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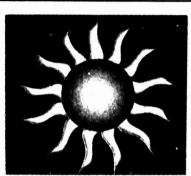
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WACO (AP) — They were words written down in private — designed for only a couple's enjoyment, and to help each other remember the other.

But now parts of Evelyn Nathan Hoffman's World War II-era love letters have been caught up in the media attention surrounding the coming of the new millennium. And the notes have even caught the attention of Steven Spielberg, who has made them part of a short film documenting the end of the last century.

"You can't help but have a little pride that we were picked to be a part of all of this," Nathan Hoffman told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

The Hoffmans have already published the letters in two volumes as a legacy for their children and grandchildren. The notes written daily by the couple for 16 months when she was working in New York and he was a soldier in the 12th Armored Division in Europe.

Now, the Waco couple will be a part of CBS millennium television special this week to be broadcast live New Years Eve from in front of the Memorial Lincoln Washington, D.C.

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## Merchants wrapping up holidays

## Stores report good pre-Christmas sales

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 

Local shoppers were out early Sunday taking advantage of the after-Christmas sales at Pampa stores.

Many shoppers were seeking bargains on items Santa didn't deliver, while others returned some gifts which didn't work or which did-

Local businesses reported a strong pre-Christmas business during December. The local merchants expressed the mood that they were quite pleased with the Christmas season.

Christmas decorations, including artificial trees, tree ornaments, and holiday wrapping paper, were one of the most popular items during the after Christmas sales as many felt the discounted prices were good for items to be used next year.

Gift certificates received for Christmas sent many local shoppers to the stores on the day after Christmas, Others started buying their Christmas gifts for 2000.

Alco reported a brisk business Sunday with customers taking advantage of Christmas decorations on sale at 50 percent off. A few decorations still remained on the shelves Monday morning at the discounted prices.

Downtown businesses began to get busier shortly before noon after getting off to a slow start Monday morning.

Carousel Expressions reported a few early shoppers Monday. Business picked up at the local business later in the morning as shoppers began filling downtown.

The shop has a large selection of unique gift items attracting local Dunlap's in Coronado Center was open on Sunday, the day after

Christmas. "The shopping seems to be going fine. It was much bet ter than we anticipated," said Shari Sublett. She said business was (See SHOPPING, Page 2)

## Looking ahead ... Oil patch struggles as industry matures

While oil production centers such as Midland and Odessa transforming are themselves into trade and service hubs, outlying towns with aging populations and fields may struggle to stay viable.

**Associated Press Writer** 

HOUSTON (AP) — Many Texans are too young to remember the Arab embargoes that sent pump prices gushing skyward in the 1970s. For them, gasoline always has wavered around \$1, give of take a few nickels.

While political strife caused those shortages, experts differ on when dwindling supplies finally will trigger a bona fide scarcity of the resources that power the modern world. Most agree, however, that the spigot

will have long run dry by the turn of the 22nd century. The irony of the 20th century Texas oil industry might be that the state's other businesses — heavy industry, high technology, airlines and anything else that consumes fuel — benefit when prices are low and oilmen are hurting.

So those in Texas' oil patches are learning to deal with a maturing industry and trying to figure out what to do next.

"I expect every city in Oklahoma and Texas is asking itself that and has been for some time," said Chuck Watson, chairman and chief executive officer of Houston natural gas giant Dynegy Inc. "Even with (current) strong gas and oil prices, it might delay the inevitable."

While oil production centers such as Midland and Odessa are transforming themselves into trade and service hubs, outlying towns with aging populations and fields may struggle to stay viable. "If they can package themselves to attract light industry or manu-

facturing, they can bring in some of that economic base," said Allen Mesch, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University. "This industry is full of ghost-town stories, going back to its origins in western Pennsylvania."

The first major U.S. discoveries occurred in Pennsylvania during (See OIL, Page 2)



Brenda Humphrey was busy marking prices down at Carousel Expressions following the busy pre-Christmas shopping season. After Christmas sales are expected to attract many shoppers throughout the week.

## Holidays mean double work for sanitation crews

By KATE B. DICKSON Staff Writer

Pampa's sanitation crews are out in force today beginning what is the city's biggest garbage collection week of the year.

"Our volume doubles right after Christmas," said Public Works Director Richard Morris. "We've verified that through tonnage checks."

Today, Morris said crews are back to work after a holiday break and are concentrating on commercial routes. They will start residential collection first thing in the morning.

He said the "most calls" the city has received about needing pickups has come from commer-

cial customers.

"You have to realize that our commercial customers have done a large portion of their annual business in the space of a few weeks," Morris said. So there's lots of boxes and packing material that has accumulated."

In his neighborhood, Morris said, "My dumpster is already full. So what I do is save the wrapping paper, boxes and things don't don't smell then I put them in the dumpster later."

The large volume also means more runs to the landfill, Morris said. To help out the drivers who do their own maintenance such as oil changes, etc., he said they'll be getting some extra help at the shop for a few days.

## Graying boomers' impact will grow in new century

says he won't have any difficulty finding tenants for the 39-apartment project he's building.

Why? Ryan's Gateway Village senior housing project has a market — low- and moderate-income people over 62 — that promises to explode.

Here in Wicomico County, the population of people over 60 is expected to increase by more than 60 percent over the next two decades. And this surge in the older population isn't limited to Maryland's

Eastern Shore. It is happening across the country. The baby boom generation, which began with the first child born after World War II, is approaching retirement. From sheer volume alone, this generation of 76 million Americans will drive sweeping changes in public policy and the marketplace as

it retires and grows old. Today, 32 million Americans — one out of eight

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — Developer Jerry Ryan — is 65 or older. By the year 2020, when the bulk of the baby boom generation is retired, that proportion is expected to rise to one in five.

The change these graying boomers will bring could be long needed, such as expanded public transportation in suburban and rural counties. They could also be drastic, such as diverting tax dollars from schools to the elderly who will outnumber families with children in the suburbs.

Debate over national entitlement programs, like Social Security, has overshadowed what impact the aging population could have locally. But many experts say states, counties and cities aren't prepared to handle the coming wave of elderly people.

For example, in Maryland, 5 percent of the state's elderly live in nursing homes, according to Sue Ward, secretary for the state Department of Aging. (See BOOMERS', Page 2)

## Time names Einstein its Person of the Century

NEW YORK (AP) — Albert Einstein, whose theories laid the groundwork for 20th century technologies ranging from television to the atom bomb, has been chosen as Time magazine's Person of the Century.

"In a century that will be remembered foremost for its science and technology... one person clearly stands out as both the greatest mind and paramount icon of our age," the magazine said.

It called Einstein the "kindly, absentminded professor whose wild halo of hair, piercing eyes, engaging humanity and extraordinary brilliance made his face a symbol and his name a synonym for

The magazine's Person of the Century

issue was due on newsstands today. Einstein, born in Germany in 1879, devel-

oped the theory of relativity, which rejects the concept of absolute motion and explains why motion, speed and mass appear different depending on the observer's frame of reference

The theory laid the groundwork for spectacular technological developments and observations in many fields, including gravitation and the study of the cosmos, and nuclear fission, which is the basis for the atom bomb.

Einstein won the 1921 Nobel Prize in physics. In 1933, he immigrated to the United States to take a post at Princeton University. A year later, the property he left benind in Germany was confiscated by the

Nazi government because he was Jewish. "In a century that will be remembered

foremost for its science and technology in particular for our ability to understand and then harness the forces of the atom and universe — one person clearly stands out as both the greatest mind and paramount icon of our age: The kindly, absent-minded professor whose wild halo of hair, piercing eyes, engaging humanity and extraordinary brilliance made his face a symbol and his name a synonym for genius, Albert Einstein," the magazine said.

Einstein was partly responsible for President Franklin D. Roosevelt's decision to pursue making an atom bomb. He wrote a letter to the president in 1939 warning that Germany could be repeating American experiments with uranium and suggesting that those experiments could produce a powerful bomb.

He later said: "If I had only known, I would have been a locksmith."

His humanitarian bent showed "science is not always good and it's not always bad. It's only as good as we make it," Isaacson said in an interview.

Einstein died in 1955.

Time's runners-up for Person of the Century were President Roosevelt, who the magazine said represented the triumph of democracy and freedom over fascism and communism; and Mahatma Gandhi, who it picked to symbolize the ability of individuals to resist authority to secure civil rights and personal liberties.

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## Daily Record

### Services tomorrow

**CORBEIL**, Jimmie R. — 2 p.m., Rector Funeral Home Chapel, Amarillo.

OWENS, James Wayne — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Clarendon.

**TAYLOR**, Wanita Janice — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

**WAGNER**, Keith "Pea Vine" — Graveside services, 1:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### **Obituaries**

#### JIMMIE R. CORBEIL

AMARILLO - Jimmie R. Corbeil, 65, mother of a White Deer resident, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Frank Norred, pastor of Tradewinds Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Corbeil was born at Duncan, Okla. She belonged to Tradewinds Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Shannon Farley of White Deer; two sons, Terry Fincher Sr. and Arnold Fincher, both of Wellington; seven sisters, Bobbie Johnson, Wanda Cooper, Peggy Barger and Betty Thomlinson, all of Kingsman, Ariz., Estelle George and Katherine Collom, both of Amarillo, and Louise Grimes of Payette, Idaho; a brother, Bill Landress of Indio, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Tradewinds Assembly of God Church.

JAMES WAYNE OWENS CLARENDON - James Wayne Owens, 69, brother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of Martin Baptist Church, and Mike Suiter, minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Owens was born at Clarendon. He married Bunny Owens at Memphis. He was a bootmaker for Pete Borden Boot Shop beginning in 1955. He purchased the business in 1970 and renamed it James Owens Leather Goods. In addition, he was a councilman for the City of Clarendon.

He belonged to Martin Baptist Church, Saints Roost Museum Board of Directors, Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association and was a charter member and post commander of Clarendon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7782.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Bunny; two daughters, Nancy Dunn of Clarendon and Charlie Becker of Amarillo; two sons, David Owens of Shamrock and Jim Owens of Clarendon; five sisters, Peggy Harrell of Ballinger, Charlene Reynolds and Glenda McAlister, both of narillo, Annell Stokes of Pampa and Patric McAnear of Clarendon; a brother, Jack Owens of block of North Sumner. Clarendon; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Saints Roost Museum in Clarendon or to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. **RAYMOND R. PHILLIPS** 

PERRYTON – Raymond R. Phillips, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999, at McLean. The body was cremated. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Phillips was born April >25, 1920, at Quinlin, Okla. He married Ashia C. Hitchcock on Feb. 28, 1949, at Stinnett. He had been a Perryton resident for 40 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving with the 1469th Engineer Maintenance Company. He was stationed at Alution Islands during his foreign service for three years and was in the Army National Guard from 1942-50. He also served one year with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Lie belonged to Perryton Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wellington Kansas Post. He enjoyed historical railroad and antique farm machinery. Survivors include his wife, Ashia, of McLean; two daughters, Linda Mosier of Spearman and Patricia George of Enid, Okla.; a son, Steve Phillips of Pampa; a brother, Donald Phillips of California; six grandchildren; and a great-grand-

### **ERNEST GLEN SEARL**

Ernest Glen Searl, 47, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Searl was born Dec. 16, 1952, at Pampa and had lived at Pampa most of his life.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Searl and

Eric Searl, both of Dallas; and four sisters, Suzy, Celia, Tinn Ann and Bunny.

### WANITA JANIĆE TAYLOR Wanita Janice Taylor, 60, of Pampa, died

Friday, Dec. 24, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Pastor Randy Carroll, minister of Southern Baptist Fellowship in Center, Colo., and the Rev. Jerry Arrington, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Taylor was born May 24, 1939, at Borger. She married Ed Taylor, Jr., on April 26, 1958, at Amarillo. She had been a Pampa resident since 1975 and was a licensed vocational nurse.

She belonged to First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Ed, of the home; two daughters, Teresa Carroll of Center and Karen McKee of Amarillo; two sons, Edward Glen Taylor of Athens, Ga., and Kenneth Taylor of Center; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795; or to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX **79065**.

### KEITH 'PEA VINE' WAGNER

Keith "Pea Vine" Wagner, 73, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with

Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wagner was born Feb. 20, 1926, at Hereford. He married Juanita Minnick on Aug. 10, 1949, at Pampa. He had been a Pampa resident since 1948 and was a welder for Jones-Everett Machine Company prior to retiring in

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a Catholic. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lorinda Wagner, in 1961.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, of the home; a son, Randal Wagner of Pampa; three sisters, Lucille Hayden of Kender, La., Louise Mitchell of Dallas and Doris Jones of Amarillo; four brothers, Lester Wagner of Hereford, Gerald Wagner of Grand Prairie and Clyde Wagner and Don Wagner, both of Amarillo; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to Crown of Texas Hospice in

JAMES LEE WHITLEY CANADIAN - James Lee Whitley, 45, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with Johnny Crawford of Mobeetie officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of

Mr. Whitley was born at Crowell and moved to Canadian in 1994 from Oklahoma City, Okla. He worked in construction.

Survivors include two daughters, Valerie Lela Whitley and Jessica Lynn Whitley; a son, James Lee Whitley Jr.; six sisters, Kathy Sirmans of Canadian, Bertha Clark of Wilburton, Okla., Barbara Mullins of Boston, Mass., Judy Whitley and Rita Whitley, both of Athens, and Sandra Whitley of Larue; four brothers, Elvin Parkhill of Canadian, Robert Whitley and Jerral Whitley, both of New Port Richey, Fla., and Hansel Whitley of Tyler; and his grandmother, Ella Mae Clifton of Crowell.

### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Dec. 26 Clifford Leon Adkins, 45, 543 Tignor, was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated third offense, breath test refused.

Kenneth Dale Cross, 30, Amarillo, was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants.

Possible child neglect was reported at the 400 block of North Somerville.

Burglary of a building was reported at the 1230 block of East Foster.

Monday, Dec. 27 Johnny Leon Bailey, 20, 1017 N. Dwight, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief.

Criminal Mischief was reported at the 1000

### **Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 25 Gregory Hodges, 37, Amarillo, was arrested on

outstanding warrants.

Sunday, Dec. 26 Barry S. Brown, 37, Washington, D.C., was arrested by the DRS on the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Mandy Dawn Baggett, 22, 929 S. Nelson, bond surrender - unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

### Accidents

The Pampa Police Department released the following accident reports Monday, Dec. 27. Thursday, Dec. 23

Haley Nichole Rex, 18, 1700 N. Hamilton, was cited for following too closely, and Christine Louise Ehmann,19, Lubbock, was cited for impeding traffic, in a collision that Officer James Powell ruled a "case of road rage." According to the report, Rex and Ehmann had been "in dispute a nearby store." Rex followed Ehmann down West 23rd. Ehmann "slammed on brakes" and Rex, in a Camero, rear-ended Ehmann, in a Silvarado pickup. The accident occurred around 5 p.m. at the 900 block of West 23rd.

Friday, Dec. 24 Glenda Darlene Huho, 34, Kemp, Texas, was cited for running a stop sign after she collided with Gary Wayne Niccum, 41, 2113 N. Zimmers, at the intersection of N. Zimmers and W. 19th

An unidentified vehicle fled the scene after striking a parked Ford Aerostar belonging to John A. King, no age given, 1608 N. Sumner, in the Lakeview Apartment's parking lot. The unknown vehicle left blue paint on King's

### **Fires**

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 25 9:30 a.m. — One unit and three personnel made

a carbon monoxide check at the 900 block of 9:40 a.m. — One unit and three personnel

responded to call for medical assistance at the 400 block of North Russell. 2:23 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a gas leak at the 900 block of

3:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance at the 1100 block of Wilcox.

3:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel made a carbon monoxide check at the 900 block

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### SHOPPING

slower Monday morning, but she feels business will pick up later in the day.

She said the pre-Christmas business was excellent during December. "We were very pleased," she

Kathryn Phillips of Beall's said the after-Christmas sales are going well. "We opened at 8 a.m. Sunday and we had traffic all day until we closed at 5 p.m.," she said. She reported things were going well at the local department store locat-

OIL

ed in Coronado Center this morning, and expected business to increase later in the day

"It was just great," said Phillips of the pre-Christmas business at the local store.

Bill Hite of Heard and Jones reported his November and December business went real well. "I was real pleased," said Hite, "especially after the economic decline the past year." He reported the after Christmas sale Monday morning went really

He has Christmas decorations discounted 50 percent as well as a few toys remaining in the store.

Amoco's heavy investment in solar research as an

example. Several automakers and oil companies

also are racing to develop viable hydrogen fuel

the University of Colorado, said mathematical

analyses of the oil supply show that demand

something will (naturally) happen" to replace oil,

Bartlett said. "The people who are so confident

Henry R. Linden, director of the Energy and

y crises. A pessimist then, Linden now chastises

the prophets of doom that have been predicting

Linden believes pro-environment attitudes, not

impending shortages, will shift the focus away

from "dirty" fuels like oil and coal to cleaner-

burning natural gas and, eventually, emerging

technologies such as hydrogen fuel cells and

"What I always say is, by the end of the 21st

century fossil fuels will be as obsolete as fuel

wood was at the end of the 19th century, when it

was displaced by coal," Linden said. "Then coal

lost ground in the 20th century, just as oil will

Rural/Metro made the following calls during

Sunday, Dec. 26

10:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the

11:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

3:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

Monday, Dec. 27

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cell engines.

the 19th century, hence brand names like Pennzoil and Quaker State. But it wasn't until the 1901 Spindletop strike in southeast Texas did oilmen discover that the continental United States' mother lode lay beneath Texas soil.

Steven D. Gray, president of Midland-based Vista Energy Resources Inc., believes independent companies like his can succeed in the Permian Basin for decades to come as the majors sell off smaller assets in favor of massive deepwater and international

projects.
"The independents are going to be here for a long time," Gray said. "I think there will be another couple of generations of the oil and gas business in Texas, but I don't think the major oil companies will be a big part of it."

While production — especially for natural gas should thrive in the near future, Gray suggested that exploration for new fields may slow to a trickle. And the lack of drilling could doom the small communities that depend on it.

The forecast is different for Houston, the oil hub that has suffered during past industry downturns. Texas' largest city appears poised to remain the nation's energy capital even as oil's importance

"The majors have gone overseas. What happened to really rejuvenate Houston is natural gas and gasfired electricity," said Dynegy's Watson, who built his start-up gas trading company into a 6,500employee corporation.

Waco-based economist Ray Perryman said he viewed Houston as more diversified than other Texas oil cities and already a major trade center with its port, making it less reliant on energy even as the industry consolidates here.

When natural gas supplies begin drying up, Watson and others said, Houston can remain at the forefront of whatever next-generation fuels power

the latter part of the upcoming century. Mesch noted that traditional oil giants have begun investigating alternative fuels, citing BP-

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### **BOOMERS**

"Even if that percentage stays the same, that means those numbers are going to explode when the boomers retire," Ward said.

The elderly are vulnerable to chronic illness, disability and social isolation. Policymakers expect demand for housing, health care and social programs will strain the network of services.

That network has already failed Carolyn Erwin-Johnson, a Baltimore woman who has cared for her mother, now 80 and wheelchair-bound with muscular sclerosis, for 15 years. The state has lots of glossy brochures promoting

home aid and health care assistance, but Erwin-Johnson found those programs have enormous waiting lists. You could die on one of those waiting lists," she

said. "If we don't have a system that works now, my gosh, think about what's going to happen 10 years down the road." Like many Americans after retirement, Erwin-Johnson's mother stayed in the city where she lived

most of her adult life. It is what sociologists call "aging in place," and it has raised concerns of what suburbs will do when most of their population is over 65. Contrary to popular myth, most elderly do not pack

up and move to Florida or Arizona upon retirement age. Most stay in the town, if not the house, where they raised their families and worked, said William Frey, a

Milken Institute, an economic think tank in Santa Monica, Calif. And those suburbs where many members of the baby boom generation live are poor in resources for the elderly. It is a problem, Frey

demographics analyst with the

said, that will sneak up on people. The "yuppie elderly" — as Frey calls them - will retire and still have their cars, their spouses, their health and their private pension plans. But as they age, they will need an array of public services.

They could have health needs that drain a life's worth of savings. They may no longer be able to drive to doctors' appointments.

This aging of the suburbs is expected to change how public tax dollars are spent.

"Today, a lot of suburbs do pretty well for the elderly that live there because the elderly (are) a small piece of the pie and there's usually a large working tax base," Frey said. "But soon, the demographics are going to be reversed."

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### **Weather focus**

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today and breezy with a high in the mid 50s and winds from the north at 15-25 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 20s and north winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high in the low 60s. Yesterday's high was 54, the overnight low 29. STATEWIDE — Cloudy skies

and warm weather dominated much of Texas on Sunday. By midafternoon, tempera- Pass to 63 at Spur.

tures throughout North Texas from the West or Northwest at 5 temperature in the region was 60 at Redbird Airport in South Dallas, where skies were overcast. The warmest in the area was 40 miles away in McKinney, which reported abundant sunshine and a temperature of 68.

Most of West Texas saw readings in the 50s during the afternoon, although temperatures Highs on Monday should ranged from 37 at Guadalupe reach the 50s and 60s across

In South Texas, it was cloudy were in the 60s while winds were in Junction and sunny in Port Arthur. Midafternoon temperato 15 mph. At 3 p.m., the lowest ture extremes were 57 at Del Rio and Laredo and 71 at Victoria. A slight chance of rain was in the forecast overnight, while temperatures were expected to fall into the 40s.

Elsewhere across the state, temperatures were expected to drop as low as the 20s in some parts of the Panhandle.

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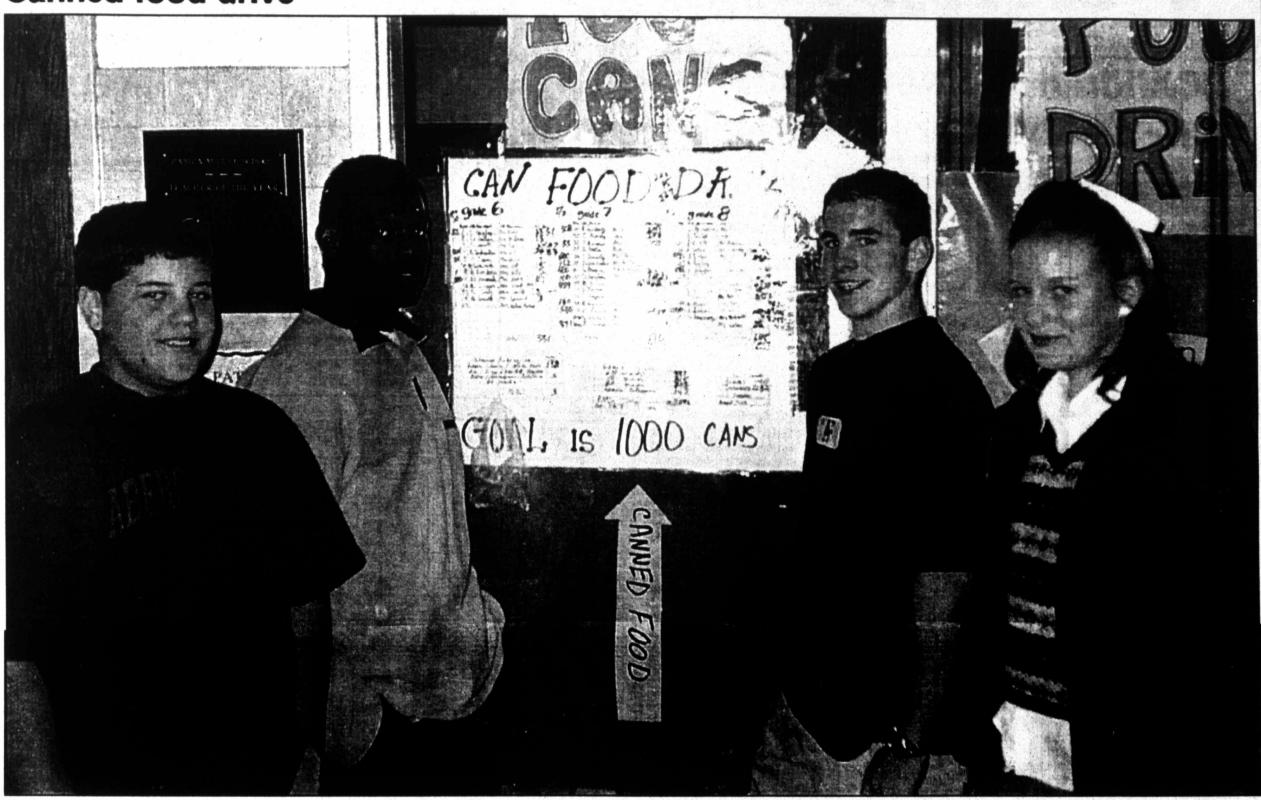
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Pampa Middle School students recently collected 2,092 cans of food during a food drive. The PMS students' goal in the drive was 1,000 cans, and they exceeded it by drive to help the hungry in Pampa. Mac Smith, mayor; Aaron Simon, Mark Williams 1,092 cans. Sixth grade contributed 331 cans, seventh grade 815 cans and eighth and Rebecca Gindorff, home room presidents, help check over the totals from the food grade 803 cans. Other groups contributed 143 cans.

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA** LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council are invited to enter their best comoffice is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. munity service projects in the Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd.

For more information, call 669-3988. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of for America Campaign, P.O. Box domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more 10150-1058. Entries must be postinformation, call Diane Wells at marked by March 15, 2000, and

669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796. PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill

Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information 2291. Planned Parenthood is a notfor-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the

panhandle. **COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST** 

Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., the public is invited. Camp Fire and 4-H organizations THE FELLOWSHIP "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most cre-Clean Air Al-Anon will hold ative and best executed projects weekly meetings on Tuesdays and from local clubs and troops between March 1, 1999, and March 1, 2000. Entry forms are available through regional offices Tralee Crisis Center will offer of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY are also available on-line at

www.colgate.com. ADHD/ADD **SUPPORT GROUP** 

interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of or for an appointment, call 665- every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from High school students with a 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick.

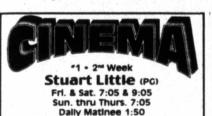
**OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim

Greene at 665-8067. **NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY** New Life Assembly of God Church, located at the corner of Randy Matson and Sumner, is accepting donations of new and used coats and toys from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday for Christmas. Please make sure the used coats and toys are clean. For more information or to arrange a time to drop off items, call 665-0804.

**MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS** Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main in Perryton, is exhibiting the works of Dr. Marvin Moon and his son Gregory Moon through Jan. 31 in the museum's Brillhart Room.

**ECSF SCHOLARSHIPS Educational Communications** Scholarship Foundation has announced its deadline for scholarship applications is Dec. 16. grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Donations will be accepted and GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible

for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only). All requests for applications must include: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-00 academic year. To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org, or paper mail **Educational Communications** Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box



5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012.

Applications will be fulfilled by

mail only on or about Jan. 6, 2000.

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DEAR ABBY: For the last nine years, thousands of your readers have written and called us at the American Optometric Association to apply for free eye care available to low-income working people through VISION USA.

Although this service helps people of all ages, VISION USA 2000 will mark the start of the program's emphasis on aiding children. This focus aligns with VISION USA's commitment to "America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth,' a program headed by retired Gen. Colin Powell and dedicated to helping "at risk" youth.

Each year, more than 7,000 optometrists donate their services to VISION USA. Since the program's beginning, free eye exams have been provided to more than a quarter of a million children and adults. Among those helped was an 8-year-old boy diagnosed with a detached retina. The VISION USA optometrist arranged for eye surgery at no cost, which saved the boy's vision.

An 11-year-old girl who was extremely nearsighted had broken her glasses and her parents couldn't afford new ones. After a new pair was donated, she reported that she could now see the chalkboard even from the back of the classroom. One young girl was thought to have a learning disability, but after an eye exam, it was discovered that she was farsighted and had a high degree of astigmatism. With glasses, she is now able to see, and

Horoscope

TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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event. Network and reach out for others.

through a lingering misunderstanding in

their own fashion. Express your interest

and caring. Use your natural understand-

ing of human nature to create a better

working relationship. Tonight: A com-

\* \* \* Take time for a family member

who cares a lot about you. Do needed

research to bring a key project to fruition.

Good news comes your way once you clear out a misunderstanding. Co-work-

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\*\*\* Build on a new foundation.

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We hope you will alert your readers to the VISION USA 2000 program. Application forms are available now from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, or on the AOA Web site (www.aoanet.org) in the "Meet the AOA" section (click on the VISION USA logo). Many libraries now offer free Internet access for persons without a home computer. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 20, 2000.

Abby, we appreciate your support of VISION USA. You are helping many hardworking, deserving people and their children to see better and to have healthy eyes. HARVEY P. HANLEN, O.D.,

PRESIDENT, AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

DEAR DR. HANLEN: I'm pleased to help spread the

Readers, from Jan. 3 to Jan. 31, 2000, low-income working people can be screened for eligi-bility for VISION USA by call-

ing (800) 766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CST). Interested persons are encouraged to apply early, in writing, because of the heavy demand for the phone lines in January.

To qualify for the free eye care, persons must: have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance that covers eye examinations; have an income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye exam within the last two years. Eligibility requirements may vary in

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed about tombstone inscriptions reminds me of two others you might be interested in.

First, on a recent trip to Key West, Fla., we took the Conch Train tour of the city. When we passed an old cemetery, our guide told us of one tombstone inscription: "I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK."

When my first wife died a few years ago, I ordered a headstone for her and one for myself, leaving the final date blank, of course. But I added beneath my name, "OFTEN IN ERROR - SELDOM IN DOUBT." I hope it gives some visitor a smile.

G.B.F., GULFPORT, MISS.

DEAR G.B.F.: I'm sure it will!

understanding of the financial world. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

\* \* \* Take an overview rather than getting plugged into someone else's money concerns. A risk might not pay off. Discuss what is going on. A partner takes a strong action that allows you to open a new door. Indulge a loved one.

Tonight: Your treat. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\* \* \* Misunderstandings could provoke more than you want to deal with. A higher-up clearly does not see eye to eye with you. Productivity does count with a boss; do more than your share. Express key concerns. Tonight: All's well that ends well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* \* Listen more. Let others work out all the facts. Your diligence could \*\*\* Build on a friendship. Let othmake all the difference in overcoming a potential misunderstanding. Use your instincts. A child or loved one is demanding, but all he wants is your attention. Tonight: You need a break. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

> \* \* \* \* Use your diplomacy to circumnavigate a problem. Another could be cantankerous anyway. Make judgments from a monetary viewpoint. A family member may attempt to push you into a project. Relax and go with the flow. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Demands at work take over. and you'll need to shift into high gear. You have the understanding and creativity to make what you want happen. Others could be testy at first, however. Instincts will lead you in the right direction. closer. Share your feelings. Seek greater Tonight: In the limelight

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* \* Take an overview with a problem that unnerves you. How successful you are when dealing with those behind the scenes depends on your ability to be easygoing. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Use care with spending. Tonight: Build on your personal security. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\* \* Your high-voltage energy brings a project to fruition. You get rid of extra work and clear your desk as well. Invitations surround you, but make choices that benefit your work for now. A friend could confuse plans. You can sort it out. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

\*\* Don't make assumptions. Check PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

ers make strong choices but question diplomatically if you think they are offbase. Show your caring in a way that counts to others. You get long-desired results. Act on your instincts financially. Tonight: Out and about.

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## MEDICAL

# Experimental, genetically engineered asthma drug may replace treatment with steroids

About half those getting either drug

dose cut their use of inhaled steroids at

least 50 percent, compared with 38 per-

cent of the placebo group. Eighteen per-

cent of the high-dose group and 23 per-

cent of the low-dose group stopped using

inhaled steroids entirely, compared with

12 percent in the placebo group.

**Associated Press Writer** 

An experimental, genetically engineered asthma drug could offer ma attacks. sufferers an entirely new treatment without the dangerous side

effects of steroids, the standard medication for many patients, researchers say.

In a study published in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, about one quarter of the asthma patients on inhaled steroids were able to stop taking them after being given the new drug, rhuMAb-E25. And one-third of those using oral steroids were able to quit, too.

"It's going to be a breakthrough," said the lead researcher, pediatric asthma specialist Dr. Henry Milgrom of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. "The new drugs such as this one

are intended to be the magic bullet against asthma."

Steroids have been widely used to treat moderate to severe asthma for the past decade. But long-term use stunts children's growth. In adults, steroids can cause osteoporosis, stomach bleeding, elevated blood pressure and blood sugar, cataracts and weight gain. RhuMAb-£25 is an intravenous drug made by splicing a tiny seg-

ment of a cloned mouse antibody into a human antibody. After further testing, the three companies developing it -Genentech, Novartis Pharma AG and Tanox — hope to seek Food and Drug Administration approval for sale in about six months.

Genentech funded the study. Despite the numerous drugs available, many patients don't control their asthma well. The condition kills 5,500 Americans annually, is the ninth-leading cause of hospitalization and prompts 10 million doctor visits each year. About 17 million Americans have asth-

ma, an astonishing increase of more than 75 percent since 1980. In an asthma attack, hypersensitive airways narrow drastically when exposed to an allergen, such as cigarette smoke, pet dander, pollen, feathers and mites. A type of antibody called IgE prompts immune cells to release histamines in a misguided attempt to neutralize the allergens. Instead, the histamines inflame and further narrow the airways.

Exercise and breathing cold air also can trigger attacks. Symptoms include shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing.

Steroids reduce the airway inflammation. Over time, the drugs lower sensitivity to those allergens, reducing the incidence of asth-

RhuMAb-E25 works in a different way: It binds up more than 95 percent of the IgE, blocking release of much of the histamine, said another researcher, Dr. W. James Metzger of East Carolina University.

This is not a cure, but it reduces the allergic reaction" dramatically, Metzger said.

Over a 12-week period, 317 patients with moderate to severe asthma were injected every two weeks with either a high dose of the drug, a low dose or a placebo. Over the next eight weeks, they were slowly taken off steroids. About half those getting either

drug dose cut their use of inhaled steroids at least 50 percent, compared with 38 percent of the placebo group. Eighteen percent of the high-dose group and 23 percent of the low-dose group stopped using inhaled steroids entirely, compared with 12 percent in the placebo group.

Of the 35 patients also taking oral steroids, at least one-third getting either drug dose stopped taking the steroids, compared with 17 percent in the placebo group. About two-thirds of those getting rhuMAb-E25 cut oral steroid use.

Patients getting either drug dose also reported fewer asthma

symptoms and fewer limits on their activities.

The researchers believe the patients in the placebo group improved because they had twice-monthly doctor exams and frequent instruction on sticking to their treatment plan.

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Peter J. Barnes of Britain's National Heart and Lung Institute called the drug an "important step forward" that might also control hay fever and other allergies. He said further research may show that less-frequent injections or under-the-skin injections that patients could give themselves work as well as intravenous shots.

Singulair, a pill approved last year, also prevents asthma attacks and helps cut reliance on steroids. It works by blocking leukotrienes, substances in lung tissue that contribute to inflam-

#### son's improvement. Rimland, who has a 43-year-old autistic son, said a dozen more secretin studies are nearly complete. He said there is convincing

## Children's medical briefs

Low-iron formulas a no-no

HOUSTON — Switching to a low-iron formula as a cure for colic or constipation could set babies up for iron-deficiency anemia and developmental difficulties.

"There is no evidence that the iron in fortified formulas cause colic, spitting up, constipation, or irritability. But, there is strong evidence that iron-fortified formulas can prevent iron-deficiency anemia in formula-fed infants," said Dr. Kathleen J. Motil, a pediatrician with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

According to Motil, iron-deficiency anemia compromises the amount of oxygen available to an infant's rapidly growing brain and body tissues, which can create long-term problems. Iron is a key component of hemoglobin, the compound produced by red blood cells to carry oxygen in the bloodstream.

Studies have shown that young children who suffered from irondeficiency anemia in infancy scored lower on standard development tests than their peers.

Halt adolescent girls' slide into inactivity

HOUSTON - Parental help might be needed to keep middleschool girls physically active.

"At puberty, physical activity levels drop dramatically among girls," said Becky Gorham, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "They lose interest in children's activities

because they feel self-conscious about their changing bodies." To help girls stay physically activity as they grow, Gorham offers

parents these tips: Take middle-schoolers to high-school girls' track and swim meets, tennis matches and soccer games to expose them to young,

active role models and different activities. Reinforce development of a positive self-image by sidestepping issues of weight and body shape changes. Focus on having fun and

being healthy. · Support, but don't force, involvement in sports teams or other physical activity. Avoid turning physical activity into a control

 Use physical activity to carve out quality one-on-one time with growing girls. Suggest a swim, nightly walk, a bike ride to the movies, or learn to in-line skate together.

 Be a good role model. Your lifestyle choices influence your daughter's physical activity levels more than you might think. If you're active, she probably will be, too.

Keep a lid on cap and comb sharing

HOUSTON — Sharing combs and trading hats at school can lead to contagious skin conditions spreading quickly through a classroom. Head lice and scabies are two common conditions that transfer from

one person to another through close contact.

"Children should not share combs, towels or brushes. When they have sleepovers, they should not share a pillow," said Dr. Jan Drutz, an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

#### Autism research shows no benefit from much-touted enzyme By JANET McCONNAUGHEY attention to the enzyme after her

**Associated Press Writer** 

An enzyme hailed as a possible cure for autistic children worked no better than a placebo in its first reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

said Dr. Adrian Sandler, lead author of the study.

The findings "strongly suggest that secretin should not be recommended to treat autism until the results of our other ongoing studies are known," said Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which sponsored that study.

RANGS

Still, just being part of a study

School of Public Health.

utes of moderate exercise a day.

impaired in its capacity to use insulin, or both.

helped some of the children great-

Thousands of parents have hunted for doctors willing to give their autistic children intravenous doses of secretin — a digestive enzyme two rigorous studies, researchers that costs \$180 per vial - since a New Hampshire woman said in 1997 that one dose given during a There seems to be a significant diagnostic test had brought her son placebo effect, but no difference out of autistic isolation. There were bitant prices.

That prompted a series of studies to test secretin against a placebo, since it has long been known that simply being treated can help many people, whether or not the

treatment has any medical effect. Only two of the studies are com-

One study, involving 60 children, is detailed in the New England Journal of Medicine. A study of 20

children was described by Dr. Edwin Cook of the University of Chicago in an article published on the Medscape Internet site in October.

Neither found any benefit from

The larger study, though, found that both children who got the enzyme and those who got a placebo improved markedly and by

Autism is marked by profound social withdrawal and sometimes aggressive or repetitive behavior. Sandler, of the Olson Huff Center for Child Development in Asheville, N.C., found that children in both groups interacted more with other people, talked more and had slightly less trouble

Dr. Fred Volkmar, head of the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic, said the children on placebos were responding to all the attention from doctors, parents and others. He and Sandler both noted that several treatments most of them involving long, painstaking work with behavior or speech problems - have been proven to help autistic children.

Both of the secretin studies were small, short-term and single dose - limits the researchers themselves noted.

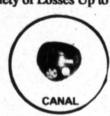
The patent to secretin's use with autistic children is held by Bernard

data showing a clear response by children to secretin.



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Association, is in line with previous research on both men and Rimland, head of the Autism Research Institute in San Diego, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National and Victoria Beck, who first called Institutes of Health recommend Americans to get at least 30 min-Diabetes occurs when the body is insulin-deficient, becomes **Healthstar Medical** 

# ACHOOO!

Study: Exercise helps prevent diabetes

CHICAGO (AP) - A study of more than 70,000 women found

The study of women participating in the Nurses Health Study

found that the most vigorous exercise was associated with a 46 per-

cent lower risk. But even brisk walking lessened the chances of dia-

The researchers were led by Dr. Frank B. Hu of the Harvard

The study, published in a recent Journal of the American Medical

that exercise can reduce the risk of developing adult-onset dia-

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## SPORTS

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Despite a 7-8 record after Friday's loss to the New Orleans Saints, the Dallas Cowboys can clinch a playoff berth with a win in their final regular-season game Sunday against the New York Giants.

The Washington Redskins, who had already secured a playoff position, clinched the NFC East title with a 26-20 overtime victory Sunday night against the San Francisco 49ers.

A win over the Giants would give the Cowboys a wild card berth in the playoffs because they would have a better conference record than Green Bay and Carolina, regardless of the outcomes of

their games.
Dallas coach Chan Gailey said after Friday's 31-24 loss to the Saints that he had little hope his team would make the playoffs.

#### **GENERAL**

NEW YORK (AP) -Michael Jordan was selected as ESPN's athlete of the cen-

Rounding out the ESPN top 10 were Babe Ruth, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown, Wayne Gretzky, Jesse Owens, Jim Thorpe, Willie Mays, Jack Nicklaus and Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

Twenty-five of the 48 panelists selecting the athletes were employees of or contributors to ESPN, ABC or affiliated businesses of the TV networks or its parent, The Walt Disney Co.

The top 10 in The Associated Press 100 Athletes of the Century poll were Ruth, Jordan, Thorpe, Ali, Gretzky, Brown, Joe Louis, Owens, Zaharias and Wilt Chamberlain.

### BASKETBALL

WASHINGTON (AP) -Former Maryland star Steve Francis made himself right at home in the MCI Center. So did Mitch Richmond.

Richmond had 27 points and seven assists as the Washington Wizards beat the Houston Rockets 103-92 on Sunday, ruining Francis' to homecoming Washington area

Francis had 21 points and seven assists.

"It was a Steve Francis welcome home party," said Washington's Laron Profit, teammate Francis' Maryland. "We got the win, which is what we wanted. He got to play in front of his family and friends, which is what he wanted."

Francis brought the crowd to its feet with a powerful dunk over Wizards center Jahidi White.

"If we were in Houston, the crowd would have reacted the same," said Francis, who last played in the MCI Center last season when he was at Maryland.

'Golly. My grandmother was right there. My agent was right there. I had a lot of fans who were sitting real close....But at the same time, I knew my job here was to play pro basketball, so I tried to block all that out and get my team ready to play."

Richmond and Strickland, who scored 15. outscored the Rockets' backcourt 42-25.

"Whenever they needed something big, Richmond came through," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

The Wizards took the lead for good when they scored the final seven points of the first half and the first nine of the third quarter to take a 58-42 lead.

"We got more aggressive in the third quarter," Wizards coach Gar Heard said. "We didn't let them do what they wanted."

Walt Williams, who also played at Maryland, added

20 points for the Rockets. Washington has won four of five, with the only loss a 105-89 decision at Houston on Thursday night.

## Notebook NFL playoffs are starting to take shape

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer

Minnesota is in. So is Washington. And Detroit.

Tampa Bay is headed for the playoffs, too, joining previous qualifiers Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Tennessee and St. Louis.

As for the rest of the 12 postseason berths, well, don't ask.

But since you did: -Buffalo, Miami, Seattle and Kansas City are battling for three spots in the AFC.

—Dallas, Green Bay, Carolina and the New York Giants, all losers this weekend, are after one wild-card spot in the NFC.

At the top of the AFC, the Colts improved to 13-2 Sunday and assured the biggest turnaround in NFL history — they were 3-13 last season — by edging Cleveland 29-28. That also tied AFC East champion Indianapolis with Jacksonville for

The Jaguars had their 11-game winning streak snapped with their second loss this season to Tennessee. The Titans (12-3) got five touchdown passes from Steve McNair in a 41-14 victory. They would win the Central if they beat Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati takes Jacksonville next

In the West, Seattle ended a fourgame skid with a 23-14 home victory against Kansas City, which had won four in a row. They are tied atop the division at 9-6, but the Seahawks win the crown if they beat the Jets in a road finale. Kansas City is home for Oakland.

Things are more muddled in the NFC, except for West champion St. Louis (13-2), which won its seventh straight, 34-12 against Chicago, knocking the Bears from contention. Tampa's 29-10 victory over Green Bay and Minnesota's 34-17 triumph

postseason slots from the Central. Washington (9-6) captured the East with its 26-20 overtime win in

San Francisco. Also, it was Buffalo 13, New England 10 in overtime; Pittsburgh 30, Carolina 20; Baltimore 22,

and San Diego 23, Oakland 20. The weekend began with New Orleans' 31-24 upset of Dallas on Friday. Denver beat Detroit 17-7 on Saturday, but the Lions qualified for

the playoffs anyway on Sunday.
Tonight, the New York Jets are at Miami (9-5), which will make the playoffs by winning its last two

Philadelphia was off. Colts 29, Browns 28

It wasn't vintage Colts, but Peyton Manning led them back from a late nine-point deficit.

Mike Vanderjagt's 21-yard field goal with four seconds left won it.

the conference's best record with one at the Giants earned the winners Rookie Edgerrin James scored three yards. TDs, Marvin Harrison set a team record with 14 receptions for 138 yards, but Manning's streak of

games with a TD pass ended at 27.
"We'll take that," Colts coach Jim Mora said of the worst-to-first turnaround. "We talked to the team yes-Cincinnati 0; Atlanta 37, Arizona 14; terday and they were aware that they could make some history. It's a nice thing to get."

The expansion Browns (2-14) finished 0-8 at home.

Titans 41, Jaguars 14
McNair hit five receivers for his

TDs as Tennessee swept Jacksonville in completing a perfect home season.

"A lot of teams have been daring us to throw the football this year, and we haven't been successful," said McNair, who had thrown only one TD pass in his previous seven games. "We've been struggling offensively .... We wanted to come out and prove a point."

Eddie George rushed for 102

The Jaguars lost quarterback Mark Brunell to a sprained left knee. Seahawks 23, Chiefs 14

The Seahawks have not made the playoffs since 1988. They got closer as visiting Kansas City, leading the NFL with a plus-23 turnover differential, had three passes by Elvis Grbac intercepted.

"This is good," said Jon Kitna, who threw two touchdowns in the first half. "But it's nothing if we don't win next week." Rams 34, Bears 12

St. Louis' incredible offensive

exploits continued.
Marshall Faulk became only the second player in NFL history with 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in one season as the Rams (13-2) won their seventh straight. Faulk had 222 yards on 20 touches against Chicago (6-9) and needs 36 yards at Philadelphia to break Barry Sanders' total yardage mark of 2,358.



Ronnie Brown of McLean shot a 13-point whitetail buck on the Terra Rosa Ranch near McLean earlier this season. The buck's rack had a gross-score (non-typical) of 175 4/8 and a net (non-typical) 172 1/8. The rack had a 22-inch inside spread and a 26-inch outside spread. In photo at right, Steve Stoltz (center) a Pro Staff hunter for Drury Outdoors & MAD Calls, shot this 14-pound buck on the Tera Rosa Ranch near McLean. Also participating in the hunt were (left) guide Scott Hohensee, wildlife manager and biologist at Terra Rosa, and Troy Ruiz, of the Mossy Oak Camera Team which televises the "Hunting The Country", TNN Show. Steve's buck, which had a live weight of 225 pounds. grossed 169 2/8 as a non-typical and netted 162 4/8 as a non-typical. The rack had an 18 1/8 inside spread and a 21-7/8 outside spread. For more information on the Terra Rosa Ranch, call 806-779-8985.

### **NFL Standings**

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Miami	9	5	0	.643	285	277	Sunday's Games
New England	7	8	0	.467	279	261	Late Game Not Included
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	429	251	269	Atlanta 37, Artzona 14
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y-Jacksonville	13	2	0	.886	372	210	Pittsburgh 30, Carolina 20
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Carolina	7	8	0	.467	376	368	OPEN: Cleveland
San Francisco	4	10	0	.286	246	393	Monday, Jan. 3
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	251	351	Sen Francisco at Atlanta, 9 p.m.
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	247	389	End Regular Season

### Will Y2K bug invade Cotton Bowl?

Cotton Bowl? Fear not the Y2K bug.

Game organizers insist you're more likely to sleep through the sound of the alarm clock waking you for the morning kickoff than you are to run into millenniuminduced havoc at the stadium.

The reason is simple: Built in 1930, the Cotton Bowl lacks many of the modern amenities that could go berserk when Dec. kickoff.

DALLAS (AP) - Holding tickets to the 31, 1999, turns into Jan. 1, 2000, and those it does have were checked out long ago.

"We know we'll be ready no matter what happens," said Marty MacInnis, vice president and director of operations for the game.

Just to be extra certain, a dress rehearsal featuring practically everything but Texas and Arkansas players will take place shortly after midnight, leaving plenty of time to correct any oversights before the 10:10 a.m.

### PHS teams enter tourneys at Fort Worth and Ardmore

and girls basketball teams will be be pretty tough." involved in tournament action this week.

The Pampa girls meet El Reno, Okla. at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the first round of the Ardmore Invitational.

"We had a 1-2 record in that tournament last year, so we'll be looking for a little improvement," said Pampa coach Mark Elms. "We do need to start hitting our free throws."

The Lady Harvesters, 8-4 for the season, will be looking to snap a two-

game losing streak.

PAMPA - Both the Pampa boys teams in it." Elms said. "It's going to

Senior guard Joy Young (12.5) and sophomore forward Jennifer Lindsey (9.0) lead Pampa in scoring.

The Lady Harvesters next home game will be a District 1-3A contest against Dumas on Jan. 11.

The Pampa boys (5-8) take on Coppell at 7:30 Tuesday night in the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament. Junior guard Gary Alexander (12.0) and senior guard Jesse Francis (9.0) lead the Harvesters in scoring.

Both the Ardmore and Fort Worth Tournaments conclude on Thursday.

The Harvesters' next home game is "The tournament has some good Jan. 10 against Lubbock Estacado.

### Stanford is still No. 1 in basketball

By JIM O'CONNELL AP Basketball Writer

Stanford, one of five unbeaten teams remaining in Division I, held the No. 1 spot in the AP college basketball poll for a second straight week today.

The Cardinal (9-0), who beat Mississippi State 76-56 in their only game last week, received 60 first-place votes and 1,734 points from the media panel to easily outdistance Connecticut (8-1), which had seven No. 1 votes and ,670 points.

The Huskies were the only other team to hold the same spot from the previous Top 25 as 10 ranked teams lost last week. five weeks until being replaced by

Stanford, moved up one spot to No. 3, while Auburn moved up three places to

Arizona, which had its home winning streak snapped at 37 games by New Mexico, dropped from third to fifth. Florida and Syracuse, at 8-0 one of the other unbeaten teams, each moved up two spots to sixth and seventh. Michigan State, which lost at Kentucky, fell from fifth to eighth and was followed by Duke, which moved up one spot, and Kansas, which jumped two.

Oklahoma State (10-0), the only other undefeated ranked team, led the Second Ten and was followed by Indiana, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio State, Cincinnati, which had been No. 1 for Tennessee, Temple, Texas, Wake Forest and Illinois.

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## Hispanic Heritage announces winners of essay contest

Some Pampa students participated in an essay contest recently. The subject of the contest was Hispanic grandparents. The following essays were among the winning entries:

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The word "grandma" means a lot to me. My grandma believed that if there was faith, anything was possible. My grandma was a loving Christian person. She believed that a family was nothing without love. My grandma taught me a lot of things while she was still with us. One of these things was the meaning of true love. My grandma was my best friend when I was little. I loved her so much that I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. My grandma is one reason why I am proud to be the person I am today.

The one thing I loved most about my grandma was her beautiful voice. I loved to listen to my grandma sing in church. This inspired me to want to be in choir and to want to play the piano. Her strong devotion to her Creator was an example of true love. She taught me how to share my love with others, not asking for anything in return. She always gave and expected nothing in return. She loved all her grandchildren the same. She was always very affectionate and caring. She would always have family get-togethers where she would make wonderful tamales, bunuelos and other Mexican delights. Christmas was the best at her house. I can still hear everyone at the table having a good time and thanking grandma for the wonderful comida. Making us happy made her happy. That's why I loved her so much and still love

My grandma told me to love and believe in myself and never to forget that she loved me. I helped my grandma make my first quilted cobija. This is how I learned that I could do anything if I put all I could into it. I enjoyed cutting different, beautiful colored cloths and sewing them together to help make my own beautiful quilted cobija. She made me feel special and proud like if I had done it all on my own. Her encouragement is what kept me going and what keeps me going until this day. The love that she put into the things she did has always fascinated me: She was just so cre-

The things that I have learned from my grandma are so many that I could not mention them all. The ones that I have mentioned are the ones that I remember the most. There is no way that I could ever forget my grandma. She will always be a part of me no matter what. Sometimes I dream that she is looking down at me from heaven, taking care of us all. I wish someday to reunite with her and tell her how much I love her and have missed her.

Danette Navarrete

#### My Hispanic Grandparents

What my Hispanic grandparents mean to me - faithful, loving, caring.

My grandparents had so much faith in God. They prayed the rosary daily, went to church on Sundays, helped in church events, also helped with maintenance and cleaning of the church.

They lived their lives working hard, helping people in need. Everyone was always welcomed in their home. I will never forget my trips to Mexico when I visited my grand-

parents' home. The memories of my grandma (abuelita) when she washed by hand on a stone washing board. She always worked hard and always had a smile on her face. She loved to sing and praise the Lord while she worked.

There were times when my grandma was washing clothes and I would play with suds in the water and splash her. She never got mad at me. She just laughed along with me. I never heard her complaining of being tired after all her hard work.

My grandpa (abuelito) also worked in the fields. The crops he planted were beans and, at times, even corn.

My grandpa did not have a tractor so he had to plow with mules. He was so proud of his crops. They planted beans so they would have some for the whole year, but sometimes the beans wouldn't last because grandpa would give the beans to the needy. People knew they could go to him if they needed food.

He was always so blessed in many ways. I am so proud to have had Hispanic grandparents like them.

This essay has been hard for me to write because my grandma died in December of 1998 and my grandpa died in June of 1999. I sure miss them, but I know they are in heaven with Jesus and they don't have to work so hard and I know what I become will be greatly influenced by my Hispanic grandparents: Pedro Grajeda, -28-1926 — 6-23-1999; Cruzita Grajeda, 5-3-1928 — 12-28-1998.

#### My Columbian Grandparents

-Michael Grajeda

I am proud of my Colombian grandparents and the many things they have taught me in life.

First of all, my grandparents taught me the importance of doing well in school. They taught me the vowels, numbers and the alphabet in Spanish. They also helped me study English because in Bogota we had to learn English. They did not know English perfectly, but they gave it their best. The most important thing they told me was that I was intelligent and I learn quickly.

This makes me feel confident about myself. Next, my grandparents taught me to appreciate the beauty of nature. We took trips to admire the landscape. I liked to look at butterflies and the many colors of flowers. We swam and fished in nearby lakes and ponds. One day, I caught two catfish. I was too scared to take them off the hook so my grandfather helped me. Finally, my grandparents used to tell stories from their past.

They shared experiences from their childhoods. I enjoyed listen-

ing to them reminisce. My grandfather taught me to ride a bike when I was 5-years-old. I can still hear my grandmother singing songs like "Sol Solesito," "Los Pollitos Dicen," "Arroz Con Leche" and "Duermete Mi Nina," before bedtime and the comfort I felt. I would also sing. When I fell asleep, she would climb into bed with me. I felt so safe and secure. Those were good times for me. My childhood was changed because of my grandparents. I would like to be with my grandparents again someday because I love them very much.

—Evelyn Dinana Sanchez

#### My Hispanic Grandparents

My grandparents' names are Soccorro and Gustavo Chavez. My grandmother is 63-years-old, my grandfather would have been 66. It has been five years since he has been gone, he died of cancer. But I have him in my heart. My grandfather and grandmother had 11 kids. My father was the sixth child my grandparents had. My grandmother was 22 when she had her first baby, then she was 42 when she had her last baby. My grandparents came from Santa Cruz de Mayo, Chihuahua, Mexico, that is in the northern part of Mexico. It has been 13 years ago since they left from there.

My grandparents have shown me everything I know now including all the sports. I have lived with my grandparents since I was 8-years-old because my father had passed away when I was 6-years-old - he was in a car accident. My mother had six children; therefore, my grandparents offered to take care of me and my brother. My grandmother has shown me how to clean, always to be respectful to others, to wash dishes and clothes, throw away trash, to write in Spanish and do a lot of things in Spanish, and even dance. I love my grandparents for being there for my father and my parents for being there for me.

I love my grandparents.

—Isabell Chaney





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