrolet Blazer she was driving, said DPS Public Information Officer Trooper Lucinda Russell.

Katherine Sherrill, 35, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 1 p.m. Wednesday accident on U.S. Highway 60 about a mile east of Pampa, Russell said. Her body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy.

Sherrill was westbound in the passing lane when her SUV went into the median, Russell said. The Blazer flipped twice after Sherrill "over-corrected" in an effort to get the vehicle back onto the roadway.

LOTTERY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$12 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 5-9-14-34-38-43.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

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CRMWA, landowners may settle

PLAINVIEW (AP) — A West Texas water authority and a group of Panhandle landowners led by oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens are trying to settle their dispute over water rights in Roberts County.

Directors of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority talked Wednesday about a proposal to settle their protest of a plan by the landowners to draw water from the Ogallala Aquifer, general manager Kent Satterwhite said.

In June, the water authority filed a

protest with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District to stop the landowners group, known as Mesa Inc., from obtaining permits to pump the water and ship it downstate.

"We've told them what we need to stop our protest," Satterwhite said. "We've started the process. I think there is a chance we may reach a settlement."

The water authority claimed in its protest that Mesa had not provided enough information in its permit application about its planned well field, and

that the proposed operation could infringe on the water authority's ability to serve its 11 member cities in the Panhandle and South Plains.

The process toward a possible settlement began when the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District general manager C.E. Williams called the parties together in December in an effort to avoid costly litigation. Both sides agreed to have a Mesa hydrologist work up plans for Mesa's well field and submit it to the water authority, Mesa attorney Mike Powell said.

"Mesa would much rather expedite the process, however that may be done," Powell said. "And litigation is not normally a quick process. We want our permits."

The meeting, which did not include discussions about a lawsuit filed by Mesa against the water authority in August, indicated that Mesa still has "some gripes and complaints with CRMWA, and I'm sure they do with us also," said Mike Boswell, another Mesa attorney. "But it's gotten to the point where we're ready to settle." (See CRMWA, Page 3)

The 'King' is in ...



(Pampa News photos by David Bowers)

Coronado Healthcare staff and residents celebrated Elvis' birthday this week with a surprise visit by the "King of Rock and Roll," also known as David Sessions, above. When not impersonating the popular entertainer, Sessions works as a physical therapist at the center. Below, Coronado resident and fan, Gloria Terry, giggles with delight when she gets a kiss from Elvis.



JPO division refunds \$9,602 to Gray County

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Unused budget money returned to any county or taxing entity is practically unheard of, but it happened last week in Gray County.

During a commissioners court meeting last week, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Felipe Chavez presented a check in the amount of \$9,602 to County Treasurer Scott Hahn.

Chavez explained the money was left in the juvenile probation department budget from the last fiscal year, and it needed to be returned to the county.

"This is the first time the juvenile department has done this in the four years I have been in this office," said

County Auditor Flame Morris.

She explained there was a local county match with Gray County providing approximately \$100,000 of the juvenile department budget. The department also receives state funding.

"The county helped us out last year when we needed money for detention costs," said Chavez. "They gave us \$4,500, and we appreciate it."

Chavez also said the reason for the department having the money left in their budget was because the department was running short of staff. "We were running about two short," he said. "But now we are operating with a full staff."

Five certified juvenile pro- (See REFUND, Page 3)

POW transfer

Marines will take no chances

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Marines will take no chances in the transfer of al-Qaida prisoners from Afghanistan to detention at an American base in Cuba, planning tight security to prevent a bloody uprising, U.S. officials said Thursday.

A first group of prisoners were loaded onto a plane at the Marines' base at Kandahar airport to depart for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A group of some 20 from among more than 300 in U.S. custody were shown on CNN wearing hoods and chains as they shuffled to an airplane at the airport.

In preparing security for the operation, the military has been examining earlier uprisings by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners — particularly one in November at a prison outside the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif. That revolt took three days to suppress and left dozens dead — including a CIA operative, Johnny "Mike" Spann.

"We are determined to make sure we do not repeat the mistakes of Mazar-e-Sharif," 1st Lt. James Laryis, spokesman for the Marines based at Kandahar airport, where the detainees are being held.

"There will be no breach of security" in the move to Guantanamo, he said.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said (See TRANSFER, Page 3)

James Hefley announces candidacy

James Hefley is announcing his candidacy for re-election as Precinct Four County Commissioner in the March 12 Republican primary.

Fiscal responsibility for the people of Gray County is his goal.

Currently serving his second term, Hefley said his objective has been to be a conservative, common sense leader. He said he feels he has met that objective, but said he continually maintains the objective also as a goal.

Hefley is currently serving as president of the Panhandle County Judges and County Commissioners

Association. He previously served as secretary-treasurer of the organization composed of the county judges and county commissioners throughout the Texas Panhandle.

Raised in Briscoe, he comes from a farm and ranch family. He moved to McLean in 1973.

A graduate of Briscoe High School, he attended three years of college at Oklahoma State University.

As a member of the U.S. Army, he served in the 101st Airborne. Hefley served in Viet Nam for one year, and was discharged in 1970 as a sergeant.

His wife Charlotte was raised in eastern Gray County near Mobeetie. Upon their marriage, the couple moved to McLean.

They are the parents of four daughters. Holly, 26, is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a teacher. Jill, 23, is a graduate of West Texas A&M. She is employed by Sears in Amarillo.

Daughter Lori will graduate this spring from Texas Tech University with a major in agriculture business.

The youngest daughter, Nikki, is a senior at McLean High School. She is planning to attend Texas Tech.



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OBITUARIES

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JAMISON, Virgil Jr. — 1:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.

JOHN SHELDON SPENCE
1944-2002

SKELLYTOWN — John Sheldon Spence, 57, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Skellytown. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Spence was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Marietta, Okla. He was a 1963 graduate of White Deer High School and a 1972 graduate of North Texas State University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in Business. He was in marketing in the oil and gas industry. He was a member of the Mile High Church of Religious Science in Denver, Colo.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Barkley

of Skellytown; a son and daughter-in-law, Clay and J-Ile Spence of Del Valle, Texas; a stepson, Ian Ballard of Austin; his mother, Gladys Spence of Skellytown; a sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Larry West of Amarillo; a nephew, Darren Hudson of Starkville, Miss.; and a granddaughter, Caitlin Spence of Del Valle.

The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Olivia's Angels, BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

VIRGIL JAMISON JR.
1919-2002

WHEELER — Virgil Jamison Jr., 82, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Round Rock, Texas.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday in First United Methodist Church in Wheeler with the Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tulia, officiating.

Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Jamison was born Sept. 12, 1919, at Wheeler, to Virgil and Vera Jamison. He married Dorothy Lee Kreps on Dec. 1, 1945, at Wheeler; she died June 16, 1990.

A decorated World War II veteran, he served in numerous campaigns in Europe and attained the rank of master sergeant.

Soon after his discharge from the Army, he

was appointed postmaster at Wheeler, retiring in 1971.

After his retirement, he worked for Wheeler Gas Company for 13 years.

He was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Wheeler and was a 32nd Degree Mason, recently earning his 50-year pin.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Jamison of Georgetown and David Jamison of Goldthwaite; a sister, Nettie V. Gaynes of Pampa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., today at Wright Funeral Home in Wheeler and requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler Building Fund.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Thursday, Jan. 10

A simple assault was reported in the 500 block of North Doyle. No injuries.

The theft of a newspaper rack valued at \$400 was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Rufus Sinto Nanez, 27, 337 Jean, arrested on a warrant charging him with burglary of a habitation.

Telephone harassment was reported in which the victim was called several times at work.

Theft with prior conviction was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells where a ring, two checkbooks and two dogs were taken.

Violation of a protective order was

reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of East Locust where a person was living in a vacant house without permission.

A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Duncan where wood was broken off two park benches.

An abandoned vehicle report was made in the 500 block of North Frost.

A domestic disturbance with no injuries was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Burglary of an unlocked vehicle was reported in which a purse and contents were taken.

The theft of \$13.16 in gasoline was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

The Rev. W.A. Criswell, 92, respected Baptist leader, dies

By CHARLES RICHARDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. W.A. Criswell, a national evangelical leader who was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas for nearly 50 years and led the Southern Baptist Convention as its president for two terms, is dead at 92, a church spokeswoman said Thursday.

He served as pastor of the nation's largest Southern Baptist congregation from 1944 until 1991, when he was given the title of senior pastor. He has held the title of pastor emeritus since 1994.

Funeral services were not announced immediately.

During Criswell's tenure at the First Baptist Church, it grew from 5,000 members and an annual budget of \$150,000 in 1944 to nearly 26,000 members and a budget of more than \$11 million. The denomination's largest church also has a small college of 300 students and an 800-pupil private school. A 700-bed homeless shelter was added in 1991.

"I never dreamed what God would do in this church," Criswell said during a 1984 interview.

Criswell underwent surgery in May 1998 for colon cancer and remained hospitalized for two months because of unexpected complications from the surgery. Before leaving the hospital, he underwent angioplasty to clear three clogged arteries and then returned to the hospital after his blood-sugar levels dropped dangerously low.

In a telephone interview from the hospital in September 1998, Criswell told The Dallas Morning News:

"I feel better than anybody you ever knew in your life. I have been in the hospital since May 1, and, oh boy, I've really had my fill of the hospital in that time. I only have a day or two left, and then I'll go home and that will be like heaven to me. It'll be a breath of fresh air."

A month later, Criswell marked his 54th anniversary with First Baptist by returning to the pulpit for the first time since his surgery. He returned three weeks later to read the Scriptures during a service, but collapsed and was briefly hospitalized.

Until his illness, Criswell had rarely missed a Sunday service.

Born on Dec. 19, 1909, Criswell grew up in Texline, a tiny farming community in the northwestern tip of the Panhandle. His father gave up cowboying to scrape out a living as a barber.

Although his mother, Anna Criswell, led her children in family devotions and often sang hymns to them, Criswell recalled that she discouraged his idea of becoming a preacher.

"They thought that was the worst thing that could have happened to me," he recalled. "My mother's father was a doctor. She taught me to say that I was going to be a doctor."

But Criswell said, "Ever since I can remember, I've been preparing to be a preacher ... I have never deviated from that."

Converted and baptized when he was 10, Criswell preached in a Waco jail and on street corners during his freshman year at Baylor University. A straight-A English major, he put himself through school pastoring a country congregation.

He later earned his doctorate in theology and held two relatively short pastorates before First Baptist called in 1944.

Criswell soon rose to prominence within the Southern Baptist Convention, earning a reputation as a skilled orator. A scholar in both Hebrew and Greek, he spent 18 years preaching through every verse of the Bible.

"He has been an outstanding pulpiteer among Southern Baptists for more than the 40 years he has been at First Baptist," one of his closest friends, former Southern Baptist Theological Seminary president Duke McCall, said in 1984.

Criswell, the author of "Why I Preach That The Bible Is Literally True," was both a target of denomination liberals and conservatives during his two terms as SBC president in the late 1960 and early 1970s. He openly clashed with liberal theologians over the issue of Biblical inerrancy, inviting them to "get out" of the convention.

Biblical inerrants believe the Bible is the literal, exact word of God and that events described in its verses are historically accurate.

Over two decades, Criswell's Bible-based views came to prevail in the 15.6-million-member Nashville-based denomination. The increasingly conservative leadership passed a 1984 resolution against the ordination of women, supported a boycott of the Walt Disney Co. in 1997 and called in 1998 for women to "submit graciously" to their husbands' leadership.

"Somebody said that Dr. Criswell preached the crusade and the younger generation carried it out, and I suppose there's a lot of truth in that," said Paige Patterson, whom Criswell hired as president of Criswell College and later became president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

"A lot of us who have acted in subsequent years were profoundly influenced by the man and his message," Patterson said.

Criswell once told the South Carolina legislature during a speech that integration was "idiocy," but announced after his election to the SBC presidency in 1968

that he would support integration.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.45
Milo	3.36
Corn	3.57
Soybeans	3.55
Oil Sunflowers	8.25

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Occidental	25.96	-0.08
Fidelity Mageln	104.01	
Puritan	17.69	

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

HP	45.13	+0.06
Celanese	20.81	-0.18
Cabot Corp.	34.90	-0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	23.45	-0.11
Coca Cola	44.84	+0.28

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Eric Jerome Hmielewski, 31, 1017 Mary Ellen, arrested on a Potter County warrant for theft.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

10:50 a.m. — One unit and one fire official responded to a report of suspicious mail in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. No problem with the mail was found.

Thursday, Jan. 10

2:39 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

1:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

5:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported two to BSA-West, Amarillo.

Thursday, Jan. 10

2:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; no transport.

Hockey dad claims self-defense

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The attorney for a 270-pound dad who beat another father to death at their sons' hockey practice said Thursday that the "gentle giant" had a right to defend himself. In its closing argument, the prosecution ridiculed that description.

Attorney Thomas Orlandi Jr. said Thomas Junta never intended to kill Michael Costin, who was an inch shorter and 114 pounds lighter.

"It was simply a fight," Orlandi said in his closing argument at Junta's manslaughter trial. He called Junta, 44, a "gentle giant."

Junta and Costin, 40, tangled in July 2000 after arguing about rough play at their sons' hockey practice in Reading.

Prosecutor Sheila Calkins said Orlandi left out what Junta did just before leaving Costin to die in the rink lobby, as several children, including their own, looked on.

"He took (Costin's) head, and he slammed it into the mat," she said. "The 'Gentle Giant.'"

Jurors have more than a half-dozen versions of the fight to consider. The panel of nine women and three men began deliberations Thursday afternoon after being told to consider both voluntary and involuntary manslaughter charges. Junta faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted voluntary manslaughter.

The case attracted national scrutiny following what some say is a surge of parental violence at youth sporting events.

Junta testified Wednesday that he tried to avoid coming to blows with Costin.

He left the rink after the initial confrontation, but returned minutes later to pick up his son.

A rink employee, Nancy Blanchard, testified she tried to stop Junta from entering, but he pushed her aside, bruising her arm. She and another woman testified they yelled to Junta during the fatal fight: "Stop! You're going to kill him!" Both said Junta landed repeated blows.

During his closing arguments, Orlandi stressed that she was inconsistent.

"I don't think she was lying or misrepresenting," Orlandi said. "But she's so emotional, she's believing things she wasn't actually seeing."

Junta said Costin took the first swing as he re-entered the rink, and he responded by striking Costin with "three off-balance punches."

Shedding tears at times during his testimony Wednesday, Junta said he left the rink without knowing how gravely he had injured Costin. He also appeared to fight back tears during the closing arguments.

He rested his head in his hand and looked mostly down at the defense table.

"I thought when he laid back down that he was just resting," the burly truck driver said, his voice choking and chin trembling.

Costin never regained consciousness. He died the next day.

The prosecution's medical experts testified that Costin was beaten in the head and neck with such force that a main artery in his neck ruptured.

City Briefs

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"COMIN' ON" on stage live at Lone Star Country Club, Oklahoma's hottest songwriter & western dance band Fri. & Sat. Jan. 11, 12th.

DANCE, MOOSE Lodge, Sat. Jan. 12th, 8:30-12:30 p.m. "Buddy Payne"

INSIDE /OUTSIDE Sale, Fri., Sat. 10 a.-? Furn., crafts, tack, clothes, toys, Xmas, lots misc. 1220 S. Farley.

INSIDE SALE: 1433 N. Dwight. One Day Only. Fri. Jan. 11, 9-4 p.m. Furniture, appli. & misc. No Checks.

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commanders at Guantanamo and those involved in the transport had "reviewed the uprising at Mazar-e-Sharif" and other prisoner revolts. The commanders could use "appropriate restraint" for the prisoners, he said.

"There are among these prisoners people perfectly willing to kill themselves and others," he told journalists. Rumsfeld would not confirm whether the transfer had begun, but said there was "an intention to begin taking some relatively some numbers" soon.

Meanwhile, Pakistani and U.S. recovery teams converged on the crash site of a Marine KC-130 refueling tanker that struck a mountain and exploded in flames Wednesday near Pakistan's remote Shamsi air base. Seven Marines were killed, the worst American casualty toll of the Afghan war.

The base — in the southwestern province of Baluchistan, an area of vast deserts and rugged mountains — has been used by the U.S. military as a forward staging point. U.S. officials said there was no indication it had been

hit by hostile fire, but the cause was unknown.

Anti-Taliban Afghan forces have steadily been turning over captured al-Qaida members to the Marines, and more have come from Pakistani troops intercepting fugitives trying to flee across the border from the bombed-out mountain hideouts at Tora Bora and Khost in eastern Afghanistan.

But U.S. officials on Thursday repeated their demands that the Afghan government hand over captured top Taliban and al-Qaida figures, after seven Taliban leaders — including the ex-justice minister — were set free after they surrendered in Kandahar.

Jarvis told a daily briefing Thursday that 45 new prisoners arrived at Kandahar airport overnight.

Pentagon officials said that during the transfer to Cuba, prisoners would be chained to their seats, be forced to use bedpans and be fed by their guards — and might also be sedated — during the flights from Afghanistan to newly constructed jail cells in Guantanamo, according to newspaper and television reports. Pentagon spokes-

woman Victoria Clarke would not comment on the reports except to say detainees were being treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention rules on prisoners.

The Pentagon has repeatedly warned that detained al-Qaida fighters are willing to kill themselves and others. Aside from the uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif, a group of prisoners killed several Pakistani guards as they broke free last month and it took days to hunt them down in the mountains. Other al-Qaida fighters have been holed up in Kandahar's hospital for weeks, threatening to blow themselves up if Afghan officials try to detain them. One killed himself with a grenade as he tried to escape the hospital earlier this week.

At Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba, a temporary detention area called Camp X-Ray has room for 100 prisoners and soon could house 220. A more permanent site under construction is expected to house up to 2,000.

There, prisoners will be isolated in individual, open-air fenced cells with metal roofs. They will sleep on mats under

halogen floodlights. They could get wet from rain, but officials say they will be treated humanely. The Red Cross and other organizations will monitor conditions.

Meanwhile, Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said his country was seeing new calm and said his Cabinet had ordered armed fighters belonging to the various factions nominally allied to government off the streets of Kabul.

"All over Afghanistan there's no fighting any more, for almost two, three weeks now. The country is generally very, very peaceful," Karzai said on CNN's Larry King Live. "There are some instances of lawlessness on the highways and one or two incidents in the cities. That's it, but we should try and improve it further."

U.S. displeasure at the decision by Kandahar authorities to free seven high-ranking Taliban figures had Karzai's government on the defensive.

"We want any of the high-ranking Taliban or al-Qaida," Jarvis said. "We want to have them in custody," Jarvis said Thursday. Still, he praised Gul Agha, the governor of Kandahar, saying he has generally given "a lot" of support to U.S. forces.

Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Omar Samad told reporters Wednesday that the government was determining whether the freed Taliban officials were "war criminals." They included Nooruddin Turabi, the one-eyed, one-legged justice minister, who drew up the militia's repressive version of Islamic law — including restrictions on women — and created the religious police to enforce it.

Samad said the government only learned Wednesday that the Taliban prisoners had been freed and it was still trying to determine who they all are.

Negotiations on the surrender of ex-Taliban figures have frustrated the U.S.-led coalition as it pursues remnants of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network, blamed for the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York.

Report: 15-year-old pilot's parents tried to commit suicide when teen-agers

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The parents of a 15-year-old pilot who crashed a small plane into a Tampa skyscraper had attempted suicide as teen-agers, according to newspaper reports at the time.

Charles Bishop's mother, Julia, and father, Charles Bishara, entered into a suicide pact after they were denied a marriage license because they lacked the proper paperwork, the Malden (Mass.) Evening News reported in 1984.

"Basically it was a Romeo-and-Juliet type of suicide pact," Julia Bishop's attorney, Pam Campbell, told the St. Petersburg Times for Thursday's editions. "They were both very depressed. ... And they were very young."

Their son died Saturday when he crashed a stolen Cessna into Tampa's Bank of America building. Investigators said he had a suicide note expressing support for Osama bin Laden and the Sept. 11 attacks.

Charles Bishop's mother, the former Julia Detore, tried to marry Bishara when she was 17 and he was 19, but the couple was denied a marriage license in Rhode Island because of the paperwork problem.

The couple stuffed rags into the tailpipe of Detore's car and tried to fill it with carbon monoxide to kill them both, according to the 1984 newspaper accounts. When that failed, they allegedly agreed Detore would stab Bishara with a butcher knife, and he would slash her wrists with the same knife, the newspaper said.

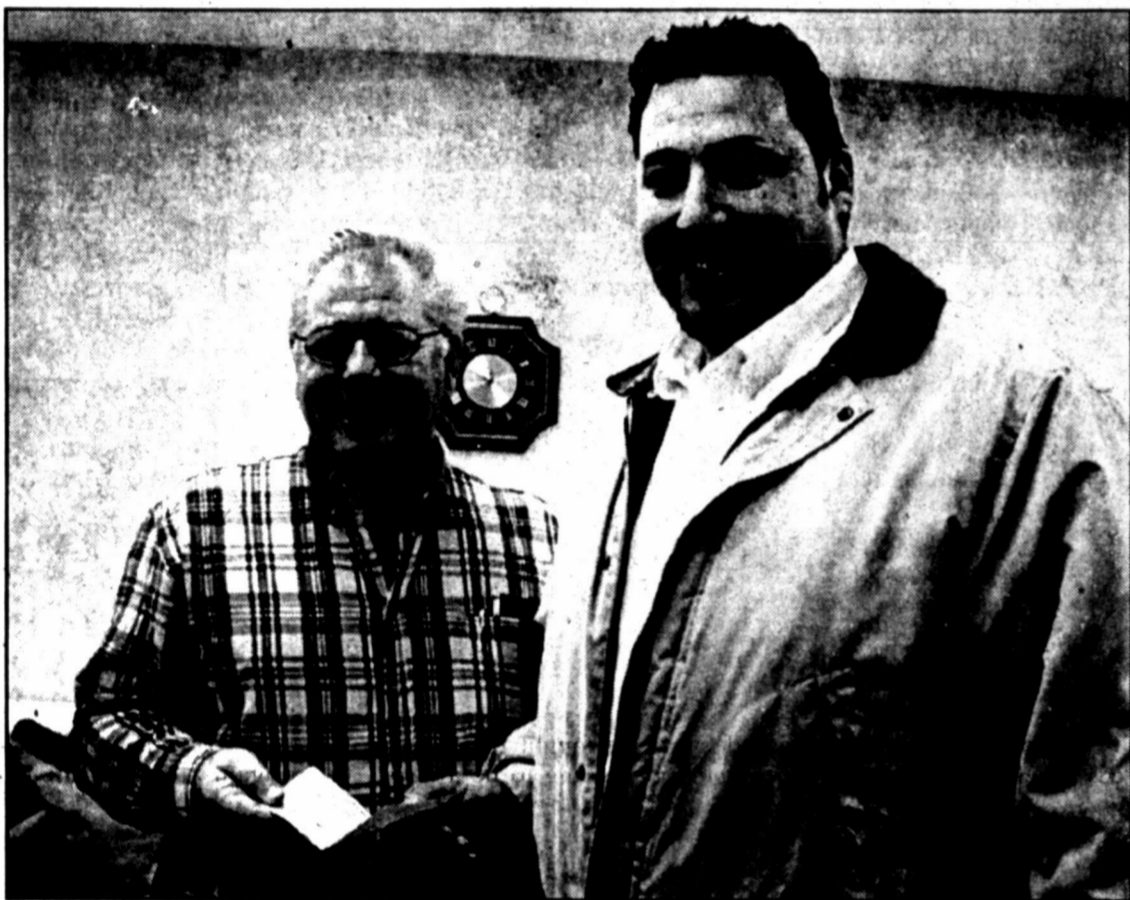
After Bishara was stabbed, he asked Detore to call an ambulance, according to the newspaper. Paramedics found him on a sofa bleeding heavily with a lacerated liver. Bishara denied that the pair had attempted suicide, though Detore insisted that was the case.

Detore was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit murder. She was ordered to undergo a 20-day evaluation at a state hospital in Waltham, Mass.

Bishara's sister Dawn said her brother refused to cooperate with prosecutors, and the charge against Detore was dropped. Campbell, Bishop's attorney, said she was told that the court file was sealed.

The couple married after their son was born in 1986 but divorced when he was a baby.

The boy's father had little if any contact with him, and his other family members had no idea why he crashed the plane.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn accepted a check for \$9,602 from Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Felipe Chavez last week at a Gray County Commission meeting. The money was allocated by Gray County last year and was not used by the department as they were short-staffed.

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bation officers are overseeing approximately 120 juvenile offenders on probation in Gray County, he said. "We could have a few kids over 120, but it stays pretty steady," he said. He said, "This time last year there were only 75-85 on probation."

The department tends to get a bunch on probation at one time, he said, "But then others get off. We do have some repeat offenders," he

said. Offenses which usually land the 10-17 year olds on probation include robbery, burglaries of buildings, homes and residences, unauthorized use of vehicles, theft, sex offenders, and criminal mischief.

"We also work with the school and have some truancy cases," he said.

The offenses range from Class C misdemeanors to first degree felonies, said Chavez. "And we have both female and male offenders," he said.

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point that everyone would like it to go away."

Should a settlement be reached about the protest case, Boswell said Mesa would be willing to open discussions about the lawsuit, which claimed the entity's new wells will infringe on the group's property rights.

In early December, Mesa and CRMWA each argued for summary judgment before a Roberts County district judge. The judge has not issued a ruling.

An administrative hearing on the protest issue that was scheduled to begin Jan. 28 at the PGCD offices in White Deer has been rescheduled for April 8, Williams said.

Teen detained after homemade bombs found in home

ROSENBERG (AP) — A 13-year-old boy planned to blow up his junior high school, police alleged Thursday after seizing five small homemade bombs and bomb making materials from the boy's room a day earlier.

The seventh-grader at George Junior High School in Rosenberg will remain in custody for at least another 10 days as he undergoes a psychological evaluation, police said. He was arrested Wednesday after students at his school reported they overheard him bragging about having bombs at his house.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer wishes to preserve Texas Panhandle 'frontier'

To the editor:

We in the panhandle of Texas realize how unique the panhandle is, still a frontier, and we desire to keep it that way.

We have serious concerns for the Ogallala Aquifer, our water supply, and our environment and rightly so. Our water is being used up at an alarming rate and certainly we need no pollution on what is left.

The conditions of the way the "proposed pigs" are kept and the disposal of water is not acceptable to us. Why, I ask you, should those of us whose taxes support our city, county and state sacrifice that which we hold dear to those whose only interest is dollars? We want to insure the water supply, clean air and health of our citizens. We have all been horrified by the terroristic actions of others and destruction in New York City. Is this pollution of virgin lands and water any less damaging? It will destroy our way of life!

Having traveled through areas where "pig factories" exist, you do breathe polluted air. Especially those with evaporative systems, there will be air pollution. Many I know already have health problems. Why should we magnify these with the stench of polluted air (and it will be there)? Why should those who have depressed immune systems and other problems such as asthma, allergies, etc., have these problems compounded?

This is our community and we, as taxpayers, pay the bills. We do have the right to say what is done or not done in our area. What can't you understand? We don't want our environment destroyed. As for me and my house, we are eating no more pork.

Lawrence Greg Kurtz
 Pampa

TEXAS EDITORIALS

Enron issues need airing

Victoria Advocate on Enron issues need airing:
 A year ago, Enron Corp. was the nation's seventh-largest publicly traded company, with a market value of more than \$77 billion. Today, after seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, that value is less than \$500 million. It has laid off 4,000 of its 7,500 employees at its 50-story headquarters in downtown Houston. Another 1,100 employees have been laid off in Europe.

How could a company that was once so rich fall so far and destroy the lives of many of its employees and stockholders in the process? That is what a number of congressional investigations, the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission must determine.

Enron's collapse raises concerns in three key areas: its accounting procedures, pension plans and method of operation, which relied heavily on government non-interference, specifically on energy policy. Much of Enron's trouble, at least in the view of its auditing firm, Arthur Andersen, stems from its use of "off-balance-sheet entities," accounting devices used to raise capital without adding debt to balance sheets. Andersen says it was unaware of these entities. Enron says otherwise.

After the 1929 stock market crash, the federal government allowed the nation's big accounting firms to regulate themselves. The pending federal investigations should re-examine this policy. The second area of concern is employee retirement accounts. Enron employees were heavily invested in company stock through their 401(k) plans. At its peak, the value of Enron stock was over \$90 per share. As of Monday, it was 68 cents. When the Enron stock started to fall, employees dutifully held on — until it was too late and the company banned withdrawals. Employees who had dreamed of early retirement now face financial ruin.

The key concern is the amount employees place in company stock, but there are others. The rules governing retirement plans are complex. The SEC regulates non-pension investing, while the Labor Department regulates pension investing. Over the years, the division has grown less clear. This is another area ripe for investigation.

The third area is energy policy. Enron grew successful by having government at both state and federal levels run interference. It made much of its money in the initial phases of deregulation on the state level but needed help from federal regulators in the process.

This is where the Enron investigation becomes political. As is well known, Enron and its senior executives had close ties to the Republican Party, George W. Bush in particular. Some Democrats want to pursue hearings for political purposes, but nothing so far implicates any political figure in wrongdoing. The president, who has expressed sympathy for Enron employees, must ensure that the White House cooperates fully in these investigations.

There are important questions to be answered. It is no time for anyone in either political party to be playing politics.

Now she's got pigs plaguing her

Flipping through the calendar yesterday, I realized today was an observance of sorts for Pampa. It was six months ago today that National Pig Development announced they wanted to build a swine facility in Gray County.

Now, I certainly am not trying to incite a riot or create a news event, just making an observation that it has officially been six months since the pig controversy began.

In some ways this has been the longest six months of my life, and quite a few others in town, I'm sure. I've covered many topics through the years, but the pigs have been one of the most memorable.

This definitely was not the same as the cute movie, "Babe," which I love to watch with my grandchildren.

Visiting with John Carter of NPJ Tuesday night, I commented that I had learned more about pigs the past few months than I ever thought I'd know, or even want to know. He laughed.

Six months ago I knew absolutely nothing about pigs except that my grandfather had a few on the ranch when I was a child. I watched him 'slop the pigs.' That was the extent of my knowledge, except that I could spell pig.

Thrust into this, I knew I had to learn and learn quickly. Not wanting to have my son who knows all about animals know how I dumb I was on the subject, I called a high school classmate who had taught ag early in his career.

Soon I learned the meaning 'farrow to finish' along with with boar and all sorts of terminology. But I was to learn much, much more.

Prior to the pig controversy, I had been covering the rabies epidemic. I quickly was dubbed the 'animal editor' by coworkers. Circulation Manager said he could hardly wait for a 'rabid pig' to appear. (He does have a sense of humor and sees that I get plenty of appropriate



NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

'pig' emails and jokes when mine is lacking.)

My family has treated me about the same way, as they have known how much time I've spent covering this issue.

Shortly after I returned home from work a few weeks ago, my son, Bob, called me. When I answered, he asked if I was okay as there was a very different tone to my voice. I hesitated to tell him what had occurred on my way home. He insisted, so I spilled it out.

"Bob," I said, "I think I'm absolutely losing my mind." His response was "So. Tell me what is going on, Mom."

I explained to him that as I was driving down the highway towards home something had run out in front of me. "It can't be what I thought it was, Bob. It just can't be," I said.

"Chances are it was, Mom. But what was it?" he said. I could tell he was getting impatient, but I really hated to tell him what I had seen run across the highway.

"Oh, it probably was a coyote— but, Bob, it wasn't," I told him. "What has happened? What was it," he said, getting agitated. "Are you okay?" he asked. "Mom, you know what a coyote looks like. What is it?"

"It was a pig," I exclaimed. "But it couldn't have been. I'm afraid I'm seeing things."

"Why couldn't it have been a pig?" he said as he told me where this was. I pin-

pointed the exact location, and he laughed as he told me there were pigs along there. "You really did see a pig," he said, laughing.

Again, I told him I must have lost my mind from all the recent stress. "Mom, if you think you saw a pig, you did. But I can't guarantee you haven't lost your mind." Strangely, I felt better — at least temporarily — until I realized what he'd said to me.

A few days later my daughter, M.E., was accompanying me to Amarillo where I was to undergo a heart catheterization. Extremely tense would be a gross under-description of my stress level that day.

Attempting to bring some levity to the situation, M.E. said, "Just think, Mom. If you have to have heart surgery, maybe you'll get a pig valve. Then you can go, 'Oink, oink,'" as she giggled. I gave her the famous 'Mother Look.' My children really think they are funny.

Later that day at the completion of the heart cath, she asked the verdict. "I don't need pig parts," I responded, and she knew I was okay.

On Christmas Eve after the family opened gifts, we decided to play some games. As we pulled games out, we found a game my oldest son, Jay, had given me several years ago— Milton Bradley's "Pass the Pigs." We played a few games. It's fun, and timely.

My oldest daughter Kathy said a few months ago I needed a set of pigs in my collection of 160 salt and pepper shaker sets. Quickly, I told her about the pink pigs with flowers on them.

At times, I've felt like I have had the plague throughout this controversy the past six months. Now, I realize I've just been plagued by pigs, and I don't even want to know what the next six months will bring.

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What's the story in South Africa?

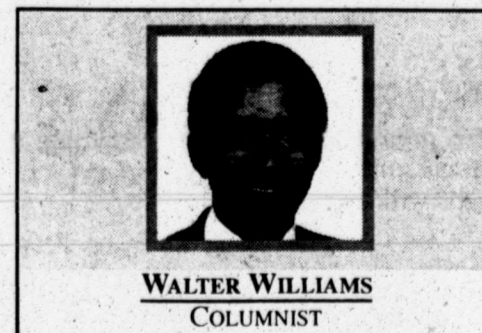
Moral crusaders have the habit of heading off to their next crusade without bothering to see whether anything went wrong on their last one.

During the 1980s, TransAfrica, NAACP, Black Congressional Caucus, Hollywood glitterati, college students, and other groups held massive protests on college campuses and at the South African Embassy, built shanty towns, and called for disinvestment and sanctions against South Africa for its racist apartheid system.

There's no longer apartheid and there's black rule in South Africa, but what's the story there now? Andrew Kenny writes about it in his article, "Black People Aren't Animals." The article appears in the December 15 issue of the British magazine The Spectator, the world's oldest continuously published English language magazine (est. 1838).

Each South African day sees an average of 59 murders, 145 rapes and 752 serious assaults out of its 42 million population. The new crime is the rape of babies; some AIDS-infected African men believe that having sex with a virgin is a cure. Twelve percent of South Africa's population is HIV-positive, but President Mbeki says that HIV cannot cause AIDS.

In response to growing violence, South Africa's minister of safety and security, Steve Tshwete, says: "We can't police this; there's nothing more we can do. South Africa's currency, the rand, has fallen about 70 percent since the African National Congress (ANC) came to power in 1994. Emigration from South Africa



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

(mainly of skilled people) is now at its highest level ever."

Kenny asks, "Is South Africa doomed to follow the rest of Africa into oblivion?" He says no, but I'm not as optimistic because of the pattern nearly everywhere else in sub-Saharan Africa. The tragic fact of business is that ordinary Africans were better off under colonialism. Colonial masters never committed anything near the murder and genocide seen under black rule in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Nigeria, Mozambique, Somalia and other countries, where millions of blacks have been slaughtered in unspeakable ways, which include: hacking to death, boiling in oil, setting on fire and dismemberment. If as many elephants, zebras and lions had been as ruthlessly slaughtered, the world's leftists would be in a tizzy.

When Zimbabwe, then Southern Rhodesia, was under white rule, the ANC demanded the ouster of Prime Minister Ian Smith and the installation of black rule. Today, Zimbabwe's Minister Robert Mugabe commits gross violations of black and white human rights. With the

help of lawless thugs, Mugabe has undertaken a land-confiscation program from white farmers. Instead of condemning Zimbabwe human-rights abuses, the South African government has given Mugabe its unqualified support.

Kenny says that whites treat blacks like animals. When a dog misbehaves, we don't blame the dog — we blame the owner for improper training. In Africa, when blacks behave badly, Kenny says colonialism, imperialism, apartheid, globalization or multi-nationalism is blamed for not bringing up blacks properly. Liberals saw South Africa's apartheid and other human-rights abuses as unjust because blacks were suffering at the hands of whites. They hold whites accountable to civilized standards of behavior. Blacks are not held to civilized standards of behavior. From the liberal's point of view, it might even be racist to expect blacks to adhere to civilized standards of behavior.

During South Africa's apartheid era, I visited several times and lectured at just about every university. In a 1987 syndicated column, I wrote: "Africa's past experience should give Western anti-apartheid activists some pause for thought. Wouldn't it be the supreme tragedy if South African blacks might ponder at some future date, like the animals of Jones' Manor (George Orwell's Animal Farm), whether they were better off under apartheid? That's why blacks must answer what's to come after apartheid? Black rule alone is no guarantee for black freedom."

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Harsh terrain hampers efforts to recover Marines in crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steep, rocky terrain hindered efforts Thursday to recover the bodies of seven marines killed when their tanker plane crashed into a mountain in Pakistan, defense officials said.

It was the worst U.S. casualty toll of the Afghanistan campaign, and included the first woman killed since U.S.-led Afghan bombing began in early October.

Residents in the region reported seeing helicopters flying over the site early Thursday.

"The rescue operation is still going on," a Pakistani military official at the base told The Associated Press by telephone, speaking on condition of anonymity. "U.S. officials are examining debris at the site of the incident and we are extending them full support."

Pentagon officials said there were no signs that the plane, a KC-130 used for in-flight refueling, was brought down by enemy fire.

Marines and Pakistanis approached the crash site, but no bodies were recovered immediately, Maj. Ralph Mills, a spokesman with the U.S. Central Command, said no bodies were recovered immediately, Maj. Ralph Mills, a spokesman with the U.S. Central Command, said

late Wednesday evening in Florida.

"They made it to the crash site on foot," Mills said. "But they were unable to remain there. It is a very steep grade and they were unable to get footing. The site is secure."

President Bush said the crash was a reminder of "how serious the times are today."

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the soldiers," Bush said at a fundraiser for the re-election of his brother Jeb as governor of Florida. "But I want to remind them that the cause that we are now engaged in is just and noble. The cause is freedom and this nation will not rest until we've achieved our objective."

The crash occurred late Wednesday night local time, and a search-and-rescue mission continued into the next morning. The plane crashed as it approached a military airfield called Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan. That air base is about 180 miles southwest of Quetta, Pakistan, according to U.S. Central Command.

Witnesses reported seeing flames shooting from the plane before it slammed into the mountainside.

The Pentagon identified the flames shooting from the plane before it slammed into the mountainside.

The Pentagon identified the

seven Marines who were killed as: pilot Capt. Matthew W. Bancroft, 29, of Shasta, Calif.; co-pilot Capt. Daniel G. McCollum, 29, of Richland, S.C.; Gunnery Sgt. Stephen L. Bryson, 36, of Montgomery, Ala.; Staff Sgt. Scott N. Germsen, 37, of New York City; Sgt. Nathan P. Hays, 21, of Lincoln, Wash.; Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Bertrand, 23, of Coos Bay, Ore.; and Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters, 25, of Du Page, Ill. All were based at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, Calif.

Central Command, which is

responsible for U.S. military operations in Pakistan and the surrounding region, said the four-engine KC-130 Hercules took off from Jacobabad, Pakistan, and was making multiple stops.

In a brief exchange with reporters at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he did not know the circumstances of the crash or whether the KC-130 was on a refueling mission.

"I'm going to wait for the investigation to be completed," he said. "We've got some folks heading up there now."

"It is a tough, dangerous business over there," he added. "They're doing difficult things and they're doing them darned well, and it just breaks your heart."

A journalist, Saeed Malangzai, who lives about 40 miles from the crash site, told The Associated Press the plane went down in mountains in southern Balochistan province.

"Residents saw flames from the burning plane before it crashed into the Lundi mountains," Malangzai said.

Pakistani troops encircled the area, he said.

The KC-130 is a \$37 million plane routinely used by the Marine Corps for in-flight refueling of helicopters. It is also used for troop and cargo delivery, evacuation missions and special operations support. It normally carries a six-man crew of two pilots, a navigator, flight engineer, mechanic and loadmaster.

The only other fatal crash of a U.S. military aircraft during the war in Afghanistan, which began Oct. 7, was an Army Black Hawk helicopter that crashed in Pakistan on Oct. 19, killing two Army Rangers.

SBA disaster loans available for some businesses

Businesses in Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Childress, Collingsworth and Hall Counties may be eligible for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The disaster loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses which cannot be met due to the effects of the June 1 drought (and continuing) or due to lightning and wildfires occurring July 16, resulting many farmers and ranchers experiencing reduced incomes.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program, but businesses depending upon these producers may apply as may nurseries affected by the drought.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased

and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased

accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

This loan program can help businesses meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not available. The loans are designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 4 percent and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. In addition, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303. The application deadline is Aug. 5.

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Stones shed light on ancient human behavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bits of African stone etched with intricate patterns and dated at 77,000 years old suggest ancient humans were capable of complex behavior and abstract thought thousands of years earlier than once believed.

Pieces of crafted ochre, a stone used for carving and for making pigment powder, have been uncovered from the floor of a seaside cave in South Africa and researchers believe the markings indicate that people living there in ancient times were practicing "modern behavior."

The find pushes back by some 35,000 years the earliest

time when biologically modern humans were known to have developed modern behavior, said Christopher S. Henshilwood, first author of a study that appears Friday on Scienceexpress, the online version of the journal Science.

"The theory up until now has been that modern human behavior started only around 40,000 years ago," said Henshilwood, a researcher at State University of New York, Stony Brook, and at the Iziko Museum of Cape Town, South Africa.

He said a list drawn up 30 years ago by archeologists suggested that the yardstick for modern behavior among

ancient people should include evidence of the ability to produce art, such as cave paintings, to make bone tools, and to develop the fairly complex technology needed to catch food, such as fish. Such factors, the experts decided, would suggest that the ancient people had a modern ability to reason, to create, to organize and to plan.

Until now, it was believed that such modern behavior first appeared in Europe.

But Henshilwood said discoveries in the Blombos Cave east of Cape Town on the Indian Ocean show that modern human behavior developed in Africa even earlier than in

Europe. He said the cave contains thousands of pieces of worked ochre, along with polished bone tools and many bones from fish — all signs of modern behavior.

"The whole of South Africa was occupied by a biologically modern people who had evolved about 150,000 years ago," Henshilwood said. Now, he said, "there is no doubt that the people in southern Africa were behaviorally modern 70,000 years ago."

The engraved stone artifacts found in the cave include two pieces of red ochre that had been rubbed on one side to make a flat smooth surface. Ancient craftsmen then carved intricate geometric patterns, cross hatching and diamonds and chiseled lines that crossed through and around the carving.

"The engraving itself is quite a complex geometric pattern. There is a system to the patterns," Henshilwood said. "We don't know what they mean, but they are symbols that I think could have been interpreted by those people as having meaning that would have been understood by others."

He said more than 8,000 other pieces of ochre were found in the cave, many of which had been rubbed smooth as if to make pigment powder.

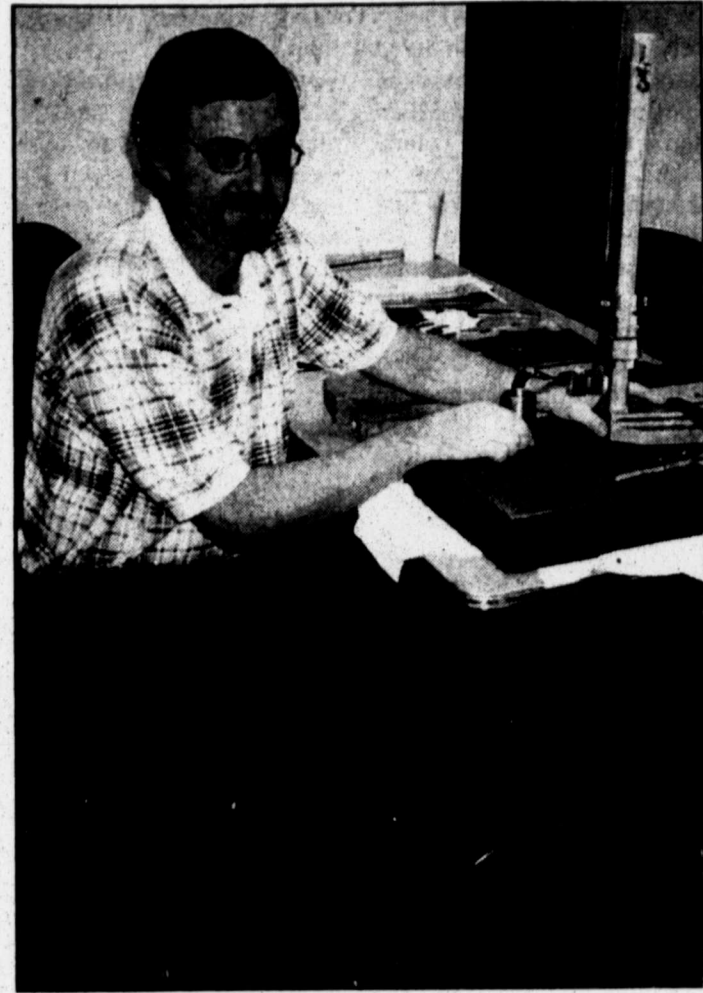
"We think the powder was mixed with animal fat and applied to their bodies as a decoration or to artifacts such as skin bags," Henshilwood said. Ancient peoples in many cultures, he said, have used ochre pigment in similar ways.

The ochre stone, he said, was mined at a site almost 20 miles away. There were other colors of the stone at the mine, but Henshilwood said there was evidence that the ancient peoples concentrated on the red pigment. Use of the pigment may have been used in rituals, marking such things as puberty or childbirth, he said.

Very few sites where ancient modern people may have lived in Africa have been excavated, he said, but he believes that eventually more evidence will be found to confirm the level of civilized practices on that continent 70,000 years ago.

This is in contrast to Europe where thousands of ancient sites have been excavated and there is a rich collection of artifacts proving that modern behavior existed there about 40,000 years ago, he said.

Scholarship deadline



(Courtesy photo)

Using a measuring tool, freshman Bobby Schiffman is working toward an associate and ApTech degree at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Schiffman was one of eight students awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$500 for the fall semester at CCPC. The scholarships are funded by Amarillo Area Foundation through Pampa Center Foundation. Scholarship applications for the spring semester are due at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14 at the CCPC campus, 1601 W. Kentucky. Only students who carried a 2.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled full-time during the 2001 fall semester are eligible to apply. For more information, call 665-8801.

Toys for Tots



(Community Camera photo)

Judy Kidwell and Don Newby, both of Cable One, and Jenny White of Tralee Crisis Center helped collect toys gathered by Cable One during the holidays for the "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Columbine deputy in hot water

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Citing "unacceptable conduct," a sheriff fired a deputy accused of giving conflicting statements about the shooting of a student whose parents say was accidentally killed by an officer during the 1999 Columbine High School massacre.

Relatives of slain student Daniel Rohrbough said Lt. Jim Taylor told them he saw a boy fall to the ground after apparently being shot and realized it was Rohrbough after seeing newspaper photos of him.

But in a Dec. 31 statement, Taylor said he didn't see the shooting and told the family only what he had seen on tele-

vision and read in newspapers. Taylor was fired for his actions Wednesday.

"I am extremely disappointed that false information regarding the tragedy of Columbine High School was provided to the families of the victims of Columbine by a member of my staff," said Arapahoe County Sheriff Pat Sullivan. "I sincerely apologize for the unacceptable conduct of one former member of my organization."

Sullivan said radio tapes and interviews prove Taylor was not in a position to see gunfire or Rohrbough during the shooting.

Taylor did not immediately return a call for comment.

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Disarmament proponents dissatisfied with Bush nuke cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged to cut America's nuclear arsenal by some 4,000 warheads, but as details of the plan become clear disarmament advocates are calling it a shell game because few of the warheads are likely to be destroyed.

"We're certainly not trying to mislead anyone," J.D. Crouch, assistant secretary of defense for international security, insisted Wednesday. He emphasized that the number of operational nuclear warheads that will be available on a moment's notice would be cut by two-thirds over the next decade as Bush pledged in November.

Pentagon officials described to reporters Wednesday the administration's revamped nuclear weapons strategy as a significant break from the past, reflecting the new realities of closer ties with Russia and the need to address a broader range of threats than faced during the Cold War.

The new Nuclear Posture Review, a highly classified blueprint of the nation's strategic nuclear weapons program, calls for reducing the number of operational warheads from about 6,000 today to between 1,700 to 2,200 over the next 10 years.

But the broad review, the

first since 1994, envisions most of those warheads being put in storage, not destroyed, reflecting a concern by defense officials that the weapons might be needed in the future.

Russia, which also has agreed to take thousands of its warheads out of operation, is expected to do the same, said Crouch, noting that no arms control treaty has ever required the specific destruction of warheads.

While most of the government's nuclear plan remains highly classified, what was made public has left arms control advocates disappointed.

"This is a surprisingly modest effort ... given that the president as a candidate had promised a fundamental rethinking of our nuclear weapons posture," said Ivo Daalder, a nuclear arms expert

at the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank.

During the presidential campaign Bush expressed the view — as part of his call for a missile defense system — that the nation's security "need no longer depend on a nuclear balance of terror."

If the administration's new nuclear posture was supposed to demonstrate that nuclear weapons were less important

today, it failed, Daalder said. "The message being sent is that nuclear weapons remain fundamental."

"What the administration is proposing is still very much stuck in a Cold War mentality," said Stephen Schwartz, publisher of the Bulletin for the Atomic Scientist, and a long-time follower of the nuclear arms debate. "They're saying the Cold War is over, but we're

really not sure so they keep all those weapons around."

"It's a high-tech shell game," said Schwartz.

The nuclear review outlines a reduction of operational warheads from the current 6,000 to 3,800 over the next six years, and then a further drop to between 1,700 and 2,200 by 2011.

Crouch gave no estimate on how many of those warheads would be kept in mothballs for possible future use, with redeployment in some cases taking a few months or longer should they be needed.

"There will be weapons that will be destroyed," he said.

As to specifics, Crouch revealed only a decision to destroy 50 Peacekeeper missile silos and remove all warheads, and reducing the fleet of nuclear-armed Trident submarines from 18 to 14.

Defending the mothballing, he said it was only "prudent that we have some responsive capability" to possibly address events "that we cannot foresee at this time."

But arms control advocates fear that putting warheads in storage will encourage the Russians to do that same at a time of continued concern over Russia's ability to secure its stockpile of nuclear materials from theft or diversion.

New claims for jobless benefits drop to lowest level in weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped during the first week of the new year, suggesting the huge wave of layoffs triggered by the recession and the terrorist attacks may be abating.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 58,000 last week to 395,000, the lowest level in three weeks.

This improvement, which came after two weeks of big increases, was about four times the 14,000 decline that many private economists had been forecasting. Analysts said it could be a further sign that labor market is stabilizing after the huge layoffs in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The government on Friday reported that unemployment in December hit a six-year high of 5.8 percent. However, the 124,000 jobs cut from business payrolls during December was sharply down from

the two previous months when 800,000 Americans lost their jobs as travel-related businesses laid off thousands.

Many economists say the recession, which officially began in March, will end in the first half of this year. However, they caution that even after the economy resumes growing the unemployment rate will continue rising for a time as businesses hold back on hiring until they are sure the recovery is sustainable.

Many analysts are forecasting the jobless rate will peak around 7 percent by late summer.

The Federal Reserve, which cut interest rates 11 times last year in an attack on the spreading economic weakness, will hold its first meeting of the new year Jan. 29 and 30 and many economists are predicting one more rate reduction of a quarter point.

The Fed's last rate cut was just a quarter-point, an indication the central bank

was beginning to feel confident it has done enough to guarantee a recovery.

One reason the Fed was able to cut rates so aggressively was an absence of inflationary pressures. A second report Thursday showed that prices of imported goods remained well contained, falling by 0.9 percent in December, the seventh consecutive month that import prices have not increased.

For the whole year, the Labor Department said, import prices were down by a record 8.9 percent, compared to an increase of 3.3 percent in 2000. The improvement reflected a big turnaround in petroleum prices, which had risen by 17.5 percent in 2000 but fell by 8.5 percent last year.

The jobless claims report showed that the four-week moving average for claims, which helps smooth out weekly variations, fell to 410,500 last week, the lowest level since the week of Sept. 15.

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Thursday, January 10

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Children Left Behind 30 Years Ago Still Want to Contact Mom

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "Lost Mother in the Midwest," who suddenly left her family because she was overwhelmed with personal problems and felt unneeded and alone. I know what it's like to be one of the children left behind, and I cannot be silent.

Following are some suggestions I would like to offer for "Lost Mother": First, get professional counseling so you understand what led you to do such a thing. Everyone has problems — that's part of life. However, you must have the courage to face up to what you've done so you can forgive yourself.

Second, when you're stable enough, contact your children to let them know that you're OK and that you realize you mishandled the situation. They need to know that you are seeking help and that you love them. They will be angry, but they are entitled to their feelings. It will begin the healing process. No matter how painful it may be, it is easier than carrying around a lifetime of guilt and pain.

Third, give your family time to sort out their feelings. At first, they may be reluctant to reconcile with you. It will take time and understanding, and may not produce the kind of relationship you are immediately hoping for.

Last, don't delay! Your doubts and fears might cause you to chicken out. You left your family, so it's your responsibility to make the first move. Every day you wait causes more pain and suffering. Life is too short to prolong this separation. It will be worth it in the end. I wish you and your children well.

I speak from experience. Our mom left us when we were very young. It has been 30 years since we've had any contact with her. We've done everything we know to find her, with no luck.

If I could somehow communicate a message to our mom, it would be this: Everyone makes mistakes, but we can try to make up for them. Love and forgiveness can go a long way. The few memories and mementos we have of you suggest that you were a very loving mother. Your children are well-adjusted, happy

people, and we hope this will bring you some comfort. We have forgiven you and want you to know we love you. We still live in the same state where you left us. Life is getting shorter, and we would love to have the opportunity to spend the rest of it with you. So what do you say, Mom? It's your move.

THE SECOND OF THREE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SECOND: I pray your mother sees your letter and realizes how much a reunion would mean to her children. Where there is life, there is hope.

DEAR ABBY: The reader who claimed the funny story about the drunken geese who were plucked because the owner thought they were dead plagiarized it from "Revenge of the Lawn," written and published by Richard Brautigan. The person probably meant no harm, but Mr. Brautigan deserves acknowledgment. If I'm not mistaken, his book came out in the mid-'60s.

CYNTHIA PECK, TORONTO

DEAR CYNTHIA: Thank you for the information. Back in 1985 when I first printed the drunken geese story, no one wrote to inform me that it had been taken from a published book. Interestingly, this time several readers have sent me versions of the story, and all of them have claimed it is a true story from their family history.

I'm pleased that Mr. Brautigan has now received the credit he deserves.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 68440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

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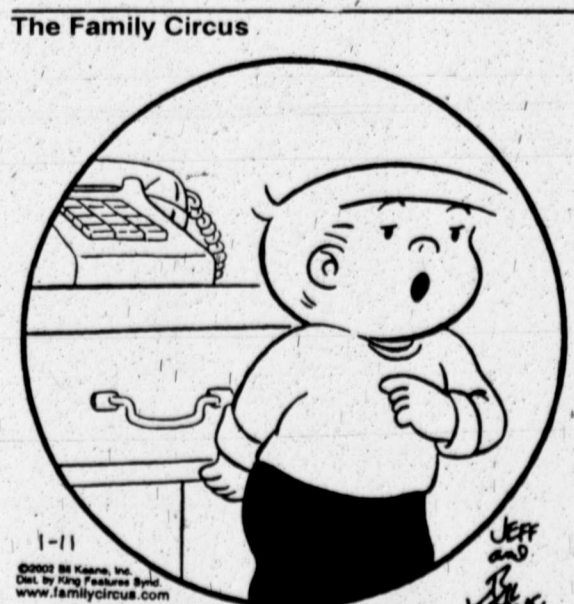
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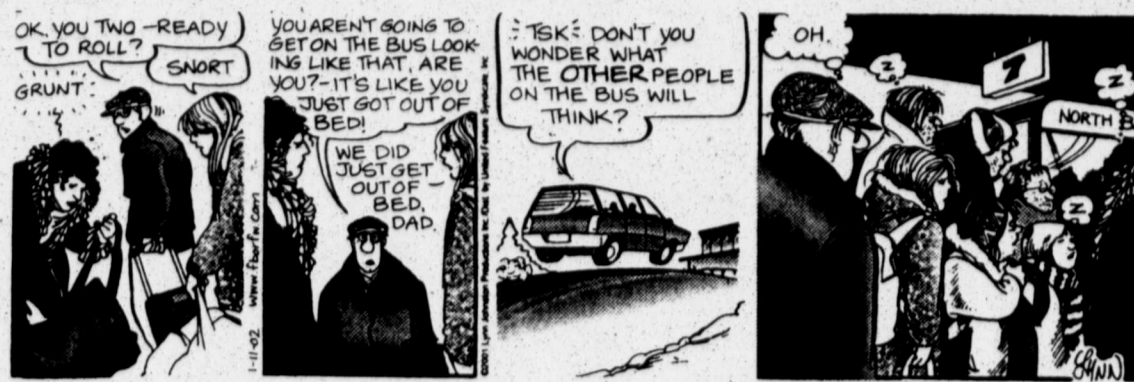


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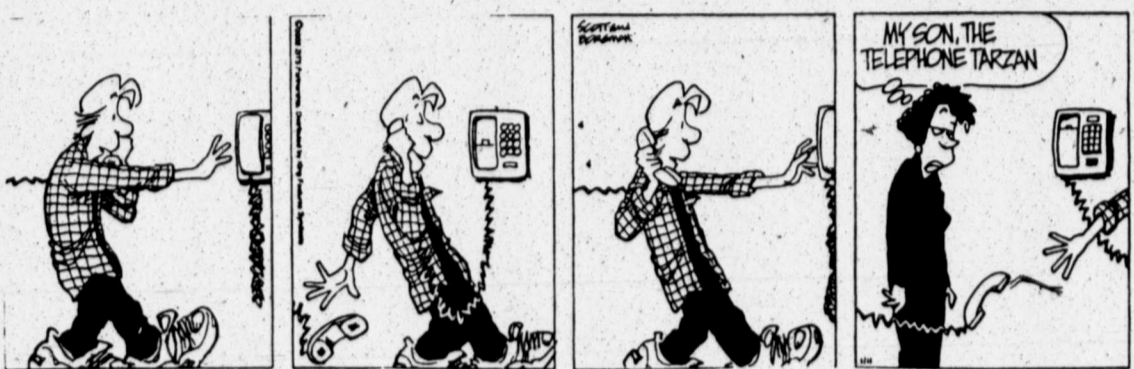
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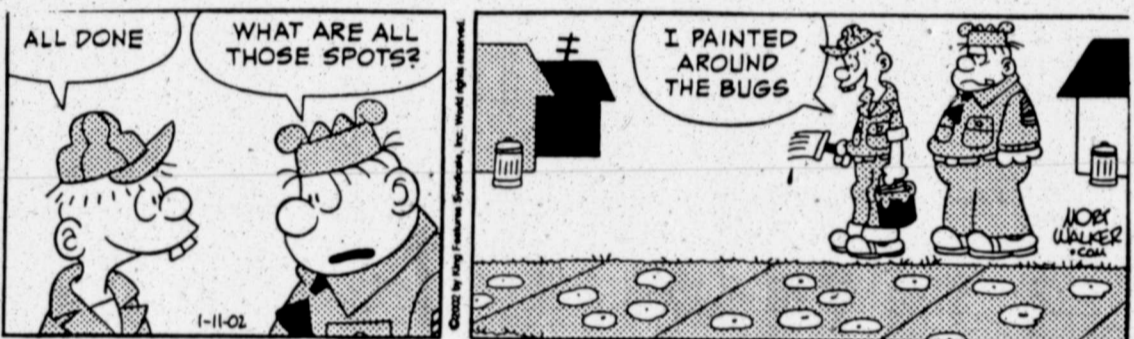
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SPORTS

Red Raiders win 10th consecutive game

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Streaking Texas Tech brought out the best in slumping Texas A&M, but it still wasn't enough.

Kasib Powell scored 12 of his 21 points in the second half and Will Chavis' 3-point basket in the closing minutes helping the Red Raiders hold on for a 72-70 victory over Texas A&M Wednesday night.

The Red Raiders (13-1, 2-0 Big 12) won their 10th straight and are off to a blazing start under first year coach Bob Knight, but still couldn't pull to a comfortable

lead against the Aggies, (6-10, 0-2). The Aggies lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

"On the basis of what I saw tonight, they played better against us than anybody has," Knight said.

"Obviously we made some mistakes," Knight said. "I told our players they were an accident waiting to happen. If you're not careful, you'll be the accident. That turned out to be pretty prophetic."

With the score tied at 60-60, Andy Leatherman took a fast break pass from Bernard King and raced the length of the floor for a layup that gave A&M the lead with 5:08 to play.

Chavis countered with a big 3-pointer with 4:42 that

started a 9-0 run and a 69-62 lead with 2:22 to go. A&M got it back to a one-point 71-70 deficit with 14 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Nick Anderson, two free throws by Leatherman and a 3-point play by Bernard King.

Chavis added a free throw with nine seconds left and King's final 3-point shot at the buzzer missed the mark.

"If we play like this and build on it, we'll get healthy and see where we go from there," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We had a couple of good practices, but it's hard when you have to discipline some players. We hope the ones who are remaining got the message and will come out and carry out the game plan."

Watkins suspended guards Michael Gardner and Daryl Mason on Monday. The Aggies played the second half without starting center Andy Slocum, who broke a bone in his hand in the first half.

Andre Emmett added 17 points for the Red Raiders. King had the sixth triple double in A&M history with 20 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds. Leatherman finished with a career high 17 points.

The Aggies matched the favored Red Raiders shot-for-shot in the early first half, led by Leatherman, making his first start of the season after recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Tech hit 6-for-7 of its first

seven shots and the Aggies, slumping from the field in recent games, hit 7-for-11.

Watkins didn't call a timeout for the final play when King missed a long 3-point attempt.

"I wanted to get it and go. We didn't want a timeout and give them time to set up the defense," Watkins said. "We wanted to go to the basket with the ball. I was looking for the two to tie but we didn't get it."

The Raiders were expecting King to take the big shot. "We knew Bernard was going to shoot it because he's a big time player and big time players take big time shots," Powell said. "He got rid of the ball and fortunately, it was a little off."

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

HIGGINS — Junior forward Jason Hathaway tossed in 22 points to lead Fort Elliott to a 79-44 win over Higgins in District 2-1A action earlier this week.

Junior guard Kade Zybach added 17 points to the Cougars attack.

Zac Scates scored 18 points for Higgins.

In the girls game, Fort Elliott came away with a 38-35 victory.

Mick had 10 points to lead Fort Elliott in scoring.

Mulkey and Rutledge had 8 points to lead Higgins.

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist Club will be having boys' basketball signups tonight through Saturday in the Optimist Club gym.

The basketball program is for boys in the 3rd-4th grades and 5th-6th grades.

Signup times are from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10-11, and from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 12.

Signup fee is \$35.

All persons need to make two of the three signup dates for evaluation.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Billy Wagner agreed Wednesday to a \$27 million, three-year contract with the Houston Astros that makes him among the highest-paid relievers in baseball.

Wagner gets \$8 million in each of the next three seasons. Houston has a \$9 million club option for 2005 with a \$3 million buy-out.

Talks had broken down last month when Wagner sought to have the fourth year of the contract guaranteed.

"I don't think either side ever thought there was any doubt we were going to get this done," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said.

Wagner, 30, said he's more interested in helping the Astros win their first World Series than continuing to pad his statistics as one of the game's most dominant closers.

FOOTBALL

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings called a news conference Thursday to announce their new coach, with interim coach Mike Tice the leading candidate.

Tice emerged this week as the likely replacement for Dennis Green, who was forced out last week with the Vikings heading toward the worst finish in his 10-year tenure.

Owner Red McCombs said Tuesday that Tice, the offensive line coach, headed a list of possible successors. Tice led the Vikings in their final game Monday, a 19-3 loss at Baltimore that capped a 5-11 season.

As acting head coach, Tice met with Green that day to talk about operational issues and a restructuring, and was the person who informed four assistants that day that they wouldn't be retained.

Among the other names floated as the Vikings' possible next coach were Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy and University of Texas coach Mack Brown.

3 Groom players named to 6-man All-State squad

GROOM — Clay Ritter and Clay Britten of Groom have been named to the Six-Man All-State Football Team by the Six-Man Coaches Association.

Ritter, a senior, had 100 tackles and scored three defensive touchdowns for the Tigers this season.

Britten, the Tigers' quarterback, was the only sophomore named to the all-state team.

Ritter was named to the all-state team at linebacker. The 6-4, 185-pounder had three interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. Ritter also had two fumble recoveries, returning one for

a score, and had two sacks.

The 5-9, 180-pound Britten guided Groom to a 12-1 record and a berth in the quarterfinals. He completed 81 of 124 passes for 1,572 yards and 32 touchdowns.

He threw just two interceptions.

Groom's Trey Britten was named to the second team as a defensive lineman. Britten had 59 tackles, eight sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Kicker Hal Rogers of Miami was named to the second team, and his teammate, running back Jimmy James, was named honorable mention at safety.

Texas Tech women defeated by Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The way Missouri's Karensa Barr sized it up, playing No. 10 Texas Tech wasn't much different that playing anyone else in what she considers a balanced Big 12.

On Wednesday night, Barr made her case.

"I know that any team can be beat, especially at home in our conference because it's so even," Barr said after scoring 19 points as the unranked Tigers (10-3, 1-1 Big 12) upset the cold-shooting Lady Raiders 82-71. "We think we can beat anyone in our conference, especially at home."

Evan Unrau and Natalie Bright added 16 points apiece for the Tigers, while Melanie Fisher had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Texas Tech (9-4, 1-2) trailed 34-32 at halftime but shot just 38 percent — 12-of-23 — in the second half, at one point leading 61-60 with 6:02 left before the Tigers pulled away with a 22-10 run down the stretch.

The Tigers connected on 54 percent of their second-half shots against a Lady Raiders team that struggled inside and never really found its touch for the second-straight game. In an 80-68 home loss Saturday to Oklahoma, Texas Tech

missed 17 of its first 18 shots, fell behind 24-3 and never recovered, ultimately trailing by as many as 25 points in the second half.

Against Missouri, Texas Tech missed 15 of its 20 3-point attempts — going just 2-of-13 from behind the arc in the second half — and finished 26-of-60 overall from the field for 43 percent. The Lady Raiders also were outscored by nine points from the free-throw line and outrebounded 44-21.

The outcome had Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp shaking her head.

"It's a little frustrating, obviously. It's tough for us to handle what we're going through right now," she said, saying her team played "stagnant" in the second half. "I think the bottom line for us is that it's hard to run offense when you've absolutely got no post play, and we're looking at that right now. To (Missouri's) credit, they really took advantage of that and took it to the paint, where we're weak."

Jia Perkins had 20 points for Texas Tech on 10-of-17 shooting before fouling out with 4:30 left. Amber Tarr added 18 points despite missing seven of her 10 3-point tries.

Sub announcer



(Photo by Grover Black)

Lady Harvester basketball player Lindsey Narron has joined KGRO-Radio sports announcer Donnie Hooper behind the microphone for the Pampa boys games. Narron volunteered to help Hooper with the play by play for the last two games while Hooper's broadcast partner Sam White is on a business trip. Above, Narron and Hooper (left) are at the Pampa-Randall game Tuesday night in the Randall High Activity Center.

Newton indicted on federal counts

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury has indicted former pro football offensive guard Nate Newton on federal drug-trafficking counts.

The indictment, dated Tuesday, alleges that Newton and three other suspects conspired to possess and distribute marijuana.

Newton, who lives in East Ellijay, Ga., is a six-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman who helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls in the

1990s.

He spent 14 seasons in the NFL, 13 with Dallas. He retired last year after a season with the Carolina Panthers.

Newton, 40, has been held without bail at a detention center in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb, since his arrest on Dec. 12. At the time, he was free on \$100,000 bail in connection with similar charges in Louisiana a few weeks earlier. Newton was driving a van

following another vehicle when Louisiana state police arrested him with 213 pounds of marijuana and \$18,000 in cash.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 11, 2002

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)

*** Do research in the morning, as the afternoon becomes more demanding. You're on call, whether you know it or not. Don't explode at someone's inadequacies. That is why this person looks to you for help. This person knows that he or she has a problem. Tonight: Once again, others want your suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your mind might be already gone for the weekend, even if your body is still at work. Face facts: You might as well call it an early day. Clear out calls. Network. You excel in social interactions. Don't forget someone at a distance. Tonight: Go to a jazz tavern or a blues haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Deal with others individually and success will greet you. What you discover is that people might not want to share as much as you would like them to. Someone might just blow his or her fuse rather than reveal what's on his or her mind. Be compassionate and understanding. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Your fun nature emerges despite someone's change of plans or information that you hear. Don't be uptight with someone. Don't listen to gossip. Stay even-tempered when dealing with those in your life, as they present different options. Stay upbeat and

positive.

Tonight: Be a social animal. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Someone might push your buttons before you're even out the door this morning. As a result, you throw yourself into work, determined to get the job done. You relax through concentrating and accomplishing. Call a friend and make plans. Tonight: Get a good workout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Someone might be clearly out of sorts with an emotional collision in the morning. Respond to others in your day-to-day life. Be grateful as people lighten up your mood. A flirtation could grow and become more. Trust. Tonight: Dance away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Someone whom you count on is on a tear. Review your decisions carefully, especially at work. Sloppiness in any way, shape or form could cause a problem or snafu. Close your door when balancing and checking all financial figures. You cannot be careful enough. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Take a hint from today's Libra message, especially involving your finances. Avoid risks. You, however, could be the person on a tear — out of control trying to accomplish way too much. Slow down! Be cautious and develop a detail-oriented approach. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Someone charges right in and could let you know exactly what he or she feels and thinks. Don't allow a situation to get out of control. Listen more

carefully to someone's sharing. Realize your limits with certain individuals, especially if trying to stabilize an emotional situation. Tonight: Treat someone to munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You could have a blow-out in the morning. Though you might feel better, it could take another temper tantrum before you are heard. Remain sure of yourself when meeting someone's challenges. Your sense of humor goes far in relaxing those around you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** An unanticipated expenditure could cause you a problem. Rather than discussing the problem, you withdraw into your cocoon and work it out. Review a situation in your head. You not only find the solution, but also decide how to avoid this problem in the future. Tonight: Do what's good for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Understand that you could be exhausted. You react strongly in the morning to different items. Relax in the afternoon, making plans for the weekend. A meeting turns from businesslike to extremely social. What occurred in the a.m. quickly becomes the past. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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Youth hunt shelved at Meredith NRA

FRITCH — A special youth hunt scheduled Jan. 19-20 by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will not be allowed at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area (LMNRA). While the special youth season is shown in the hunting guide, this second youth hunt will not take place at Lake Meredith NRA since it calls for antlerless deer which may not be taken within the recreation area.

The deer population at LMNRA is not near or at carrying capacity. Management practices do not allow harvest of antlerless deer unless the population is sufficient. "We feel it would not be wise to take antlerless deer at this time," said acting superintendent Lonnie Pingree. In addition, there is a safety concern due to the presence of bird hunters during this same time period.

The State of Texas has a law regarding carrying concealed weapons with a permit. The permit does not allow a person to carry a concealed weapon on federal property such as Lake Meredith NRA. The only time an individual may pack a loaded weapon on the National Recreation Area is when they are hunting in accordance with all applicable laws and seasons. Hunters are permitted to use center fire handguns and to carry such weapons in addition to a rifle or shotgun while they are hunting with LMNRA boundaries.

It is against federal regulations to have a loaded weapon in a vehicle or to target shoot within LMNRA or Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

The hunting of non-game animals such as songbirds, birds of prey, rodents, reptiles and predators is prohibited with the exception that rabbit, coyote and raccoon may be hunted in the Recreation Area from Oct. 27, 2001, through Feb. 24, 2002. The maintenance of a natural balance between predator and prey species is essential to the management

of the NRA and Monument. Limiting the killing of reptiles and predators ensures rodent populations will be kept in balance.

It is illegal to release livestock in LMNRA or the Flint Quarries for any reason. The hunting of feral livestock is also prohibited, including feral pigs. The Recreation Area has not resident population, although a very small number of feral pigs occasionally enter the area. Feral livestock compete with wildlife for food and will be controlled by management action.

While all pets, including dogs, must be kept under physical control (leashed or caged) within the Recreation Area and Monument, an exemption is made for hunting activities. Dogs may be used in support of hunting activities for game birds and raccoon in accordance with Texas regulations.

Deer stands may be used within the Recreation Area as long as they do not damage any natural features or trees. Deer stands must be removed within 24 hours of their last use.

Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited as it introduces exotic food items to the Recreation Area and alters the feeding habits of any animal encountering such meals.

Specific areas of the Recreation Area are closed to hunting due to safety reasons. A map of these areas may be obtained at park headquarters.

Regulations are posted on bulletin boards at all entrances to LMNRA. Copies may be obtained at headquarters or the ranger station at Sanford-Yake. Hunters and visitors are reminded to check on the current status of fire restrictions before building campfires.

For statewide information on hunting seasons and hunter education courses, visit Texas Parks and Wildlife website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/.

China missile arsenal impressive

WASHINGTON (AP) — China is expected to have as many as 100 long-range nuclear missiles aimed at the United States by 2015, many of them on hard-to-find mobile launchers, a new CIA report says.

China sees a larger, mobile force as necessary to maintain its nuclear deterrent against the United States, says the report. "Foreign Missile Developments and the Ballistic Missile Threat Through 2015."

The report, released Wednesday, also says North Korea and Iran will probably possess long-range missiles capable of reaching the United States by the same year.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi said Thursday that China would strengthen its national defense "in accordance with its own needs."

"I have no details on the specific report," he said, "but I think such matters are merely baseless speculation."

Similar assessments have been used to justify U.S. plans for multibillion-dollar missile defense systems capable of shooting down a limited ICBM attack on the continental United States.

Last month President Bush used the threat of missile attack by terrorists as a reason for the United States to pull out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with Russia.

"I have concluded the ABM treaty hinders our government's ability to develop ways to protect our people from future terrorist or rogue state missile attacks," the president said.

But the new report says terrorists aren't expected to employ long-range missiles to deliver nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction on the United States.

"Ships, trucks, airplanes and other means may be used," it says. Hostile countries may employ similar means, it says.

These delivery methods can be used covertly, are cheaper and more accurate than non-U.S. ICBMs, and avoid any

missile defenses, the report says.

Currently, China has about 20 silos with CSS-4 nuclear ICBMs that are capable of reaching the United States, the report says. Another dozen nuclear missiles can reach tar-

gets in Russia and Asia. It also has a few medium-range submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and probably only one submarine from which to launch them.

The report is an unclassified summary of a National Intelligence Estimate, which draws together information and analyses from the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies about foreign countries' missile development programs.

The Chinese military is developing three new missile systems, two truck-launched missiles and a new submarine-launched missile, all of which could be fielded by 2010, the report says. The Chinese may also be able to mount multiple-independent re-entry vehicles — MIRVs — on its older silo-based missiles. These enable a single missile to launch warheads at several targets, vastly increasing the missile's potential damage.

China sees an expanded ICBM force as necessary to overcome a U.S. missile defense system — and therefore maintain its ability to strike the U.S. mainland. This would provide a deterrent during a conflict over Taiwan.

While U.S. officials insist the missile defense program is to defeat strikes by North Korea and other "rogue" nations, some of those proposed defenses might be sufficient to shoot down all 20 Chinese ICBMs. Analysts say that having a missile defense system would give the U.S. more freedom to go to war over Taiwan, should China invade it.

Arguing for such a system, Bush suggested earlier this year that a rogue state might not be restrained by the fear of nuclear annihilation as the Soviet Union was.

Pageant winner



(Courtesy photo)

Danielle Zuniga recently competed in All-Star National Pageant and won "Overall Talent" and "Best Dressed Holiday Wear." In addition, she was first runner-up in "Modeling." She is now eligible to compete in the national pageant to be held this summer in Dallas. Her parents are Daniel and Jeanna Zuniga. She studies dance under the direction of Madeline Graves.

OHS/WIC to offer 'The Scoop on Fat'

Most Americans place losing weight high on their list of New Year's resolutions, but for many of us it is a difficult goal to attain.

"It is quicker and easier to grab lunch at a fast food restaurant in today's fast-paced world, than to plan and prepare a well-balanced brown bag lunch," says Ann Latham, licensed nutritionist and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) assistant director for Outreach Health Services (OHS). But Latham says, our favorite fast foods contain hidden calories in the form of fats, and these extra calories can make losing weight or eating a healthy diet difficult.

From January to March 2002, OHS/WIC clinics throughout Texas are offering an education program that provides information about the fast foods we eat and simple steps to help us make healthier eating choices.

Called "The Fat Scoop," this nutrition education class teaches how to fix healthy and tasty lunches and is free to WIC recipients. "We will teach pregnant women and mothers with young children how to pack a nutritious and healthy lunch that is low in fat calories, but high in flavor," Latham said.

Confused over the terms saturated and unsaturated fats? Do you know which fats are good for you and which should be avoided? The OHS "Fat Scoop" class identifies foods high in "bad fats," helps mother reduce fat in their children's diets, and teaches how to make smart choices when eating out. The program also demonstrates how fat is not always visible in the foods we eat.

The American Heart Association (AHA) reminds us that eating too much saturated fat increases the risk of coronary

artery disease (clogged arteries) and heart attacks by raising a person's blood cholesterol level. Too many calories, too much fat, and too much sugar can also contribute to other conditions such as diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure and obesity.

Food Facts
—AHA urges us to limit the amount of fat in our diets to 30 percent of our daily caloric intake.

—Only 8- to 9-percent of our daily caloric intake should be saturated fat and only up to 25 percent should be unsaturated fat.

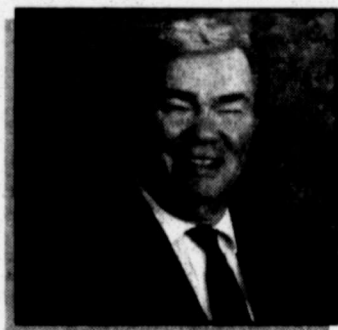
—No all fats are bad for you. Good fats do good things for you such as provide energy, help keep you warm, protect vital organs, carry Vitamins A, D, E and K and help keep your hormone system healthy.

—The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children age two and older should receive most of their calories from grain products, fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy products and lean meat, poultry, fish and nuts.

—A Quarter Pounder with cheese has nearly seven teaspoons of fat. One teaspoon equals one gram of fat. One gram of fat equals nine calories. Do the math before ordering the next takeout meal.

—An example of a healthy, tasty meal would be: Ham sandwich on wheat bread (1/4 teaspoon fat), lettuce, tomato, green pepper rings (0 fat), mustard (0 fat), carrots (0 fat), Yoplait Low Fat Yogurt (1/2 teaspoon fat) and bottled water (0 fat).

For more information on healthy food choices and fun physical activities for the entire family, contact OHS Pampa WIC Clinic, 1201 N. Hobart, at (806) 665-1182.



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