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Raising restoration funds faces county

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Raising \$1.3 million to help pay for a restoration project to restore the Gray County Courthouse is facing the Gray County Commission.

Financing alternatives to supplement the \$3.8 million grant the county was awarded by the Texas Historical Commission will be on the agenda at the Feb. 1 county commission meeting.

"We've got to get our ducks in a row on how to deal with the additional financing we need," said Precinct On County Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "We need to address finances first."

Wheeley was referring to many costs the \$3.8 million will not cover.

Also, the restrictions by the THC on how the \$3.8 million grant is spent limits certain expenditures by the county such as the cost of moving employees out of the courthouse during the restoration.

The county judge cited recent fuel bills in speaking of making the building more energy efficient. The courthouse gas bill for November, 2000, was \$1,020 vhile December's bill jumped to \$2,900, according to a cost report given to the county commission Monday.

County officials are checking on whether building rental costs would be covered by the \$3.8 million grant. The THC grant program also provides the state puts up 72 percent to 28 percent match by the county. Among the major building needs identified by consultants are installation of tem and only one thermostat for four new electrical wiring as much of the wiring was installed in the 1930s. Plumbing repairs have also been identified as a major item. County officials energy efficient. The courthouse gas bill report many rusted pipes as well as for November, 2000, was \$1,020 while cracked and deteriorating sewer lines. December's bill jumped to \$2,900, accord-

inside the building. The exterior of the building is also cracked.

Replacement of windows is also needed, said County Judge Richard Peet. "These windows are not energy efficient," he said. "We still have the old boiler sysfloors in the building."

The county judge cited recent tuel bills in speaking of making the building more

ing to a cost report given to the county commission Monday.

Peet said if the additional funding is not made available the county would lose the \$3.8 million because of the match requirement.

"We need this work done on the courthouse," he said. "It we don't raise the \$1.3 million for the project, we will lose the \$3.8 million from the state, and we may never again have another opportunity like this. If we lose the \$3.8 million grant, another county will get the money and utilize it.

Peet said he would be happy to give residents a tour of the county facility to show them the needs of the building. "These needs are not what people see when they run in the tax office to get new license plates," he said. "Anvone who would like further information is urged to contact me.

The commission has discussed the pos-(See **RESTORATION**, Page 2)



Weather update

National Weather Service officials say the winter storm predicted for the area came in slower than expected, but at press time today continued to gain strength.

"The heaviest snow we're seeing right now is in Carson County around White Deer, southwest Gray County and on south toward Groom," said Rob Slattery, a meteorol-

2-month old baby in critical condition Deputies probe circumstances

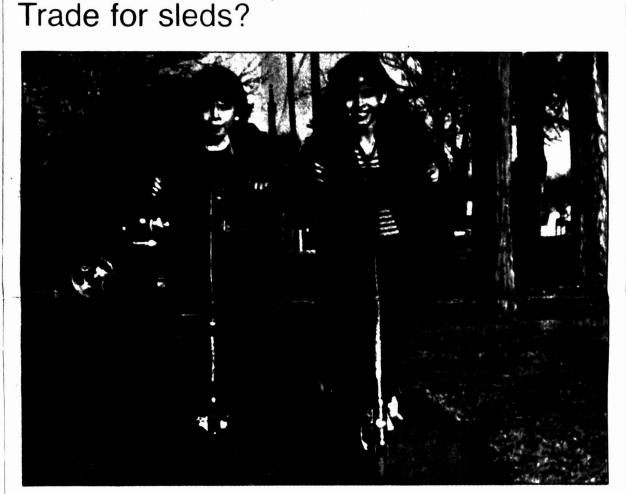
Gray County Sheriff's deputies continue to investigate an early morning call reporting an unconscious baby on South Barnes Street, south of Pampa.

Details remained sketchy at press time today, but sheriff s department officials said that Deputy David Rushing was called to a residence at 1408 S. Barnes at 2:15 a.m. today after authorities received a call that an infant there was unconscious and and unresponsive, Chief Deputy David Russell said today.

The baby was reported to be in critical condition about 10 a.m. today, Russell said.

"When the deputy got there, the grandfather was administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)," Russell said.

Officers were told that the unconscious baby was found by his mother, Russell said. He said the baby boy is two-months-old. He declined to release the child's name. He said the South Barnes address is the home of "the Porter family." First responders with the Pampa Fire Department were also called to a medical assist 1408 1/2 S. Barnes at 2:53 a.m., according to fire reports. Russell said the baby was transported by ambulance to the emer-(See **BABY**, Page 2)



ogist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Slattery said Dallam County reported five inches on the ground at mid-morn ing, Dalhart had only received one inch, and Boise City, Okla., had six inches.

He said the storm began expanding between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. today.

"Echoes on the radar show its centered over Carson and northern Potter counties, then cuts off over the city of Amarillo. It's pretty heavy around Groom, from Lake McClellan cut-off through to Groom," he said.

The warm temperatures, ranging from 34 to 30 degrees, may keep the snow from accumulating like forecasters tirst thought, he said.

"When the sun goes down, it will start sticking more. Ice and snow will be forming on bridges," Slattery said.

Sanitation supt. recuperating from fall

Sanitation Supt. Rick Stone is at home recuperating today after taking a 60-foot tumble Monday down the side of a landtill cell. He was lifted trom the bottom of the cell by Pampa Fire Department Rescue Team and others. Richard Morris, director of public works, said Stone is "sore" but suffered no major injuries and few scratches. "He's lucky," Morris added, saving that Stone, who may have suffered a minor concussion, will have another checkup tomorrow.

· Joyce 'Nannie' Shawhart, 73, health care professional for 55 years.

• Creed Smith, 83, retired Getty Oil plant superintendent.

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PISD officials deny heating reductions

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Heat is not being turned off in the Pampa schools.

Pampa Independent School District officials emphatically denied a student's allegation Tuesday morning that heat would be turned off at Pampa Middle School due to the \$80,000 gas bill received by the district.

B. J. Hagerman, father of a sixth grader at Pampa Middle School, went to The Pampa News Tuesday morning reporting that his son. Adam, told him the 800 students at PMS must wear jackets to school because the heat would be turned off at school.

Hagerman said his son claimed PMS Principal Tim Powers announced over the intercom Monday the heat would not be turned on in an effort to reduce the cost of tuel to the school, and said Powers told the students to wear jackets to school.

The father said his son may have exaggerated, but told *Lie Pampa News* he thought it "needed to be checked out."

"No announcement with regard to heat has ever been made," said Powers Tuesday morning. "I announced to the students Monday to (See PISD, Page 2)

(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore

Robert Mercado, 7, and his sister Ariel Mercado, 9, fly down the sidewalk on East Browning Street recently on the new scooters they received for Christmas. Local youngsters had a few sunny days to play outside, but weather forecasters now predict from six-to-10 inches of snow for the area by this evening. If so, kids like the Mercados will have to switch from scooters to sleds.

PEDC to consider bonds

By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

A discussion and possible consideration of the issuance of revenue bonds to finance more projects. for the Pampa Economic Development Commission is on that board's 4 p.m. agenda today at 105 E. Foster.

"There will be more discussion for sure," PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn said this approved they will be repaid from revenue creat morning. "But I honestly don't know if there will - ed by the PEDC's half cent city sales tax be a vote or not

In December, PEDC Board President Richard Stowers appointed board members Roger David and lerry Foote to review the financial aspects of selling revenue bonds as a way of restructuring the organization's debt and generating new money to tund more projects

The bonds are being considered because the PEDC is strapped for funds to do any deals. Tripplehorn said previously. It bonds are

(See PFDC, Page 2)

Quite frankly... How would you like to be a private pilot?



been up before and it's but I would have trou- we have 900 square pilot because it's too could wonderful."

Romines gas frequently." - Jack Sutherland



ble finding passengers miles to patrol in Gray dangerous." -- Vivian because I run out of County and that kind of vehicle would be great." -- David Russell



"I would love it. I've "That would be great, "I-would like it because "I don't want to be a "I would like it, then I to the go Bahamas and see the - Tamika Davis world."

— Sarah Brady



Obituaries

JOYCE 'NANNIE' SHAWHART

died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. O.K. Bowen officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Memphis Funeral Home

Mrs. Shawhart was born Feb. 22, 1927, at Reno, Texas, to Johnny and Ludie Palmer. She South Faulkner on Jan. 6 was reported. married Arlie Shawhart on June 1, 1942, in Lamar County; he died Oct. 8, 1988.

Earning her LVN designation and graduating top of her class as a "Nightingale," Mrs. Shawhart was a health care professional for 55 years, working for three generations of Dr. Robert E. Clark — father, son and grandson. She had been a Memphis resident for 57 years and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Louise Lebow occurred on Jan. 12. of Pampa; a son, Mark L. Shawhart of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and three great- Hardware, 401 N. Ballard, reported theft. grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Fairview Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 265, Memphis, TX 79245

CREED SMITH

Creed Smith, 83, of Pampa, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001. Services are pending under the Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 6, 1917, at Roxton, Marrion "Jake" Clesta Anderson in 1949 at Pampa. He began working at Skelly Oil 4:45 p.m., Jan. 14. Company in 1946 and retired from Getty Oil in 1982 as plant superintendent. He moved to in the 800 block of West Francis. Clarendon in 1983 and bought a farm, returning to Pampa in 2000.

He was a member of Texas Defense Guard from 1941-43 and was a U.S. Navy veteran, II as a Seabee

He was a member of Central Church of Christ and Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM

Survivors include his wife, Jake; a son, Kirk Smith of Hooker, Okla.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to West Texas State A&M University Music Department, 2501 4th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, Jan. 15

Timothy Terrill Lofton, 29, Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

Thomas Allen Leftwich, 43, Carson County,

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the follow-MEMPHIS — Joyce "Nannie" Shawhart, 73, ing arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 300 block of South West. The burglary occurred sometime between Jan. 7 and Jan. 14

Monday, Jan. 15 A terroristic threat occurring in the 100 block of

Police reported they had received an assault

report at 1 Medical Plaza on Jan. 7. A theft under \$50 was reported to have

occurred in the 1300 block of West Kentucky on Ian. 7.

A representative of Frank's True Value Hardware, 401 N. Ballard, reported theft of services between Dec. 22, 2000 and Jan. 11.

Violation of a protective order in the 1100 block of North Starkweather was reported to have

A representative of Frank's True Value

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported to have occurred at Pampa Regional Medical Center sometime between 2 p.m., Jan. 14, and 6:30 a.m., Jan. 15.

Gang affiliation on the school grounds was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A fight was reported at Pampa High School. direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Two juveniles were detained and taken to municipal court.

A First Bank Southwest debit card and check-Texas, and grew up at Estelline. He married book was reported lost in the 600 block of North Ballard sometime between 8:30 p.m., Jan. 13, and

A cell phone, valued at \$50, was reported lost

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of East Twiford.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

A theft of Vicodin and Darvocet pain medicajoining in 1943 and serving during World War tion, valued at \$25, was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. The theft reportedly occurred between Jan. 14 and Jan. 16.

Ambulance

gency room at Pampa Regional Medical Center Rural/Metro made the following calls during and then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, Jan. 15

9:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Pampa landfill and transported one to PRMC. 1:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800

block of North Evergreen; no transport. 2:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of West Wilks and transported one to

PRMC 3:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500

block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC 4:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital

CoC Super Bowl Treasure Hunt

Indecisive and need to punt? Get ready for the Beca; use you will win a \$100 United Supermarket Chamber of Commerce Super Bowl Hunt.

For t his hunt you will need to be looking - For clues at merchants who sell clothing, jewelry, When the riddle is solved you will find a Zach music, antiques, miscellaneous or cooking. When Thomas football. you solve six riddles you will be filled with glee -

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the project.

buildings.

number of years ago.

will be a major issue."

the current legislative session.

RESTORATION Hefley, said they have received several calls from residents inquiring about the funding needed to do

sibility of issuing either certificates of obligation or general obligation bonds to raise the approximate \$1.3 million needed for the project. Gray County voters would be required to approve the issuance of general obligation bonds. While holding an election is not required for the certificates of obligation to be issued, Wheeley said it might be a good idea to go to the voters on that plan without voters asking for an election.

The law provides that five percent of the voters could sign petitions to bring the restoration issue to a county-wide vote to be decided by the voters. Wheeley indicated he would be willing to call a vote to bring it before the people so they can decide.

"This work has to be done," said Wheeley, "it's a question of where the money comes from.

Courthouse Restoration Project Coordinator John Kiehl mentioned the timing might be good for issuance of bonds as the current interest rates are

low. Ken Smith of Southwest Securities in Dallas outlined the procedure of securing certificates of obligation to assist in financing the project during a commission several weeks ago. He is expected to be on hand again at the Feb. 1 commission meeting.

To generate the needed funds to complete for the project an additional \$2.78 per year for a \$25,000 home would be generated by the proposed 1.11 cents tax per \$100 valuation. The average valuation of a home in Pampa is \$28,000. If residents have a \$50,000 home, the additional tax would be \$5.86. The increased amount would be for 20 years, and be automatically dropped when the certificates of obligation are paid.

Upon receiving the requested information from Wheeley, along with Precinct Two Commissioner Ecosystems regarding the cost analysis and time Jim Greene and Precinct Four Commissioner James line, Kiehl will deliver it to Judge Peet.

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in Amarillo.

He said there were "no apparent injuries" on the child. He said the incident is "under investigation."

shopping spree. Collect the puzzle pieces and put them on a wall.

Commissioners authorized Kiehl to contact

Ecosystems, a firm with offices in Amarillo and

Carrollton which specializes in consultant work in

asbestos abatement and lead paint removal con-

cerning a time line and cost proposal for such

removal in connection with the project. Three addi-

tional firms submitted applications for the project.

Director Denver Bruner was at the meeting to pro-

vide information about projects the school district

removed if air tests are passed. Bruner said there

are two types of asbestos: fryable and encapsulat-

ed. He said the encapsulated is safe to leave in the

Bruner explained that all asbestos which is

removed is buried in an approved landfill near

Canyon, but the county would still be responsible

for it until the end of time. "There is a one-time dis-

posal charge," he said. He also advised the consul-

tant costs do not include the disposition of

asbestos. Bruner told the commission the abate-

ment prices have gone down since it first began a

Bruner told the commission there are very few

lead paint regulations in force, but he expects the

Texas Legislature to take action in that area during

Kiehl concurred with Bruner. "Some of the

asbestos can be managed instead of removed. It

can be cost-effectively left in place," he said. "I

don't think the asbestos in the courthouse building

He advised not all asbestos is required to be

has completed in the same areas.

Pampa Independent School District Facilities

Today's clue is: Tarpley's.

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reduced at any school campus.

Powers said, "The temperature settings have been preset and will not be lowered at PMS. listen to the local radio station Tuesday morning, or

"We have had no complaints about heat or lack of at school," said Powers.

Both Powers and Orr said they wished Hagerman had contacted them about his son's allegation. They urge any parents to contact them if

they have concerns. PISD received an \$80,000 gas bill for the the energy situation," he said. He further stated he November December billing cycle. The high cost of gas is going to require some changes in the school

budget, said Dr. Orr. He said the school district's

gas bill for the same time frame a year ago was

\$28,000. Only \$124,000 was budgeted for the entire

He said school administrators will meet this

week to identify money in other parts of the budget

which may be amended to cover the sky-rocketing

costs of gas prices in heating the school buildings.

2000-2001 PISD budget year for gas, he said.

PAMPA PRI The Pampa meets the first month at Cent located at Starkweather a further inform Andersen 665at 669-2266.

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Nev., was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated out of Victoria County.

Ty Adam Kidwell, 21, 733 Lefors, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for the Pampa Police Department on a violation of probation for criminal trespass, a bond surrender for assault causing bodily injury, and municipal warrants for disorderly conduct and failure to appear.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

An unconscious, unresponsive infant was reported in the 1400 block of South Barnes. Deputies are continuing to investigate.

Correction

The Kirking of the Tartans at the First Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, instead of Jan. 21 as reported in Sunday's The Pampa News

The ceremony will be at 10:45 a.m. on that Sunday. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

in Amarillo. 5:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC

for a patient transport to UMC in Oklahoma City. 6:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital for a patient transport to PRMC.

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Domestic disturbance leads to theft charge

A domestic disturbance call Saturday led to the marked with his initials. The missing tools were arrest of a Pampa woman in connection with the valued at \$1,150, according to police reports. reported theft of more than a \$1,000 worth of tools.

Saturday morning, Pampa police were called to a man's tools, police said. report that a man and a woman were shouting at each other outside a residence in the 700 block of North Somerville

the woman "for several hours," however she kept theft over \$50 and under \$500. the truck for several days. When he got the truck drivers and channel lock pliers, were clearly Monday.

The woman told police she did not take the

A routine check showed the woman was wanted on two Gray County warrants for theft. Officers arrested Kristi Gayle Maddox, 24, of

When police arrived on the scene, the man, a res- Amarillo on charges of theft over \$500 and under ident of Amarillo, said he had loaned his truck to \$1,500, and for the two outstanding warrants for

Maddox was booked into Gray County Jail. Bond back, he said a number of his tools were missing was set at \$1,000 for each of the misdemeanor theft from the vehicle. He said all the tools, which charges and \$1,500 for the felony theft charge. She included metric socket sets, Snap-on tools, screw has since been released on bond, officials said

had no contact with the middle school staff about the school's high gas bill. He said no memos or notes to staff or teachers have been issued.

any other time, about any possibility of school clos-

ing due to the weather forecast of several inches of

snow." He said the school's heat was not men-

es of snow is expected to fall in Pampa today.

Area weather forecasters have said six-to-10 inch-

Nothing has come over the loud speaker about

Powers, who was in an administrative meeting at Carver Center when contacted Tuesday morning, said PISD Superintendent Dawson Orr has urged the administrators to "be very frugal about spending in all other areas due to the high cost of gas heating at the schools" but has not said anything about heat reduction in the school buildings.

Dr. Orr told *The Pampa News* the heat is not being Thursday night.

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debt would be restructured and \$250,000 for a grant to a third dairy would be included. This Because present and future would be a \$2.185 million bond debt to the PEDC involves both issue

In other business the board will

 Hear the executive director's report

 Consideration and accep- Taxable - No additional doltance of the 1999/2000 audit by lars to the PEDC but would Brown Graham & Company restructure the debt thereby free-

Consideration of prospect

ly. This would be a \$1.13 million requests Executive session to discuss bond issue legal matters.

Non-taxable - All existing

taxable and non-taxable debt two

types of bonds must be consid-

The latest revenue bond pro-

ing up \$70,000 to \$90,000 annual-

ered, Tripplehorn said.

One man's art is another's ...

LACROSSE, Wis. (AP) — Clint appendage off with a shovel. and Donald Olson spent about They could been fined \$90.50 for three hours creating their disorderly conduct. anatomically correct snowman.

After getting complaints from guy Monty, after the movie "The other residents, police ordered Full Monty," about male stripthe brothers to alter the snow- pers man's anatomy.

The brothers Monday, knocking

PAMPA - A winter storm

Weather focus

complied body," Donald Olson, 18, said. the "In a way, it's art." of light snow. Lows around 20.

The brothers named the frosty

"It wasn't meant to offend any-

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs around 30: Friday, partly cloudy. Lows near 20. Highs around 40.

STATEWIDE – The latest Pacific moisture moving into Texas brought fog to southern and eastern parts of the state Tuesday in advance of a wintry mix of precipitation expected for midweek.

Fog was reported at Tyler and over much of South Texas. Light rain showers were already falling east of a line from Sulphur Springs through Waco to Austin. Isolated thunderstorms developed along the Eastland and the Dallas-Fort Wednesday night, continued Worth area.

Precipitation was expected to the south.

The board of trustees is expected to address the skyrocketing fuel costs at their regular meeting City

Briefs

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CALF FRIES, Moose Lodge, Thurs. 18th, 7 p.m. Members & guests.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS ISD Public Invitation to Open House, 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 23rd. A new facility has been constructed for the education of children interested in attending Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School. Silent Auction & refreshments. Questions 669-3831.

To place a City Brief call 669-2525.

increase over Central and North Texas through Wednesday.

Winds varied from east to southeast at 5 to 15 mph over most of North Texas, with northeasterly winds at 5 to 10 mph in the south. Winds were light and variable over the Big Bend and far West Texas.

Extreme temperatures were 28 degrees at Marfa and 66 at Brownsville and Port Isabel.

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for extreme northwestern sections of the state. A heavy snow warning was in effect for the Panhandle, with a winter storm warning for the South Plains.

Rain was expected to change to snow overnight in North Texas.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 30s to near 70 in

Traffic stop yields drug arrest

A routine traffic stop over the weekend led to Conner stopped the Mustang again in the 800 the arrest of three Pampans and yielded a small block of West Foster. amount of methamphetamine

Early Saturday, Pampa Police Officer David then searched them, police said. Conner saw a black Mustang run a stop sign in the 500 block of McCullough. He stopped the officer he had 'meth' in the sock of his left loot,' vehicle and discovered one of the passengers was Morris said. When Conner searched the sock, he wanted on a city warrant for no insurance. found a small plastic bag filled with what Nahum Nunez, 17, 917 E. Gordon, was taken into appeared to be methamphetamine, he said. custody on a capias pro fine for no insurance.

to the driver of the Mustang and a second pas- Kidd, 19, 1806 N. Banks, was also arrested on a senger, then let them go.

Morris said the officer then "received informa- Nunez paid his fine and was released, officials tion of possible narcotics in the vehicle." After said. Jiminez was released on \$5,000 bond. Kidd observing a second traffic violation, the chief said was also released on \$1,000 bond.

He asked the two occupants to leave the car and

"During the pat down (search), Jiminez told the

Luis Geraldo Jiminez, 21, 614 N. West, was arrested and charged with possession of a con-Police Chief Charlie Morris said Conner spoke trolled substance, less than one gram. Kevin Scott charge of minor driving while intoxicated.

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warning is in effect today and tonight. Today, periods of snow along with a few thunderstorms. Snow may be mixed with sleet this morning. Snow may be heavy at times. Snowfall

accumulations 3 to 6 inches possible by late afternoon. Early highs in the upper 30s with temperatures falling to around 30. East to northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution advised on area lakes. Tonight., cloudy with snow likely. Chance of snow 70

percent. Additional accumulations of 2 to 4 inches possible. Lows 20 to 25. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, coast and over the piney woods cloudy with a 30 percent chance of East Texas, along with patchof light snow. Highs around 30. es of light rain between Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

cloudy with a 30 percent chance

West

CANYON -A&M Universit encouraging his and seniors int ing music at th "Tune in to) attending Mu

Friday, Jan. 26. program is free sentations abou admission proc and student act more targeted s careers and music progra begins at 9:30 Moody Norther the WTAMU ca The day's include lunch w faculty and a no ing the Sympho

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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818. pray. For more information, call The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mental-

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OF THE EASTERN STAR located at Francis and the Eastern Star, has changed Open

MACEDONIA BAPTIST Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 9702 for information. ly ill and family members meet Elm, conducts prayer services at

665-4926.

OPEN DOOR month at Central Baptist Church Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholics Door Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For their meeting nights from the Anonymous at 910 Kentucky further information call Bob first and third Tuesdays to the (across from Albertson's) meet-Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker second and fourth Tuesdays of ing schedule - seven days a week each month. Meeting starts at - two meetings a day -noon till 1 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill. p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER the second Thursday of the 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Women's Support Group for month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. daily for the citizens of Pampa - Child Management offers parent-Russell. There is no charge. For the churches, the schools, etc. All ing skills to assist parents and more information or if you need are cordially invited to come and children in dealing with anger

Gray County 4-H Livestock Show

recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion are as follows: Champion Fine Wool Cross and Reserve BARROW SHOW. Misty Parish, Champion Champion Southdown; Chloe' OPB; Krista Schults, Reserve Champion Other Champion Fine Wool Cross, Champion Medium Pure Breds, (OPB); Megan Couts, Champion Duroc; Drake Jackson, Reserve Champion Misty Parrish, Champion Southdown. Shawn Duroc; Aaron Hunt, Champion Hampshire; Smith earned Lamb Senior Showmanship award Libby Dyson, Reserve Champion Hampshire; and Travis Fish received the Junior Lauren Couts, Champion Yorkshire; Megan Showmanship award. Crawford, Reserve Champion Yorkshire; Zach Licklider, Champion Cross; Cassie Hamilton, English and Reserve Champion Steer; Cassie Reserve Champion Cross. Couts was overall Hamilton, Reserve Champion English; Krista Grand Champion Barrow and Licklider was overall Reserve Champion Barrow. Senior Showmanship award went to Jeremy Pritchett Matricia Davis, Champion American; Meagan and Junior Showmanship went to Parrish.

LAMB SHOW. Travis Fish, Champion Fine Senior Showmanship award went to Megan Wool, Reserve Champion Medium Wool and Couts and the Junior Showmanship award went Reserve Champion Lamb of Show; Shawn to Chisum Smith.

Results from the 4-H Livestock Show held Smith, Reserve Champion Fine Wool, Reserve Smith, Wool and overall champion of entire show;

> STEER SHOW. Chloe' Smith, Champion Smith, Champion Exotic and Grand Champion Steer; Blake Nusser, Reserve Champion Exotic; Crawford, Reserve Champion American. The

and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131. MONTHLY

GOSPEL SINGING Pentecostal Holiness

First Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE Pampa Ministerial Alliance will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Nov. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd. Over 10 churches are involved in presenting the annual event which is free and open to the public.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Gray County Genealogical Society will not meet in the month of December. The January meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library and will feature a hands-on orientation to the Internet.

PAS DANCE Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. Jan. 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

The Dallas Children's Theatre will present three performances of "Heidi" for local school children in third- through sixthgrade Thursday, Feb. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Outlying school districts have been invited to attend the program as well. The project is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other small independent school districts and the Nona Payne and H.E. and Inez McCarley Foundations.

EVENING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BSA Hospice will offer grief

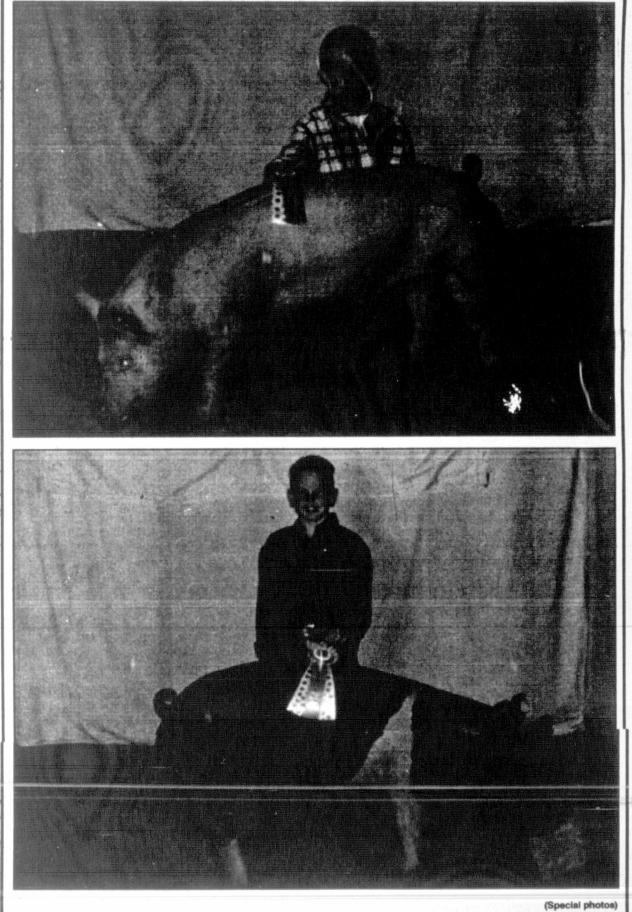
education and group support Law, for adults dealing with the loss Landlord/Tenant Law, Wills of a loved one Thursday and Trusts, Small Claims Court evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. and Small Business Issues. 18-Feb. 15 at First Presbyterian MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA Church in Borger. For more The Third Annual Miss Top of information, call (806) 274- Texas Area Scholarship Pageant 9711.

PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Borger. The pageant is the pre-Association will sponsor the Fourth Annual People's Law "Miss Texas" pageant slated in School from 9 a.m.-12 noon, July in Fort Worth. To be eligible Saturday, Jan. 20 in the College to compete, participants must Union Building of Amarillo be between the ages of 17-24, College in Registration will begin at 8:30 school and must be currently a.m. The event is being funded attending or plan to attend colthrough a grant from Texas lege. To enter or for more infor-Young Lawyers Association mation, call (806) 273-7168 or with assistance from NALS of (806) 857-3804. Winners will Amarillo and is open and free to receive a \$250 cash scholarship, the public. Participants will a \$250 wardrobe allowance, a choose from a variety of topics official crown and will travel to and attend three 50-minute ses- compete in the Miss Texas sions. Topics include: Criminal Pageant.

Family Law

will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 27, at Frank Phillips College in liminary competition to the Amarillo. must be at least a senior in high





Top: Lauren Couts, Champion York, Grand Champion of Show. Bottom: Zach Licklider, Champion Cross, Reserve Grand Champion of Show.

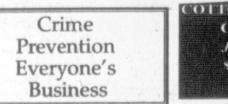
West Texas to host Music Career Day

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University music faculty is encouraging high school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing music at the college level to "Tune in to Your Future" by attending Music Career Day Friday, Jan. 26. The orientation program is free and includes presentations about the University's admission process, financial aid and student activities as well as more targeted sessions on music careers and the University's music program. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Mary Moody Northen Hall Atrium on the WTAMU campus in Canyon. The day's activities also include lunch with students and faculty and a noon concert featuring the Symphonic Band, Chorale and the Harrington String Quartet. Scholarship auditions begin at 2:45 p.m.

Turk, associate professor and said. "The earlier a student auditions, the more funding we have available and the greater the chance we can award scholarship teach. assistance to deserving musicians

who choose to study with us." The tables will be turned at 8 p.m. as faculty members take to the stage for the Faculty Grand open to the public.

"It's a great concert," Turk, who plays the flute, said. "Many of the Department of Music and Dance performing faculty ar principal at (806) 651-2840.



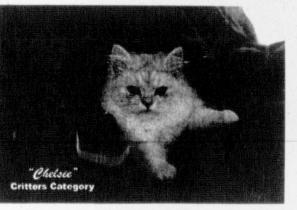
"This is the first of several musicians in the Amarillo scholarship auditions," Sally Symphony, and this provides a rare opportunity for people to see coordinator of Music Career Day, us perform as soloists or members of small ensembles. It's also a great opportunity for us to dispel the myth that those who can't do,

West Texas A&M University offers undergraduate music degree programs with areas of emphasis in performance, composition, music therapy, Recital. The concert is free and music business and music education.

For more information, call the

OTTONWOOD SPRINGS GUEST RANCH January Special ⁵75 Per Night 665-7126

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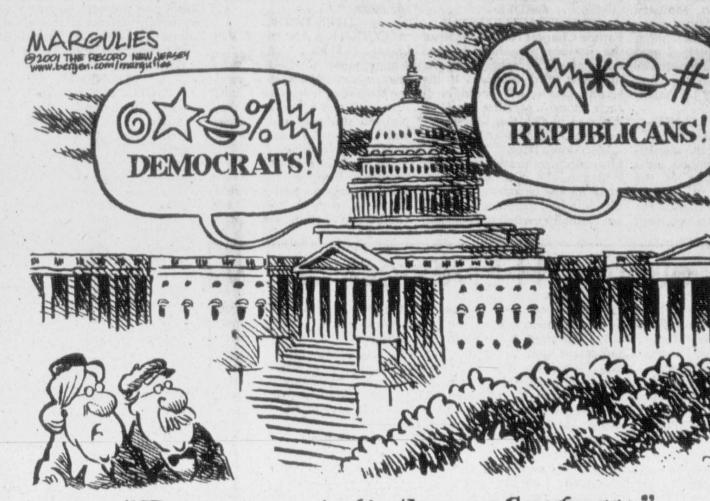


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"They're swearing in the new Congress ..."

You never know what you might find

It's amazing what one can find lying beside a road - highway, county road or even a city street

All kinds of interesting items fill ditches beside life's byways. At least they're interesting to me. To most people, it's probably just trash, but as the cliche' goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Not that I want to pick up most of the stuff I find beside the road. Most of the time, I'm content to leave it where it fell, to tell it's story to whoever else may be curious enough to take a second look.

As most people who know me know, my hobby, my exercise, my "nerve medicine" is to go horseback riding. Often I ride beside the highway, along a country road, and sometimes along the railroad tracks - wherever whimsy propels me that day.

On those forays, I've learned a lot about our community.

this county judging from the discarded beer scratching their now-bare heads and wondering ed the sack on my own. Since my nose isn to watch their waist lines.



what might have crawled into the can before I pick it up.

I could just see myself picking up a can that a snake considered home. If that should happen and a snake poked its head out of the top, you can bet I'd give Nolan Ryan a run for his money. Talk about a Silver Bullet!

A lot of things left on the side of the road probably flew out of the back of a pickup. I've found him to go closer to it, but he refused, snorting For example, Coors Light is the beer of choice numerous "gimme" caps. I can see their owners and pawing the ground. So, I got off and inspect-

what it was, no matter how weird-looking. I've just forgotten what he called them.

Once I found an oil funnel. One of my best finds was a wad of blue and white twine. I've used that twine for a million things.

One shoe of a pair is so common place, it's hardly worth mentioning. I find them all the time. A man's shirt and red briefs lying in the middle of a county road east of town proved a bit more unusual. I wonder what the story behind that was? On second thought, maybe I don't really want to know.

Once my horse stopped in his tracks just before going onto a bridge. He wouldn't budge. I looked around to see what had frightened him. Balking is not a normal behavior for him. When he does, he has a good reason - at least in his mind, he does.

To our right I saw a large white plastic bag lying on the creek embankment. I tried to get

sensitive as as his, I took several steps before I

see some animal paws sticking out of the sack,

was dead and it stunk. T.J. and I agreed to leave

going to find a sackful of money in a ditch some-

day. Who knows maybe he will. I doubt I will.

amazing what you can find lying beside the

I have a riding buddy who's convinced he's

Yep, it was definitely something dead. I could

figured out the problem.

that one alone.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Odessa American on vouchers remain a viable alternative: Despite being wiped out at the polls in Michigan and California last month, the school voucher solution to troubled public schools has not disappeared.

Its true that statewide, public-funded voucher programs such as those voters rejected probably wont be tested again for some time, perhaps a decade. And even vouchers already in place are under a cloud from federal courts.

Earlier this month, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Cleveland's limited voucher program. But new ideas keep bubbling up. One now being advanced is the "Put Parents in Charge" campaign by the Campaign for Americas Children, a group started in New York City by financier Ted Forstmann.

Since October, it has been spending \$20 million to put out TV and newspaper ads touting school options for parents. The ads also can be seen online.

The group is chaired by Forstmann, but the bipartisan Board of Advisers includes Joseph Califano, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under Jimmy Carter, former Reagan Secretary of Education Bill Bennett, former Clinton Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, Martin Luther King III, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 1996 vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp and Sen. John McCain.

The TV ad "No Longer" features people from a mosaic of ethnic groups talking so that their phrases overlap: "I will no longer be a silent witness to my own kids education ... I will no longer sit and watch the system fail my children ... I will no longer let them use my tax dollars to tell me where to send my kids to school ... I will no longer let them put the systems needs above my kids needs ... I will no longer let freedom of choice be the American way in everything except their education ... I want to have choices ... I want to have a voice ... I want to decide where to send my kids to school."

The Web site address flashes at the end. Its an effective ad that emphasizes the traditional American belief in choice and liberty.

How are the ads going over? A spokesman for the project, Craig Brownstein, said the response has been good and that it has "prompted a considerable number of visits to the Web site. There have been no public objections from the teachers unions. The ads do not bash teachers. Were not blaming teachers or the kids. But the system is broken."

This is the second major school-choice initiative Forstmann has undertaken. In 1997 he joined Wal-Mart heir John Walton in founding the, which has spent \$100 million in voucher scholarships to private schools for 42,000 disadvantaged children.

The response was so enormous about 1.5 million school-age children applied for the grants that a lottery had to be held to choose who would get the aid. Clearly, parents want some kind of choice for their children. Because these are private vouchers, no government control of any kind is involved.

President-elect George W. Bush promised during his campaign to advance federal vouchers for children stuck in the worst schools. As much as we like school choice, we would prefer that the feds not get involved in state and local matters.

For now, the most promising ways to help parents get out of public schools are private vouchers such as those advanced by Forstmann and lower taxes so parents themselves will have the means to put their children in better schools.

six-packs, plus empty bottles of the harder stuff. Diet Coke seems to be the most popular soft

drink, my informal survey of discarded cans shows. That's okay with me. I like it, too.

Picking up cans can be a profitable business, depending on the price of aluminum. I often saw entrepreneurs with sacks walking up and down the side of the road, picking up cans. I'm a little squeamish about doing that myself. I'm afraid of usually knew. Scratch that - he always knew road.

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 16, the 16th

Ten years ago, on Jan. 16, 1991,

the White House announced the

drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

President Bush said in a national-

ly broadcast address, "the battle

day of 2001. There are 349 days left

Today's Highlight in History:

By The Associated Press

in the year.

cans littering the ditches. A close runner-up is where they had left them. Lots of red rags find Bud Light. Beer drinkers here apparently want their way onto the side of the road, too. If a person were enterprising enough, they could pick Sometimes there's evidence of a party – empty up enough to turn into a rag company and maybe make a few bucks off of them. Not me, maybe even some deer parts. Whatever it was, it though. Too dirty! As Graham Kerr, the "galloping gourmet" would say, "I don't know where they've bean."

All kinds of tools end up in the bar ditch. If I knew what they were, I might have picked them up. Sometimes, if it looked interesting enough, Fortune doesn't seem to be in my future. Still, it's I'd take one home and ask Vic what it was. He

Today in history

Gulf when the attack began.)

On this date:

crowned Czar of Russia.

Commission was established.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, her mother and about 20 other peo-In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was ple were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nev., while In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service returning from a war-bond promo-

tion tour. In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. start of Operation Desert Storm to Missouri became the 36th, 37th and Eisenhower took command of the 38th states to ratify Prohibition, Allied Invasion Force in London.

which went into effect a year later. In 1964, the musical "Hello, In 1920, Prohibition began in the Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginhas been joined," as fighter United States as the 18th ning a run of 2,844 performances. bombers pounded Iraqi targets. Amendment to the U.S. (Because of the time difference, it Constitution took effect. (It was later in as the first secretary of transportawas early Jan. 17 in the Persian repealed by the 21st Amendment.) tion. ,

In 1981, in Northern Ireland, Protestant gunmen shot and wounded Irish nationalist leader Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and her husband.

In 1989, three days of rioting erupted in Miami when a police officer fatally shot a black motorcyclist, causing a crash that also claimed the life of a passenger.

In 1992, officials of the government of El Salvador and In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war.



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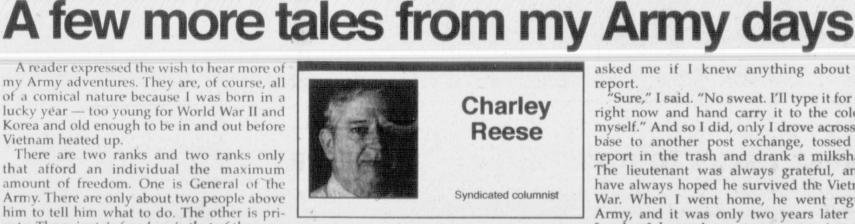
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A reader expressed the wish to hear more of my Army adventures. They are, of course, all of a comical nature because I was born in a lucky year — too young for World War II and Korea and old enough to be in and out before Vietnam heated up.

There are two ranks and two ranks only that afford an individual the maximum amount of freedom. One is General of The Army. There are only about two people above him to tell him what to do. The other is private. The private's freedom is that of the song that says "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose."

Indeed, as long as you stay just shy of the line that can send you to the stockade, there is nothing the Army can do to you. The Army can't demote you - you're already at the botthose.

be a private. Once when I got stuck in a typing pool (the peacetime Army is awfully bureaucratic), a captain said, when I return a typed letter to him, "That's pretty (exple-(same expletive) handwriting, sir. I hope ond lieutenant was in a cold sweat and should be proud of them.



you don't have to make a living with it." You can say a lot in the Army as long as you attach "sir" to it.

One hot summer at Fort Bragg, where I had been stuck as a company clerk, I decided to play a joke on a second lieutenant. He was a tom of the ranks. The Army can't give you nice guy, but young and fresh out of ROTC. I bad work details - you are already getting looked up some obscure report in the Army Regulations and then went to a post Recognizing that I was not likely to make exchange, where, from a telephone booth, I five stars in a short enlistment, I elected to called my own company headquarters and gave my imitation of an angry colonel at 18th we ultimately labored.

In a loud roar, I reprimanded him for tive) typing, Reese, I hope you don't have to having failed to send in that report and make a living that way." I said nothing but ended by warning him that unless that made sure I got his next handwritten memo. report was on my (the fictional colonel's) bureaucratically, with those who actually are I typed it perfectly, and as I returned it and desk by 1600 hours, his career would be in Vietnam War veterans. They fought well. the original to him, I said, "That's pretty ruins. Then I sauntered back. The poor sec- They died well. Every American can and

asked me if I knew anything about the report.

"Sure," I said. "No sweat. I'll type it for you right now and hand carry it to the colonel myself." And so I did, only I drove across the base to another post exchange, tossed the report in the trash and drank a milkshake. The lieutenant was always grateful, and I have always hoped he survived the Vietnam War. When I went home, he went regular Army, and it was only two years later that Lyndon Johnson began to pour men into that meat grinder.

Army life as an enlisted man is one of those events enjoyed more in memory than in actual experience. But thanks to the filtering power of memory, I can look back fondly on those uneventful 18 months of routine and ritual, of the friends and of the characters one meets. Our Army, in those pre-all-volunteer years, was definitely a politically incorrect army profane, much given to alcohol and brawls, but ready to fight, as it proved in Vietnam. It is a quite different Army today, with higher paid Airborne Corps Headquarters under whom all volunteers, no draftees and more married enlisted men, even in the lower ranks.

By some bureaucratic quirk, I am classified as a Vietnam-era veteran. As meaningless as that is, I'm very proud to be associated, even

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~ Business Review ~ Bob Clements, Inc. in Pampa ...

Neil and Mary Fulton.

Bob Clements, Inc. is not the find a unique men's suit bar ing between sizes 40-60 are only feature offered by the is a special feature located found in stock at the local business, say the owners inside the local business at store.

Getting clothes clean at Local residents also may selection of men's suits rang- also obtain suits in smaller odor and stains is very hard stress, Linda Ford, has been

1437 N. Hobart in Pampa. A Mary Fulton said she can



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Mary and Neil Fulton carry a wide selection of men's suits in the Suit Bar at Bob Clements, Inc. Stylish men's ties and blazers are also stocked at the business as well as a large selection of men's colognes.

sizes for her customers upon work," said Mary Fulton. here for 17 years." request. Men seeking suits The Fultons said the oxidizawill find an experienced staff tion procedure removes the ing together with their 12 to assist them with their odor usually in a 24-48 hour employees. The business selection of a suit of their period.

The business also has a oxidization and gets the and alterations.

wide selection of men's ties smoke smell out." men's colognes in the suit ees," Neil said.

Another distinctive feature business three years ago. preservation. community. The special ago, and has learned the its refrigerated fur vault. lowing a fire.

Extremely difficult to business in 1998 when the equipment. remove from clothing, the couple became co-owners. Ozone Room is a welcome "Most of our employees lic to "come by and get the saturated with the unwel- employees, Cleo Spencer welcome all our customers, come odor.

Neil and Mary enjoy work-

provides a full range of choice at the local business "We don't do any cleaning cleaning services. Linda during regular business until the process is com- Ford, who works full time, plete," she said. "It is pure provides a full line of repairs

The business performs all to compliment the suits. The Fultons credit the types of cleaning and drying Men's blazers are also in expertise of their employees cleaning. Among the serstock in the suit bar. for the success of their dry vices offered are shirts and Customers will also find a cleaning business. "Our jeans with heavy starch, large selection of quality greatest asset is our employ- drapery cleaning, as well as bedspreads, blankets, table The couple purchased the cloths and wedding dress

offered by the business is the Mary went to work for the Bob Clements Inc. also only Ozone Room in the previous owner 17 years stores fur coats and stoles in

room has oxidation which business from the ground To help keep keep their will remove the smoke smell up. She began working the cleaning services at the highfrom clothing, blankets and front counter and in time est possible standard, the other household items fol- began working in the back as Fultons consistently continwell. Neil joined her in the ue to upgrade and add new

The couple invites the pubfeature to residents whose have been here for 15 years laundry and dry cleaning personal items have been or longer," said Neil. "Two service you deserve." "We and Lottie Cary, have been old and new aike, to come "Removal of the smoke here for 37 years. Our seam- by and see us," said Mary.



Tuesday January 16

THE Pampa

Best Education May Be What You Learn After Your Degree

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Supports the Value of Education." I started college right after high school, but gave it up to marry and have children. In my neighborhood in the 1960s, few women went to college at all.

After raising my family, I went back to college and graduated when I was 40. I now have a wonderful career, more satisfying than I ever dreamed. Completing my education was one of the greatest personal accomplishments of my life.

Both my boss and her boss do not have degrees. They are two of the smartest people I know and have a great deal of common sense in business. Nonetheless, my education has made me feel more confident and complete. It did not make me any better than anyone else. We are a team at work and complement each other.

Not all knowledge comes from books, and a degree is a degree not a license for a pompous attitude.

BILLIE IN CINCINNATI

DEAR BILLIE: I am all for education, and no one has ever written to me to say he or she was sorry to have earned a college degree.

Success can be measured in many ways. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Regarding that letter on the value of education, "Supports" missed one extremely

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ You choose to indulge another. Extremes pose problems within a closely tied group. Your high energy takes you in new directions. You are unstoppable. Listen to a friend who means well. This person understands you. Avoid personalizing. Tonight: With the apple of your eye

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be baffled by anoth-



important fact. A degree, in and of itself, is not a "guarantee" a person will succeed.

Education is learning. In order to get ahead in this world, what has been learned must be put to productive use. This is true whether you're applying the study and persistence skills you used to make it through college, or whether you're applying that which you have learned.

"Supports" obtained a college degree, but apparently chooses to rely upon having the degree, as opposed to relying upon being able to apply the education. DENNIS B.

VICTORVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR DENNIS: You're not the only person who had the same reaction to the writer's attitude, which came across as intellectual snobbery. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Supports the Value of Education" wrote that "Several ... upper-level managers frequently comment that education is 'overrated.""

most focused. Others relax and do something very different. Listen to feedback moment, he is lovey-dovey. Tonight: Let your imagination lead you. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

* * * Listen carefully to someone. Even if this person is angry, he means it! One-on-one relating eases what could be cles. Tonight: Happy at home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

that you want. Your humor melts anoth- oriented. er's resistance. Being touchy or difficult AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

That caused me to recall the words of Rabbi Benzion C. Kaganoff: "Education which is simply intellectual taxidermy the scooping out of the mind and the stuffing in of facts - that kind of education is worthless. The human mind is not a deep-freeze for storage; the human mind is a forge for production." ARTHUR H. PRINCE, PH.D.,

MEMPHIS, TENN. DEAR ARTHUR: This is the

first I've heard of the learned Rabbi Kaganoff - but I think he was on to something.

DEAR ABBY: I am legally separated and have been living with my girlfriend since last February. I want to ask her to marry me. Is it OK to be engaged before my divorce is final?

IN LOVE AGAIN

DEAR IN LOVE: No. I urge you to wait until the divorce is final to pop the question. Doing so before you are free would make you and your girlfriend the hottest gossip topic in town. Bide your time until you are single.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You have unusual allure and attractiveness. Others respond to your efforts. You see people differently than many. Your understanding, mixed with your gentleness, draws others toward you. Realize that anything could be possible. Seek out experts. Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

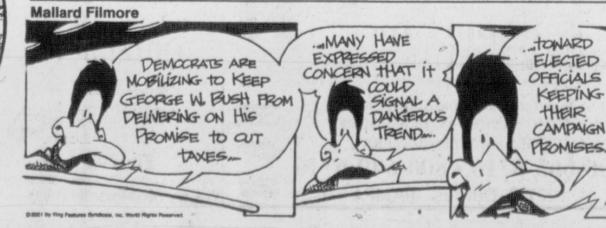
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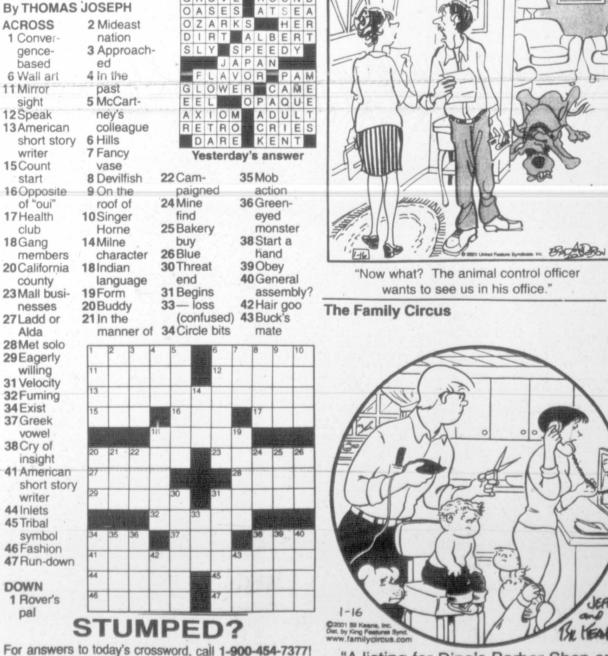
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BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - In an annual rite that infuriates many owners, 102 players filed for salary arbitration. New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is expected to get the largest contract among those who filed. Oakland's newly acquired outfielder, Johnny Damon, also will get a large raise.

Seven players each filed from Cincinnati and Florida, the most from any team. Players and teams exchange proposed figures Thursday, with hearings scheduled for the first three weeks of February.

ST. LOUIS (AP) -Cardinals catcher Eli Marrero avoided arbitration by agreeing to a one-year, \$375,000 contract. Marrero, the backup to Mike Matheny, batted .225 with one home run and five RBIs last season. He missed about two months with a torn ligament in his left thumb

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa freshmen girls have added two more victories to their perfect record.

Pampa rolled past Caprock 71-18 Tuesday night as 11 players made the scoring column.

Jennie Waggoner was Pampa's top scorer with 16 points while Abbi Covalt and Michelle Cox followed with 8 each.

The 9th grade Lady Harvesters went into the second half leading by 34 points (46-12).

Also scoring for Pampa were K'Lee Ratzlaff 6, Jera Skinner 6, Britny Downey 6, Tara Jordan 6, Denisse Solis 5, Stacey Johnson 4, Ericka Skinner 4, and Amber Freeman 2.

Last weekend, Pampa defeated Dumas by a score of **Favored Ravens would rather be underdogs** OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — make winning it all that much Earth.' Now that they've reached the sweeter." In

Super Bowl, the Baltimore

the New York Giants in the Raiders on Sunday, the Ravens You hear the sarcastic com-Super Bowl, a surefire indica- advanced to their first Super ments about us going to the tion that they've made an Bowl with a 16-3 rout of the sec- Super Bowl, but it doesn't matimpression on those who never ond-seeded team. gave Baltimore a chance to get this far.

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Ravens are getting some dog two weeks ago against the surprising New York. respect. And they don't like it defending AFC champion Tennessee Titans, pulled off a dogs," Lewis said. "Some peo-

Baltimore in the Super Bowl? Truth is, the Ravens would the Ravens, initially found it admitted that he searched the

least a couple more weeks. "I hope everybody picks the Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. "I hope everybody picks the Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. "I hope everybody picks the Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. "I hope everybody picks the Linebacker Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. "I hope everybody picks the Linebacker Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. Giants," defensive end Rob Least a couple more weeks. Super Bowl betting line would soon sway in favor of the Giants. "We just want to prove to Burnett said. "I'd love to go started the season. For the next analyst Joe Theismann. through this whole thing with two weeks, it's the Ravens and everyone against us. It would Giants in the Greatest Show on Sunday, Billick reminded the

Baltimore, a six-point under- Baltimore is a slight pick over

The Ravens were installed as 24-10 upset. Then, playing ple might favor us, but in their a 2 1/2-point favorite to beat against the favored Oakland minds there is still some doubt. ter.

Before the Ravens faced the Much of the nation, as well as Raiders, coach Brian Billick over Denver, which lost to victory of a world champinewspapers, internet and TV "It's finally sunk in," middle for someone who picked

After the Ravens victory week's end," he insisted.

CBS announcers interviewing odds in getting this far. Before In this show, upstart him that no one picked this season, Baltimore (15-4) regardless of the current point from Cleveland. spread.

> Tennessee-Denver thing," nerback Duane Starks said. Billick said, referring to a mis- "Playoffs, maybe, but Super take in a national newspaper Bowl? Not a chance: But look two weeks ago in which the where we're at.' Titans were listed as favorites Where they're at is within one wild-card game.

The Ravens have defied the fluke."

Baltimore to advance. He never had a winning record in intends to continue the us- the four years since owner Art against-the-world approach, Modell brought the franchise

'Nobody expected Baltimore "That's a typo, just like the to be in the Super Bowl," cor-

Baltimore a day earlier in the onship. The Ravens won more games than any team in the Billick predicted that the NFL this season, and their 10-

"It will correct itself by everyone," Starks said, "that the Baltimore Ravens are not a

Pampa middle school girls sweep Dumas

PAMPA --- Pampa Middle School periods and entered the fourth 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams hosted Dumas last week and Timmons made four crucial free provided plenty of excitement for throws and Teryn Garner scored all the fans.

in all four games played. School for Pampa. Timmons finished with officials believed it had been quite a 10 points, Jennie Rogers 6, Allysa long time since the middle school Bromwell, Garnet Skinner and Skye girls had won all four games Niccum had 2 each. Autumn against any team in the district. In 8th grade A action, Pampa but did not score. Timmons and started slow as Dumas took an Rogers each had 5 rebounds to lead

Pampa had a 22-8 run to take the trict play. lead at the half 22-15.

Dumas going cold from the field allowed Pampa to take a 50-40 victory. Dumas also had foul problems. The Patriot girls, who improved

their district record to 3-4, also had foul problems, finishing the game with only four players on the court. Kylie Winegeart 2.

"That was quite a game. There was plenty to talk about after that one," said Patriots coach Janyth Bowers. "Brittany Adams had a terrific game. She did everything in the game she needed to do. It was just outstanding play from Brittany."

quarter tied at 19-all. Jerrica four of her game-high 12 points The Lady Patriots pulled off wins / turned the game into a 34-27 win Schaub and Kendall Stokes played, early 7-0 lead. Not to be outdone, the team. Pampa B is now 2-2 in dis-

The 7th grade A girls game had A stingy defense, along with Pampa scoring 21 first-period points and holding off a fierce Dumas rally for a 37-35 win. Morgan Meharg had a game-high 12 points, 8 coming in the first period. Callie Cobb had 10 points, Jackie Gerber 6, Felicia Urban 4, Mariza Scott 3 and

> The 7th grade A improves to 3-4 in district with the win.

In the 7th grade B game, the Lady Patriots once again were, involved in another low-scoring battle as Pampa pulled out an 18-15 win. After Dumas had the lead through three periods by a 15-12 margin, Leading the Patriots in scoring Pampa held the visitors scoreless in was Wendi Miller with 8 points. the fourth to put the win away. The Chera Chavedo had 7 and Becca victory moves 7th B to a 3-4 record Gindorf had 6 points and 8 in district play. Leading the way in rebounds. Adams had 6 points, scoring was Courtney Crawford Jaclyn Spearman 3 and Erin with 8 points. Andrea Hughes and Winegeart 2. Whitney Roden didn't Audrey Dunn had 4 apiece and Pampa will play again at home

Unbeaten 6th graders



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Scoring for Pampa were Jennie Waggoner 9, Tara Jordan 9, Stacey Johnson 7, and Abbi Covalt 5.

Pampa 9th graders are 15-0 for the season and 8-0 in district. They play Canyon at 10 a.m. Saturday in Pampa.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Devon Brown scored 23 points as Texas-San Antonio defeated Lamar 95-65 on Monday night.

McEverett Powers added a season-high 21 points for the Roadrunners (5-9, 4-3 Southland). James Joseph had 10 rebounds.

Joey Ray led Lamar (4-10, 2-5) with 20 points, including six 3-pointers. Mike Ridgway had seven rebounds.

Texas-San Antonio converted 10 of 25 3-pointers and outscored Lamar 33-7 off turnovers to snap a four-game losing streak.

GENERAL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Former NFL player Rae Carruth was a charmer who hid his dark side from almost everyone, including the pregnant girlfriend whose murder he's accused of arranging, prosecutors said Tuesday in closing arguments.

"Rae Carruth can turn on the charm. ... People are drawn to him," Assistant District Attorney Gentry Caudill told jurors. "There's another side to him that I hope you have seen with the evidence in this case. Cherica saw it too late.'

The 26-year-old Carruth could get the death penalty if convicted of killing Cherica Adams, 24, who was eight months' pregnant with his child when she was shot four times. She died a month later. The boy survived and lives. with Adams' mother.

Basketball summaries

Girls Fort Elliott 64, Miami 24 F- Zybach 13, Estes 11; M-James 12, Hutchison 4.

Boys Fort Elliott 48, Miami 39 F-Hefley 15, Zybach 10; M -McDowell 12, James 8, Patterson 8, Browning 8.

score, but she pulled down 5 Nicole Fernuik 2. rebounds.

In the 8th grade B game, Pampa Thursday in the middle school gyms. and Dumas traded baskets for three Gametimes are 5:30 and 6:45.

The J&J Motor Co. girls 6th-grade basketball team won league and tournament titles by going 14-0 this past season at the Pampa Optimist Club. The J&J 5thgrade team was 5-10 this season, but six losses were by two points or less. Members on the 5th-6th grade team are as follows: front row, 1-r, Krista Shults and Brooke McGraw; second row, I-r, Kathryn Cree, K'lyn Holmes; Kenadie Sutherland and Erika Silva; third row, I-r, Logan Boles, Angela Mechelay, Breanna Beesley, Cassy Tice and Laycee Beesley; back row, I-r, coach Darin Rice, Britteni Rice, Logan McDonald, Jamie Pergeson, Halei Skinner and coach Jeff Skinner.

Giants poised to face NFL's best defense

is going to be different from the That defense is unbelievable." NFC championship.

Less than a day after their 41- points, a record low for a 16- "That defense is a dominant Giants 0 win over the Minnesota game regular season, and 16 in defense. You are going to see record. Vikings, the Giants seemed three postseason games. poised to put their pass-happy tor the Baltimore Ravens.

recent NFL history.

that type of defense. Heck, they defense has a weakness. score a touchdown and it's

(AP) — The New York Giants Shannon Sharpe caught the how we are going to end up

offense on hiatus and go back to the kind of game we had yester- look at as many tapes of the throws. a risk-free, conservative offense day," said quarterback Kerry Ravens as possible, but he noted Collins, who completed 28 of 39 that much of what they will do No sense risking mistakes passes for 381 yards and five will depend on where they against the best defense in touchdowns against the match up well against Vikings. "They will be the best Baltimore. "Heck, a field goal can win defense we've faced all year."

Strahan said Monday. "This is Ravens, Giants coach Jim Fassel Ravens might not be successful that type of game. Baltimore is doesn't think Baltimore's for the Giants.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. tough. Yesterday, you saw after different philosophy for us for game.

two outstanding defenses."

"It's certainly not going to be Fassel said the Giants would Collins said only made two bad times," said Collins, who has

What was successful for the it," defensive end Michael From what he has seen of the New York Jets against the Joe Jurevicius. A Vikings

What the Giants can hope for pass interference. "Every game will take on a is that Collins has another great

already realize the Super Bowl touchdown, the game was over. with a win," Fassel said. "We where everything went right," always know which side of the said Collins, whose perfor- open The Ravens allowed 165 ball is up against the tough act. mance broke almost every "That defense is a dominant Giants postseason passing

It was such a good game,

that was intercepted deep in Vikings' territory. "It was my best punt of the

season," Collins quipped. The other came on a pass to defender was called for two

Giants a first down deep in "It was one of those days Minnesota territory, Collins said he failed to see Ike Hilliard wide

> Collins got philosophical when asked why he had his best day in his biggest game.

"It was real bad for me at fought alcohol abuse and other One was a third-down pass off-the-field problems in recent years. "I think things come full circle. Through all the days, I kept thinking because it got so bad, it's going to be that good someday. So yesterday maybe was that day."

The Giants are hoping that penalties on the play, including Collins will have another one of those days against the best While the play gave the defense in football on Jan. 28 in

Longhorns beat UConn, keep home winning streak alive

the shoulders of the most his heels with a penetrating attempt in the final seconds. wasn't the reason we lost the lead on Robertson's 3-pointer. unlikely of players.

poor shooting night, Texas (13- lead in the second half. 3) relied on the defensive heroics of seldom-used point guard crunch time. Fredie Williams to defeat No. 15 Connecticut 60-56 Monday

final minute led to four points the dribble again. This time, that put the Longhorns ahead winning streak to 23.

on the court," said Williams, back layup that put Texas ahead stopped working hard." who started the first three 56-54 with 40 seconds left. games of the season, but has been relegated mostly to mopup duty lately. "I just try to practice hard every day and play good defense."

The lack of playing time four-point lead.

drive down the lane for a layup Tony Robertson's 3-pointer game," UConn coach Jim The Huskies' biggest lead was Struggling through another that gave the Huskies a 49-44 missed off the front of the rim Calhoun said.

After Texas tied it at 54 with 1:18 left on Darren Kelly's layup night. Williams' two steals in the Brown tried to beat Williams off the dribble again. This time, Williams poked the ball away

and made both free throws for a

and went straight to Maurice

But Williams kept his feet in Evans, who cradled the ball as in a familiar pattern for the time ran out. Williams didn't play in Texas'

Rick Barnes told him to stay tough defense. ready to play.

Brown brought it back three assists. He even chipped to 35 percent shooting. The upcourt again, only to have in offensively, knocking down a Longhorns have won 27 in a Williams tap it away again, this jumper in the lane with two row when they hold their oppotime to Kelly, who was fouled minutes left that pulled Texas to nent under 40 percent. 52-50. They were his first points Texas led 21-9 in the first half, 1,000 for his career, finished since Dec. 9.

Williams was an unlikely hero to play.

Texas' leading scorers this final heroics. the field.

Williams had four steals and However, Texas held UConn

only to have the Huskies hold with 10 points.

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' home showed when UConn's Taliek The Huskies (13-4) managed "It was team breakdowns that them without a basket for four winning streak stayed alive on Brown left Williams spinning on to get off only one more 3-point cost us the game. Taliek Brown minutes and rally to take a 24-23

six, the latest at 42-36 with 9:23

Texas rallied, however, with Longhorns. Texas shot under 40 Williams making the most of percent for the fifth time in six rare playing time. His assist on previous four games, but coach games, but was able to win with Kelly's baseline jumper cut UConn's lead to 54-52 before his

"It's hard to do what he's season, Kelly and Evans, com- "I feel really good for Fredie," done because he started for us bined for 27 points on 9-of-32 said Texas' Chris Owens, who and extended their homecourt with his right hand and broke at the beginning of the year and shooting. Kelly led the had 12 points and 10 rebounds. toward the basket. Thomas fin- he hasn't been playing," Barnes Longhorns with 16 points as "We call him a warrior in prac-"If felt great getting back out ished the fast break with a put- said. "But he has never, ever they shot just 38 percent from tice because he's the kind of guy you know is always going to be able to bring it.'

Edmund Saunders led UConn with 13 points.

UConn's Albert Mouring, who needed six points to pass

Blowout turns into a brawl at Madison Square Garden

By The Associated Press

Jeff Van Gundy arrived just in time to take the brunt of Marcus Camby's blow. The New York able to prevent Camby's suspension.

In a bizarre Monday afternoon and Orlando 113, Chicago 104. game at Madison Square Garden, Knicks 104, Spurs 82 a blowout turned into a brawl, and Van Gundy ended up need- strange ending to another domiing 12-to-15 stitches to close a cut nant performance by the Knicks, above his left eye after his head collided with Camby's late in the Houston, 20 from Glen Rice and 19 fourth quarter of New York's 104-82 victory over San Antonio.

one of our players would like to opponent below 100 points for the do to me. He just got a free one," Van Gundy said afterward, his will be without Camby for a bit. eye badly swollen and partially He faces a mandatory suspension covered by a bandage.

Camby, poked in the eye by Danny Ferry, was ejected for throwing a punch at Ferry, while Van Gundy was led bloodied and with 8.1 seconds left gave the Bucks 101 Wizards 95 dazed back to the locker room for Grizzlies a 112-111 lead before treatment

In Los Angeles, The referees ruled that Shaquille O'Neal got rebounds. Kobe Bryant had his his game-winning shot off on first NBA triple-double with 26 time, even if it appeared he didn't

O'Neal rebounded a missed shot by Robert Horry and was fouled as he banked in a short and George Lynch added 17 points jumper. A replay showed the ball and 16 rebounds for host left O'Neal's hand just after time Philadelphia. expired, but the officials ruled the clock should have been stopped when the foul was committed, with 0.4 seconds to play, and O'Neal was given the continuation basket that gave the Lakers a 113-112 overtime win over and 11 rebounds for Charlotte, of his 22 points in the final two Vancouver.

"Well, that's an unlikely way to Jazz 116, Rockets 104, OT win a basketball game, I'll tell you that," Lakers coach Phil rebounds and nine assists, barely Jackson said.

Not surprisingly, the Grizzlies double for host Utah. were steamed.

cowards," said Shareef Abdur- rebounds for the Jazz. Rahim, who had 32 points and 12 rebounds for Vancouver.

Sacramento 116, Dallas 105; Utah 116, Houston 104; Denver 122, Seattle 111; Milwaukee 101, Washington 95; New Jersey 84, Knicks probably coach won't be Atlanta 78; Boston 107, Minnesota 102; Cleveland 107, Golden State 101; Indiana 89, the Clippers 74;

> Camby's blow provided a who got 31 points from Allan from Latrell Sprewell.

The Knicks won for the ninth "He got the shot in that every time in 10 games and held their 31st consecutive game. But they under NBA rules for throwing a punch

Lakers 113, Grizzlies 112, OT Isaac Austin's baseline jumper son. O'Neal's game-winner.

O'Neal had 31 points and 15 points, 11 rebounds and a seasonugh 11 assists. 76ers 84, Hornets 79

The Sixers improved the NBA's the top teams in the Central Division and Midwest Division -San Antonio - in three days. Elden Campbell had 18 points which has lost eight of 11.

Karl Malone had 29 points, 10 missing his fourth career triple-

Donyell Marshall had season rebounds. "That's a blown call by three highs with 26 points and 21

In other NBA games, it was free agent, scored a season-high 26. Los Angeles.

Philadelphia 84, Charlotte 79; Nuggets 122, SuperSonics 111 Voshon Lenard scored 30 points and Nick Van Exel had 15 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter to lead Deriver to its seventh win in eight games

Gary Payton had 28 points and 11 assists for visiting Seattle. Nets 84, Hawks 78

Keith Van Horn scored 24 points, and visiting New Jersey shut down Atlanta in the fourth quarter to snap a four-game skid. Jason Terry, who had 32 points, hit a 3-pointer with 3:23 remaining for Atlanta's first basket of the final period.

Kings 116, Mavericks 105 Chris Webber emphatically slammed the last four of his 34 points and Predrag Stojakovic scored nine of his 19 in the fourth quarter to lead Sacramento.

Host Dallas has lost three straight for the first time this sea-

Glenn Robinson scored 22 points, leading visiting Milwaukee to its fourth straight victory. Washington, losers of seven

straight, were led by Juwan Howard's 27 points. Celtics 107, Timberwolves 102

Paul Pierce scored a career-high Allen Iverson scored 35 points 42 points to lead Boston at Minnesota.

Pierce shot 15-of-22 from the field, and got past the Minnesota defense for a layup with 1:38 to best record to 28-9 and have beaten play to give Boston a 100-98 edge its first lead of the fourth quarter.

> Cavaliers 107, Warriors 101 Clarence Weatherspoon had five minutes as Cleveland rallied for

just its third victory in 13 games. The Warriors lost their fifth straight in their first home game in nearly two weeks. Antawn Jamison had 26 points and 10

Pacers 89, Clippers 74

Jalen Rose scored 20 points and Shandon Anderson, who left Indiana used relentless fourth-Utah after the 1998-99 season as a guarter defense to beat visiting

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	4. Tennessee	16-1	1,507	4
	5. Kansas	13-1	1,485	5
GB	6. NorthCarolina	13-2	1,359	9
	7. Florida	11-2	1,266	8
4	8. Syracuse	15-1	1,196	. 11
47	9. Georgetown	15-0	1,159	12
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8	21. Mississippi	14-2	315	20
8	22. Oklahoma	12-3	297	22
16	23. IowaSt.	13-3	273	18
	24. SouthernCal	12-3	268	19
	25. BostonCollege	12-1	263	24

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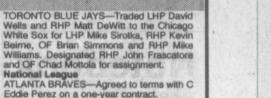
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SEBALL

American League NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms Ramiro Mendoza on a one-year with RHP contract. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS-Agreed to terms

with RHP Paul Wilson on a one-year con-



Eddle Perez on a one-year contract. COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP John Thomson on a one-year con-FLORIDA MARLINS-Agreed to terms with

RHP Manny Aybar on a one-year contract. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with C Eli Marrero on a one-year contract. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Chris Crawford from the injured list. Released Andy Panko. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS-Signed F

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed F Chucky Brown to a 10-day contract and F Bill Curley to a second 10-day contract. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Placed F Corey Maggette on the injured list. Activated G Keyon Dooling from the injured list. PHOENIX SUNS—Activated G Mario Elie from the injured list. Placed C Daniel Santiago on the injured list. FOOTBALL National Football League

National Football League KANSAS CITY CHIEFS-Named Frank Gansz Jr. special teams coach and Greg Robinson defensive coordinator. MIAMI DOLPHINS-Named Tony Wise offensive line coach and Keith Armstrong special teams coach. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS-Named A.J.

Smith assistant general manager and pro personnel director. HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL-Suspended Atlanta RW Donald

Audette indefinitely pending a hearing, for receiving a match penalty in Friday's game against Montreal. ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled LW

Kevin Sawyer from Cincinnati of the AHL. ATLANTA THRASHERS—Placed LW Denny Lambert on injured reserve. Recalled C Herbert Vasiljevs from Orlando of the IHL. Assigned D Sergei Vyshedkevich and D Brett Clark to Orlando.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled G Jeff Maund from Norfolk of the AHL. Assigned G Michel Larocque and F Mark Bell to Norfolk COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS-Traded LW

Krzysztof Oliwa to Pittsburgh for a 2001 third-round draft pick. FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled D Joey Tetarenko from Louisville of the AHL. Assigned RW Ivan Novoseltsev to Louisville. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Loaned RW Marko Tuomainen to Lowell of the AHI Tuomainen to Lowell of the AHL. NEW YORK RANGERS-Claimed LW Jeff Toms off waivers from the New York Islanders. Assigned G Vitali Yeremeyev to Hartford of the AHL. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Assigned D John Slaney to Philadelphia of the AHL. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Traded C Roman Simicek to Minnesota for LW Steve

McKenna; D John Slaney to Philadelphia for LW Kevin Stevens; D Jir Slegr to Atlanta for a 2001 third-round draft pick. Assigned C Milan Kraft to Wilkes-Barre Scranton of the AHL. Recalled RW Billy Tibbetts from Wilkes-Barre Scranton. SAN JOSE SHARKS-Reassigned LW Paul

Kruse to Chicago of the IHL. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Placed C Vincent Lecavalier on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 12. Recalled F Nils Ekman from Detroit of the IHL. Activated G Kevin Week injured reserve. Returned G Dieter Kochan

men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place

Rookie Garrett Willis wins in first attempt as PGA cardholder

lot longer. I played it inside the winner whose last second- the first putt firmly, sending it Mark Hensby and Andrew their first tournaments as PGA putt 17 over. But I played well. er. I made some putts, too, so I was.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - A "Six feet seems awfully "It's a great way to start the arrived at the green with a lead on Willis and four ahead in 1973 and Robert Gamez at new wife. A new bank account. short," Willis said. "It seems a year," said Sutherland, a non- smile on his face. He stroked of Sutherland, Glen Hnatiuk, Tucson in 1990 also won in

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Maybe even a new golf bag. Garrett Willis is living large.

old Knoxville, Tenn., resident I nuked it off the putter." became the third golfer to win receiving his PGA Tour card, Tour title in Decatur, Ga., in his played. announced plans to marry his first professional tournament. fiancee in Hawaii and dropped He also qualified for the 1998. a hint for a bag sponsor.

behind the scales as far as rook- as an amateur. ies getting deals out here. But On the downside, he missed another first-round leader, win the Tucson Open by one for Ping. stroke over Kevin Sutherland.

Tennessee State, turned heads school last month. in Tucson by pulling his clubs ship.

hurt his game.

sink a 6-foot putt to save par on day of warm sunshine. the final hole and avoid a playoff with Sutherland.

It was a repeat performance in his first tournament after for Willis, who won a Hooters very pleased with how I and 1999 U.S. Opens after play-"I would like to say I'm ing in the 1995 Canadian Open after Willis' 64.

maybe things will change the cut in his last nine Buy.com were at 275, with Kresge, Choi, now," Willis said Monday after tournaments last year, which Greg Kraft and Mark Wiebe at shooting a 3-under-par 69 to might have been the last straw 276. Wiebe became the sixth

Willis, who attended East to earn a tour card at qualifying

The victory was worth out of an orange-and-white \$540,000, vaulting Willis to University of Tennessee bag — third on the money list behind 16 to go 14 under. a concession made to finances Match Play champion Steve Lack of a logo certainly didn't Championship a day earlier.

ished with rounds of 64-69 and of the second round. But scores green. a 15-under 273 total. He had to were low again in the second

round co-leaders, had a 68.

Bob Tway, Cliff Kresge and K.J. Choi carded 66s — matching the best rounds of the event

Tway and Geoff Ogilvy, consecutive third-round leader Then he shot a final-round 63 to fail to hold win in Tucson.

Willis got the last of his five ing Sutherland had birdied No.

The pressure appeared to get after Ping dropped its sponsor- Stricker and Jim Furyk, who to the rookie on No. 17, when pull him through it." won the elite Mercedes he missed a 4-foot birdie opportunity, and again when listed in critical condition The tournament ran late his approach shot to the 465- overnight, and was expected to After making his first cut in because snow and rain Friday yard final hole landed 55 feet four tries at 4-under 140, he fin- forced a one-day postponement short of the flag on the uphill

> But Willis, who said after the third round that playing on the Sutherland, one of six first- manicured courses of the big tour is a privilege in itself, with a tissue valve and performed time went on, it was unnerving all of a sudden," Pesky said.

hole left. I did not want to get place finish was in the 1997 up just past the flag, and fol-. Magee, and led by one to four Tour members. Jim Benepe In less 24 hours, the 27-year- the ball outside the hole in case Houston Open. "I would like to lowed with the winning 6-foot- strokes until Willis passed him won the 1988 Western Open in on No. 12 with an 11-foot putt. his first PGA start, but did not Wiebe began with a 2-shot Ben Crenshaw at San Antonio have a tour card.

Ted Williams undergoes long operation

his failing heart valves, his surgeons said

The 82-year-old Hall of Famer underwent surgery Monday at New York Presbyterian Hospital's Weill Cornell Medical Center, The Boston Globe reported.

"I think things went well," Dr. birdies on the 12th hole and Wayne Isom, head of the surgical played the last five holes know- team, said in Tuesday's newspaper. "The next 48 hours is the critical period. It'll be touch and go, but I'm an optimist. I think we'll

> Williams was in intensive care, remain in the hospital 10 to 14 days, the Globe reported. The hospital has declined to give out information at the family's request.

BOSTON (AP) - Ted Williams, a ring annuloplasty to repair the but I had a gut feeling that things baseball's last 400 hitter, did well tricuspid vale. He said the opera- would be OK. during a nine-hour operation on tion was unusually long because of ication Williams had been taking.

"The big question was how well operation," Isom told The Globe. "He did well. First you get the operation done, then you get the for bleeding, irregular heart rate or heart failure."

New York Presbyterian's chief of cardiovascular pathophysiology, Jeffrey Borer, was one of 13 doctors on the surgical team.

"I would say the results are as good as we could have hoped for. New York on Sunday. He tolerated everything pretty well," Borer told the Globe.

Monday "was a hard day," Williams' son, John Henry Williams, told the Globe. "I kissed Dad on the forehead at 2:10 and

Williams had a pacemaker excessive bleeding caused by med- inserted at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Fla., in November, but has continued to have shortness of his left ventricle would take the breath because of the leaky valve, doctors said. Williams had two strokes in the 1990s.

Williams was at home in heart to take over, then you check Hernando, Fla., until last Thursday when he entered Citrus Memorial in Inverness with what cardiologist Rick Kerensky described as "deterioration of his cardiovascular and neurological status." He was transferred to Shands later that day and taken to

> Johnny Pesky, one of Williams' teammates in the 1940s and 1950s, said Monday he had he heard about Williams' most recent heart problems Sunday.

"Everyone's very concerned Isom replaced the mitral valve didn't get that call until 9:45. As about him. This thing happened

Lemieux held pointless, but Penguins still victorious

By IRA PODELL AP Sports Writer

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks had an answer for Mario Lemieux, but not for Alexei Kovalev. The Minnesota Wild failed their first test against night at Minnesota. their expansion brethren from Columbus.

Lemieux had his first game without a point since ending his 3 1/2-year retirement, but Kovalev scored twice for the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday in a 3-2 victory over visiting Anaheim.

second period and then scored Louis 1. the game's final goal - his

some big guys doing their jobs

lets everybody do their job," this league," Lemieux said. time since Friday night. Kovalev said.

teams meet again Wednesday space."

team," said Geoff Sanderson, Ducks still lost their fourth in Montreal on Dec. 18. who scored twice. "Obviously, a row. there are a lot of comparisons Ron Tugnutt was the differ- Panthers 2, Stars 0 higher in the standings."

In other NHL games, it was Kovalev brought the Florida 2, Dallas 0; Detroit 3, puck," Tugnutt said. "My Dallas. Penguins into a 1-1 tie in the San Jose 2; and Phoenix 3, St.

play 1:58 into the third period. rejoining the Penguins. He screens." "We can't always play an had at least two points in all

"All the teams play good sys-The Columbus Blue Jackets tems and there's not much Wild coach Jacques Lemaire losing streak to Dallas. played host to the slumping room, especially in the neutral said. "They played much bet-Wild and beat their fellow zone. We have to find ways to ter than we did." first-year opponents 3-0. The stretch the ice and create more

on a goal.

guys were pushing their guys

offensive game, but having but one game before Monday. second straight night on the ning streak. "It's tough to get points in road and lost for the third

"Our guys looked tired,"

It was the second shutout in five games, made 18 stops.

the Blue Jackets' short history Tony Hrkac scored twice — — and the first by Columbus Red Wings 3, Sharks 2 "It's a little more special Anaheim's only goals in three at home. Tugnutt also was in when it's the other expansion games — but the Mighty goal for a 2-0 victory at

between the two teams. It's ence for the Blue Jackets, stop- Mike Sillinger and Viktor kind of a competition between ping 31 shots for his 17th Kozlov scored in the final six the two organizations to finish career shutout and assisting minutes, and Robert Luongo "The guys let me see the season to lead Florida over that featured two fights and

Luongo, who had 30 saves out of the way. They're not a including two dazzling stops third period, but hung on for Lemieux has nine goals and real big team, so therefore we on third-period breakaways its fifth win in seven games. 23rd this season - on a power 10 assists in eight games since shouldn't be giving up by Mike Modano, recorded his

the fourth time at home, games, matching its season ended a two-year, four-game high.

Stars rookie goalie Marty after the game, making an Turco (8-3), who won his last

Steve Yzerman scored the Coyotes 3, Blues 1 go-ahead goal with 6:42 left, and Chris Osgood made 37 saves as Detroit beat San Jose. Phoenix beat St. Louis to end a Martin Lapointe scored two four-game winless streak. goals for the Red Wings, and Patrick Marleau had two for minors last week, has four the Sharks in a meeting of earned his third shutout this Western Conference powers

plenty of ill feelings. Detroit blew a two-goal lead in the

San Jose outshot the visiting fourth career shutout to snap Red Wings 39-20, but Osgood handed goal for the Blues, Minnesota played for the Dallas' four-game road win- made several scrambling Florida, which won for just Detroit is unbeaten in four 0-1 in their last eight games.

The Red Wings had a scare landing emergency in Sacramento after taking off ona flight to Vancouver.

Daniel Briere scored a pair of power-play goals as

Briere, recalled from the power-play goals in his last three games.

Shane Doan added a shorthanded goal, and Robert Esche made 32 saves for the host Coyotes.

Craig Conroy scored a shortwho own the league's secondsaves in the final two periods. best record despite going 3-4-

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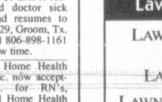
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Prison guards conducts candlelight vigil

thrown at him and has seen colleagues abused by the prisoners they are supposed to oversee.

pay of \$18,000 a year is among the nation's lowest, despite working in the country's largest prison system.

about three dozen correctional employees who began their legislative fight for pay raises and better working conditions at a Monday night candle light vigil.

They plan to begin lobbying lawmakers Tuesday at the Capitol.

"If somebody was throwing body waste at you, you'd get tired of it, too. Or stabbing you or hitting you. There's not much you can do. You have to remain a professional and that's kind of hard," King said, clutching a burning candle.

King feels ignored by state officials and politicians.

"We're out there every day in the trenches and I have yet to have anybody ask me, 'What should we do? What can I do?'

From a union's perspective, legislators and Gov. Rick Perry can raise salaries and improve training.

"We don't come with our hats in our hands begging. We come asking for the Legislature and the governor to do the right thing," said Brian Olsen, executive director of the Texas chapter of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees.

Authorities boost reward to \$440,000; two of escaped convicts believed spotted near Houston

IRVING, Texas (AP) — With the seven escaped convicts from a South Texas prison having eluded authorities more than a month, the reward for information leading to their arrests and convictions has risen to \$440,000.

Two of the fugitives were reportedly spotted north of Houston on Monday. The sightings could not immediately be confirmed by state officials, although initial FBI review of the store's surveillance video showed promise.

Department of Public Safety officers.

The chief said employees of an Exxon station near Texas θ reported seeing two men in a red and white flatbed pickup truck who fit predominantly black Houston elementary school. "The hopes of the descriptions of Donald Keith Newbury, 38, and Randy Ethan Halprin, 23.

The two men purchased beverages and tried on sunglasses at the store, then requested directions to Conroe.

The men were last seen heading east on Texas 105, leaving Navasota in the direction of Montgomery County. Lucas said police in Navasota, about 60 miles north of Houston, notified law officers in that area.

streets for the fugitives.

Halprin and Newbury escaped with five others from the

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capital murder charges in the shooting death of police officer AUSTIN (AP) - Correctional officer Willie King has had feces Aubrey Hawkins during a Christmas eve robbery of an Oshmans Super Sports USA in Irving, a Dallas suburb.

He is one of some 23,000 prison guards in Texas whose starting Texas pride hits its stride with ascension of Bush

UNDATED — It's a bed and breakfast, and a can of cheap beer. It inhales history, exhales myth and comes out swinging if it catch-King, who works at a state prison near Houston, was one of es a whiff of derision. It's a birthright, an inheritance from generations of dusty bards and hard-bitten romantics with time to spin fact into legend.

With George W. Bush's presidential inauguration approaching fast, Texas pride is swelling. Not since the heady days of Lyndon B. and Lady Bird has the Lone Star State seen itself embodied so plainly and publicly as it has in its newest golden boy.

Bush is Midland oil and Dallas baseball and Houston brash, a hunter and a reader of Scripture rolled into a lanky frame, spiced with a swagger.

Americans have been staring at a snapshot of Texas pride for months. But what is it really, this stuff of puffed egos and tall tales?

It's a paycheck for Lois Smith, 69, who books reservations at Pride House, a Victorian bed and breakfast nestled in the woods near the Louisiana state line.

Texas pride is a thick-skinned defense against a nation that loves to poke fun at the cowpokes. (There was the famous calling card of a storied statesman that read "Sam Houston: Texas," as if no other information could possibly be relevant.) It inspires loyalists like Smith to count generations of Texans — and discount anything that came before.

Ashcroft hearing looming, Bush pays tribute to King

AUSTIN (AP) — President-elect Bush honored Martin Luther King Jr. with a promise to advance King's work by improving public schools, as civil rights questions loomed over the confirmation of his attorney general nominee, John Ashcroft.

As Ashcroft faced those questions Tuesday on Capitol Hill, Bush Navasota Police Chief Bill Lucas said his investigators are was spending his last day at home in Texas before changing his reviewing surveillance photos with state corrections and Texas' address to Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Laura, will take up residence at the White House following Saturday's inauguration.

> 'America does not always live up to our ideals," Bush said at a too many children are frustrated by deep poverty and unequal schools," he said. "And when this happens, our whole country feels the loss of their gifts."

> Standing at Bush's side was Rod Paige, his designated education secretary and a product of segregated schools in Mississippi.

> Bush held up school desegregation efforts by King's generation as "one of the great victories of our nation."

"Today the challenge is different, but there's still a challenge," Montgomery County sheriff's officers began searching Conroe the president-elect said. "See, every child can go to school now. The fundamental question is, is every child learning?"

Segregation was among the issues critics have pointed to in Connally Unit near Kenedy, Texas, on Dec. 13. The fugitives face assailing Ashcroft's nomination. Ashcroft also has criticized deseg-

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regation lawsuits in Kansas City, Mo., and in St. Louis.

Ashcroft opposes affirmative action programs based on racial preferences, and as a Missouri senator voted against expanding hate-crimes laws to make it easier for federal prosecutors to try such cases.

He spoke out Monday against racial profiling, and some civil rights leaders spoke out to defend him.

Billionaire seeking others to offer bid for airline

DALLAS (AP) - Carl Icahn, the billionaire financier and corporate raider who formerly ran Trans World Airlines Inc., is trying to make a power play against American Airlines for the financially ailing carrier's assets.

Icahn, whose earlier alternative against American's proposal for \$200 million in TWA emergency financing was rejected by a judge, is now discussing a competing bid with third parties, his attorney said Monday.

Executives of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., the parent company of American Airlines Inc., announced last week they would spend \$3.5 billion on TWA's assets and aircraft leases

However, the purchase by AMR is dependent on TWA, the nation's eighth-largest carrier, first filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The bankruptcy filing, which occurred Jan. 9, left open a door for other bidders to emerge even though American had received interim approval to provide a \$175 million loan to TWA to keep it operating through bankruptcy proceedings.

AMR officials declined to comment on Icahn's proposed bid or any other moves he plans. A final hearing on the company's loan to TWA will occur Jan. 27.

Icahn's attorney, Edward Weisfelner, would not reveal the identity of any third party his client has contacted to join his bid.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: Martin Luther King Jr.'s name has been the subject of a brewing controversy in president-elect George W. Bush's hometown. It began two years ago, when a city councilman introduced a motion to rename a street after the slain civil rights leader.

REMEMBERING MLK: Parades and speeches were held Monday across Texas in memory of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. In Seguin, James Perkins Jr., the first black mayor of Selma, Ala., was scheduled to speak at Texas Lutheran University as part of the school's MLK celebration. In San Antonio, religious leaders from several denominations worshipped at the Mount Zion First Baptist Church on Sunday to proclaim King's message of racial and religious tolerance. .

ICE STORM: Residents of three Northeast Texas counties whose homes and property sustained damage from severe ice storms that hit last month need only pick up the phone to get the process of financial assistance under way, state and federal officials said late Sunday.

Report cites six Texas districts for dropout rate

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The school system in this Central Texas city and five others in Texas have ranked among the 14 urban districts with the worst dropout problem nationwide, according to a university study.



The study conducted by two researchers from Johns Hopkins University says the other eight systems are in industrialized cities in the north and midwest.

All 14 school districts had a disproportionate number of Hispanic and black students, according to the study.

"These data reveal an unacceptable number of inner city public high schools that fail to serve the largely minority and low-income students who attend them," the report stated.

The study was one of 14 reports on high school dropouts presented at a conference held Saturday by the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University and Achieve Inc., a consortium of governors and corporate leaders that sup-

ports higher academic standards. "The dropout issue has been neglected," Gary Orfield, a Harvard University professor of education, said. "We've been focusing so much on test scores and early childhood education and early childhood education, we forget what happens to kids when they get to adolescence." He said the dropout problem

"absolutely has become worse."

Also presented at the conference were studies criticizing standardized testing, particularly the emphasis placed on the 10thgrade Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, which high school students must pass to graduate.

Walt Haney, Boston College professor, said schools tend to hold students back in the ninth grade if they're not prepared to pass the 10th grade TAAS. Retaining students discourages them from finishing school, he said.

But Uri Treisman, who directs the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, argued that ninth-grade retention and dropout problems stem from several factors, including a state requirement that freshmen pass algebra.

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