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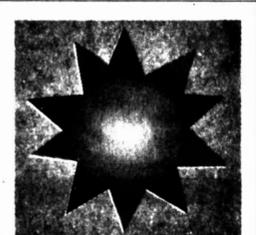
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Lawmaker calls for execution moratorium

AUSTIN (AP) — Saving there are innocent men languishing in Texas' death row, Rep. Harold Dutton filed a bill this week calling for the state to halt executions while a commission studies the process.

The bill seeks a moratorium on executions until 2003 and would set up a nine-member commission to study issues such as legal representation of inmates. The commission would recommend improvements that would be implemented through legislation.

"I don't think there's one legislator who would say that our whole process by which a person receives the death penalty doesn't have some flaws," said Dutton. "I just didn't think that we should hurry and do in 140 days what I thought should be a reasoned approach to resolve this problem."

People close to the issue say this may be the first bill that has called for a moratorium in Texas.

The move even surprised staunch death penalty opponents who have been unsuccessful in rounding up legislative support for the measure in the past.

"That will be an uphill battle," said Jimmy Dunne of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "Texas is known as the death penalty state around the world. It's hard to turn something like that around."

- Joseph W. Dooley, 78, retired City of Pampa employee
- Garland Lee 'Mule' O'Shields, 79, of Houston
- W.E. 'Bill' Stubbs, 90, services pending
- Cora B. Yearwood, 100, homemaker

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PISD looks at budgets for money it can move into heating bill fund



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Rodney Wichert, PISD Energy Manager, and Facilities Manager Denver Bruner tell the board of trustees the district is taking steps to reduce consumption of natural gas.

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Heat has not been shut off at any of Pampa's seven school campuses, and it will not be even though the bills for gas are sky-rocketing.

That was the word when high Energas bills for the Pampa Independent School District were discussed during Thursday night's school trustee meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr told the board that principals from each campus are scrutinizing budgets to see where adjustments can be made due to the high cost to heat the schools. During the November and December billing cycle the district's bill was \$80,000. For the same time frame last year the bill was \$28,000.

The school district budgeted additional money for utilities in anticipation of increased natural gas costs but it was not enough.

Orr mentioned rumors that have circulated in the community that heat has been turned off at some campuses. He assured the community heat has not, and will not be, turned off at any campus due to high bills.

The Pampa News has received some phone calls from people alleging that heat has been turned off at some schools. Each call has been followed up, and no campus has been found to be without heat.

PISD Energy Manager Rod Wichert told board members the school district has been working very hard to

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— PISD Energy Manager Rod Wichert

identify any areas that can be changed to conserve energy. "Back in August, when it was so hot, we began turning on air conditioning only 30 minutes before class to conserve electricity," he said. "We're taking the same measures with the gas situation."

Wichert said inquiries and requests by staff members are being addressed very quickly. "We're trying to stay on top of the e-mails to help prevent as many problems as possible."

He said the biggest factor in the high gas bills has been extremely cold temperatures. Wichert, a career and technology teacher at Pampa High School, has been energy director for seven years. Orr said Wichert conducts regular energy audits of district facilities.

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Suit against PEDC moved back to Amarillo

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

After legal wrangling by both sides, the lawsuit filed against the Pampa Economic Development Commission and three board members by former Executive Director Bill Ready will be heard in Amarillo, not Austin.

Ready's suit was originally filed in Austin where he lives and his attorney had sought to keep the matter there. The PEDC was successful earlier in having the case moved to U.S. District Court in Amarillo where U.S. District Court Judge Mary Lou Robinson then sent the case back to federal court in Austin.

But on Thursday, Chief U.S. District Court Judge James R. Nowlin filed an order moving the case to Amarillo citing that all the defendants' residences, principal place of business, events in the case and all material witnesses were located in Gray County.

Ready, who was fired on Sept. 13, 1999, claims in his suit that he was fired for exercising his right to free speech and the litigation also claims violations of Texas' whistle-blower law. He also says he was

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Stolen SPS truck located, suspect nabbed in Donley

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

A stolen SPS truck that was driven through the gates of an electrical substation near Celanese was recovered near Clarendon early today following a police chase that ended with the arrest of a Nebraska man.

Gray County authorities were unaware of the stolen vehicle until they were notified by Donley County officials about 8 a.m. this morning, said Gray County Chief Deputy David Russell.

In Clarendon, Deputy Bruce Burrell was on patrol on Third Street when he saw a man at the back door of a hardware store, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. Upon seeing the deputy, the man ran.

As a result, other deputies began a search for the man when someone, a dispatcher had told the sheriff earlier came into play.

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County grand jurors hand up indictments

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Gray County grand jurors, meeting for the first time in 2001, handed up five indictments Thursday.

Frank Brackney Pechacek, 34, of Amarillo, and Kerry Layne Zeek, 30, 2701 Beech, were indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in connection with an incident on Aug. 23, 2000. Bond was set at \$25,000 each.

In the early morning hours of Aug. 23, Officer David Conner of the Pampa Police Department stopped a vehicle on a traffic violation in south Pampa. District Attorney Rick Roach said. After he was given a consent to search the vehicle, Conner found two bags

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Law enforcement authorities guard a sealed area of the Albertson's parking lot surrounding a vehicle they believed contained a clandestine drug lab.

DEA called in to remove some makings of 'meth' lab

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Law enforcement authorities blocked off a section of Albertson's grocery store parking lot most of Thursday to protect the public from hazards posed by what they believed was a methamphetamine lab in the trunk of a parked car.

Local law officers guarded the area surrounding the vehicle from approximately 10 a.m. Thursday until shortly after 12 noon when a specially-trained team from the Panhandle Drug Task Force out of Amarillo came.

Deputy Chief Terry Young said police became suspicious after two men with Shamrock addresses were arrested at Albertson's about 5

p.m. Wednesday for shoplifting approximately \$35 of generic cold tablets containing pseudoephedrine, an ingredient used to make methamphetamine.

"A follow-up investigation showed that a car on the Albertson's parking lot contained many of the components of a methamphetamine lab," Young said.

A section of the parking lot surrounding an older, brown Oldsmobile was sealed off and a sheriff's deputy was assigned to guard the area until Drug Task Force members could obtain a warrant to search the vehicle.

"They opened the vehicle and took samples of what was in it," Young said, adding that after the search was completed, Drug Enforcement

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(Special photo by Terry Young)

Pictured are many of the components used in making illegal methamphetamine found by Panhandle Drug Task Force in a search of a vehicle parked at a Pampa grocery store Thursday.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

O'SHIELDS, Garland Lee "Mule" — Memorial services, 1:30 p.m., Memorial Oaks Funeral Home Chapel, Houston.

PORTER, Jason Blake — 10 a.m., Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

JOSEPH W. DOOLEY

Joseph W. Dooley, 78, of Pampa, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery at Canadian with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Dooley was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Henderson County, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident for approximately 50 years and worked for the City of Pampa Water Department, retiring Jan. 31, 1985, after 21 years and four months of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Oleta Bridwell Dooley, on Aug. 23, 1978; by a brother, Elgan Taylor Dooley; and by a sister, Connie Barger.

Survivors include a nephew, Don Barger of Lookkeba, Okla.; and special friend, Kenneth Bowers of McLean.

GARLAND LEE 'MULE' O'SHIELDS

HOUSTON — Garland Lee "Mule" O'Shields, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001. Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Chapel of Memorial Oaks Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Oaks Funeral Home of Houston.

Mr. O'Shields was born May 23, 1921, at Danville, Va. He attended Spartanburg Junior College and the University of Tennessee, achieving numerous accolades in sports and coaching.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Virginia O'Shields.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim and Renee O'Shields and Mike O'Shields; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Peter Ralph and Sally and Gary Henderson; and several grandchildren, Jason Ralph, Jennifer Quast, Jeff and Kevin Henderson, and Chris, Sam, Sarah, Rachel and Ryan O'Shields.

The family requests memorials be to Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

W.F. 'BILL' STUBBS

McLEAN — W.F. "Bill" Stubbs, 90, died Jan. 17, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

CORA B. YEARWOOD

Pampa — Cora B. Yearwood, 100, of Pampa, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Yearwood was born June 3, 1900, at Fay, Okla. She married George Yearwood on July 3, 1925, at Guthrie, Okla.; he preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1978. She had been a Pampa resident since 1979. She attended First Methodist Church of McLean.

She was preceded in death by three sons, James Melvin Yearwood, Glen Merle Yearwood and Kenneth Lee Yearwood; and a daughter, Vera Kathryn Yearwood.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Everett Roy and Carrol Yearwood of Dumas and Frank and Sheila Yearwood of Pampa; and six grandchildren, Russell Yearwood of West Lafayette, Ind., Mark Yearwood of Lubbock, Janice Yearwood of Grand Prairie, Robert Yearwood of Pampa, Jonila Quarles of North Richland Hills and Cheryl Town of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Wheat	2.72	dn 3/16
Milo	1.12	dn 1/16
Corn	1.68	dn 1/16
Soybeans	8.89	dn 1/16
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Enron	21 3/16	dn 7/8
Halliburton	38 9/16	up 1
KMI	49 5/16	dn 3/16
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Procter & Gamble	12 1/16	dn 1/8
Phillips	55 7/16	up 1/16
Pioneer Nat	17	up 1/8
SLB	71 11/16	up 1
Tenneco	3 11/16	up 1/16
Texas	58 11/16	up 1/16
Ultras	29 7/16	up 1/4
Wal Mart	52 5/16	dn 3/4
Williams	37 15/16	up 1/16
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Police report

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

Michael Cox, 36, 1032 Huff, was arrested in the 1000 block of Varmon on a warrant for burglary of a building.

Kenneth Lee Rogers, 47, 116 W. Foster, was arrested in the 300 block of North Frost for disorderly conduct - language and evading arrest.

Waynetta Lynne Britton, 42, 422 Wynne, was arrested in the 800 block of West Foster on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, four warrants for issuing a bad check, forgery by passing, bond surrender on a criminal mischief charge, a warrant for theft out of Potter County, and violation of probation for driving while intoxicated.

Willie Willis Stowe, 27, Shamrock, was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Simple assault was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Simple assault was reported to have occurred on Jan. 17 at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella. A Keltech 9mm pistol valued at \$380 was reportedly stolen sometime between Jan. 13 and 10:35 p.m., Jan. 18.

Disorderly conduct and evading arrest was reported in the 200 block of West Francis.

Sexual assault of a child was reported involving a 15 year-old-male presently in Child Protective Services care.

Friday, Jan. 19

A run-away was reported in the 1200 block of North Banks.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

Jose Rodriguez, 30, 640 N. Wells, was arrested for the Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 22, 513 Powell, was arrested on a Lefors municipal warrant for disorderly conduct.

Jose Edelberto Silva, 19, 917 S. Banks, was arrested on a violation of probation, theft warrant out of Potter County and two Hutchinson County warrants.

Accidents

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

9 a.m. - A 1997 Ford street sweeper, owned by the City of Pampa and operated by Larry M. Martinez, 29, 1116 S. Dvight, collided with a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Leonard Franklin Warren Jr., 48, 2600 Navajo, in the 800 block of West Brown. Martinez was cited for making an illegal U-turn. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

7:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

9 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Beech and transported one to PRMC.

3:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Charles and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Jan. 19

3:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Purviance and transported one to PRMC.

4:15 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

5:14 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1300 block of Williston. Someone reportedly set a shirt on fire and threw it in the dumpster.

8:38 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1900 block of North Sumner. Firefighters extinguished a small fire near the fireplace. Damage was reported to the interior and exterior wall.

kicked the window glass out of a police cruiser, and kicked Lt. Kenneth Hopson and Officer Keith Morris of the Pampa Police Department. The charge was enhanced due to previous conviction in 1985 for aggravated assault on a peace officer. Bond has been set at \$15,000.

One of the five indictments named Mario Solis, 18, 210 E. Tuke, on a charge of burglary of a building. The burglary reportedly occurred on Sept. 28, 2000, to a building belonging to Bob Crawford. Solis' bond on the charge was set at \$3,500.

The fifth indictment concerned an assault charge levied against Brantley Trey Lauderdale, 23, 1224 E. Foster. The assault occurred on Oct. 21, 2000, according to the indictment. Lauderdale's bond was set \$2,000.

Arraignments on the charges named in Thursday's indictments are set for Feb. 5, according to the District Attorney's office. Grand juries are also scheduled to meet for Wheeler County on Jan. 25, and in Hemphill County on Jan. 29. Roberts County and Lipscomb County grand juries are scheduled for Feb. 8, officials said.

PISD

PISD Facilities Director Denver Bruner said the school district is doing everything it can to keep the gas costs down. "We were being very frugal before the gas prices sky-rocketed," he said.

Bruner said he is glad the school district has replaced older heating units at some of the elementary schools, as it has been cost-effective and energy saving.

"I hazard to guess what the gas bills would be if we hadn't changed those out," he said. "Early Learning Center and Mann, which haven't been changed out, were the areas with the highest bills."

Dr. Orr said there is definitely a correlation between the cold weather and the high gas bills. He said when the gas bill is received for January the staff will examine the issue further. He said he anticipates high bills in January, February and March as

those three months are traditionally high consumption months due to the cold. "After that time-frame, they should drop drastically," he said.

Also, the cost of gas has been going up each month, Energas reported earlier.

He said discretionary items in the budget will likely be where the money comes from for the gas bills. He said usually the administrative staff didn't address the discretionary budget items so intensely until mid-April. Orr also said the district is now moving slowly to fill a recent vacancy in personnel in an effort to be cost-effective.

Business Manager Mark McVay told the board the current gas bills heighten the importance of maintaining an adequate fund balance (emergency fund) for the school district. "This is why we have this fund. We can use it to pay unexpected expenses to keep the school going when an emergency situation such as these high gas bills occur," he said.

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SUIT

libeled and slandered by the defendants who he said accused him of theft and professional misconduct.

Named as defendants are board President Richard Stowers, board member Roger David and former board member Lewis Meers.

Board members fired Reedy after a meeting in which members of the board said Reedy had taken a trip to a non-existent meeting in Lubbock and had made excessive personal use of the PEDC Suburban, credit card and cell phone.

Reedy acknowledged the trip to Lubbock was personal but was scheduled to coincide with a meeting that subsequently was canceled. He said he saw his daughters, students at Texas Tech, to help them with some financial matters.

Reedy claims in his suit that he was fired after he brought up some PEDC practices that he found to

be questionable.

These include claims that Reedy was asked to use PEDC funds to pay golf tournament fees in Ruidoso, N.M., for board member David's wife.

Reedy also claimed there was an unspoken PEDC grant condition that recipients use the accounting firm of then board member Meers.

The former executive director also said it was required that the PEDC vehicle - the Suburban - be bought from the Culberson-Stowers dealership in which board President Stowers has an interest.

As previously reported, the PEDC did purchase the Suburban from Culberson-Stowers after advertising for bids.

As far as accounting services by Meers, it has been previously reported that he did work for the now defunct U.S. Bus Company which received PEDC funds.

The PEDC and the named defendants have denied any wrongdoings as alleged by Reedy.

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TRUCK

Blackburn said. "She had mentioned seeing a pickup truck that had two sets of tail lights - one set down low and the other set, like clearance lights, up high."

When a truck matching that description drove by him, Blackburn said he got behind it and attempted to stop it.

"He took off south on 70 for about two miles

when he jumped out of the truck and started running on foot in a cotton field," Blackburn said of the subject. "You have to understand that I am a tad bit overweight so I just chased him with the car on the frozen ground until I caught him."

The suspect, who Blackburn said will be charged with theft, was identified as Vincent Lada, 19. The sheriff described him as a transient.

"We're going to gladly turn him over to Gray County since that's where the theft occurred," Blackburn said.

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DEA

Agency officials were contacted to come dispose of the hazardous materials found in the car.

"They are trained to handle clandestine labs," Young said, adding that if police officers had brought the materials found in the vehicle to the police station, the city of Pampa could have been fined heavily by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"We could be fined mega bucks," he said.

He said the DEA team arrived about 5 p.m. Thursday and took possession of the materials.

"It will cost up to \$10,000 to dispose of this stuff," Young commented.

The search of the Oldsmobile revealed a loaded .32 caliber automatic pistol under the driver's seat, bottles of denatured alcohol, cans of starting fluid which contain ether, a large bottle of muriatic acid (hydrochloric acid), a fire extinguisher and a set of scales, police said.

"The car contained all but two of the components of a meth lab," Young said. "Unfortunately under Texas law, no one can be charged unless every component is there."

Young said that if Texas law were like Oklahoma law, charges could have been filed. Oklahoma has a "precursor" law that allows charges to be filed if most of the components of a drug-making law are present, he said.

Investigation showed one of the men arrested for shoplifting drove the Oldsmobile to the Albertson's parking lot and the other was a passenger in the vehicle, police said, adding, however, that neither man owned the vehicle.

"The car was released to its owner yesterday afternoon, a woman, a friend (of the two men), I believe," Young said.

According to police, Willie Willis Stowe, 28, of Shamrock was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon in connection with the pistol found in the search. He remained in Gray County Jail at press time today.

Eight-year Clinton protest ends with haircut

MEXICO, Mo. (AP) — Clinton is out, Bush is in, and Harry isn't hairy anymore.

Harry Hunt, a Vietnam veteran, was upset when Bill Clinton took office because he did not serve in the war. As a protest, Hunt decided he wouldn't cut his hair until Clinton left office.

Eight years and 28 inches of hair later, Hunt got a haircut. The long-overdue grooming took place Jan. 13 in this northeast Missouri town.

"It wasn't an issue of Clinton being a Democrat or a Republican," Hunt said. "It was the idea he

was a confessed draft dodger and he was commander and chief of the armed forces."

Hunt's hair, which reached to around his belt, caused difficulties in his work as a mechanic.

"It was a challenge, especially working around mechanical equipment," he said. "I just pulled it in a pony tail all the time."

Hunt sent the lobbed-off hair to "Locks for Tots," a charitable organization that makes wigs for seriously ill children.

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Bend and Permian Basin. Early-morning lows ranged from 13 degrees at Dalhart to the 40s at several locations in far South Texas. It was 43 degrees at Houston, Laredo, Galveston, Brownsville, McAllen and Port Isabel.

Other readings were 28 degrees at Abilene, 31 at San Angelo, 36 at Burnet and 39 at Lufkin, Nacogdoches and Temple-Killeen.

Decreasing cloudiness was forecast from the west and north, with some morning snow flurries in West and Northeast Texas. Highs were expected in the 40s in the north and west to 60s in the far south, with lows in the 20s to 30s along the coast and Rio Grande Valley.

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of a substance that was later tested and found to be methamphetamine. "Nick," the police department's drug dog searched the car and "alerted" on the console as well as another area where officers found a small pouch containing approximately one gram of methamphetamine.

A .22-caliber pistol was also found under the passenger seat of the vehicle. A total of 19 gross grams of methamphetamine with a street value of approximately \$1,900 were recovered as a result of the stop, the DA said. Pechacek and Zeek were arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver.

Grand jurors true billed Jimmy Eugene Lewis, 38, 2618 Navajo, on a charge of assault on a public servant stemming from a domestic dispute on Nov. 1, 2000. According to police reports, Lewis, his brother and mother were involved in a family fight at their home on Navajo Street about 2:30 a.m., Nov. 1. When officers attempted to take Lewis into custody, police said he began fighting the officers,

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She and other participants in Livestock Show 29 at Clyde County Pampa, weigh-in p.m., Jan. 27. Kick-off the act 7 p.m., Jan. 27. Swine and Lamb at 7 a.m. the Barbecue and 5:30 p.m. Mon.

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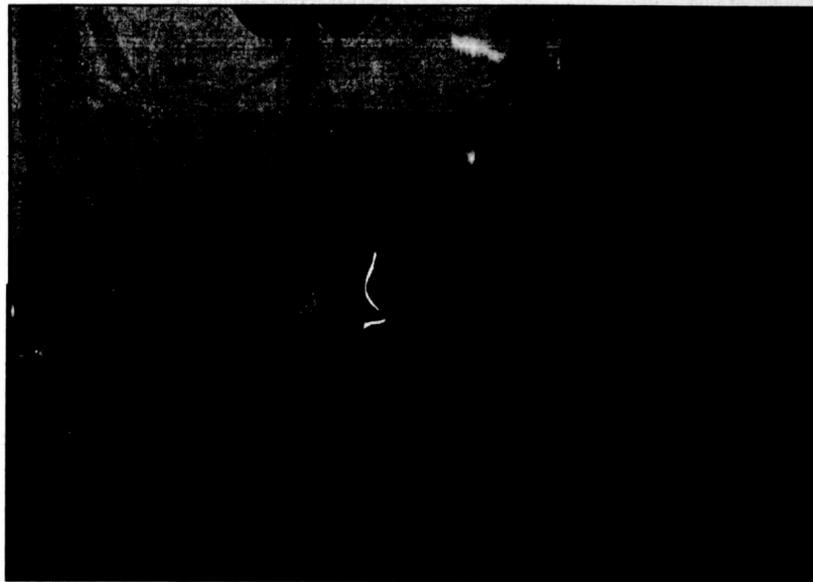
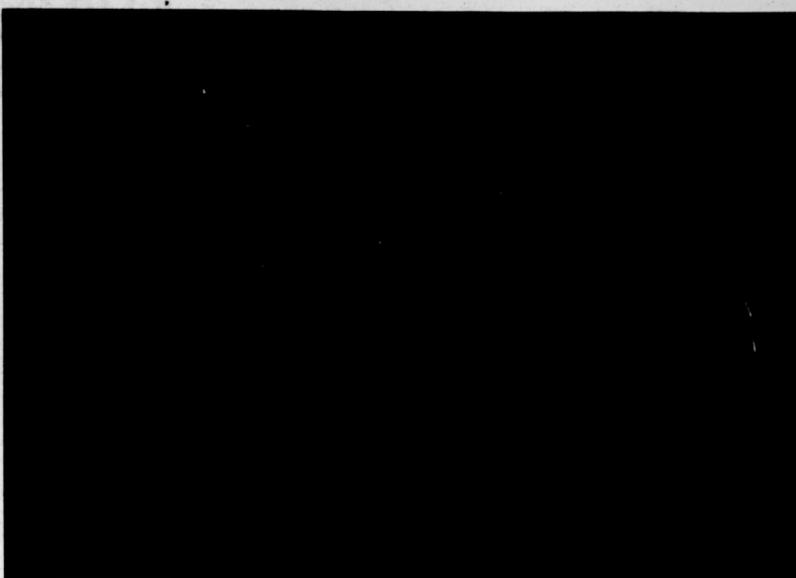
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4-H Stock Show winners



(Special photo)

The 4-H Livestock Show was held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Top left: Drake Jackson won Reserve Champion Duroc. Top right: Misty Parish won Champion Other Pure Breds (OPB). Bottom left: Krista Schults took Reserve Champion OPB. Bottom right: Jessica Baggerman had the Champion Landrace.

Calendar of events

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

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Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

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Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9

p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants and is available by calling the ARC office at 669-7121. Registration is required.

PCCA PRESENTATION
Pampa Community Concert Association will present trumpeter Joe Burgstaller at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$3 for students, \$5 for adults and \$10 for family. Roslyn Kind, vocalist, will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Attendance is by membership only.

FPQG MEETING
Panhandle Piece-makers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Various members will demonstrate round robin and other quilt-related techniques. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

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BSA TRAINING
BSA Hospice in Pampa will con-

duct a "Winter Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 6-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Jan. 15-Feb. 15 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive course is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, volunteer coordinator, BSA

hospice care or who desire personal growth and enrichment. The program is free of charge to residents of Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities. CEUs will be awarded through the college. For more information or to preregister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice, at (806) 665-6677.

4-H and FFA Focus



—Lindsey Price is a member of Gray County FFA, Pampa chapter. She and other FFA and 4-H members throughout the county will participate in the Gray County Livestock Show and Sale Jan. 27-29 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Weigh-in will begin at 6 p.m., Jan. 27. The Steer Show will kick-off the actual show and sale at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 followed by the Swine and Lamb Shows beginning at 7 a.m. the 29th. A Buyer's Barbecue and Sale is also slated at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Hi. I am Lindsey Price. I am 14 and the middle daughter of Mike and Sharon Price. I have been showing animals at the stock shows for seven years. I started out with pigs, and I am showing a steer this year. I also

have a pig again this year. The steer is the most work, but I believe it is the most rewarding. I hope to continue to grow with the knowledge of the beef industry and learn more about steers as I continue in the 4-H program.

This program has taught me many valuable life skills and responsibilities that I feel are very important to become an adult in our world today.

One of my goals is to start raising a show calf of my own, so I have been helping my dad with his cows in hopes to get a calf that will be good enough to do this with. I hope it will all pay off because some days when the snow and the mud are deep and the wind is blowing cold it is not as much fun.

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RELIGION

First Christian Church revival features speaker Rev. Emery

First Christian Church of Pampa announces a three-day revival, "What Now, Lord?" Jan. 23-25 with guest speaker the Rev. David Emery of The Woodlands Christian Church, and special music by Bruce Ballard of Amarillo.

And this Sunday, Jan. 21, First Christian Church members plan a dedication ceremony celebrating the church's recently redecorated sanctuary. Disciples of Christ Area Minister Dr. Danny L. Stewart of Amarillo is to present the message.

The dedication ceremony will be conducted during Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary, 1633 N. Nelson, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Director of Membership Shirley Winborne will give a brief history of First Christian Church of Pampa that spans almost a century. Committee Chair Miles Cook will tell about the year-long efforts to refurbish the church sanctuary and the two-decade history of the church's present building on North Nelson Street.

Special music is to be presented by soloist Jackie Harper and the chancel choir led by Fred Mays, choir director, and accompanied by Loralee Cooley, organist.

The three-day revival begins at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 23-25, in the church sanctuary. The revival is open to the public.

The revival series begins on Tuesday, Jan. 23, with "What Now, Lord? You Can Begin Again" based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. On Wednesday, Jan. 24, the topic will be "What Now, Lord? Become a Team Player" based on Ephesians 4:1-16. The last night, Thursday, Jan. 25, he will speak on "What Now, Lord? A Church for the New Millennium" on "Acts 2:42-47 scripture verses.

The Rev. Emery holds a masters of divinity

degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Texas Christian University.

Pastor of The Woodlands Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since 1994, the Rev. Emery's pastorate has become one of the most rapidly-growing congregations in the denomination with more than 600 additions in the past six years. The church's average Sunday attendance has grown from 35 to 350. Before coming to The Woodlands, a Houston suburb, the Rev. Emery served as pastor of Parkview Christian Church in Little Rock, Ark.

"When the church preaches Jesus Christ, the church grows spiritually and numerically and is pushed deeper into the community," the Rev. Emery says of his beliefs.

Bruce Ballard, a layperson committed to serving Christ through his music, will lead special music for the revival services. A respiratory therapist, Ballard attends Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

Dr. Danny Stewart earned a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Baylor University in 1967, a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. In 1978 he transferred his ministerial standing to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served Christian churches in Abilene, Sulphur Springs and Fort Worth. He started a food bank in East Texas which continues to feed the poor in that area. He also created a hospital chaplain program and spent three years as a leader for theological reflection groups at Brite Divinity School.

For more information about First Christian Church or the "What Now, Lord?" revival series, contact the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, at 669-3225.



Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, will host a Jews for Jesus presentation, "The Liberated Wailing Wall," beginning at 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 21. The eight-member musical group will perform a 30-minute presentation complete with Hebraic music, ethnic costuming and live instrumentation.

CBC hosts Jews for Jesus musical group on Sun., Jan. 21

Central Baptist Church will host a Jews for Jesus presentation entitled "The Liberated Wailing Wall" at 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 21 at the church. The eight-member musical group will perform music reflecting a many styles of Jewish and Christian worship.

The ensemble will use a variety of instruments to achieve a sound that includes piano, trumpet, saxophone, guitar, violin, and dunbek (Middle Eastern drum).

Some songs will be reminiscent of synagogue worship and others will burst with the exuberance of an American-Jewish wedding reception. Woven into their music/drama program are personal testimonies of how the various members came to believe that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by a message from pastor, Derrell Monday.

The group has recorded 11 albums, one of which is a compilation of some of their most popular songs, called "Liberated Wailing Wall Favorites."

Experience worship through Hebraic music, ethnic costuming and instrumentation at Central Baptist Church, located at Starkweather and Browning.

Southwest Church of Christ will host 'Acappella' quartet

"Acappella" will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Southwest Church of Christ, 4515 Cornell, Amarillo.

"Acappella" is Christian music's premier acappella quartet. In its 18-year history, the group has made 18 albums, scored numerous radio hits and performed over 3,000 concerts in the United States, Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Cayman Islands, France, French West Indies, Holland, Jamaica, South Africa, Switzerland and China.

According to "Acappella" founder-producer-songwriter, Keith Lancaster, their concert will be a celebration of God's love

through music; some teaching, some laughing, but mostly a lot of fun.

The group features Gary Moyers (baritone), Ken McAlpin (bass), Kevin Schaffer (high tenor) and Barry Wilson (lead vocals).

Acappella sings alone but doesn't travel solo. Its entourage includes wives, children, road crew and interns. Four college interns spend six to 18 months with Acappella on the road and in the studio, learning all facets of the music ministry. The interns, known collectively as Kenosis, occasionally open for the group.

Tickets are on sale at

Southwest Church of Christ. Advance tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. (All tickets will be \$2 higher at the door.) Call 1-800-992-7469 for special ticket prices for groups of 20 or more. For more information, contact the church at (806) 352-5647.

For more information on the intern program, call (931) 486-3101 or go to <http://www.acappella.org>, on the Internet.

Acappella, founded in 1982, has released more than 14 albums, given more than 2,000 concerts and receives prominent play on contemporary Christian radio stations.



(Community Camera photo by Chaplain David Schlewitz)

Graduating from Pampa Prison Ministries Book of John Bible Class at Pampa's Jordan Unit, TDCJ-ID, were (front row, left-right) Israel Aranda, Harrison Bennett, Robert Cheek, Randy Cook, Ronnie Crayton, (back row, l-r) Joseph Cruz, Steye Osley, James Perry, Brian Stancliff, Steven Waller and Bennie Wilson.

Jordan Unit inmate group ministry program graduates

Eleven Jordan Unit inmates recently graduated from Pampa Prison Ministries Book of John Class. Completing the Bible course were: Israel Aranda, Harrison Bennett, Robert Cheek, Randy Cook, Ronnie Crayton, Joseph Cruz, Steye Osley, James Perry, Brian Stancliff, Steven Waller and Bennie Wilson.

The study in the Gospel of John lasts one year. Students take part in discussion, home work, self-study, role play and assignments. The most recent commencement marked the eighth graduation of this class which is an extension of the Pampa Prison Ministries headed up by First Baptist Church's Bob Andersen.

Andersen has led the organization for a number of years and has seen it expand and grow under his leadership. The Book of John Class held at the Jordan Unit is just one of the ministries the organization offers. The class is staffed by volunteers from the area. Attending the graduation were ministry members: Bethel Walker, Jo Johnson, Dorothy Barrett, Margie

Moore, Ben Martinez, Lyndon Field, Joyce Field and J.B. Walker.

Volunteers find the class and service work valuable and a good investment for the state in lieu of rising costs of incarceration. It is estimated that it costs approximately \$48,000 to house an inmate for 3.4 years.

Pampa Prison Ministries seeks to positively impact the lives of inmates who attend the class and hopes these inmates will not return to prison upon release. If the class does impact the lives of 11 so that they do stay out of trouble the state will realize a savings of over half a million dollars.

The vision, relates Andersen, of the Pampa Prison Ministries is much greater than just 11 inmates. The Pampa Prison Ministries is involved in an Angel Tree program as well as mentoring at the Jordan Unit. Citizens who wish to be involved with Pampa Prison Ministries may call Andersen or any of the other team members for more information.

244-year-old church seeks place on register

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The Buffalo Presbyterian Church, which North Carolina has already granted historic status, has applied for a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

The designation would qualify the 244-year-old congregation for federal preservation grants. In 1980, the federal government denied the church's application because it made a small addition to the sanctuary in 1957.

Church historian Herb Tucker submitted all of Buffalo's property for consideration, including its historic cemetery. The church hired Davyd Hood, an architectural historian from Lincoln County, to help the congregation make its case.

Police arrest anti-blasphemy law protesters

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Police fired tear gas and arrested 50 members of Pakistan's minority religions during a protest in the heart of Karachi, Pakistan's commercial and financial hub.

About 600 people marched to protest the country's controversial blasphemy laws that impose the death penalty on anyone found guilty of insulting Islam or its prophet, Mohammed.

The country's military rulers have outlawed public gatherings, although Islamic militant groups, like the Sipah-e-Sahaba (Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet), have been allowed to

hold large meetings without interference from the authorities.

The Jan. 10 demonstration, however, was quickly quelled with police firing several rounds of tear gas and arresting 50 people, authorities and witnesses said.

Former pastor guilty of sex with daughters

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — A 62-year-old former pastor faces up to 23 years in prison after he was convicted of having sex with his two adopted daughters when they were children.

A Circuit Court jury convicted the former Ocala minister Tuesday on nine sex-related charges. His name is being withheld to protect his daughters' identities. He fathered one's 7-year-old son.

Both daughters testified at the trial. The younger one, now 18,

told the jury her father first forced her to have sex when she was 11, and that one of the incidents took place in the study where he wrote his sermons. The older daughter, now 23, told the panel the man is her son's father.

He faces a maximum of 165 years in prison when he is sentenced, although he is only expected to get between 16 and 23 years because of state guidelines, prosecutor Lori Lockshin said.

Jurors heard a telephone conversation taped by police in which one of the daughters asked, "Daddy, do you think God will forgive us for having sex?"

The former pastor then told the girl, "Bring your Bible over on Saturday and we will talk about it."

"That really was the evidence that did us in," defense Charles Holloman said.

Kirking of the Tartans Jan. 28

Local members of the First Presbyterian Church will gather for a special ceremony on Jan. 28 to celebrate their Scottish heritage.

Kirking of the Tartans is a ceremony which originated in the United States following the Scottish migration into the Appalachian Mountains.

The Scots wear their Clan banners on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew. Clan Tartans, or plaids, were the way

the families would identify themselves in battle and conflict with the English. Each family has their own Clan Tartan which will be displayed at the special service.

Andy Khune of Lubbock will be a piper for the special service.

The annual service will be at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Gray and Montague in Pampa.

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Widower Dad Appears to Be Shifting His Family Allegiance

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago my mother died. A year after that, our father met a lady, "Alice," who made him very happy. My sister and I loved her from the start; our brother did not. Father has been engaged to this lovely lady for three years with our blessing.

Our brother decided that Dad had no right to happiness and has disowned the family over "that woman." We have all accepted our brother's decision not to be a part of the family.

The problem is, as time has gone on, our father spends less and less time with his children and grandchildren — who all live in the same town — and more and more time with her children and grandchildren. Dad now knows her granddaughter better than his own grandchildren.

During the past two years, he has spent both Thanksgiving and Christmas with her children. Dad and Alice show up to spend an hour or two with our side of the family for these holidays, and then leave



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for her children's home to celebrate. We had mentioned very early in the year that our family would like them to join us for at least one of the holiday dinners.

In short, this is my and my sister's dilemma: We lost our mother, we have lost our brother, and now we feel we are losing our father. We don't know how to broach the subject without causing hard feelings on the part of Dad's fiancée. We do love Alice; she has made our dad very happy. But this is beginning to cause resentment from my sister, our children, grandchildren and me.

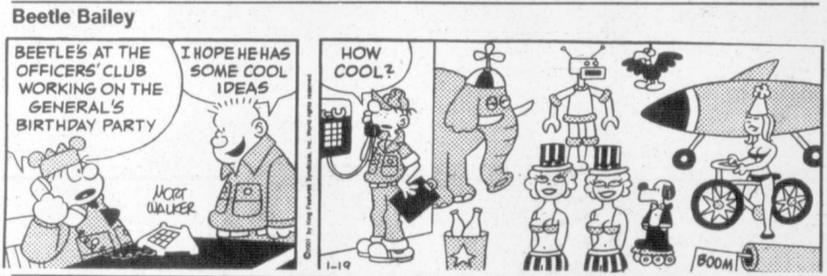
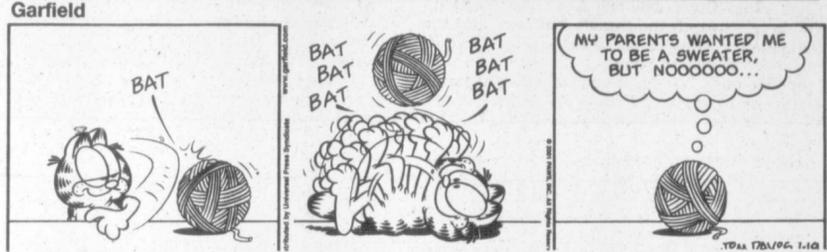
How do we get them to understand that they need to give our

family equal time without causing a rift? We love both Dad and Alice, and don't want our family splintered any more than it is. FAMILY TIES, TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR FAMILY TIES: I think you've said it very well. Tell your dad and his fiancée exactly what you have told me. (If you feel unable to honestly express your feelings, then clip this column and give it to them.) You and your sister are not asking too much. In fairness to all concerned, an adjustment needs to be made.

Invite Alice's family to join your family for one, warm, blended family event. Life is too short to feel resentful.

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You are the focal point. Others look to you for a suggestion or an invitation. You might have something so necessary to do that you cannot play as much as you would like. Still, a friend manages to distract you. Make time for fun. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. This week: All eyes turn to you. Assume responsibility. Plan a victory party for the end of the week. All's well that ends well. Remember that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Gather the troops, or at least friends and family, for a fun daytime outing. In a different setting, you take another look at a problem. Unexpected developments lead you in a different direction. Discuss with a partner what is on your mind. Tonight: Opt for different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Work with a beloved partner on a one-on-one level. You break new ground. Schedule an outing with an adored friend. Realize what is going on with a partner. Talk about recent happenings and how you feel. Discussions take you in a new direction. Tonight: Togetherness works. This week: Work with a partner, especially after you are stunned by a surprise. Together you explore opportunities and solutions. The force is with you both. CANCEER (June 21-July 22) ***** Allow others to share more of what is happening. Do what you need to do to draw others out. You could be surprised but delighted by another's per-

ceptions. A lot changes for you, and quite quickly, at that. Build a relationship. Use the magic of quality time. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas. This week: Others seek you out. All you need to do is answer your phone. Now that isn't hard, is it? Pull apart your finances. You'll find answers in the next week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Easy does it. You don't need to push. You really don't even need to make plans. Take advantage of the easy pace. Eye possibilities without making demands. Still, another does act most unpredictably. Discuss what is on your mind. Tonight: Don't even lift your little finger if you don't have to! This week: You are all work. Well, at least you are all work on Monday and Tuesday. The play bug bites on Wednesday. Don't fight the inevitable. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Though normally a calm and sedate sign, you find it impossible to keep mum right now. Flirt, dance or do whatever makes you happy. Some of you will want to add more zest to your love life. The question is: Why not? Let go and be a kid again. Tonight: Only fun is allowed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Read Leo's message for guidance. You too need a lazy day where you don't push. Sometimes your desire to please others overrides common sense. You need a break to center. Think all you want, but let your body relax. Tonight: Ask for what you want. This week: Play it low-key, at least on Monday and Tuesday. You hit the jackpot on Wednesday or Thursday. Start smiling. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take your time and draw someone into a long-overdue discussion. Others respond to your inquiries. You could be jolted by the answers. Understand where others might be coming from by walking in their shoes. Tonight: At your favorite place.

This week: Talk and share. Make calls and network. Others do hear you loud and clear. It's about time. Review your options late in the week. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Today is better than tomorrow to seize control of your finances. Think about what needs to happen. Do not undermine yourself. Take time to sort through bills. Ask yourself what you can eliminate and where you would like to spend more. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You feel more like your old self again. Go with your get-up-and-go. Be spontaneous and do more of what you want. You could do something most startling and surprising, leaving others gasping. Use your smile and winning ways. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. This week: Take your bows. The spotlight is on you this week. You make few mistakes. Unusual money news greets you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Sit back and do your own thinking. Right now, you are your own best counsel. You might not agree with someone else's judgments; in fact, your feelings could be hurt. Make plans to do what you want in the next few days. Meanwhile, do some solid thinking. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

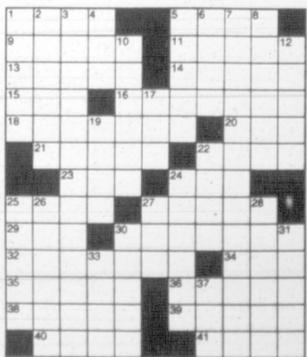
***** Aim high and listen to your friends. They are on your side and want the best. Bring others together. Friendship abounds, but you could be shocked by something you say. Think about what you want from a special loved one. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday? This week: Aim for what you want early on this week. You hit the bull's-eye. Still, take time to think about what it is that you want from life.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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BASKETBALL

CLAUDE — White Deer cagers visited Claude on Tuesday night and came home with a Class 1-2A District sweep.

Dustin Harper was White Deer's top scorer with 17 points. Brian Knocke followed with 10.

Eddleman was Claude's leading scorer with 21 points. Suni Petty had a 25-point performance for White Deer girls during a 54-32 victory.

FOOTBALL

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Herman Edwards finally moved into a top job after nine years as an NFL assistant when he was introduced as head coach of the New York Jets.

Edwards, 45, becomes the NFL's third active black head coach.

Replacing Al Groh, who left after one season to coach his alma mater, Virginia, Edwards is the Jets' fourth coach in a little more than a year.

Edwards, an assistant head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last season, worked with the Jets' new general manager, Terry Bradway, in Kansas City.

GOLF

HONOLULU (AP) — The outrageously long backswing and the brisk walk down the fairway puffing on a cigarette was vintage John Daly. Nothing else about him looked familiar in the first round of the Sony Open, least of all his score.

When his 6-foot birdie putt disappeared into the cup on his final hole Thursday, Daly had a 6-under 64 — his lowest score in three years — and a share of the lead for the first time since the 1997 PGA Championship.

"I'm a little shocked myself," Daly said.

He wasn't alone. "Everything he does kind of surprises you," Brad Faxon said after an eagle on No. 18 put him in a tie for first with Daly and Larry Mize.

Daly has a history of springing surprises, whether it was winning the PGA Championship as an alternate in 1991, winning the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995 or some of his wild living that has made him a cult figure in golf.

The last time Daly had a 64 was in the final round of the Honda Classic in 1998, when he finished tied for fourth. He hasn't had a top-10 finish since.

There was reason to believe that might change this week at Waialae Country Club.

Daly said he can't remember the last time he had a drink. He has dropped 60 pounds from this time a year ago, cutting out the snacks and getting off medication such as lithium and Prozac that he took for three years.

"I was the rat for some doctor," he said.

He also put steel shafts back in his club and went back to an old putter with added weight in the toe of the club. But perhaps the biggest change is that he no longer just grips it and rips it.

"I play a lot more conservatively than I used to, and I think that's starting to pay off," Daly said. "As a kid, all I even thought of doing was hitting driver on every hole but the par 3s — at times I did that, too. I taught myself to be as aggressive as I possibly can."

"It's taken me at least two or three years to learn."

Hitting driver on only five holes and getting into serious trouble only once, Daly made seven birdies in his round of 64 on a windy day at Waialae, although 15 mph gusts are relatively calm for these parts.

Mize was one of the few who was not caught off guard by the sight of Daly's name atop the leader board. They played the final round together at the Tucson Open last week.

Giants Barber may expand Super Bowl role

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tiki Barber is ready to quit worrying about his broken left arm.

"It's going real good," said the New York Giants running back, who has played in all three games since breaking his left forearm against Dallas on Dec. 17. "I'm re-establishing my confidence."

Barber said his arm feels so good, he is planning to return punts in the Super Bowl against the Baltimore Ravens. He might even play without a cast.

Coach Jim Fassel isn't so sure that Barber will play without a cast against the Ravens on Jan. 28 in Tampa, Fla., but the Giants' coach said the little

running back who was the most valuable player on his offense is improving.

Barber fielded punts Thursday for the first time since the regular-season finale against Jacksonville on Dec. 23. "He looks good, real good," Fassel said.

Receivers Amani Toomer and Ike Hilliard have returned punts for the Giants in the playoffs because Barber lacked the confidence to handle the job.

He had a problem rotating his left hand wearing a cast and could not field the ball. That's not a problem any more, he said.

"There's so much at stake, and this has been a dream season for me," said Barber, who

rushed for a career-best 1,006 yards, caught 70 passes for 719 yards and averaged 8.5 yards on punt returns. "To have to sit out the important part of it would have been too much for me to take. I put everything aside and said, 'I'm playing.'"

Barber has used a bone stimulator in recent weeks and said his arm has not hurt.

"It's all come together," Barber said. "It takes a while for some people, and I finally got it."

"After joking that Barber was a 'wimp,' defensive end Michael Strahan said Barber's ability to stay on the field while hurt has been amazing.

"The guy has a broken arm and he goes out there and practices every day and never takes

any time off," Strahan said. "You have to admire a guy like that. I remember watching him early this season and saying, 'Thank God we have him' because sometimes we couldn't get things going on offense and he was the only one who could move the ball and make it happen."

The broken arm slowed Barber in the playoffs. He rushed for only 35 yards on 15 carries and had three receptions for 13 yards in the 20-10 win over Philadelphia in the NFC semifinal. He added 69 yards rushing and four catches for 21 yards in the NFC championship against Minnesota.

Against the Ravens' outstanding defense, the Giants are going to need Barber

because he provides options. With his speed he can attack the outside of the Baltimore defense on the run and is also a threat to catch the ball out of the backfield.

One of Barber's closest friends on the team, fullback Greg Comella, expects his buddy to be ready for the Ravens.

"When he came out of college, the media labeled him as a third-down back and the coaches labeled him as a third-down back," Comella said. "Tiki never allowed himself to settle in as that."

"He has that burning desire to succeed," Comella added. "That's what makes Tiki Barber successful."

Harvesters host Raiders

PAMPA — Another win would give Pampa a winning record in District 3-4A, but to accomplish that task the Harvesters must get past a formidable Hereford squad tonight.

While Pampa evened its district record at 3-3 with a 71-64 win over Palo Duro, Hereford breezed past Borger 78-40 Tuesday night. Hereford is 5-1 in district and 20-3 for the season.

To assure a victory, the Harvesters must figure a way to stop the high-scoring Hodges twins. Slade had 23 points and Cody 16 against Borger. The Hodges are 6-1 seniors.

The Whitefaces are solid up front with 6-3 senior Chayse Rives and 6-3 junior Cody Marsh adept at controlling the boards.

The Harvesters, sparked by a 29-point performance from 5-8 senior Gary Alexander, turned back Palo Duro down the stretch. Adam Rodgers (6-1 junior) added 18 points and led Pampa in rebounds with 10.

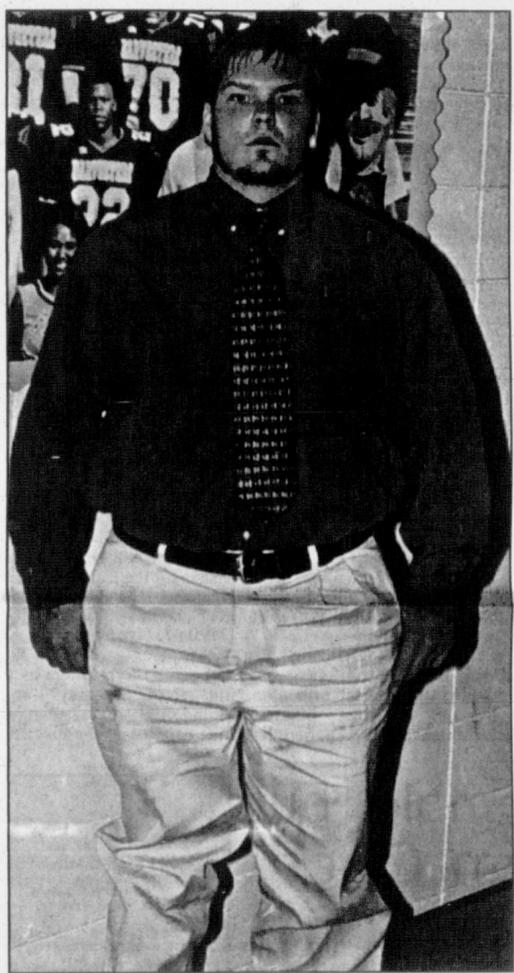
For the season, the Harvesters are 16-10.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters (2-6, 6-13) face Hereford (2-6, 9-17) for the second time in district play. Hereford posted a 66-46 win in the first meeting. There's currently a three-way deadlock for seventh place between Pampa, Hereford and Dumas.

Both Pampa and Hereford are coming off losses Tuesday night. Pampa dropped a 77-39 decision to Palo Duro while Hereford fell to Borger 61-45.

Pampa did a boost off the bench when 5-5 senior Mandy Rains scored 11 points to lead the team in scoring. Rains has seen limited action since an early-season injury.

GT-EI Norma winner



Jeff Warren received the GT-EI Norma Award for leadership at this year's Harvester Football Banquet. Warren, who played center for Pampa, was an honorable mention all-state player.

Pampa's Lady Pacers boost record to 15-0

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Pacers moved to a 15-0 record on their 2000-2001 season by beating Amarillo Trinity Fellowship and the McLean Tigerettes earlier this week.

Against the Trinity Lady Lions, the Lady Pacers took a commanding 12-1 lead in the first quarter. They held the lead throughout the game to win by a score of 42-32.

Erin Raber dominated the inside game with 27 points and 9 rebounds. Kendra had 10 points and 5 steals while Kellie Mullican added 5 points.

Pampa won a close contest over McLean 40-35.

Although the Lady Pacers had an 11-6 advantage at the end of the first quarter, McLean cut the lead to three at halftime.

In the third period, McLean pulled within one point of Pampa, but was unable to ever take the lead. The Lady Pacers started the fourth period with a strong surge that gave them a 10-point edge. The Tigerettes were only able to pull within 5 points before time out.

Erin Raber again led the scoring with 17 points while collecting 16 rebounds. Kellie Mullican followed with 11 and Kendra Raber

had 10. Stephanie Willoughby had 2 points to go with 11 rebounds.

Shaley Steel had 10 points and Cesity Cadra 8 to lead McLean scorers.

The Tigerettes have a 4-12 record.

In boys basketball, Amarillo Trinity Fellowship defeated the Pampa Pacers 75-49 earlier this week.

Outstanding 3-point shooting and quickness by Trinity led them to victory.

Coy Devoll had 15 points and 5 steals to lead the Pacers. Bryce Taylor had 14 points and 15 rebounds. Marlon Echols had 12 points and Chad Sublett 8.

The Pacers also played McLean and lost 76-33.

The Tigers halfcourt press and fast break attack helped gain the victory.

Shawn Estes tossed in 19 points to lead McLean in scoring while teammate Bradley Sawyer was right behind with 18.

McLean's record is now 8-9 on the season.

Bryce Taylor had 15 points and 22 rebounds to lead the Pacers. He was followed by Chad Sublett with 7 points, Marlon Echols 5, Coy Devoll 4 and Luke Raber 2.

Middle school teams play basketball games vs. Canyon

PAMPA — Pampa Red fell to Canyon 47-44 in an 8th grade boys basketball game Thursday.

Brittin East had 15 points to lead Pampa scorers. Clayton Hall followed with 10 points and Brandon Johnston had 8.

Pampa Red's record is 8-2.

In 7th grade action, Pampa lost to Canyon 54-31 in a B team game.

Tyson Hickman and Cody

Ellis had 12 and 11 points respectively to lead Pampa in scoring. Aaron Anguiano had 6 points and Keenan Davis 2.

The 7th Grade District Tournament will be held in Pampa on Jan. 25-27.

Pampa 7th graders close out the season Jan. 29 against Borger on the homecourt.

The 8th Grade District Tournament will be held Feb. 1-3 in Dumas.

Marvin Lewis hopes to tread same path as boss

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Two years ago, the Minnesota Vikings had an outstanding assistant coach who wanted to get them through the NFL playoffs before allowing himself to think about another job.

Soon after the Vikings' postseason run ended, Brian Billick was rewarded for his fine work by being offered the head coaching job for the Baltimore Ravens.

Now, as Baltimore moves closer to its Super Bowl matchup with the New York Giants, Ravens defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis is operating under the same circumstances Billick did during his final days in Minnesota.

Lewis has been granted permission by the Ravens to talk after Super Bowl XXXV with the Buffalo Bills, Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns about their head coaching vacancies.

Speaking from experience, Billick has provided Lewis advice on how to cope with working for one team before possibly leaving for another.

"I think I have as good a perspective on that as anybody. I've tried to be a resource for Marvin as best I could, to help him in an environment that's new to him," Billick said. "Mainly, to put his mind at ease. I'm being a little

self-serving here, because it helps him keep his focus on the job at hand, which is the best way to bring about the very thing he wants to happen."

Now in his fifth year as the Ravens' defensive coordinator, Lewis is conceivably on the brink of having a team to call his own. He was a respected assistant coach before this season, but his resume looks even better after a year in which his record-setting defense enabled Baltimore to earn a place in the Super Bowl.

"He's definitely head coaching material," Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister said. "He's a well-organized, well-spoken man who knows how to address the team."

Lewis, 42, has strived to be an NFL head coach ever since he broke into the league in 1992 as the Pittsburgh Steelers' linebackers coach. His quest hasn't changed, but his focus this week is to find a way to stop a New York offense that buried Minnesota last week with 34 points in the first half alone.

"Am I encouraged? Yes, possibly," Lewis said Thursday of his prospects of moving up. "When that comes, we will look toward that. It's something I can't worry about now. Right now, I am just trying to keep my players' attention, and my attention, on the

task at hand."

Ravens veteran safety Rod Woodson smiled when asked to assess Lewis' potential as an NFL head coach.

"I've known Marv since he was a rookie coach in Pittsburgh. He's come a long way," Woodson said. "I think his understanding

of the game, the way he relates to the young players, is outstanding."

"Everybody's happy for Marvin. It's a great opportunity. But we can't dwell on it, and Marvin can't dwell on it. He has to keep coaching, and we have to keep on playing."

Wildcats welcome Olson back with win

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Coach Lute Olson was welcomed back with a rousing standing ovation at the McKale Center and shouts of "Luuutee."

His 17th-ranked Arizona Wildcats responded by giving him one of their best performances of the season in a 71-58 victory over No. 24 Southern California.

When it was over, Olson couldn't hide the emotion of his first game back following the death of his wife of 47 years, Bobbi, to ovarian cancer on Jan. 1.

Someone asked if he felt her presence at the game.

"We have been together so long," Olson said, his voice cracking with emotion, "that her presence is always there."

After being away for five games, Olson wondered all day if he was ready to go back on the sidelines.

used was left empty.

"I felt very ready as far as being in the practice situation. It didn't take long to adjust to that," Olson said. "But just thinking of coming out here with the crowd the way I figured they would be early, and the name on the court and an empty seat over there — that was the hardest thing to think about."

Olson said he came back because he felt his players and his coaching staff needed him.

"This has been a really difficult year for our players to this point," he said. "I just feel like we need some stability now."

Gilbert Arenas scored 18 points and Jason Gardner 17, including 12 in the last 6 1/2 minutes on two 3-pointers and 6-of-6 free throws, for Arizona (11-5, 4-1 Pac-10). He also had six assists and no turnovers. Richard Jefferson also scored 17 points, matched his season high with eight rebounds and had seven assists. Michael Wright

If Lewis does indeed get an offer, Billick will be delighted to vouch for his faithful assistant, even though the Ravens stand to lose one of the best defensive minds in the game.

"You'd like to keep him," Billick said, "but it would be foolhardy to think you could."

added 13 points.

It was the third consecutive double-digit victory for Arizona following its home loss to Stanford.

"I really like the feel of where this team is right now," Olson said.

Sam Clancy had 23 points for the Trojans (12-4, 2-2), who lost their second in a row. David Bluthenthal added 14 points, but only three in the second half.

The Wildcats, who play UCLA on Saturday, outscored USC 11-3 in the final 3 1/2 minutes to beat the Trojans in Tucson for the 16th time in a row.

Olson was back on the sidelines after a five-game absence. Arizona was 3-2 while he was gone, 3-1 in Pac-10 play.

"It felt good to know he was here," Wright said. "He is a great teacher. He makes you want to play harder when he is out there."

First deer



(Special photo)

McLean's John Ruel Haynes, 11, collected his first deer, this 8-point buck, last month while hunting on the ranch of his grandparents, John M. and Joyce Haynes, near McLean. John and his cousin J.T. Haynes of Amarillo were hunting from a hay bale blind when John took the buck at about 115 yards with a Remington .243.

Mavs rally for second straight night

By The Associated Press

The Dallas Mavericks are making a habit of come-from-behind victories.

A night after erasing a 16-point deficit to beat the Charlotte Hornets, the Mavericks rallied for another comeback victory on Thursday night.

Michael Finley made two 3-pointers in the final 8 seconds to force overtime, then Dirk Nowitzki opened the extra period with a running dunk for the Mavericks' first lead in a 115-106 victory over the Orlando Magic.

"They're going to start calling us the Cardiac Kids," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. "I thought it was a long shot to come back, but with guys like Dirk and Michael, you never know."

Dallas trailed 37-15 after one quarter and was still down 93-82 with 1:46 left in regulation. Orlando led 96-93 with 5.8 seconds to go when Darrell Armstrong, a 90-percent foul shooter, missed two free throws. The Magic went 12-of-21 from the line in the fourth quarter.

"We're learning how to win these games. We have to, especially if we want to be a playoff team," said Nowitzki, who had career highs of 38 points and 17 rebounds.

"(Wednesday) night gave us confidence," said Finley, who

scored 21 points before fouling out in overtime. "Games like these, we would have lost in the old days."

In other NBA games, Indiana beat Atlanta 84-76; Portland defeated Miami 85-74; Detroit edged Chicago 116-110; Houston topped Golden State 112-104; and Boston tripped the Los Angeles Clippers 82-79.

After a timeout, Finley threw an inbounds pass to Nowitzki, got the ball back and made a long jumper. The play was similar to the one called in Charlotte, which ended with Nowitzki fumbling a pass and feeding Howard Eisley. Eisley's 3-pointer beat the Hornets at the buzzer on Wednesday night.

"It was designed to go to Dirk and have him create something," Finley said. "I was just trying to get space. I knew when I shot it that I had to get an arc and luckily it went in."

The game tied the second-biggest comeback in Dallas history and ended a four-game home losing streak.

The Magic ended a three-game winning streak, the last of which featured a 20-point comeback to beat Chicago.

Tracy McGrady led Orlando with 34 points, but had just four in the fourth quarter.

"We lost the game on our own," Orlando coach Doc Rivers said.

"We made every possible mistake you can make at the end of the game."

More than 20 minutes after the game, Cuban was still roaming the stands, giving high-fives and screaming, "I love this team."

Pacers 84, Hawks 76

Jalen Rose scored 29 points and Reggie Miller added 15 for Indiana.

Rose led the Pacers' fourth-quarter charge with 14 points as the Pacers pulled away for their third straight victory. Miller also hit a key 3-pointer that gave Indiana an eight-point lead with 3:29 remaining.

The Pacers shot just 27 percent from the floor in the first half and trailed 36-33 at halftime, their second-lowest scoring half of the season.

Still, visiting Atlanta, which got 19 points from Lorenzen Wright and 17 from Jason Terry, wasn't much better. It shot only 30.6 percent from the floor in the first half.

Trail Blazers 85, Heat 74

Bonzi Wells scored 13 of his 22 points in the first quarter, and Rasheed Wallace added 18 points as Portland defeated Miami.

Portland has won 13 of 14 and leads the Western Conference with a 30-11 record at the midway point of the season. That's one game off the Blazers' mark at the same time last year, when they won 59 games.

Eddie Jones had 20 points to lead Miami, which lost its fourth straight on the road. Brian Grant, playing in Portland for the first time since the Blazers traded him to the Heat last summer, scored 11 points.

Pistons 116, Bulls 110

Jerry Stackhouse won a shootout with Ron Mercer, and Detroit ended its six-game losing streak with a victory at Chicago.

Stackhouse, the NBA's leading scorer, scored 36 points, making 9-of-25 field goals and hitting all 16 of his free throws, while adding 11 assists.

Mercer shot 15-of-23 for 33 points, but couldn't prevent Chicago from its seventh straight loss.

Rockets 112, Warriors 104

Cuttino Mobley scored a career-high 41 points, and Walt Williams had 14 of his 22 in the second half as Houston beat Golden State for its 11th straight win in Oakland.

Mobley got 28 of his points in the first half during a duel with Antawn Jamison, who scored 26 of his 43 before halftime. But Jamison, who also had 15 rebounds, got just 10 points in the fourth as the reeling Warriors lost their sixth straight.

Bob Sura matched his career high with 31 points as Golden State, the NBA's worst defensive team, allowed Houston to shoot 52 percent.

Richter passes Giacomin as winningest Rangers goalie

By The Associated Press

Mike Richter picked a proper place to celebrate his record.

Richter became the winningest goalie in New York Rangers history when Brian Leetch scored with 26.8 seconds left in overtime Thursday night to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1.

Richter's 267th victory moved him past Ed Giacomin. The Rangers congratulated their goalie with a pileup right near the spot where Leetch took the winning shot at Madison Square Garden.

"I'm very proud of it and very happy and flattered and humbled to be part of it," Richter said. "One thing about this record I felt comfortable with is it's wins, and that's what a goaltender's job is all about."

Leetch has been Richter's

teammate since 1989.

"When it happened, all I could think about was we won the game and got that point," Leetch said. "Then I saw him in the pile and I remembered about the record."

"The way it came together there, OT win, the crowd's going crazy ... and to hear Mike get that ovation, it was great it worked out that way," he said.

In other NHL games, Carolina beat Boston 4-2, New Jersey topped Philadelphia 7-1, Colorado defeated Vancouver 7-3, St. Louis stopped Edmonton 4-1, Montreal beat Tampa Bay 3-1 and Ottawa downed Washington 5-4.

The Rangers swept a three-game homestand following a nine-game winless streak. New York tied its longest winning string of the season.

Richter made 30 saves, including a stop in front on

Mats Sundin on a two-man breakaway right before Leetch won it.

Curtis Joseph made 27 saves for Toronto, 1-4-1 in the last six games.

"We came in here and played tough for 60 minutes," Joseph said of Toronto, which lost at home Wednesday. "We were a tired team. To lose like that is tough."

Hurricanes 4, Bruins 2

Carolina extended its unbeaten streak to nine as Glen Wesley and Josef Vasicek scored in the game's opening 6:37.

The host Hurricanes won their fifth in a row and stopped Boston's four-game winning string.

Carolina is 7-0-2 during this stretch and is within one game of tying the longest unbeaten string in franchise history, accomplished in 1982 when the

team was the Hartford Whalers.

Avalanche 7, Canucks 3

Milan Hejduk scored twice in a 10-second span as Colorado beat visiting Vancouver.

Alex Tanguay of the Avalanche had the first five-point game of his career, scoring two goals and getting three assists.

A day after being left off of reserves picked for the World team in the All-Star game, Hejduk produced his sixth multiple-goal game of the season.

Andrew Cassels had three assists for the Canucks. Markus Naslund, the NHL's leading goal scorer, got his 28th.

Devils 7, Flyers 1

Scott Gomez scored a goal and set up two others as visiting New Jersey routed Philadelphia in a meeting of the top two teams in the

Atlantic Division.

The Devils beat the Flyers for the first time since Game 7 of last season's Eastern Conference final. New Jersey had been 0-1-2 against Philadelphia since then.

Sergei Brylin scored twice and Alexander Mogilny got his 23rd goal for the Devils.

Blues 4, Oilers 1

Pierre Turgeon came back from a mild concussion and had three assists, once again leading St. Louis to a home win over Edmonton.

Turgeon, who leads the Blues with 48 points, missed three games after being knocked unconscious by Anaheim's Tony Hrkac in a rare fight Jan. 10.

On Jan. 1, Turgeon had two goals and an assist as the Blues beat the Oilers 5-2.

Craig Conroy and Ladislav Nagy scored in a 19-shot, three-

goal second period for St. Louis.

Senators 5, Capitals 4

Mike Fisher's goal midway through the third period lifted Ottawa over visiting Washington.

Fisher scored on a back-hander at 10:40, breaking a 4-4 tie. Alexei Yashin scored twice for Ottawa. Adam Oates and Calle Johansson each had two assists for the Capitals, who have lost three of four.

Canadiens 3, Lightning 1

Juha Lind scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:45 left in the third period, giving Montreal a rare victory at the Molson Centre.

Craig Darby's empty-net goal clinched it as the Canadiens won for only the fourth time in their last 20 home games.

The game was scoreless going into the third period.

Sampras, Agassi scramble, but advance in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Pete Sampras is working a lot harder than he wants to at the Australian Open. Much of his effort Friday went into finding his serve-and-volley game.

Defending champion Andre Agassi had to scramble at the end of the first set, but advanced to the round of 16 in just 68 minutes when David Prinosil retired with heat exhaustion. Agassi was leading 7-6 (11), 5-0 after trailing 6-2 in the tiebreaker.

"I'm definitely earning my paycheck this week," said Sampras, who has spent nine hours in three matches compared with Agassi's four hours.

His serve was broken four times in the first three sets before he beat Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in 3:08.

"I can only kick myself a little bit for letting my game slip" while leading by one set and a break at 2-0 in the second set, Sampras said.

Chela broke right back when Sampras missed a volley, and again in the seventh game when the No. 3 seed netted a volley and gestured as if he would smash his racket on the court.

Two superb serve returns gave Chela another break in the third set's seventh game, and Sampras found himself trailing two sets to one.

"I've been down and out in that situation. You just try to hang in there," said Sampras, who earlier needed four sets each to beat Karol Kucera and Bohdan Ulihrach.

Sampras didn't allow another break point, and Chela slipped into errors.

"It's not very common to

break him twice," Chela said of the second set.

In the 93-degree heat, Sampras said, "this court definitely felt like I was playing on hot coals."

He said he still felt fit, and "I feel like I get my game going at the right time."

Sampras next plays fellow American Todd Martin, runner-up to Agassi in the 1999 U.S. Open. No. 6 Agassi meets Australia's Andrew Ilie, a crowd-pleaser who also reached the fourth round here in 1999.

The winners of those two matches meet in the quarterfinals.

Martin won 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 against No. 13 Cedric Pioline, the fourth men's seed to lose. Ilie, who earlier eliminated No. 9 Juan Carlos Ferrero, beat Russia's Mikhail Youzhny 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 2 Marat Safin, the U.S. Open champion, breezed past Czech player Michal Tabara 6-1, 6-1, 6-4, advancing to a meeting with No. 14 Dominik Hrbaty, a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 winner over Belgian Christophe Rochus.

No. 8 Tim Henman overcame a disastrous third set in which he served three double faults in a row to beat Australian Wayne Arthurs 6-3, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2. His next opponent will be No. 12 Patrick Rafter, a two-time U.S. Open winner, who beat Switzerland's Michel Kratochvil 6-4, 6-1, 7-5.

A fourth women's seed also went out when 18-year-old Justine Henin extended her winning streak to 13 matches by beating No. 14 Sandrine Testud 6-2, 6-4. Henin next plays No. 4 Monica Seles, who beat France's Emilie Loit 6-3, 7-5.

Another Belgian teen-ager,

17-year-old Kim Clijsters, seeded 15th, beat Spanish qualifier Nuria Llagostera 6-0, 6-1, advancing to a fourth-round meeting with defending champion and No. 2 seed Lindsay Davenport. Davenport beat Italy's Silvia Farina Elia 6-2, 6-1.

No. 8 Anna Kournikova beat doubles partner Barbara Schett 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. She next plays Barbara Rittner, a 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 winner over Ruxandra Dragomir.

No. 12 Jennifer Capriati defeated Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual 6-0, 6-2. Next up is Spain's Marta Marrero, who beat Emmanuelle Gagliardi 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

After Prinosil pulled out, Agassi said, "It's always disappointing when a match ends that way. You don't want anybody to get themselves in any kind of physical danger."

He saved six set points in the first-set tiebreaker before pulling away.

The heat was making the ball jump off the racket, causing him problems at first, but "my game was taking form there so it would have been nice to finish," he said.

Agassi wasn't expecting Sampras to fade despite his long hours on court.

"I've seen him win Slams injured. So I don't buy any of it. If he's tired or not, you've got to beat him. If he's injured or not, you've got to beat him. One of the things he has proven over the last decade is that that's not easy to do," Agassi added.

Sampras has won a record 13 titles at Grand Slam tournaments.

Agassi won his first two matches here, against Jiri Vanek and Paul Goldstein, losing just 13 games in six sets.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Cincinnati 85, Rider 83
Massachusetts 62, Dayton 57
SOUTH
Denver 59, Middle Tennessee 57
Florida Atlantic 71, Jacksonville 62
Georgia St. 87, Mercer 81
McNeese St. 87, Texas-Arlington 83
Memphis 72, Saint Louis 83, OT
Murray St. 83, Morehead St. 62
Southern Miss. 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 61
Tenn.-Martin 71, E. Kentucky 60
Tennessee Tech 86, Austin Peay 74
Troy St. 89, Campbell 71
MIDWEST
Loyola, Ill. 91, Belmont 82, OT
Oakland, Mich. 76, Chicago St. 60
Ohio St. 78, Michigan 61
Wis.-Milwaukee 56, Wright St. 43
Youngstown St. 84, W. Illinois 71
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 53, Arkansas St. 50
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 78, Oral Roberts 72
New Orleans 78, North Texas 60
SMU 72, Rice 54
FAR WEST
Arizona 71, Southern Cal 58
CS Northridge 103, Portland St. 83
E. Washington 72, N. Arizona 65
Idaho St. 97, Montana 69
Long Beach St. 78, UC Santa Barbara 75
Oregon St. 87, Washington St. 62
Pacific 86, Cal Poly-SLO 76
S. Utah 70, Valparaiso 66
San Diego 86, San Francisco 61
Santa Clara 90, St. Mary's, Cal. 67
UC Irvine 78, Boise St. 71
UCLA 91, Arizona St. 83
Washington 72, Oregon 71, OT
Weber St. 84, Montana St. 81

BASEBALL

Free Agent Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 98 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHEIM (6) — Re-signed Gary Disarcina, ss, to a \$320,000, one-year contract; re-signed Tim Lincecum, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Pat Rapp, rhp, Baltimore, to a \$2 million, two-year contract; signed Israel Valdes, rhp, Los Angeles, to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract; signed Jorge Fabregas, c, Kansas City, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed Jose Canseco, of, New York Yankees, to a minor league contract (\$200,000).
BALTIMORE (3) — Signed Pat Hentgen, rhp, St. Louis, to a \$9.6 million, two-year contract; signed David Segui, 1b, Cleveland, to a \$28 million, four-year contract; signed Mike Bordick, ss, New York Mets, to a \$9.5 million, two-year contract.
BOSTON (6) — Signed Frank Castillo, rhp, Toronto, to a \$4.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Tim Wakefield, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Pete Schourek, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$1 million); signed Manny Ramirez, of, Cleveland, to a \$160 million, eight-year contract; signed Kent Mercker, lhp, Anaheim, to

a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed David Cone, rhp, New York Yankees, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.
CHICAGO (4) — Re-signed Jose Valentin, ss, to a \$1.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Cal Eldred, rhp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Sandy Alomar Jr., c, Cleveland, to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract; re-signed Harold Baines, of, to a minor league contract (\$1 million).
CLEVELAND (2) — Signed Ellis Burks, of, San Francisco, to a \$20 million, three-year contract; signed Juan Gonzalez, of, Detroit, to a \$10 million, one-year contract.
DETROIT (1) — Signed Scott Servais, c, San Francisco, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).
KANSAS CITY (1) — Signed Doug Henry, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$2.75 million, two-year contract.
MINNESOTA (1) — Signed Tom Prince, c, Philadelphia, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).
NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Paul O'Neill, of, to a \$6.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Oliver, c, Seattle, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Mussina, rhp, Baltimore, to an \$8.5 million, six-year contract; signed Luis Sojo, inf, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; re-signed Dwight Gooden, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).
OAKLAND (1) — Signed Mark Guthrie, lhp, Toronto, to a \$3.6 million, two-year contract.
SEATTLE (4) — Signed Jeff Nelson, rhp, New York Yankees, to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract; re-signed Jay Buhner, of, to a \$1.85 million, one-year contract; re-signed Tom Lampkin, c, to a \$1.2 million, one-year contract; signed Bret Boone, 2b, San Diego, to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY (1) — Re-signed Ozzie Guillen, inf, to a minor league contract (\$550,000).
TEXAS (7) — Signed Andres Galarraga, 1b, Atlanta, to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Petkovsek, rhp, Anaheim, to a \$4.9 million, two-year contract; signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, Houston, to a \$3.25 million, one-year contract; signed Alex Rodriguez, ss, Seattle, to a \$25.2 million, 10-year contract; re-signed Ruben Sierra, of, to a minor league contract (\$400,000); re-signed Mike Munoz, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Jeff Brantley, rhp, Philadelphia, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).
TORONTO (4) — Re-signed Mickey Morandini, inf, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Dan Plesac, lhp, Arizona, to a \$2.4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, to a \$20 million, four-year contract; signed Jeff Frye, 2b, Colorado, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (3) — Re-signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year contract; signed Mark Grace, 1b, Chicago Cubs, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Reggie Sanders, of, Atlanta, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
ATLANTA (4) — Signed Dave Martinez, of, Toronto, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Rico Brogna, 1b, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Kurt Abbott, 2b, New York Mets, to a minor league contract (\$600,000); re-signed John Burkett, rhp, to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract.
CHICAGO (5) — Signed Julian Tavarez, rhp, Colorado, to a \$5 million, two-year contract; signed Jeff Fassero, lhp, Boston, to a \$5.1 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Hundley, c, Los Angeles, to a \$23.5 million, four-year contract; signed Tom Gordon, rhp, Boston, to a \$4 million, two-year contract; signed Jason Bere, rhp, Cleveland, to a \$4.5 million, two-year contract.
CINCINNATI (1) — Re-signed Mark Wohlers, rhp, Cincinnati, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
COLORADO (5) — Re-signed Todd Hollandsworth, of, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Denny Neagle, lhp, New York Yankees, to a \$5.1 million, five-year contract; signed Charlie Hayes, 3b, Milwaukee, to a minor league contract; signed Kent Bottenfield, rhp, Philadelphia, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Jeff Reed, c, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES (4) — Signed Andy Ashby, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$22.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Darren Dreifort, rhp, to a \$55 million, five-year contract; signed Tim Lincecum, rhp, to a minor league contract; signed Ramon Martinez, rhp, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE (2) — Re-signed James Moulton, of, to a minor league contract (\$300,000); signed Jeffrey Hammonds, of, Colorado, to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract.
NEW YORK (6) — Re-signed John Franco, lhp, to a \$10.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Turk Wendell, rhp, to a \$9,399,999.99, three-year contract; re-signed Rick Reed, rhp, to a \$21.75 million, three-year contract; signed Kevin Appier, rhp, Oakland, to a \$42 million, four-year contract; signed Steve Trachsel, rhp, Toronto, to a \$7 million, two-year contract; signed Steve Ontiveros, rhp, Boston, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).
PHILADELPHIA (4) — Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, Seattle, to a \$6.8 million, two-year contract; signed Rhee Cormier, rhp, Boston, to an \$8.75 million, three-year contract; signed Ricky Bottalico, rhp, Kansas City, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Brian R. Hunter, 1b, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).
PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Terry Mulholland, lhp, Atlanta, to a \$6 million, two-year contract; signed Derek Bell, of, New York Mets, to a \$9 million, two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS (4) — Signed Bobby Bonilla, of, Atlanta, to a \$900,000, one-year contract; signed Shane Andrews, 3b, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Bernard Gilkey, of, Boston, to a minor league contract (\$700,000); signed John Mabry, of, San Diego, to a minor league contract (\$800,000).
SAN DIEGO (4) — Re-signed Tony Gwynn, of, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ed Sprague, 3b, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Alex Arias, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$1.3 million, two-year contract; re-signed Dave Magadan, 3b, to a \$750,000, one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Re-signed Mark Gardner, rhp, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; signed Shawn Dunston, ss, St. Louis, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Eric Davis, of, St. Louis, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract.

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Economy: Trade deficit declines for second month

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit declined in November for a second consecutive month to \$33 billion as America's sharp economic slowdown took some pressure off a soaring trade imbalance. Imports of oil, autos and computers all fell.

The Commerce Department said the 1.7 percent drop in the deficit in November marked the first back-to-back declines in more than three years, since a three-month improvement from May through July 1997. The October figure dropped 0.6 percent.

Even with the two small declines, the trade deficit remained close to its record high of \$33.7 billion set in September. With just one month to go, the deficit for all of 2000 was on track to hit \$366 billion, more than \$100 billion over the previous record of \$265 billion set in 1999.

Many economists are predicting a slow improvement in the trade picture in 2001 as weaker U.S. economic growth translates into falling

demand for imported goods. There is also hope that foreign economic growth will pick up and boost U.S. exports and that the price of oil, a big part of the import bill, will stabilize.

Many of those trends seemed to be surfacing in the November report.

U.S. imports declined 1.1 percent to \$123.3 billion, a drop of \$1.33 billion, with \$981 million of that improvement coming from an 11.8 percent decline in crude oil imports. Both the volume and price of oil fell.

Imports of autos and auto products fell by \$179 million to \$16.6 billion as the sharp slowdown that has hurt domestic automakers had an impact on foreign manufacturers as well.

Demand for capital goods such as telecommunications equipment, computers and industrial machinery dropped by \$785 million. That reflected the slowdown in business investment that has occurred as the economy has braked from a supercharged rate to levels that have some forecasters worried about a possible recession.

The trade deficit has been at record levels throughout the Clinton presidency, a point critics

of President Clinton's policies often cited as evidence that his efforts to promote free trade were a failure that had cost thousands of American jobs.

With the country enjoying its longest stretch of uninterrupted economic growth in history, those attacks failed to gain much ground in Congress. Proponents of free trade are concerned as the U.S. economy slips and the unemployment level begins to rise, protectionist arguments could gain ground.

The incoming Bush administration is expected to resist those arguments in favor of continuing Clinton's approach of pursuing market-opening agreements to boost U.S. exports in a world economy that is becoming increasingly linked.

For November, the U.S. deficit with China dropped by 16.2 percent to \$7.6 billion while the imbalance with Japan was down an even bigger 19.8 percent to \$6.8 billion. For the year, America's trade gap with China is set to surpass the deficit with Japan, the perennial leader in this category.

The Clinton administration's biggest trade achievement in its last year in office was winning

approval of permanent normal trade relations with China. That will allow American businesses to take advantage of steep reductions in Chinese trade barriers the country is offering to gain membership in the World Trade Organization.

America's deficit with Canada set a record in November of \$4.7 billion, up 3 percent from the October level. The deficit with Mexico, the other partner in the North American Free Trade Agreement, narrowed by 16.3 percent to \$2 billion.

U.S. exports of goods and services dropped by 0.8 percent to \$90.4 billion as sales of computer products, autos and farm products, including soybeans and corn, all declined.

The big decline in oil imports reflected a 13.9 percent drop in volume with imports of crude oil falling to 8.47 million barrels per day, the lowest level since January 2000, while the price per barrel declined to \$28.40, down from \$28.62 in October.

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District: Amarillo
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Bush's long hello begins with star-studded show

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush's inaugural festival stretched into Friday, with celebrations for authors, veterans and youth on tap by day and the Texas Black Tie and Boots Ball on the party list at night.

Beneath a canopy of gray clouds and floodlights on the Lincoln Memorial, Bush promised "a fresh start" as the four-day inaugural festival began Thursday night. Hip-swiveling singer Ricky Martin, the 2 1/2-hour show's headliner, sashayed over to Bush and coaxed him into busting a dance move, the two of them briefly swaying together on stage to the Latin beat of "The Cup of Life."

The two were the biggest draws. "I wanted to see the president and Ricky Martin," said a smiling Lorenz Everett, 10, of Woodbridge, Va., accompanied by his mother, Retina, a brother, Levance, and neighbor Camden Babcock.

Bush and his wife, Laura, sat together chatting and beaming at the tens of thousands of onlookers who crowded the memorial and lined the Washington Mall.

CNN talk show host Larry King played master of ceremonies, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes kicked up their heels and military jets buzzed overhead. Las Vegas entertainer Wayne Newton won an enthusiastic thumbs up from Bush, while country music stars such as Brooks & Dunn set a plaid-and-saddle tone for the former Texas governor's ascent to the White House.

Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell, who sat in the audience with Commerce Secretary-designate Don Evans, at one point stood up and clapped and sang "Let the Sun Shine In" along with Marilyn McCoo and her husband, Billy Davis Jr., founding members of the 1960s group The Fifth Dimension.

Christian singer Sandi Patty performed the national anthem. Spectacular red, white, blue and gold fireworks erupted over the Washington Monument, blending pageantry with storm clouds.

"We had to come down to celebrate a new president. It's something you want to see at least once in your life," said Rick Davies of Reston, Va., who was joined by his wife, Terry, and their son, Dean.

Before laying claim to the presidency on Saturday, the Bushes and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, allowed themselves some time to celebrate after the grueling five-week presidential contest and shortened time for assembling a White House Cabinet and staff.

Other politicians at the show were Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft, and Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who played a critical role in the troubled presidential vote counting.

Bush took to the stage toward the end of the show, telling the crowd, "I am honored to serve and I am ready to start."

Organizers had anticipated that 75,000 people would attend, but the cold and an intermittent drizzle kept many away. Bush and other members of the incoming administration had seats protected by tents.

Later in the evening, Bush and Cheney appeared at three candlelight dinners for Republican sup-

porters paying \$2,500 a ticket. A table cost \$25,000. Laura Bush was to make her Washington debut Friday at a celebration for America's authors. Cheney was hosting a salute to the nation's veterans. The president-elect was to attend both.

Several preinaugural galas were scheduled for Friday night, including the Texas Black Tie & Boots Ball with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy

Aikman, actors Chuck Norris, Robert Duvall and others celebrating the presidential victory of Texas' governor. Bush's Hispanic supporters also were holding a special ball in his honor.

The focus of the hoopla, of course, was Bush's swearing in at the Capitol at noon Saturday. About 500,000 people were expected to attend. On Sunday, as president of the United States, Bush

was to open the White House doors to public tours.

On the Net:
 Presidential Inaugural Committee:
<http://www.inauguration-2001.org>
 Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: <http://inaugural.senate.gov>

Officer admits asking Marines to falsify Osprey records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commander of the Marine Corps' only Osprey aircraft squadron has admitted asking his subordinates to falsify maintenance records relating to the flight readiness of the hybrid helicopter-airplane, a senior Marine Corps official said Friday.

The officer was fired Thursday, nearly a week after the allegations were made anonymously.

"He admitted that he had done essentially what was on the tape," the senior official said, referring to an audio tape received Jan. 12 in which Lt. Col. Odin Fred Leberman allegedly told members of his Osprey squadron to falsify maintenance records.

The senior official, who is closely involved in details of the case, spoke on condition of anonymity. He said the Marines would announce the Leberman admission and perhaps release a transcript of the tape later Friday.

Leberman made the admission Jan. 13 to his immediate superior, a colonel who in turn passed the word to Maj. Gen. Dennis Krupp, commanding general of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. Krupp relieved Leberman of duty as squadron commander on Thursday, the same day the Marine Corps inspector general arrived at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., to launch an investigation of the squadron.

The Marine Corps also has begun a legal investigation that could result in criminal charges against Leberman, the senior official said.

In announcing the allegations Thursday, the Marine Corps said it believes there is no connection between the alleged falsification of documents and the causes of two Osprey crashes last year that killed 23 Marines.

"There is nothing in these allegations, even if substantiated, that would have affected the safety of the aircraft," said Maj. Patrick Gibbons, a spokesman at Marine Corps headquarters in the Pentagon.

Friday said it appears the anonymous allegations were made by a member of Leberman's squadron.

Gibbons said he could not be more specific because he had not been informed of the exact allegations.

"In a general way, they (falsifications) were made to put the aircraft in a better light," Gibbons said.

Leberman, 45, had commanded the training squadron at New River since June 1999.

The Marines also said the service's inspector general, Brig. Gen. Timothy Ghormley, arrived at New River on Thursday with an eight-person investigating team to interview all 241 members of the squadron. Gibbons said Leberman is the main subject of the investigation, but "they are going to take a very detailed look at the entire squadron."

The Osprey, which uses tilt-rotor technology to take off and land like a helicopter and fly like an airplane, has come under intense fire from critics, including some members of Congress, since one crashed last April in Arizona, killing all 19 Marines aboard. Investigators blamed it on human error.

On Dec. 11, another Osprey crashed in North Carolina, killing four Marines. That crash is under investigation.

Both Ospreys were part of Leberman's squadron.

After the latest crash, the Pentagon suspended Osprey flights and is reviewing the entire program.

In a statement released Thursday, the Pentagon said the allegations against Leberman were received anonymously in the office of the secretary of the Navy in the form of a letter and an audio tape. Gibbons, the Marine spokesman, said the tape contains a recording of Leberman's voice, but he had no other details.

Gibbons said he did not know whether the allegations were made by a Marine. He said he could not release copies of either the letter or the audio tape because they are evidence in the investigation.

The CBS "Evening News" on Thursday reported that it had obtained a copy of the tape, and that on it Leberman told his squadron members to "continue to lie" about Osprey maintenance problems and the aircraft's readiness for flight. CBS

said the tape was made Dec. 29 at New River.

CBS did not air the audio tape but said it would have more to report on the story Sunday on its "60 Minutes" program.

Repeated calls to New River, where Leberman is based, to seek comment from him were not returned. Gibbons said he did not know whether Leberman disputes the allegations against him.

Leberman spoke at a memorial Dec. 15 for the four Marines who died in the crash near Jacksonville, N.C., saying each victim contributed to developing the Osprey.

"They were all patriots of their country," Leberman said. "They have done the hard job their country has asked them to do."

The tilt-rotor Osprey is built by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron. It is a linchpin of the Marine Corps' aviation future because the aircraft is meant to replace a fleet of aging Vietnam-era helicopters.

On the Net:
 Osprey program:
<http://www.navair.navy.mil/v22>

Clinton reaches deal to avoid indictment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has reached a deal with independent counsel Robert Ray to avoid an indictment after leaving office and will offer a written acknowledgment for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky matter, two government sources said Friday.

"The deal is going to be announced within hours," said one of the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sources said the "accommodation" was worked out between Ray and Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall. Kendall was not immediately available for comment.

The deal culminates growing sentiment that Clinton should not be

indicted in the Lewinsky scandal.

This month, the Senate Judiciary Committee's top Republican, Orrin Hatch of Utah, suggested that President-elect Bush pardon Clinton to "end a problem in America that needs to be ended."

Bush responded by saying, "I think it's time to get all of this business behind us" and let Clinton "move on and enjoy life and become an active participant in the American system." Regarding the possibility of a pardon, Bush has said, "The suggestion that I would pardon somebody who has never been indicted, that doesn't make any sense to me."

On Thursday, 12 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee asked

Ray to close up shop this weekend and let the Bush administration decide whether to bring criminal charges against Bill Clinton.

"A decision by you to continue the existence of your office ... would likely be perceived as partisan," the Democrats said in a letter to Ray, whose office had no comment.

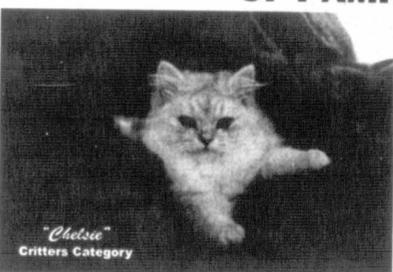
Besides Clinton's impeachment trial, he was found in contempt of court, and he paid \$90,000 in fines. An Arkansas Supreme Court committee is trying to take away his law license.

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