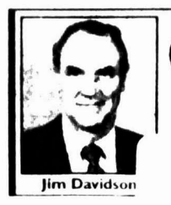
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Pigs, PEDC dominate '01 politics

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pigs and Pampa Economic Development Commission (PEDC) were the most talked about topics of conversation in Pampa and Gray County during the last six months of 2001.

When the announcement came on July 6 at a local civic club that a hog research facility, National Pig Development (NPD) of North Carolina had plans to locate 11 miles east of Pampa, area residents had a mixed reaction.

Some residents viewed the announcement as an economic blessing while other felt a deep concern for the environment.

Susan Tripplehorn, PEDC executive director, told the Pampa Kiwanis Club on July 6 that NPD would be holding a public meeting on July 10 to explain the hog operation to the public.

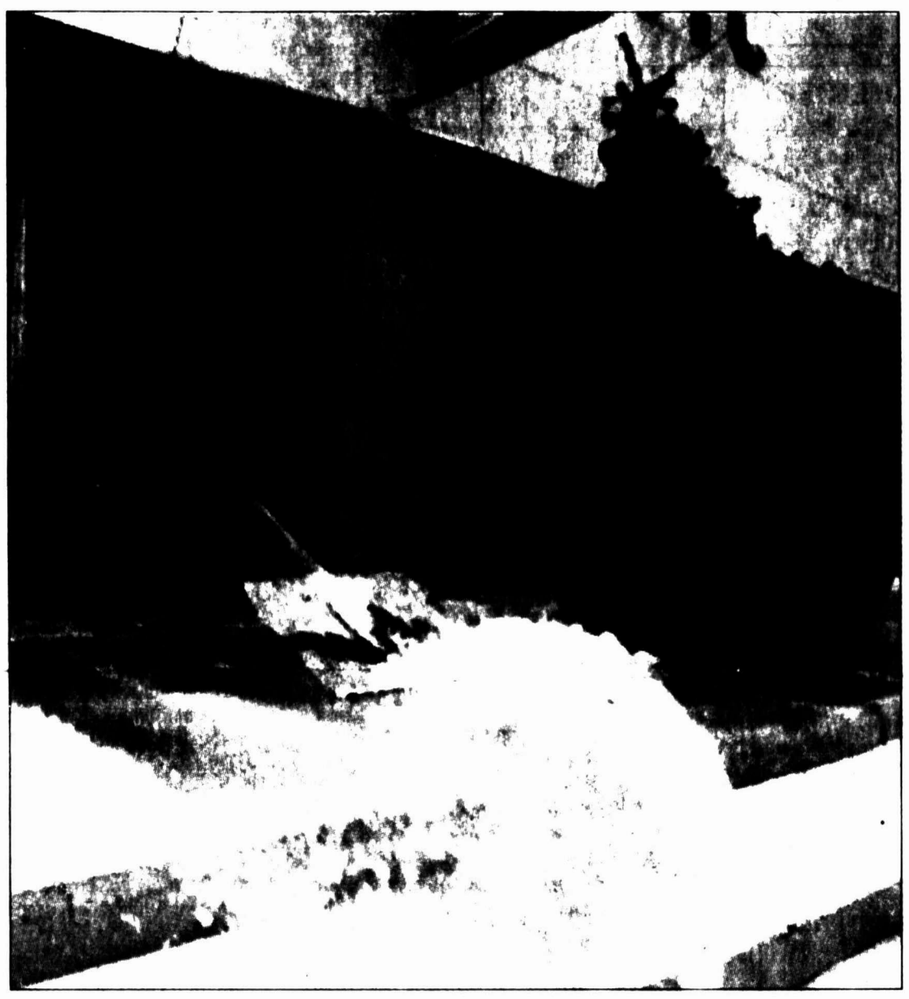
The PEDC paid for the executives from NPD to stay in a motel as well as their transportation to Pampa from North Carolina.

Tripplehorn and board members explained that any business considering coming into the Pampa area were treated in the same manner.

Board members were welcoming businesses which would help the community to grow after being on the decline.

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Snow jobs



(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Joey Garcia, above, clears the sidewalk in front of Tarpley Music Co. on Monday following the snowfall Pampa received Sunday. Mac Martinez, below, with the City of Pampa, braves the frigid 20-degree weather to spray de-icer on the sidewalk near the entrance to City Hall.



A new mayor, new year arrive at Times Square

By DUNSTAN PRIAL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite the freezing temperatures and the stifling security, Jessica Talavera knew she couldn't spend this New Year's Eve anyplace but in Times Square.

New Mayor Michael Bloomberg shared her sentiment.

"We're here to celebrate the greatest holiday in the world in the greatest city in the world," said Talavera, 25, of Peoria, N.J., as she stood wrapped in an American flag. "The terrorists tried to bring us down, but we're still standing strong."

Her feelings echoed throughout Times Square, where an estimated 500,000 revelers stood Tuesday morning to greet the new year and the city's new mayor amid intense security in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I think this says everything to the whole world," Bloomberg said after reciting the oath of office to become the 108th mayor. "No one's going to beat us. We are the greatest people and we care about each other, and we are here tonight to celebrate together."

Both the goodbye to 2001 and the hello to Bloomberg came off without a hitch. Bloomberg was sworn in shortly after the Waterford crystal ball dropped from One Times Square to signal the arrival of the new year.

His predecessor, Rudolph Giuliani, administered the oath of office in an unprecedented televised ceremony. The pair hugged after Bloomberg, who

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Poll: Americans see economic recovery, more terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Americans believe the country is headed in the right direction and that their own finances will get better, an Associated Press poll says. But they also fear more terrorist attacks are likely in 2002.

Seven in 10 Americans believe there will be another terrorist attack in the near future, although their worry is less intense than it was a few months ago, according to the AP poll.

"I think terrorism is not done yet, we have to be a little leery," said Ron Kaiser, a 33-year-old employee of a medical products company in Buffalo, N.Y. "I think we're too sophisticated a country to miss a major attack coming. It's more likely to be little things, like things in the mail."

The number of people who believe a terrorist attack is "very likely" in the near future has dropped by half — from 48 percent to 23 percent — since October, according to the poll taken for The AP by ICR of Media, Pa. An additional 47 percent in the new poll thought another terrorist attack was "somewhat likely."

The poll of 1,013 people, taken Dec. 14-18, has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The interviews were conducted before the arrest of a man on a Paris to Miami flight who allegedly had bombs in his shoes. Several people surveyed said in follow-up interviews that arrest hadn't changed their view about the likelihood of future attacks.

While they remain worried about terrorism, Americans are increasingly optimistic about the direction of the country. More than half — 56 percent — said they think the country is headed in the right path. A year ago, slightly more people thought the country was on the wrong track than felt it was headed in the correct

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Marines in combat gear leave Kandahar

By MATT KELLEY
And JOHN MOORE
Associated Press Writers

Combat-ready U.S. Marines launched a mission Monday to capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, thought to be hiding in the remote mountains of central Afghanistan, Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said.

"If he's there, he'll be arrested," Karzai told The Associated Press in Kabul. "We are determined to see him arrested."

Dozens of Marines boarded CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters at their base in Kandahar, Omar's hometown and the Taliban's final stronghold in southern Afghanistan. The helicopters, which can hold up to 25 soldiers each, took off toward the northwest just before sunset.

A B-52 bomber and fighter jet also could be seen headed in the same direction.

Also Monday, a U.S. special forces soldier was shot in the leg when his unit came under fire on a road outside of the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, officials said. The wound was not life-threatening and the unit was rescued, said Lt. Cmdr. Matt Klee, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

Afghan officials think Omar may be in the Baghran area, a remote, mountainous region about 100 miles northwest of Kandahar. A U.S. intelligence official said Monday that American officials also think Omar probably is there.

Pentagon officials confirmed a mission was under way but refused to comment further, saying to do so could endanger those involved. Officials at the Central Command, based in Tampa, Fla.,

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LOCAL

White Deer resident suffers spinal injury in vehicle roll-over

Paul Thompson, White Deer resident and former Pampan, was involved in a serious accident on Dec. 6 when his vehicle was struck by a drunk driver causing it to roll.

He is the husband of Alice Thompson and the father of Pampa resident Donna Caskey and former Pampa residents Staci Cochran and Rick Thompson.

He received a central spinal cord injury in the accident and is now in:

St. David's Rehab Center
1005 E. 32st #304
Austin, TX 78705
1-512-867-5370

Friends of the family said all cards and calls would be greatly appreciated.

A fund for Thompson has been established at the First Bank & Trust Company in White Deer to help with medical costs.

STATE

Plane violates air space at presidential ranch

CRAWFORD (AP) — A small plane violated a flight-restricted area over President Bush's ranch on Monday, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The FAA official, who did not give his name, said the inadvertent intrusion occurred Monday afternoon.

Two F-16s that patrol the area around the ranch escorted the plane to the ground in Gatesville.

DEATHS

No deaths were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

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POLICE

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

Monday, December 31

Raul Jose Moya Garza, 20, 821 W. Kingsmill, was arrested on warrants out of Hale County for resisting arrest, violation of probation.

Ashlay Amanda Medley, 18, 928 S. Sumner, was arrested on capias profine warrants for minor in possession and driving with license suspended.

Ricky Spiller, 18, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested on a capias profine warrant for no seatbelt.

Michael Blaylock, 18, 1324, was arrested for prohibited weapons and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Julie M. Swanson, 35, 847 S. Gordon, 35, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief.

Tuesday, January 1

Robby Leon Holt, 23, 1605 Coffee, was arrested for public intoxication.

Deborah Desarae Hilton, 19, 418 Wynne, was arrested for making alcohol available to minors and possession of methamphetamines.

Michael Hinds, 39, 1738 S. Christy, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug free zone, possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

Johnny Aufleger, 26, 528 Naida, was arrested for making alcohol available to minors.

Timothy Ferris, 19, 1216 Darby, was arrested for minor in possession.

Marian Turner, 21, Miami, was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor.

Luston Lynn Samuel, 48, 404 Somerville, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

FIRE

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

Monday, Dec. 31

1:20 p.m. – Two units and five firefighters responded to a one-car rollover 10 miles north of Pampa on Texas Highway 70. The call was cancelled before arrival.

2:13 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Alcock and Christy streets. No injuries were reported.

3:57 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

4:58 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

9:24 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

10:11 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a false alarm at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

11:06 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill. No fire was found. Smoke seen coming from the roof was steam from a heater vent.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

2:48 a.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the week of Dec. 24 through Dec. 30. Currently 17 persons are incarcerated in the Carson County jail and an additional 17 prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

Week of Dec. 24-Dec. 30

Jesus Garcia, 25, Amarillo was arrested on Randall County warrants.

Brian Trantham, 34, Conway, Ark., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than one gram, but less than four grams.

Stoney McCarty, 21, Amarillo, was arrested on a Potter County warrant.

Misty Ramby, 24, Amarillo, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Rick Sugera, 18, Panhandle, was arrested for minor in possession and minor in consumption and driving under the influence - minor.

Sidney Nicholson, 21, Culver City, Calif., 21, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance more than four grams but less than 400 grams and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Patti Smith, 33, White Deer, was arrested for hindering apprehension.

Marhonda Yarger, 36, Panhandle, was arrested for driving while license suspended and warrants out of Colorado.

Brian Felker, 22, Panhandle, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Letron Burruss, 29, Rockvilled, Md., was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

D'Ann Slattery, 32, White Deer, was arrested for aggravated assault causing bodily injury - domestic and interference with emergency telephone communications.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1

James Leroy Logan, 40, 1601 W. Somerville, #207, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Dec. 31

11:45 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transferred to to BSA-West, Amarillo.

1:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to 10 miles north of Pampa on Texas Highway 70. No transport.

2:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to BSA-West, Amarillo, and transferred one to a local nursing center.

2:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Alcock and Christy streets. No transport.

7:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

9:17 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transferred one to PRMC.

11:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

1:20 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

<*J>Today, cloudy with areas of fog and a 30 percent chance of light snow. Highs 25 to 30. Light and variable winds, becoming east 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight, cloudy with areas of fog and a 30 percent chance of light snow. Lows 15 to 20. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, cloudy in the morning with areas of fog and a 20 percent chance of snow becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Highs 25 to 30. Light and variable winds. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows around 16. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 40 to 45. Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow. Lows 25 to 30. Highs near 45.

STATEWIDE

<*J>Light snow was expected across parts of Texas on Tuesday, with temperatures mostly in the 10s.

But no significant accumulation was expected, and the cloudy skies of Tuesday were expected to turn into mostly sunny skies on Wednesday, with highs pushing above freezing. Temperatures were expected to rise into the 40s by Friday and Saturday.

The National Weather Service issued a snow advisory throughout West Texas, particularly the Panhandle and South Plains, with highs in the 30s for Wednesday, dropping into the low teens Wednesday night. Highs should be in the 40s by Thursday, falling again next weekend into the 20s.

Periods of snow were expected throughout Tuesday in the San Angelo area, tapering to scattered snow showers, with total snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible. The weather service said temperatures should be cold with highs around 30. Skies should clear by late afternoon on Wednesday.

But far West Texas is expecting no snow. It was expected to be mostly sunny on Tuesday with highs near 50, cooling to the mid-20s on Tuesday night.

The snow advisory also covered the eastern hill country and northern portions of South Central Texas. Sleet or snow Tuesday morning was expected to change by late afternoon to all snow. Accumulations of about 1 inch were expected before snow changes to rain on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For South Texas, skies were expected to be cloudy with rain and showers, changing to snow on Tuesday night.

It was expected to be cloudy and cold with light snow Tuesday night, except for possibly rain and sleet on the coast. Wednesday should be cloudy, with a chance of light snow in the morning, decreasing in the afternoon, with highs climbing into the upper 30s. But Wednesday night should be clear and very cold, with lows from 16 to 25 inland and near 30 on the coast.

Even the Rio Grande plains expects rain mixed with sleet or snow in northern portions on Tuesday night, with lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, highs should be in the middle to high 40s before turning cold again on Wednesday night.

A winter weather advisory was in effect Tuesday over North Texas, with a chance of snow and sleet throughout the region. Highs should not get out of the 30s.

Any snow should end in southwest areas of North Texas by midnight Tuesday. But lows will be in the 20s, except for lows in the 20s generally, except for lows in the mid-teens in far northwest portions of North Texas. Temperatures should plunge into the teens by Wednesday night.

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Some question whether authorities caught serial killers, despite much official pressure

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Authorities in this rough border city are again trying to convince people they've broken a series of rape-murders that have claimed 76 young women since 1993.

Few believe it. In the six years since police first announced they had solved the murders, each round of new arrests has been followed by the discovery of more bodies.

The latest arrests — two men charged with killing eight women whose largely skeletal remains were found in a gully in November — are similar to previously ballyhooed apprehensions. There is no physical evidence, and the case against the men is based on confessions they allege were extracted by police torture.

Bodies of women continue to turn up in the desert, as do allegations of sloppy investigation and evidence tampering by police, charges that also dogged cases against the previous 20 men arrested.

Even some investigators are upset. One top investigator for Chihuahua state police, who asked to remain anonymous until his resignation is made formal, said the most recent arrests appear to be a frame-up.

Opening a blue plastic bag, he took out a yellow-brown, jawless skull of a woman. "We found this two days ago, not a mile from police headquarters," he said.

It is unclear how the woman died. Her skull had probably lain in the desert for at least six months and may have been partially chewed by dogs or desert rats after her death — a common fate for the young victims whose bodies have turned up by the dozens around Juarez, which sits across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas.

Most of the 76 victims were mere skeletons, but forensic tests on better-preserved corpses determined they had been raped, beaten and strangled. They were all young, slim, dark-haired and were last seen walking on a street or boarding a bus. All were found partly clothed.

"The only thing we know about the real killers is that they will keep on killing," the investigator said.

President Vicente Fox was so upset by the continuing murders that he ordered federal investigators onto the case — and he said he would accept help from the FBI, a serious step in a nation touchy about interference from its northern neighbor.

State prosecutors have broadcast a half-hour videotape of heavily edited confessions by the two suspects in the eight rape-murders discovered in November.

The women apparently were killed over a span of 15 months. The two men were arrested three days after the bodies were found as prosecutors faced a public outcry over yet another spate of murders.

The suspects — bus driver Victor Garcia Uribe and his friend Gustavo Gonzalez Meza — are shown on the tape woodenly answering off-camera prompting about their alleged participation in the slayings.

"Yeah, some of them were wearing little strap blouses that practically didn't cover anything," Gonzalez Meza is heard saying in one of the few points at which he shows any emotion.

The tape also features an unidentified young girl saying Garcia tried to seduce her aboard his bus and a woman who claims he raped her in a car in 1996.

Defense lawyers say the two suspects were tortured into confessing, the same claim made by most of the 20 suspects arrested since 1994 for previous murders. Only a handful were ever convicted, and some of those convictions were overturned on appeal.

Prosecutors deny the men were tortured. But Carlos Gutierrez Casas, warden of the prison where the two suspects are detained, said a medical report he ordered shows the men had injuries, "mostly bruises," when police brought them in.

Two days after making that statement — and on the same day he agreed to allow The Associated Press to interview the prisoners — he was replaced as warden, and the interview was canceled. Prison officials would not say why he was replaced.

Uncle sought on charge of aggravated sexual assault of child

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child has been filed against the uncle of a 6-year-old girl who was found dead in her bedroom two weeks ago.

Brittany Michelle Lange was found dead by her mother about 6 a.m. on Dec. 18 in a mobile home park outside New Braunfels.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Jason Wayne Johnson, 31, based upon tests performed by the Bexar County medical examiner's office.

Comal County District Attorney Dib Waldrip said "biological trace evidence recovered from the girl's body" helped investigators obtain the warrant for Johnson.

"He was present when emergency personnel were summoned," Waldrip said. "I think he carried the girl to the ambulance, and we believe he was present at or near the time of death."

Johnson is a white male with several tattoos. He has green eyes, brown hair and stands 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. Officials said he has worked as a tattoo artist and has been known to live in New Braunfels, rural Comal County, San Antonio, and the Houston and Galveston areas.

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POLITICS

economically. Forty-five new jobs was good news to the area.

It was a matter-of-fact decision that was a contributing factor in the dismantling of the PEDC in November.

When the public gathered at M.K. Brown Auditorium that Tuesday night, many questions were on the people's minds.

How many pigs would be located at the facility and environmental concerns were among the top issues.

Executives spoke to the people on hand and explained that a 3,700 farrow to finish operation would be located in the county, bringing in approximately 45 jobs.

Many of the people at the public meeting opposed the location of pigs in the Pampa area and organized after that meeting.

Throughout the summer, many meetings were held by people concerned about the environmental damage to the area.

Damage to the Ogallala Aquifer (water supply), the soil, and the air were concerns expressed by the group.

Local residents were concerned about the odor the swine might bring to the area. Lagoons for the hog waste were a prime concern, also.

What many people described as the most divisive issue in the history of Pampa lead to the group securing more than 1,700 signatures on a petition to bring the issue of dissolving the PEDC to a vote in September.

Several Pampa and area residents were angered when they learned the PEDC paid for rental of M.K. Brown Auditorium to hold a public meeting for NPD officials to answer questions aboutr their planned move to the area.

The request for the election came after several Pampa citizens questioned the financial condition of the PEDC, claiming the organization was $2.5 million in debt. It was also on the heels of NPD's efforts to move to Gray County.

PEDC advocates said the meeting was to explain about the pig operation, stating that NPD is a private business and may locate anywhere they are approved.

The election in November saw one of the largest turnouts in voter history at the polls. By days end, voters vetoed the organization by 1,786 to 1,404 votes. Over 25 percent of the local residents voted in the election.

Pampa was the first city in Texas to vote out an EDC.

An official from the Secretary of State's office was on hand for the election. No irregularities were determined in her report.

As the dismantling of the economic development group began following the election, all PEDC board members at the time of the public meeting-Richard Stowers, Lee Porter, Darville Orr, Jerry Foote and Richard Mullenax- resigned.

New board members lead by Dalton Lewis were appointed by the Pampa City Council to dismantle the taxing entity. Lewis was a leader in the election movement.

As the year 2002 begins, the issue of the pigs is still in the forefront.

Two meetings are scheduled on the issue next week. The anti-pig forces have a speaker coming to Pampa on Monday night while the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission will be holding a rare public meeting in Pampa on Tuesday.

At the request of State Rep. Warren Chisum, the TNRCC agreed to hold a meeting in Pampa before their decision is made whether to license NPD's operation.

TNRCC must approve all confined animal feeding operations.

The issue of the pigs is one that is certain not to go away soon.

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was endorsed by fellow Republican Giuliani, finished his recitation.

"Take care of these people," Giuliani advised his replacement. The crowd, which earlier sang along with "God Bless America," serenaded Giuliani and his successor with a raucous version of "New York, New York."

Bloomberg had said his high-profile inauguration was indicative of the city's recovery. Many in the crowd said they had responded to the ex-mayor's post-Sept. 11 call to help New York get back on its feet.

"I think it's especially important to celebrate here this year because of all that has happened," said Mellonie Meitin, 30, of Miami, who was in Times Square on her first trip to New York.

"Even though we're from Miami and we didn't lose anyone Sept. 11, we feel for the people who did," she said.

Red, white and blue were the dominant colors at the 97th annual event. Many people waved small American flags; one small child was decked out in a red, white and blue snowsuit, a nod to both patriotism and temperatures that dipped into the mid-20s.

Smaller celebrations were held across the country, from fireworks in Las Vegas, Philadelphia and Seattle to a bash at an Anchorage, Alaska, bar featuring a Canadian rock band that plays "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Some celebrations — including Denver's citywide party and fireworks in New York's Central Park — were canceled. About 20 U.S. communities also dropped their First Night events because of terrorism fears or lack of money and volunteers.

In Boston, city officials estimated more than 1 million people took part in the city's 26th annual First Night celebration — the oldest in the country.

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POLL

direction.

"I feel the country is on the road to recovery, both from economic troubles as well as the terrorist attacks. Things are looking up," said Rick Sergeant, 40, a contractor in Grand Junction, Tenn. "There's still going to be a concerted effort to execute terrorist attacks."

The question about the country's direction drew differing responses depending on gender, race and political affiliation.

Men were more likely than women — 60 percent compared with 50 percent — to think the country is headed in the right direction, and whites were three times as likely as blacks to think so. Three-fourths of Republicans felt the country is headed in the right direction, while half of Democrats and fewer than half of independents felt that way.

"We're absolutely on the wrong track," said Lois Kain, a Democratic retiree from Santa Maria, Calif. "There are no peace talks going on anywhere in the world. Now, Pakistan and India are squaring off. We had better pay more attention to the poor people, or we're going to be in deep trouble."

Retired policeman George Zigler, a Republican from Cape May, N.J., feels good about the country's direction, despite concerns about terrorist attacks.

"I think we're headed in the right direction," he said. "Bush is a real good guy, he knows what he's doing. This stuff's been building up, but he'll get us out of it. But I don't think the terrorists are done, something else will happen."

The number who considered themselves very confident in the government's ability to protect citizens from terrorists attack was up slightly — from 30 percent in October to 37 percent.

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said they were unaware of such an operation.

Any move against Omar probably also would include U.S. special forces, which are operating with the anti-Taliban Afghan groups that would also join in the hunt. Special forces would help direct airstrikes and give the Afghans advice and supplies.

President Bush would not confirm the mission, but repeated that the U.S. military is intent on getting Omar and terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

"We're going to get him. It's just a matter of when," Bush said as he stopped for lunch while vacationing near Crawford, Texas. "Any time you get a person running, it means you're going to get him pretty soon. And the same with Mullah Omar. It's just a matter of time."

A list of New Year's 'aspirations'



By KATHY DAVIS
GARDEN WISE

Happy New Year!

As the final hours of 2001 creep diligently to the beginnings of 2002, I think of those dreaded promises we make to ourselves — New Year's Resolutions.

I might as well beat myself with a bat. Mentally I flail myself over broken promises; broken because I set myself up for disappointment or simply because they require too much energy to keep. The word resolution is a stern word by way of definition: declaration, decree, ruling, tenacity and doggedness.

These rough words puncture the human psyche and promote a mental wrestling match. Good versus evil. Will-power versus frailty. Chubby versus thin. Organized versus messy.

Whenever I think of changing my life, I always pick a bad habit, a serious character flaw or some really disgusting thing I dislike about myself. Sound familiar? Why do we concentrate on our faults and forget our strengths? In the face of breaking resolutions and feeling guilty, I declined to make the yearly resolutions.

So, I made a list — a happy list filled with New Year's Aspirations. A list containing wishes easily fulfilled which bring joy to friends and strangers alike. This list required a moderate inventory of what brings me happiness. Small deeds of good spirit. A helping hand. Friendliness. Smiles. Wit. Whimsy. Laughter.

One hot afternoon, the desire for a rose garden overwhelmed me. I loaded stacks of bricks into the belly of the cavernous wheelbarrow. I wheeled to the front of the leaning cinderblock fence. After capturing the escaped dogs, spading a 40-square foot flower bed and aligning the brick border, I sat wearily on an overturned bucket, tired and overwhelmed by what lay ahead.

I heard a car pull up to the curb. A dear friend stepped out. We had a short visit. She returned to her errands, and I returned to digging, my back to the traffic. Soon I heard another car at the curb. The same sweet lady bounded out of her vehicle with a huge frosty soft drink and pressed it into my dirty hands. She said something about hard work and looking thirsty. In a single deed of good spirit, my inspiration rebounded. I never work in that rose bed without thinking of the coolness of that soda or the kindness of a wonderful lady.

Smiles and laughter are instant gifts we give to one another. I aspire to hand them out without reservation. I aspire to shower my life with abundant loads of wit and whimsy, for without these carefree friends, life is an endless road of troubles.

With these thoughts in mind, the horrible, half-finished resolution list landed in the trash. A small, happy list of seven thoughts is taped to my computer: good deeds, good spirit, smiles, laughter, friendliness, wit and whimsy. Now I can put up the bat.

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Let's start unwrapping - now!



DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

For 40 some-odd years – some more odd than others – I've taken a moment on Jan. 1 to look into the future, anticipating what the new year will bring.

Fortunately, I've never been able to truly know what was ahead of me. Some things are better left to the unknown.

A new year is like Christmas' last gift that will take 365 days and nights to unwrap. Each day is a different layer that unfolds to reveal whatever lies in store for that period of time. Once opened, it lies quietly beside the previous days until the entire gift-year can be seen as a whole.

Looking back over 2001, I realize that this past year will probably be one of those I'll never forget.

Most of all it will be the year of Sept. 11. Just as everyone can tell you where they were and what they were doing when President Kennedy was shot or when the Challenger blew up, I believe we will all be able to recount our recollections of Sept. 11, 2001.

While the shock and fear of that day will never leave me, it's how we responded as a country that stands out most as I look back over these past few months.

Prior to Sept. 11, we Americans swam along in blissful ignorance, fighting over every little thing – domestic and foreign policy, politics, religion, and gun control.

We didn't realize at the time that our internal conflict was actually a luxury. Unlike so many other countries in this world, our peace and prosperity gave us the opportunity to focus on issues other than simple survival.

When we were attacked on Sept. 11, we reacted like a true family should.

Americans became like a big brother talking to the neighborhood bully: "It's okay if I pick on my little sister, but don't you dare do anything to hurt her or you'll have to answer to me!"

I rejoice in the patriotism that has reawakened. Even more, I'm thankful to see our country no longer afraid to admit it's dependence on a higher power.

I don't think there's many people willing to say "God is dead," anymore. As Martha Stewart would say, "That's a good thing."

Quite honestly, it's hard to remember what happened before Sept. 11. A shock such as that drives everything else out of your mind. There's no way to go back to the innocence of Sept. 10.

For me, 2001 was a year of several significant personal losses – the deaths of my father-in-law, my favorite uncle, and three close neighbors.

My son's six months in Macedonia as a NATO peacekeeper had a definite impact on my life, as well.

It also marks the year I achieved a dream I had held for more than 20 years – to become editor of *The Pampa News*.

What an amazing year! To say I'll never forget it has to be a colossal understatement, as well.

Our world has changed forever, but the strength of character and the inherent solid values of our country will hold. In fact, it seems like the more we are shaken, the stronger we become.

That makes me proud.

Knowing this fact also gives me courage to walk into a new year and start unwrapping – beginning today.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to recent columns in this paper regarding a proposed swine genetics research facility to be built in Gray County. NPD (USA), a worldwide leader in swine genetics research, is proud to be expanding its operation to the Texas Panhandle. This move will have a large and positive economic impact on this community.

NPD is the leader in development of breeding stock used to produce lean hogs for large-scale commercial production in the United States. When completed, our Gray County facility will be home to some of the most advanced swine genetics in the world. NPD genetic lines are currently composed of five breeds including Landrace, Large White dam, Upton Meishan, Large White sire, and Hamline breeds. These animals are extremely valuable, have extensive histories, are genetically superior and are very healthy. The nature of our business is the production and selection of genetically superior breeding stock. Our mission is to produce healthy, lean, genetically superior pork for consumers, using environmentally safe production practices.

Over half the products produced in the United States using NPD genetics are certified for inclusion on a list of heart-healthy foods under the American Heart Association's Heart Check Program. Our genetics research is the foundation for Smithfield Lean Generation Pork (TM), a national brand of fresh pork.

Over the past several months, NPD has made an effort to educate area residents about our expansion plans and answer all questions regarding the operations of the proposed facility. We voluntarily participated in a public information meeting in July 2001 and have met privately with citizens on numerous occasions. We have met with adjacent landowners to the site – some more than once. None of these public or private meetings are required by any regulatory agency in the State of Texas. We feel, however, that it is important to keep residents as informed as possible as we go forward. We are very much interested in becoming an active corporate citizen in this community.

Despite our best efforts to disseminate accurate information to the community, there have been many instances of misinformation in letters to the editor and columns in this paper. I would like to clear up any misunderstandings.

First, NPD is not fleeing North Caroline. After a nationwide search, we chose Gray County for our new facility because it gives us the rare combination of isolation (which is essential to protect the health of this special herd) and access to technical facilities and an educated and qualified workforce. This facility will supplement, but not replace, our North Carolina operations. NPD employs 100 people in North Carolina including, research staff, farm and management staff, meat scientists, truck drivers, administrative personnel and others. We are proud of the positive economic impact we have had in North Carolina and look forward to becoming a part of this community as well.

Second, NPD has an outstanding environmental record in North Carolina. Farmers are on the front lines of environmental protection. We are advocates for clean water and air because it is so important to our way of life. Our commitment to environmental stewardship can be seen in every element of our farms. The Texas Legislature and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) have incorporated substantial regulations to protect the air and water quality of the state. The new facility will meet or exceed all current state and federal regulations pertaining to agricultural facilities for the protection of air and water quality. It will operate under an Environmental Management System. Our employees are thoroughly trained under this system and daily work on the farm is based on a foundation of environmental protection.

NPD uses time-tested livestock waste management systems. Properly maintained, these systems are safe and environmentally friendly. It is true that these treatment lagoons are not "new technology." We believe, however, they are the best available technology for agricultural application. We are constantly looking for ways to improve, however, and that's why our parent company has committed $15 million to university research to study alternative technologies.

NPD is interested in protecting the health and well being of the citizens of Gray and Roberts counties as well as protecting the Ogallala Aquifer. According to the TNRCC office in Amarillo, there have been NO incidences in which a permitted swine operation in the Texas Panhandle has had a discharge or leakage of effluent water or manure into or next to the waters of the state of Texas or into the Ogallala Aquifer. The head of enforcement for the EPA Region VI office in Dallas has stated that Texas-permitted swine operations are "heads and shoulders" above other states in protecting the environment. NPD will abide by every regulation set forth by the State of Texas and the federal government.

I would like to encourage those that may have other questions regarding NPD's proposed swine genetics research facility to please feel free to contact me directly at (252) 537-9710 or by e-mail at john.carter@npdusa.com. Open lines of communication are very important to NPD. I look forward to a long-term working relationship with area residents and state and local officials on all aspects of this exciting project. Once completed, the new facility will house the most advanced swine genetics in the world. Together, we can make this facility something the entire community will be proud of.

John A. Carter, Jr. General Manager, NPD (USA)



'We best move on to Montana'



CHARLIE REESE
Columnist

Don't mean to put a downer on you during the holiday season, but my inherited, decrepit dog has gone west. He just plain wore out.

As aggravating as he could be, I miss the little fellow. He always wore a silly grin on his face so that you couldn't help but smile when you looked at him. His favorite place was under my feet or at my heels if I was walking about the house attending to chores.

He never got on the furniture unless I was away. Then he would sleep on the couch. If I was quiet coming in, I'd catch him. He'd looked surprised, then jump down and turn on the silly grin. Occasionally, if I had a late day and didn't get back in time, he'd find what he thought was a discreet corner of the carpet to relieve himself. But he couldn't hide it. He'd greet me with ears down, his tail tucked in and a mournful expression. Then I knew to get the rug cleaner out.

But all in all, he was a boon companion, and I hope he is now romping about with his original owner, my late wife. Both of them were cheerful people. They deserve a heaven with only spring for its season.

He is the last dog or person I will invite into the house, though. I've outlived too many people I care about to get attached to any more living beings other than the ones I'm already attached to. One gets tired of too many goodbyes.

Still, pets serve a good purpose for children, once the children are old enough not to unintentionally abuse them. A pet can teach a child responsibility and also love — and, eventually, how to handle death. I remember all my dogs. And I remember my first experience with loss was when a terrier named Skippy died. I was still a preschooler, and I refused to accept that he was gone until, at last, I dug him up where we had buried him in the garden. Then I knew he couldn't come back.

Probably the most important lesson a person can learn is to accept inevitability and finality. Learning that might even be the gateway through which we pass from childhood to maturity, regardless of our chronological age. Learning finality, we appreciate the present moment. It really is, as the Buddhists teach, the only life we ever experience. The past is only a memory; the future never comes. There is only a succession of present moments until we use up the last one.

Brother Dave Gardner always said that dogs were man's best friend because they wouldn't tell on us. Dogs are uncommonly loyal if one treats them decent. I love a story a friend of mine tells about his father. Their dog had killed a neighbor's goose. His dad paid for the goose, but the goose owner said, as he was about to leave, "If I catch that dog on my property again, I'll kill him."

"Well," my friend's father said in the typically low, calm voice of Southern men who are dangerous, "You do that, and if nothing real bad happens to you, you'll know you done the right thing."

I even know of one case where a man, very fond of his hunting dog, shot a man who kicked the dog.

As strange as that might strike urban ears in the early 21st century, it was a very common and normal attitude among rural folks. You didn't mess with a man's wife, his children or his dog without facing serious consequences. Most everything else they would share, even with strangers.

At any rate, tonight I'll toss his collar, dog food, bowl and leash out and go on. As the famous fictional character Gus McCrae said in "Lonesome Dove" (the only American masterpiece written since World War II) at the grave of a young rider:

"Life is short. Shorter for some than for others. Now we best move on to Montana."

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 1, the first day of 2002. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

On this date:

In 1752, 250 years ago, flagmaker Betsy Ross was born in Philadelphia.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1898, Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island were consolidated into New York City.

In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, died of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

In 1958, treaties establishing the European Economic Community went into effect.

In 1959, Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.

In 1993, Czechoslovakia peacefully split into two new countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

In 1999, the euro, the new single currency of 11 European countries, officially came into existence.

Ten years ago: President Bush became the first American leader to address the Australian Parliament, telling lawmakers the United States would continue to subsidize its agricultural exports, despite protests by Australia's farmers. Boutros Boutros-Ghali succeeded Javier Perez de Cuellar as secretary-general of the United Nations.

SPORTS

Miami's Dorsey has passion for perfection

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Ken Dorsey's passion for perfection has No. 1 Miami a win away from the national championship.

The quarterback thrives on the field by spending countless hours off it breaking down game film. By beating No. 4 Nebraska (11-1) in Thursday's Rose Bowl, his Hurricanes (11-0) will complete a perfect season and claim their fifth national title.

But first, the junior has to solve the Big Red defense, a proud group that was humiliated the last time it was on the field in a 62-36 loss to Colorado.

"That was a little shocking to see," Dorsey said, "but Nebraska's defense is very good, they just had an off day. It happens to everybody. Now they're in a national championship, and that game means nothing right now."

Dorsey has probably seen the Colorado offensive line opening huge holes for Chris Brown and Bobby Purify, who ran for a combined 352 yards against the Huskers on Nov. 23. It means Miami will try to establish the run with Clinton Portis, who had 1,200 yards this season.

Dorsey, however, won't be fooled. Nebraska still allowed only 15.8 points per game, and as Huskers Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch says, the Colorado loss "only adds fuel to the fire" for a unit out to reverse its pitiful performance.

"They really try to make you a one-dimensional team, and they are very good at what they do," said Dorsey, seeking to go 26-1 as a starter.

"Their main goal is to stop the run. They leave their corners out there one on one, but they've got great cover guys, so it's going to be a great battle."

Dorsey may not look the part of a strong-armed passer, but the 6-foot-5, 200-pounder from Orinda, Calif., made all the moves needed to get the Hurricanes to the Rose Bowl. The week after his worst game — four interceptions in an 18-7 win over Boston College, he was 13-of-20 for 224 yards and four TDs in a 65-7 rout of Washington.

"He's tough, an excellent thrower," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "He's very difficult to stop. I don't know if we can stop him. Hopefully, we can slow him down. He's only been sacked four times. That's unbelievable."

Like Dorsey, Crouch doesn't instill fear on first glance. Watch him play, though, and it's not difficult to see why the 6-1, 200-pounder won the Heisman Trophy as the nation's best player. He ran for 1,115 yards and passed for 1,510 yards, producing a total 26 touchdowns.

Dorsey and Crouch struck up a friendship when the two met in the week before the Heisman was awarded on Dec. 8.

"I was very impressed with him," Dorsey said. "He was very deserving of winning the Heisman."

Crouch returned the compliment.

"He has all the characteristics of a big-time leader and that's why their team is so successful," he said of Dorsey. "He knows how to get the ball to the right players."

And that's what worries Huskers defensive coordinator Craig Bohl. With a monster offensive line anchored by All-American tackle Bryant McKinnie, it won't be easy to get to Dorsey.

"Very rarely do you see Dorsey get rattled," Bohl said. "He's excellent when there's some pressure as far as getting the ball off. They're just as likely to throw the ball on first-and-10, and they're not these little dink passes. They're throwing the ball downfield."

Lady Pacers slip by Trinity

SILVERTON — Pampa Academy slipped by Trinity Fellowship 38-37 last weekend to take 7th place in the Silverton Hoot Out.

Kendra Raber was the Lady Pacers' leading scorer with 17 points. Erin Raber followed with 14.

Bryant topped Trinity with 11 points.

Pampa Academy lost to Highland Park 70-40 in the 7th-place boys' game.

Kris Koval was Highland Park's top scorer with 18 points.

Bryce Taylor tossed in 21 points to lead the Pacers. Teammate Troy Ludvicek added 11.

Optimists plan basketball leagues

PAMPA — There will be organizational meeting for the Pampa Optimist boys' basketball program at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Optimist Club meeting room.

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Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon with the addition of some variations of my own.

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and not speak ill of others. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

We know so much more today about nutrition and how exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable; so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy new years.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it to the letter, but I will have it — thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all, a happy, healthy New Year!

LOVE, ABBY

P.S. I'm sure anyone who lives with a football addict will appreciate the following letter I've been saving for today. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: No earth-shaking problem, just a day-brightener:

A man bought his mother, a sweet old lady of 75, a portable television set for Christmas. After the excitement of the holidays was over, she finally sat down on New Year's Day to watch some TV. Anticipating a game show or a soap opera, she turned it on — and got the Rose Bowl game. She changed the channels and saw the Cotton Bowl and the Orange Bowl. In disgust, she turned the set off.

The next day she phoned her son: "I'm sorry to tell you this, son," she said, "but there's something wrong with the television set you got me. The only thing you can get on it is football games."

DEAN BUNN
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN.

DEAR DEAN: The football crowd may not appreciate that joke, but anyone who is "bowled over" today will.

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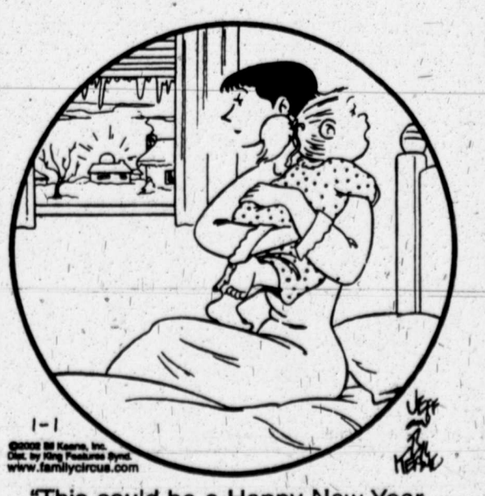
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College Bowl Capsules

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Charles Rogers set a Michigan State record with 270 yards receiving — and he wasn't even the most prolific pass-catcher on the field at the Silicon Valley Football Classic.

It was that kind of a day in San Jose, as Rogers caught two of Jeff Smoker's three touchdown passes during the Spartans' phenomenal first half in a 44-35 victory over Fresno State on Monday.

In a matchup of two potent offenses that combined for 1,146 total yards, Smoker and Rogers outdueled Fresno State's high-profile combo of David Carr and Rodney Wright, who finished with 13 catches for a school-record 299 yards and two TDs.

After an inconsistent season in which they finished eighth in the Big Ten and barely qualified for a bowl, the Spartans (7-5) gained 405 yards and scored 37 points before halftime.

Carr threw for 531 yards to Smoker's 376, but the Spartans' big early lead proved too large to overcome for Fresno State (11-3).

Sun Bowl

No. 13 Washington State 33, Purdue 27

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Jason Gesser passed for 281 yards and ran for a touchdown to help Washington State rally in the second half over Purdue.

No. 13 Washington State (10-2) trailed 20-17 at halftime, but the Cougars held Purdue scoreless in the second half until the final two minutes.

Purdue (6-6) drew to 33-27 with 1:53 left and recovered the ensuing onside kick. The Boilermakers drove to the Washington State 22 before turning the ball over on downs.

Drew Dunning hit four of four field goal attempts and Nakoa McElrath caught five passes for 116 yards as the Cougars won their first bowl game in seven years.

Purdue freshman Kyle Orton was 38 of 74 for 419 yards passing and two touchdowns, but was intercepted four times.

Liberty Bowl

No. 23 Louisville 28, No. 19 BYU 10

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dave Ragone threw for 228 yards and three touchdowns as Louisville beat Brigham Young to finish off the best season in school history.

The Cardinals hadn't won a bowl game since the 1993 Liberty Bowl, a three-game skid that included a loss to Colorado State here last year. They improved to 11-2 for the most victories in a season, topping the 1990 mark of 10-1-1, their only other year with double-digit wins.

For BYU (12-2), the loss marked yet another disappointing end to a season that held the promise of an undefeated season just a month ago. The Cougars lost their third straight bowl game and 10th in their last 14.

Humanitarian Bowl

Clemson 49, Louisiana Tech 24

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Woodrow Dantzler tied a school record with four touchdown passes and Clemson coach Tommy Bowden got his first postseason victory.

With snow falling from kickoff into the third quarter, Dantzler completed 15 of 23 passes for 218 yards. He ran 15 times for 57 yards before leaving with the Tigers leading 42-10 after the third quarter.

This fall, Dantzler became the first Division I-A player to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in the same season. He went out with a bang in his final performance, throwing two scoring passes in the first six minutes of the third quarter as the Tigers (7-5) extended a 14-10 halftime lead.

The Bulldogs (7-5), champions of the Western Athletic Conference in their first season in the league, tackled poorly in the cold weather and quarterback Luke McCown's two third-quarter interceptions led to two Clemson TDs.

Peach Bowl

North Carolina 16, Auburn 10

ATLANTA (AP) — North Carolina dominated on defense, while Ronald Curry provided just enough offense to beat Auburn in the Peach Bowl.

Curry scrambled for a 62-yard touchdown and the Tar Heels kept Auburn out of the end zone for nearly 59 minutes, holding on for a victory that capped a successful first season for coach John Bunting.

North Carolina (8-5), playing in its first bowl since 1998, built a 16-0 lead but got a scare at the end. After the Tar Heels botched a punt, backup quarterback Daniel Cobb threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Lorenzo Diamond with 1:18 remaining for Auburn (7-5).

But Richard Moore recovered an onside kick to seal North Carolina's victory.

Irish hires Willingham

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Tyrone Willingham emerged as a possible successor to Bob Davie shortly after he was fired as Notre Dame's football coach on Dec. 2.

Almost a month and one hiring fiasco later, Willingham has the job.

Willingham, 44-36-1 in seven seasons at Stanford, signed a six-year deal with Notre Dame on Monday night, associate athletic director John Heisler said. A news conference was scheduled Tuesday to introduce him as the new coach.

Willingham, who officially will take over as coach on Wednesday, is the first black head coach at Notre Dame in any sport. It also gives Willingham one of the most prestigious coaching positions in sports.

The news drew praise from prominent black leaders.

"It's a victory for fairness and equal opportunity to succeed or fail," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who previously urged Notre Dame to consider black candidates. "To even the field for athletes, you have to be willing to even the field for coaches."

Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association, said: "This opens up a lot of doors for a lot of people. We have minority candidates out there that just haven't been considered before. There are other Tyrone Willinghams out there."

ESPN.com quoted his agent, Ray Anderson, as saying Willingham will get $2 million to $3 million a year to coach the Fighting Irish. Messages left for Anderson by The AP were not returned.

Heisler declined to reveal the financial figures, but called the $2 million to $3 million report "a real exaggeration."


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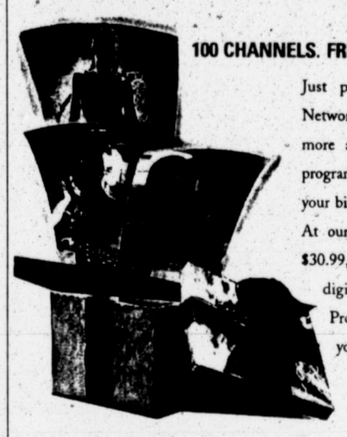
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★★★★ Follow someone's lead. You gain creatively or emotionally, depending on what area of your life you wish to focus on. Make time for a child. All the presents don't make up for your time and attention. Start reorganizing your work and errands. Tonight: Get extra sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Deal with pressures, understanding that someone has tried very hard to keep you clear of his or her problems. Nevertheless, you have very little choice but to dig in and handle a hot issue. Use your imaginative qualities and help everyone relax. The right action pays off. Tonight: Party as if there were no tomorrow.

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★★★★ Speak your mind, and others react. Sometimes you cannot predict what someone will do or say, but on the other hand, you need to remain clear and direct. Handle work and errands on your own. Later on, retreat to your office or home. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Financial wheeling and dealing could backfire. Stay anchored and direct with those around you. Give up playing games, and you'll get strong, positive reactions. If need be, ask for help. Someone listens with intensity and caring to your feedback. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

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★★★ Others respond far more strongly than you had intended. Be concerned with someone who sometimes holds back but now explosively reacts! Stay calm, cool and collected, and you'll get positive responses. Express your caring in an easy, effective manner. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Listen, but try not to react when others give you feedback. Your perspective changes as a result. Focus on what is going on with a friend who might be quite uptight. Don't get distracted by his or her story, but listen to this person's emotions. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have a difficult time settling in. Children, loved ones and friends still prove to be major distractions. Carefully review a decision that involves your work. How much longer can you keep putting off the inevitable? Tonight: Get extra sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take the lead with an older relative or work-related matter. Someone might react strongly, as you could be quite distracted. This person easily becomes used to your attention. Don't back away from commitments and responsibilities. Tonight: Find your pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Surprises have become commonplace in your life, yet an event or conversation bolts you from the blue right now. Be imaginative and creative when handling an important matter. Think in terms of spontaneity. Slow down at work. A family member needs attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Carefully review a matter that impacts your finances. You could be set back by someone's reaction. You need to pull in your finances and spend less. Someone might have ideas as to how to spend your money. Know when to say "no." Do some research on the Net. Tonight: Off to the movies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ As usual, you jolt others. You might cause yourself a problem as a result of your unpredictability. Review a problem with some perspective. You might need to ask a partner to chip in and help. Listen to this person's opinions. Work as a team. Tonight: Follow someone's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot of ground to cover. Think in terms of growth and a change of pace. Organize yourself with the help of some new technology or a new computer. Demonstrate your efficiency and help others who work with you. You accomplish a lot. Tonight: Where the crowds are!

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Author and scientist Isaac Asimov (1920), TV evangelist Jim Bakker (1939), actress Tia Carrere (1967)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU WANT TO READ ABOUT LOVE AND MARRIAGE, YOU'VE GOT TO BUY TWO SEPARATE BOOKS. — ALAN KING

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Business Review

Consuelo's and GoldKraft Jewelers

Delicious, real Mexican food is the specialty of Consuelo's, a newly opened Mexican food restaurant in Pampa. Both the food and the atmosphere are authentically Mexican.

Lively, Mexican music floats through the air in the restaurant located at 1328 North Hobart. The waitresses are bilingual in both English and Spanish, and provide the customers with the excellent service.

The restaurant was recently opened by Dee and Connie Martinez, who also are owners of GoldKraft Jewelers. The jewelry store is located just two doors north of Consuelo's at 1334 N. Hobart.

Consuelo is originally from San Luis, Mexico, and has been determined since the inception of the restaurant to provide authentic Mexican food and atmosphere.

She and Dee traveled to Mexico to obtain the authentic table-top tiles to place on the tables at the restaurant. Handmade wooden tables are graced with the tiles. "We are very proud of these tables," she said.

Brightly colored authentic Mexican pictures decorate the walls, adding to the authenticity.

"We have had so many compliments about the authenticity of this restaurant," said Dee. "An attorney from San Antonio who was in Pampa on business came in to eat with us. He was so surprised to find such a small town in the Texas Panhandle could have such authentic Mexican food."

Dee said the attorney ate with them each day, sometimes more than one meal a day, while he was in Pampa.



Consuelo Martinez, Cindy Pena, Luz Elena Jimenez, Margarita Apodaca, Carmelo Tarango, and Demetrio Martinez welcome all customers to Consuelo's at 1328 N. Hobart.

All in the family

The couple said they have had many compliments from native born Mexicans locally. Handmade tortillas, both flour and corn, as well as tamales are served fresh daily, and are appreciated by the local clientele.

"Women in Mexico spend a lot of time in the kitchen," said Dee. "They know what authentic Mexican food is, and they appreciate how clean the restaurant is maintained."

Cleanliness is required by Consuelo. "Our staff keeps the restaurant so clean," she said. "They are constantly cleaning."

A wide variety of Mexican food is served at Consuelo's.

"Perrillada" is a fajita style method of cooking which is a grill the waitresses take to the table for the customers. It is a very popular dish at the restaurant. Beef, shrimp, chicken and quail are cooked on the grill over coals of mesquite.

Mesquite not only keeps the food warm, but adds a special aroma to the Mexican atmosphere.

Also served with the entrees is rice, beans, and fresh tortillas. Guacamole is a favorite among the customers, also.

Eight employees work at the restaurant managed by Consuelo.

Consuelo's is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays.

Not only are the Martinez's skilled in providing food, but they are both experienced in the jewelry business.

GoldKraft Jewelers opened in 1990, and will be celebrating their 12th anniversary in 2002.

Both Dee and Consuelo attended college in the East Texas town of Paris. She is a registered gemologist and Dee is a jeweler.

"It is exciting to be able to create special pieces for our customers," said Dee. "Many times there are emotions that accompany beautiful pieces of jewelry."

Explaining that jewelry is oftentimes a beautiful expression of love, Dee said it is wonderful to bring such joy into people's lives.

"It is a wonderful business because of that," he said. "We benefit beyond the monetary when we see people receive jewelry from someone who loves them very much."

"We will continue to see the people of Pampa," he said. "We provide custom work of all types as well as appraisals.

"One of our specialties is Mother's rings," she said. "We custom make them to the customer's specifications."

"We start with the molten gold and can transform it into whatever a customer imagines," said Dee. "Oftentimes, our customers bring in sketches or photos to describe the type of design they want in their jewelry. We work with our customers any way we can."

Many original, one-of-a-kind pieces are created by the Martinez's for their customers.

Through the years GoldKraft has built up a large clientele. The Martinez's and their staff of five provide jewelry repair as well as watch repair.

The Martinez's welcome the people of Pampa to stop to see them at GoldKraft to enjoy the jewelry and to drop in for a meal at Consuelo's.

Both businesses are within walking distance.



Adriana Villarreal, Consuelo Martinez, Demetrio Martinez IV, Demetrio Martinez III and Diana Irlbeck welcome customers at GoldKraft.

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