

Daily Record

Obituaries

DOROTHY IRENE SIKES
Dorothy Irene Sikes, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

ALTA L. MORRIS
Alta L. Morris, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Morris, a longtime Gray County resident, was born March 15, 1914, at Mobeetie. She married Joe Morris on Dec. 11, 1938, at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1978. She moved to Lefors in 1965 from Arkansas. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Era Laverne Morris, in 1952; and a son, Alvie Lee Morris, in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Zeldon Truman Morris and Orbie Noel Morris, both of Elfrida, Ariz.; three daughters, Sidney Marie Griesman of Grand Island, Neb., Annette Julia Butcher of Pampa and Barbara Nell Wiseman of Arcadia, Fla.; a sister, Estelle Hodges of Mobeetie; three brothers, Monroe Seitz and Fate Seitz, both of Mobeetie, and J.W. Seitz of Wellington; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

EMMETTE BARNETT SAXON
SKELLYTOWN — Emmette Barnett Saxon, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Eddie Pisch officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Saxon was born Sept. 19, 1926, at Petersburg. He married Gwendolyn Boyd on June 26, 1949, at Skellytown. He worked for Shell Oil Company for 26 years and retired from Cabot Corporation in 1987 after 13 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a lifetime member of Community Church in Skellytown and a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn, of the home; three sons, Harold Saxon of San Antonio, Jerry Saxon of Amarillo and David Saxon of Puyallup, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

JIMMY 'BO BO' STOVER
LEFORS — Jimmy "Bo Bo" Stover, 4, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at Pampa. Services will be at 2:30 p.m., Friday in Lefors High School Auditorium with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jimmy was born May 1, 1997, at Pampa. He attended pre-school at Lamar Elementary School in Pampa and at Lefors Elementary School in Lefors. He also attended First Baptist Church of Lefors.

Survivors include his mother, Melinda Stover of Lefors; his father, Johnny Stover of Amarillo; a sister, Mercedes O'Brien of Lefors; a brother, Jason Hartline of Lefors; his maternal grandparents, Wayne and Nancy O'Brien of Lefors; his paternal grandparents, Johnny and Barbara Stover of Amarillo; and his great-grandparents, Fred and Florence Billiter of Ohio; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and special friend, his nurse Pauline "Granny Pa" Mullen of Lefors.

The family requests memorials be to Children's Medical Center, 1935 Motor St., Dallas, TX 75235.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Dec. 12
10:20 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 700 block of Scott.

11:01 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters checked for carbon monoxide at a residence in the 1100 block of South Clark. The main source of the carbon monoxide appeared to come from an unvented stove heater in the bathroom, according to the fire report.

11:41 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Services tomorrow

SAXON, Emmette — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

STOVER, Jimmy "Bo Bo" — 2:30 p.m., Lefors High School Auditorium, Lefors.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Rufus Sirtio Nanez, 27, 337 Jean, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit and commission of another felony of theft of a firearm.

Police report

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

Wednesday, Dec. 12
A report of the theft of \$200 in quarters was taken in the 1000 block of East Francis.

A domestic disturbance with no injuries was reported in the 500 block of South Somerville.

A report was taken at Pampa Regional Medical Center where two men who had been in a fight were treated and released.

Tools valued at \$803.50 were taken from Frank's True Value Hardware, 401 N. Ballard.

An unknown person stole checks in the 600 block of East Frederic and is forging them.

A forger report was taken at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

A 26-inch blue Free Spirit 10-speed bicycle was found in the 400 block of East Foster.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Dec. 12
8:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Dogwood and transported one to PRMC.

9:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Morrison Ranch Road and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

11:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

Thursday, Dec. 13
12:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th Street and transported one to PRMC.

2 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

2:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department filed reports on the following recent accidents.

Tuesday, Dec. 11
A legally parked 1998 GMC pickup in the 300 block of Starkweather was struck by an unknown vehicle that left the scene.

Dorothy Clark, 28, 465 Terry, was cited with failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign after the 1999 Plymouth minivan she was driving in the 2400 block of North Hobart struck a 1998 Lincoln driven by Barbara Taylor Ketcherside, 56, 2905 Rosewood. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.39	Coca-Cola	46.24	up 0.26
Milo	3.46	Enron	0.66	NC
Corn	3.68	Halliburton	13.47	up 0.20
Soybeans	3.52	KMI	49.69	up 0.29
Oil Sunflowers	8.30	Kerr McGee	50.00	dn 0.32
		Limited	13.83	dn 0.32
		McDonald's	25.27	dn 0.37
		Exxon Mobil	37.06	dn 0.36
		New Atmos	20.03	up 0.18
		XCEL	26.84	up 0.42
		NOI	17.70	up 0.05
		OKE	17.10	up 0.15
		Penney's	22.85	dn 0.29
		Phillips	55.55	dn 0.72
		Pioneer Nat	17.19	dn 0.10
		SLB	50.47	dn 0.78
		Tenneco	1.65	dn 0.02
		Trad Hospitals	28.20	up 0.60
		Ultrasam	49.06	dn 0.09
		Wal-Mart	53.45	dn 0.88
		Williams	24.22	up 0.55

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

BP	43.89	dn 0.21	New York Gold	274.25
Celanese	18.36	dn 0.24	Silver	4.28
Cabot	36.84	up 0.04	West Texas Crude	18.36
Cabot O&G	21.65	dn 0.02		
Chevron/Texas	85.78	up 0.18		

A&M admissions program draws criticism

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M System regents have tentatively approved what they call a "pilot program" to automatically admit the top 20 percent of students from 250 underperforming state high schools to the school.

The so-called "low performing" high schools typically have a greater percentage of minority students than other institutions, A&M officials have said. The university, under the plan, would automatically admit the top 10 percent of students from the state's other high schools.

But some have criticized the plan as an attempt to circumvent the 1996 Hopwood court decision that bans Texas universities from using racial preferences in college admissions or scholarships.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has been asked by regents who conditionally approved the plan last week to rule on its constitutionality. If the plan is approved, it would be evaluated after a few years, officials said.

On Wednesday, Cornyn's office would say only that it has been contacted by the regents.

Representatives of Young Conservatives of Texas said they asked Cornyn to "reject this illegal,

unfair and academically indefensible preferential treatment scheme.

"Solely for the purpose of favoring black and Hispanic students over whites and Asians, this policy would give preference to students from mostly minority high schools," the group told the Houston Chronicle in a prepared statement Wednesday.

Wendy Gramm, an A&M regent who is the wife of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said from her Washington, D.C., office on Wednesday that part of the proposal's goal is "to make sure our flagship institutions are more representative of our population."

Joe Estrada, A&M admissions director, said three percent of this year's 44,000 students are black and 10 percent are Hispanic. A&M, which is 80 percent white, is perceived by many minorities as inhospitable to them because of its traditions and mostly white population.

The nine regents first discussed the plan in October, Gramm said. She said then that it might violate the Hopwood decision and make the system vulnerable to lawsuits.

Bush to notify Putin of plan to scuttle arms control treaty

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's plans to scrap a 29-year-old treaty would clear the way for his dream of an American shield against missile attack — but it could also challenge potential enemies to develop better missiles to pierce U.S. defenses.

Bush was expected to announce Thursday morning that the United States will exercise its legal right to withdraw from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in six months. The announcement would mark an end to so far unsuccessful attempts to negotiate a compromise with Russia, the U.S. partner in the pact.

"We will continue our work together on defense," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday.

Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said the decision was "regrettable" because it undermined global strategic balances — but he was not concerned about Russia's security.

"Russia can be unconcerned with its defense systems," said Kasyanov, who was in Brazil for a two-day visit. "Maybe other nations should be concerned if the United States chooses to abandon the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty."

Bush says the recent terror threats underscore the need for a missile defense.

"Almost every state that actively sponsors terrorism is known to be seeking weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them at longer and longer ranges," Bush said this week at the Citadel, a military college in South Carolina.

Russian President Vladimir Putin cautioned last winter that jettisoning the treaty could lead to the unraveling of three decades of arms control accords. China has warned a new arms race could ensue.

But according to Bush administration officials, Putin assured Bush during their October talks in Washington and Crawford, Texas, that U.S.-Russian relations would not suffer even if Bush pulled out of the treaty.

Bush tried to strike a deal with Putin that would allow the United States to move to a new phase of testing in the U.S. missile defense program.

The next scheduled step is the beginning of construction next spring of silos and a testing com-

mand center near Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Bush administration intends to cooperate with Russia at least to the extent of informing Moscow of steps being taken to advance the missile-shield program.

That's not likely to stop Russia from taking retaliatory steps. A senior Russian lawmaker predicted Russia will pull out of the Start I and Start II arms reduction treaties.

"We believe that offensive and defensive tools of nuclear deterrence must be linked," said Dmitry Rogozin, chairman of the Duma's international affairs committee, according to Interfax news agency.

Such a spiral of withdrawals would be dangerous — and predictable, said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Unilateral withdrawal will likely lead to an action-reaction cycle in offensive and defensive technologies, including countermeasures," he said. "That kind of arms race would not make us more secure."

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also said quitting the treaty could lead to a new arms race.

"About eight months ago they were taking about weaponizing space," Biden said Wednesday. "God help us when that moment comes."

Bush has condemned the treaty as an impediment to mounting a U.S. defense against missile attack now that the Cold War is over. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has been deferring tests that might violate the treaty.

The treaty, negotiated during Cold War tensions between the United States and the old Soviet Union, prohibits the development, testing and deployment of strategic missile defense systems and components that are based in the air, at sea or in space.

It is based on the proposition that stripping a nuclear power of a tough missile defense would inhibit it from launching an attack because the retaliation would be deadly.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the private Arms Control Association, said Bush's action "is neither necessary nor is it prudent."

"This will likely hinder our efforts to build support for international efforts to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction," Kimball said.

State panel to vote on speed limit in and around Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Drivers in Houston and surrounding counties may have to put on the brakes soon.

Maximum posted speeds throughout the area will return to 55 mph early next year if the Texas Transportation Commission votes Thursday in Austin to implement its part of a new air-quality plan for Harris County and seven adjoining counties.

When President Clinton lifted the 55-mph nationwide speed limit in 1995, the legal speed on some highways around Houston

and other areas soared to 70 mph.

With commission approval, the reduced speed limits would become law on a given stretch of road as soon as the signs were changed to reflect them, said Janelle Gbur, local spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Transportation.

With commission approval, Gbur said, the highway department plans to start replacing signs in late January and complete the project by May 1 — a deadline in Texas' clean-air plan to address the Houston area's

smog problem, one of the nation's most severe.

In October, the federal Environmental Protection Agency approved the plan that also calls for cutting some industrial emissions 90 percent by 2007, among other measures.

The eight affected counties where ozone levels exceed federal air-quality standards are Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery, Waller, Chambers and Liberty. The last two lie in the Transportation Department's Beaumont district.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly cloudy. Highs 40 to 45. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest this afternoon.

Tonight, clear. Lows around 20. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 50 to 55. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph in the afternoon.

STATEWIDE — A Pacific cold front has brought light rain and snow to parts of West Texas and cooler temperatures to northern parts of the state.

Isolated showers and thunder-

storms developed east and north-east of Lufkin. Areas of fog developed across much of the eastern third of North Texas, reducing visibilities to a quarter-mile in spots.

Rain and snow were falling from the Guadalupe Mountains into the Rolling Plains. Patchy light rain fell across parts of the Permian Basin, with snow in the mountains. Guadalupe Pass reported a quarter-mile visibility with snow.

Thunderstorms continued in Southeast Texas, east of a line from Conroe to Galveston.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 22 degrees at Dalhart to 73 at Lufkin and 74 at Harlingen. Other readings were 60 degrees

at Wichita Falls, 36 at McKinney and 52 at Wink.

Winds were mainly from the north at 5 to 15 mph, with westerly to northwesterly conditions in the western half of the state and southerly along the lower Rio Grande Valley.

A stationary front entered North Texas overnight, bringing a wind shift to the north and northwest.

A chance of rain continued for North Texas through Saturday. Daytime highs should range from the 40s to the 60s.

Lows overnight were expected in the upper 20s in the northwest to around 40 in the southeast.

A chance of light rain or snow was forecast in West Texas.

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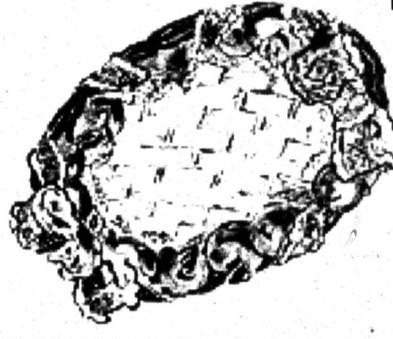
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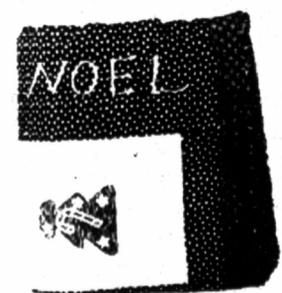
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Texas Editorials

Say 'No' to anthrax

Austin American-Statesman on hauling anthrax to Texas: Texas managed to "just say no" to anthrax last week. Citizens should be glad. Shipping anthrax-contaminated material from the East Coast for disposal in Texas never sounded like a sensible idea. Texas power plants, labs, industries and feedlots generate staggering amounts of dangerous waste. It hardly seems prudent to invite toxins from afar.

Yet Texas came close to becoming the disposal site for the anthrax-laden materials rounded up on the East Coast. The materials were assembled during the investigation of letters contaminated with anthrax, an animal disease that can be fatal when spread to humans. Infectious anthrax spores have been developed as a bio-terrorism weapon. A series of East Coast anthrax fatalities triggered the roundup of spore-contaminated material.

What's to be done with the contaminated junk? The first plan was to send it to Port Arthur's Onyx Environmental Services Inc., for incineration. Then a group of citizens who live near the incinerator protested.

For one thing, no one had convinced the neighbors that the materials would arrive "safe to burn." They correctly noted that unusual caution must be used in dealing with a lethal disease spread by inhalation.

Nor were the scientific experts entirely convinced about safety. "I am not confident the administration has a game plan to handle the disposal of this material," said U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, who opposed the shipment to Texas. Similar reservations were expressed at the state's main environmental agency, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Onyx finally bowed out, although its officials continued to defend the safety of incineration.

Texas traditionally has favored a "y'all come" attitude toward dangerous waste. Most recently the state has welcomed thousands of canisters of napalm, an explosive weapon made of gasoline, benzene and plastic. Leftover napalm made for use in Vietnam languished in warehouses for decades before being accepted by a Deer Park disposal company on the Gulf Coast.

Tons of New York City sewage sludge have been shipped to far West Texas and spread on the arid ground as a disposal technique.

Texas lawmakers early this year came perilously close to approving a bill that many readers interpreted as opening the door to nuclear waste from all over the country.

And the nation's nuclear-weapons stockpile is being dismantled at the Pantex plant near Amarillo. West Texas is suffering water pollution linked to the operation.

Lampson, a member of the House Science Committee, correctly notes that a more trustworthy anthrax-disposal plan is needed to reassure citizens. "Public officials have a duty to decrease, not increase public anxiety," he said. Long-haul transportation of toxins on highways and rail lines increases their threat to public health. For this and other reasons, Texas should be reluctant to let entrepreneurs and officials solve toxic-waste dilemmas by saying "just come on down."

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Understanding the Mid-East crisis

To understand what's going on in the Middle East, you have to understand Ariel Sharon, Israel's prime minister.

Sharon does not now and never has wanted a peace with the Palestinians. He is the father of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and he will never consent to dismantling even one of them. In fact, he is committed to expanding them. He said soon after taking office that he would never sign a permanent settlement with the Palestinians. He has refused to meet with the Palestinians. He himself started the intifada by invading Islam's third-holiest site and arrogantly calling it Jewish property.

But Sharon had two problems. One, he was being pressured by the United States to make peace with the Palestinians. Two, Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Authority president, was winning sympathy in Europe for the Palestinian cause, which is simply an end to Israeli occupation.

So Sharon's problem was thus: How do you wreck the peace process without being blamed for wrecking the peace process? The short-term solution was to set the absurd condition that seven days had to go by without a violent act before he would even consider talking.

There are 3 million Palestinians there, and Arafat's authority is limited basically to the boundaries of a few cities. It is literally impossible for him to prevent one individual from taking a potshot at an Israeli. Especially is it impossible when Sharon himself is ordering the Israelis to commit acts of violence and other provocations.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

No country in the world could systematically assassinate more than 27 political opponents without being branded a terrorist state. Of course, Israel gets a free ride in the United States. At the same time this is going on, Sharon is discrediting Arafat by blaming him for any and every act of violence, even those directly provoked by Israel. When Israel assassinated the leader of a Palestinian group, the man's followers promised vengeance. A few days later, they assassinated an Israeli cabinet member. They publicly took responsibility for it.

Sharon's response was to attack Palestinian Authority police stations and to blame Arafat. But Sharon's biggest stroke of luck was the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States and President Bush's declaration of war on terrorism. Now he had Bush where he wanted him, so the Israelis began to put tremendous pressure on the administration to include Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah on its list of terrorist organizations. And they succeeded, as the Israeli lobby so often does in Washington. Still, Sharon needed one spectacular terrorist

attack to justify his coup de grâce to the peace process. And he knew how to get it. He ordered the assassination of a prominent and popular Hamas leader. Sharon knew that Hamas would retaliate, and it did, with three suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Haifa. Now he had what he wanted: an excuse to kill the peace process once and for all.

By branding the Palestinian Authority as an organization that harbors and sponsors terrorism, and by declaring two PLO organizations as terrorist organizations, the Israeli government has announced its intention to destroy all three. Then there will be nobody to negotiate with.

Bush is snookered. Sharon can say: "Look, I'm only following your example. The Palestinian Authority is my Taliban, and the PLO organizations are terrorists. You yourself said, Mr. President, that terrorists and people who support them must be destroyed."

I'd like to be wrong once in a while about the Middle East, but, alas, I'm right. If you wish to look back, you will see that when Sharon became prime minister, I said the peace process is dead. Later, I said the United States' one-sided support of Israel would bring Middle East terrorism to the United States. That was in August.

Now I suggest we all hunker down. Because of Sharon's shrewdness and ruthlessness and our stupidity and naivete, the dogs of war have been let loose. Our newborn grandchildren will probably grow beards before the blood stops flowing.

Today in history

- By the Associated Press**
- Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2001. There are 18 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:**
- One year ago, on Dec. 13, 2000, Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency five weeks after Election Day and a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida. Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity.
- On this date:
- In 1577, Sir Francis Drake of England set out with five ships on a nearly three-year journey that would take him around the world.
- In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand.
- In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.
- In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat by the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.
- In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.
- In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.
- In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze suicide attack that claimed 138 lives.
- In 1978, the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.
- In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)
- In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.

Defending against infamy

Welcome back, liberalism. The New York Times is nattering about FBI interrogation of possible terrorists, and The Washington Post is muttering about military tribunals for terrorists.

Some academics, looking back at the World War II tribunals, are even trying to turn George Dasch into a hero. George who? As part of the Nazis' "Operation Pastorius," he was one of four German saboteurs who landed by submarine on Long Island in 1942, with the goal of blowing up hydroelectric plants, railroad terminals and bridges, and aluminum plants. They, and four others who landed in Florida, carried high-explosive bombs disguised as pieces of coal and wooden blocks.

Provisionally, a Coast Guardsman encountered Dasch and others shortly after landing, and out of fear or a desire to switch sides, Dasch soon turned himself in and told FBI agents how to catch the others. A military court quickly tried the saboteurs. Six of the eight were sentenced as spies to death in the electric chair; that verdict was quickly carried out. Dasch plus another who cooperated received prison terms; released after the war, Dasch headed back to Germany and died there.

Exposure of the Nazi plot was an important step for the United States. What we now call "homeland defense" was not taken seriously before Dec. 7, 1941, just as it was seen as unimportant before Sept. 11, 2001. Before World War,



Marvin Olasky
 Syndicated columnist

II, as a Reader's Digest article in 1942 noted, "officers of the intelligence service had been frowned on as 'snoopers' by many private citizens and many in control in the government." That all changed with Pearl Harbor and then the exposure of Operation Pastorius. The quick collapse of Pastorius also dismayed Adolph Hitler, who after taking a personal interest in terrorizing Americans closed down the project that looked like a loser.

Today's FBI is also trying to remake itself quickly into an anti-terrorist force. Now, as in the past, many in academia and media scorn the "snoopers." Historical revisionists now claim the FBI of World War II and the Cold War became an enemy of freedom. But just as America in the wake of one surprise attack needed to toughen up 60 years ago, we need to do the same now. Given the abuse of our legal system by judges who allow delays and appeals at the drop of just about any motion, the use of

special military tribunals for accused foreign terrorists makes great sense: The terrorists are enemy soldiers out of uniform and using our freedom to commit mass murder.

It's good that we are studying history — and with the 60th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, we'll be seeing more comparisons between the Dec. 7 day of infamy and our own Sept. 11 version. Many Americans had warned of danger for years before 1941, and even forecast a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, just as many observers, following the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center, predicted bigger and worse terrorist efforts; some even contemplated assault by air.

Bill Clinton, though, was busy with other matters, and many of his officials emphasized emasculating the CIA and using the FBI to harass those notorious public enemies who demonstrate in front of abortion clinics. Radical Muslims came to assume that American presidents were moral lowlifes who might lob a couple of public relations-guided missiles at tents left behind, but would not take any serious action.

Now, they know better, and so do we. We're relearning a truth offered by former Cabinet member John W. Gardner: "History never looks like history when you are living through it. It always looks confusing and messy, and it always feels uncomfortable."

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Tape shows bin Laden discussing Sept. 11 attacks

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden contentedly recalled the Sept. 11 suicide attacks against America on a videotape released Thursday by the Pentagon, saying the destruction exceeded his estimates and the event "benefitted Islam greatly."

The hijackings were "a martyrdom operation," Bin Laden said in a conversation with two aides and a Saudi sheik, but those who carried them out didn't know the precise details until just before they boarded the planes.

The tape, amateurish in quality but chilling nonetheless, was released as part of an administration effort to support claims that bin Laden was the mastermind behind the attacks that killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The translation of the Arabic conversation was provided by the administration.

In it, bin Laden discussed some of the planning that led to the attacks, and recalled tuning in to the radio to hear American news broadcasts of the attack.

"They were overjoyed when

the first plane hit the building," he said of others listening with him that day. "So I said to them: Be patient."

He said, "At the end of the newscast, they reported that a plane just hit the World Trade Center."

"Allah be praised," replied one of the other men in the videotape.

"After a little while, they announced that another plane had hit the World Trade Center," bin Laden recalled. "The brothers who heard the news were overjoyed by it."

Administration officials have said the tape was found in a house in Jalalabad after anti-Taliban forces moved in.

On the tape, bin Laden is sitting on the floor of a spare room, talking with several other men, including two aides and an unidentified Saudi sheik.

Entering the room, bin Laden bends over to greet the sheik, then smilingly takes his place next to him, sitting cross-legged on the floor.

The sheik promptly thanks bin Laden, saying, "You have given us weapons, you have given us hope and we thank Allah for you."

"Everybody praises what you did, the great action you did, which was first and foremost by the grace of Allah," the sheik continued. "This is the guidance of Allah and the blessed fruit of Jihad."

"Thanks to Allah," replied bin Laden.

The sheik informed bin Laden that another cleric had delivered a sermon in Saudi Arabia Sept. 11. "He said this was jihad and those people were not innocent victims," the sheik said, apparently referring to the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

References to jihad, or holy war, and Allah run throughout the videotape, and at one point bin Laden recites a portion of verse: "I was ordered to fight the people until they say there is no god but Allah, and his prophet Muhammad."

Moments later, he says, "This event made people think (about true Islam) which benefitted Islam greatly," he said.

Bin Laden also goes into some detail in discussing some of the events leading up to the suicide hijackings.

"We calculated in advance the number of casualties who would

be killed based on the position of the tower," he said.

"We calculated that the floors that would be hit would be three or four floors. I was the most optimistic of them all. ... Due to my experience in this field, I was thinking that the fire from the gas in the plane would melt the iron structure of the building and collapse the area where the plane hit, and all the floors above it only. This is all that we had hoped for," he said, gesturing with one hand horizontal striking his other hand, held vertically, as if a plane hitting a building.

He then recalls tuning in the radio Sept. 11 to hear reports of the attacks.

As for the men who carried out the attacks, he said, "we did not reveal" the plan until "just before they boarded the planes."

"The brothers who conducted the operation, all they knew was that they have a martyrdom operation and we asked each of them to go to America, but they didn't know anything about the operation, not even one letter," bin Laden said, according to the U.S. translation.

"But they were trained and we did not reveal the operation to them until they are there and just

before the boarded the plane," he added.

U.S. intelligence officers found the bin Laden tape in a residence in Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan. It bears a date stamp that says it was made Nov. 9. That was the day the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif fell to the rebel northern alliance.

Several members of the House and Senate Intelligence committees had urged the Bush administration to release the tape, although Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., said she was "concerned that the bin Laden tape is dam-

aging to American security."

Harman has said the tape may have been planted and could contain covert messages from bin Laden to his followers, and broadcasting it may play into his hands.

"I would have preferred that its distribution be limited to those with a need to know," Harman said.

Officials had voiced similar concerns about other tapes bin Laden produced, but those were clearly meant for public release. Officials had asked U.S. broadcasters not to air those tapes in their entirety.

Afghan tribal fighters launch new assault

TORA BORA, Afghanistan (AP) — Backed by intensifying U.S. airstrikes, Afghan tribal fighters launched a new assault Thursday against trapped al-Qaida forces. Commanders said key terrorist leaders had likely fled Osama bin Laden's besieged mountain base for neighboring Pakistan.

The whereabouts of bin Laden remained unknown.

Front-line commanders of the tribal eastern alliance said they now intended to wipe out the Arab and foreign Muslim fighters from al-Qaida after two deadlines to surrender fell through over the past two days — the latest at noon Thursday.

AC-130 gunships, armored aircraft with Gatling guns, strafed al-Qaida positions as B-52s circled over the canyon where the foreign fighters have been trapped since fleeing their nearby Tora Bora cave complex in the eastern White Mountains three days ago.

At least one 15,000-pound "daisy cutter" — and perhaps as

many as three — was dropped before dawn. An Associated Press reporter saw a huge, bright magenta fireball that hung in the air and lighted the sky around 3 a.m.

The Pentagon released on Thursday a videotape of bin Laden in which he tells colleagues about planning the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and smiles about their success.

"We calculated in advance" the number of casualties from the attacks, bin Laden tells a Saudi sheik over a meal. The Pentagon

said the video was found in a house in Jalalabad and bore a label saying it was taped Nov. 9, about a month into the U.S. airstrikes against Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's interim leader, Hamid Karzai, slipped into the curfew-shrouded capital overnight in his first visit to Kabul since being named to head a post-Taliban government. With his temporary administration due to take office in nine days, Karzai met top officials in Kabul.

In the southern city of

Kandahar, a group of al-Qaida fighters hospitalized with wounds from battle threatened to blow themselves up if anyone other than medical staff entered their rooms. The men, who were strapped with explosives, apparently feared retribution by Afghan tribal forces who took over the city from the Taliban.

Snow fell Thursday afternoon over the Tora Bora area, making it more difficult for the al-Qaida holdouts to escape their heavily forested canyon.

After an initial easy advance, tribal forces met mortar and machine gunfire from the al-Qaida holdouts, said Hazrat Ali, a senior alliance member. He estimated the number of foreign fighters at around 700.

"The al-Qaida forces are about to be finished," said one front-line commander, who identified himself only as Hamid.

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COUNTY

Also to be considered will be rules of procedure, conduct and decorum at meetings of the county commission meetings.

Judge Lee Waters and newly appointed Judge Phil Vanderpool, associate judge for the Panhandle Cluster Court, will address the court regarding office arrangements for the new court.

Routine items to be considered include intrabudget transfer requests, budget transfers, and county treasurer's report.

Paying bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor will also be on the agenda.

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dents.

Governor Rick Perry said Wednesday that Texas schools are safe.

He said the FBI considers the threat to be "low-level", but that he thought all schools should be notified of the threat to take any appropriate steps.

According to the Associated Press, a Houston FBI agent said

the information came from a foreign government and no specific school was named.

The agent was quoted as saying further investigation is underway to determine the reliability of the report.

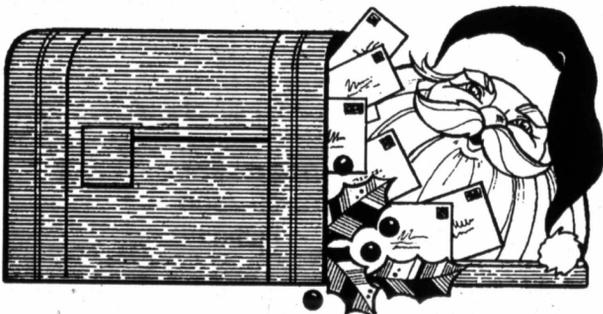
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in the office of the Secretary of Defense for three years.

Dr. Weida has published a large number of articles, written four books and contributed chapters

to four others — all of which deal with the regional economic impact of large projects, according to biographical information. In addition, he has spent the last 15 years providing advice to communities and regions on the impacts of various forms of economic development.



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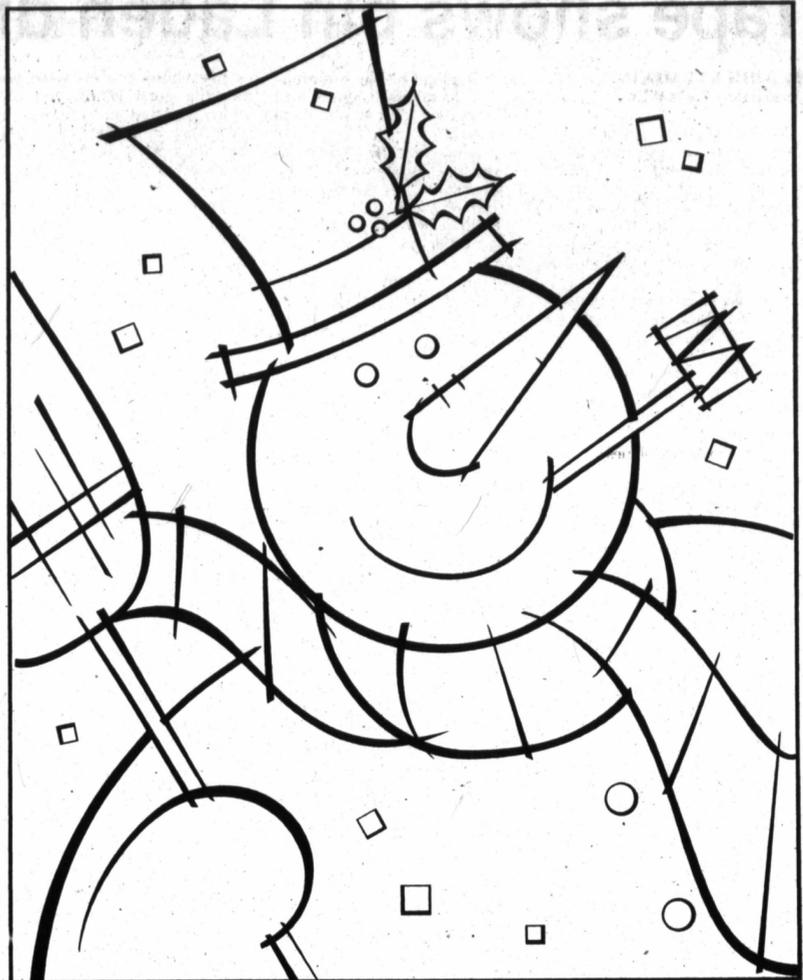
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Mid-East truce effort cut short by violence

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel severed all contact with Yasser Arafat early Thursday, launching retaliatory air strikes and sending troops to Palestinian towns after a bus ambush that killed 10 Israelis. Arafat's spokesman called the moves "an official declaration of war."

Another top Palestinian official said Israeli strikes had rendered the Palestinian Authority unable to fulfill its commitment to crack down on terror.

The strikes on Thursday killed one man in the West Bank, and a woman died of a heart attack when Israeli warplanes bombed targets in Gaza, Palestinian officials said.

The violence and harsh words appeared to mark a new crisis point in the bitter 14-month old conflict and threatened to wreck U.S. efforts to arrange a truce.

Israel's Security Cabinet ruled out talks with Arafat hours after the Palestinian leader bowed to long-standing Israeli demands and ordered the offices of the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups closed, but did not outlaw them.

The Cabinet statement said Arafat was "directly responsible" for the bus ambush "and therefore is no longer relevant to Israel, and Israel will no longer have any connection with him." Israel Army Radio said low-level talks between the two sides continued.

Hours later, after a night of strikes in Gaza and the West Bank, the Palestinians backed away from the pledge to shut Hamas and Islamic Jihad offices — and, crucially, from Arafat's long-standing promise to crack down on militants.

"It's impossible for the Palestinian leadership to implement its commitment under the shadow of this comprehensive war," said Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo. "We are committed to all that we promised but we can't implement it."

He said he was referring to Arafat's broad promise to crack

down on terrorists and the Wednesday pledge to shut the Hamas and Islamic Jihad offices.

The ominous moves from both sides followed a day of violence and retaliation Wednesday.

Ten Israelis were killed and about 30 wounded when Palestinians set off a bomb and opened fire on a bus and several cars in the West Bank, at the same time as two Palestinian suicide bombers blew themselves up next to Israeli cars in Gaza.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, in the region to negotiate an end to nearly 15 months of Palestinian-Israeli violence, said Arafat and the Palestinian Authority "must act against these (militant) groups and they must act now."

Responding swiftly to the attacks, Israeli planes and helicopters struck targets around Gaza and the West Bank late Wednesday and early Thursday, including a building in Arafat's West Bank headquarters in Ramallah, Palestinian security officials said. The Palestinian leader was evacuated from the building shortly before the strike, the officials added.

Bombs from Israeli warplanes knocked down structure after structure in Gaza's police headquarters, setting a huge fire and sending people scurrying in all directions.

A Palestinian man identified as Ahmad Muhammed al-Daneasy, 26, was killed in the Ramallah attack, security officials said. In Gaza, a Palestinian Health Ministry official said a woman named Hayat al-Haitham, 40, was not wounded but died of a heart attack. Forty people were hurt in Gaza, officials added.

Israeli missiles hit the main transmitter of the Palestinian Authority's radio station in Ramallah, knocking it off the air, the military said. Hours later, Israeli soldiers detonated explosives around the 90-foot radio and television transmission tower, destroying it completely. Bulldozers destroyed much of a nearby broadcasting building.

USFA offers tips for 'fire safe' holiday

■ According to the agency (USFA), more than 1,200 fire deaths and 190 fire injuries are caused by improper tree and candle care each year. Faulty wiring on light strands and unsafe heating practices cause additional holiday fires.

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Don't let fire ruin your holiday festivities — seasonal fire hazards often go unnoticed in the midst of holiday cheer, giving and gatherings.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) reminds consumers traditional decorations can be dangerous if not cared for properly. According to the agency, more

than 1,200 fire deaths and 190 fire injuries are caused by improper tree and candle care each year. Faulty wiring on light strands and unsafe heating practices cause additional holiday fires.

■ **Holiday Trees**
—Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including fireplace or heat vent. The heat will

dry the tree, causing it to be easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.

—When a tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way is to take it to a recycling center or to have it picked up by a community pick-up service.

■ **Holiday Lights**
—Never put branches or needles in a fireplace or woodstove.

—Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wearing before putting them up.

—Use only UL-approved lighting.

—Do not overload outlets. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

—Do not leave lights unattended.

■ **Heating Safety**
—Unsafe heating is the second leading cause of residential fires and fire deaths in the U.S.

—Never leave fireplaces or space heaters unattended.

—Keep a large screen in front of your fireplace to catch sparks and rolling logs.

■ **Candles**
—Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over.

—Never leave the house with candles burning.

Every house should have a smoke alarm. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire.

For more information on holiday fire safety or other fire safety topics, visit www.usfa.fema.gov on the World Wide Web or write: United States Fire Administration, Public Fire Education, Building I, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Guatemalan officials to reopen missing journalist case

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Attorney General Adolfo Gonzalez said Wednesday that he was reopening the case of an outspoken journalist who vanished without a trace in 1980.

Irma Flaquer Azurdia, a columnist and assistant editor at the now-closed Guatemala City daily La Nacion, was kidnapped on Oct. 16, 1980, reportedly by members of a right-wing paramilitary group. Her son was killed during the kidnapping.

She had drawn the ire of this country's military with her column "What Others Don't Say," in which she openly criticized the government and the army, accusing both of committing thousands of human rights violations.

"The attorney general has agreed to investigate the case and has assigned a person to be in charge of it," Marleny Fuentes, a spokeswoman for Gonzalez, said Wednesday.

Fuentes said Gonzalez decided to launch a new investigation after meeting with members of the Inter American Press Association, who traveled to Guatemala City on Tuesday.

In a statement, the group said it has been investigating Flaquer Azurdia's disappearance since 1995.

"We know that this is a difficult case and that the new investigation could open some old wounds in the country, but we are also sure that it is the only way to really combat impunity," Robert Cox, association president and the assistant editor of The Post and Courier in Charleston, S.C., said in the statement.

The Guatemalan daily newspaper Prensa Libre quoted Gonzalez in its Wednesday edition as saying that he and other prosecutors would soon meet with members of Flaquer Azurdia's family.

Mexican magazine publishes controversial photographs

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican magazine has published photos showing that paramilitary forces hired to provide security during the 1968 Olympic games apparently participated in a massacre of student protesters — something past Mexican governments have denied.

On Oct. 2, 1968, shortly before the Olympics began, Mexican authorities opened fire on a largely peaceful student demonstration in Mexico City's Tlatelolco Plaza.

The government claimed about 24 died, but witnesses described a blood bath and most historians say about 300 students died, caught in a cross fire while police and troops blocked the exits.

The government of then-President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz accused students of instigating the violence. Successive PRI governments backed the claim and denied reports by witnesses that the so-called Olympic Battalion had been involved.

More than 20 photos in the Dec. 9 edition of Proceso magazine show students being rounded up, searched and held at gunpoint by men in civilian clothing. One of the photos, displayed on the magazine's front page, shows a student badly beaten and dressed only in his underwear.

Some of the men rounding up the protesters wore white gloves, on their left hands, the uniform of the Olympic security team.

"These are not just any photos, because they clearly prove the presence of the Olympic Battalion," said an article accom-

pany the photos. "These photos ... demonstrate that all of the documentation necessary to know who committed the Tlatelolco killings exists in the official archives."

The magazine said that an employee of the Interior Department at the time submitted the photos to a magazine reporter based in Madrid, Spain.

Then-Interior Secretary Luis Echeverria, who formed the squad, became president in 1970. He has denied any responsibility for the massacre.

A spokesman for President Vicente Fox, who is under pressure to investigate human rights violations of the past, said Tuesday that the president's office would not have any comment on the photos at this time.

The massacre scarred a generation of Mexicans, hurt the standing of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, and convinced thousands that peaceful protest was impossible, driving them into small armed rebel groups.

The PRI lost last year's presidential election to Vicente Fox of the National Action Party, after 71 years in power.

In honoring the victims of the massacre in a ceremony last month, Fox promised to open secret government archives about the event. That has not yet happened.

He also said that his government "recognizes the events of Oct. 2, 1968, as one of the most important events in the democratic struggle of Mexicans" and one that led to his opposition-party victory.

U.S. asks Canada to halt extradition

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The United States asked Canada on Wednesday to withdraw an arrest warrant for a Canadian man accused of links to the terrorist group Hezbollah.

Ali Adham Amhaz, 35, was arrested at his home in October on a warrant issued under the Canadian Extradition Act. He was later released on conditional bail.

U.S. authorities wanted to bring him to North Carolina to stand trial with three others on charges of conspiring to support

Hezbollah which the United States lists as a terrorist organization.

Under the U.S.-Canadian extradition, American authorities had until Friday to provide evidence to Canada supporting the allegations against Amhaz. A Canadian judge would have then decided whether to hold a formal extradition hearing.

Instead, the United States asked Canada to withdraw the arrest warrant, said Suellen Pierce, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in North Carolina.

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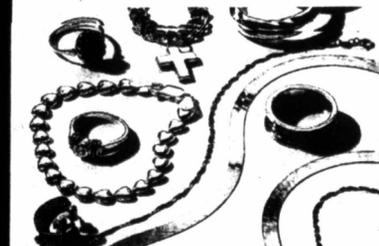
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Lawmakers criticize Enron execs

By MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers charge executives of Enron Corp. enriched themselves through inside trading and slick financial gimmicks while running the energy-trading company into the ground.

Accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP, Enron's longtime auditor, defended its work for the company Wednesday before a House panel, but acknowledged that financial reporting practices must change.

Andersen's chief executive said the firm notified Enron's audit committee on Nov. 2 of "possible illegal acts within the company."

As Congress opened its investigation of one of the biggest corporate failures in history, no Enron officials attended the hearing of the House Financial Services subcommittee on capital markets and oversight.

Chairman and CEO Kenneth Lay declined an invitation to appear, saying he had to be at a bankruptcy proceeding Wednesday.

Lay said in a statement that "it has always been Enron's policy to be open with its accountant."

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating Enron and Andersen's auditing of its books, filed an action in federal court Wednesday seeking to compel Enron's former chief finan-

cial officer, Andrew Fastow, to comply with a subpoena.

Fastow was the lead architect of complex partnerships that allowed Enron to keep some \$500 million in debt off its books and let executives profit from the arrangements.

Fastow did not show up for a scheduled meeting with SEC attorneys on Wednesday, but did appear at a news conference in New York beside his lawyer, David Boies.

Boies said Fastow would meet with the SEC once the two sides can set a date.

Enron's swift descent into federal bankruptcy court left countless investors burned and thousands of employees out of work and with decimated retirement savings.

"Many people have been deeply hurt," said the chairman of the capital markets panel, Rep. Richard Baker, R-La.

Enron executives were "just having too much fun," he said. They cashed out more than \$1 billion in company stock while ordinary employees were barred from selling it from their Enron-heavy 401(k) accounts as share prices plunged, Baker said. Worth more than \$80 a year ago, Enron's stock has tumbled to less than a dollar a share.

Amid the company's strife, nearly 600 employees deemed critical to its operations received more than \$100 million in bonuses last month as Enron faced a merger that unraveled and then bankrupted.

Houston-based Enron, which only months ago was the nation's seventh-

biggest company in revenue, has acknowledged it overstated profits for four years.

The SEC itself faced questioning by some lawmakers of its handling of the Enron case. They asked Robert Herdman, the SEC's chief accountant, why the agency did not become concerned early this year when Enron executives dumped millions of dollars of stock.

The SEC's first action came on Oct. 17 — a letter to Enron requesting more information after it reported big third-quarter losses, Herdman noted.

He said recent accounting irregularities by big corporations "may shake investors' confidence in our system of financial reporting and our capital markets." Herdman said the SEC plans next year to adopt rules tightening disclosure requirements for companies.

Joseph Berardino, Andersen's chief executive, said the accounting firm "will have to change ... the accounting profession will have to reform itself. Our system of regulation and discipline will have to be improved."

Enron also is under investigation by the Justice Department. The Labor Department is looking into Enron's handling of its employees' retirement benefit plans.

To solicit information about alleged misconduct at Enron, the senior Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee has set up an Internet tip line at <http://www.house.gov/waxman/index.htm>

All-Region Band



(Courtesy photo)

Some members of the "Pride of Pampa" High School Band recently earned All-Region Band honors. The All-Region Band Clinic is slated Dec. 14-15 at Randall High School. A concert, open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m., each day.

Tenth through 12th grade All-Region Band members from PHS include: (top row, left-right) Rhett Lawrence, sixth chair tuba, Jonathan Fleming, fifth chair tuba; (fourth row, l-r) Nathanael Holmes, sixth chair trombone, Luke Bailey, sixth chair euphonium; (third row, l-r) Travis Loeber, first chair tenor saxophone, Matt Dyer, fourth chair trumpet; Leslie McWilliams, second chair tenor saxophone; (second row, l-r) Justin Myers, fourth chair percussion, Brad Stucker, second chair alto saxophone, Kandi Garrison, fourth chair bass clarinet; (first row, l-r) Shelley Smith, eighth chair clarinet, and Sarah Teague, first chair bassoon.

Post office gearing up for year's busiest mail day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of a sleigh, they arrive in red-white-and-blue trucks, brown vans and vehicles splashed with purple and orange.

When it comes to delivering holiday cards and packages, Santa and his reindeer have nothing on the men and women from the

Postal Service, UPS and FedEx.

President Bush told Americans to go on with their lives after the terrorist attacks and anthrax scares. Well, when it comes to the mail, millions seem to be doing so.

The U.S. Postal Service says Monday will be the year's busiest mailing day, when folks who

spent the weekend preparing Christmas cards drop them in the mail. The busiest delivery day will follow close behind, on Wednesday.

Average daily mail volume is 680 million items, including about 100 million cards and letters. On the peak day, carriers could face as much as 200 million extra cards and letters.

Overall, the post office's blue-clad carriers will handle about 20 billion items between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The brown-uniformed delivery men and women of UPS expect their peak day to be Tuesday, when they plan to deliver 18 million packages to people and businesses around the world.

Kristen Petrella of UPS said that's slightly below last year's peak day. With Christmas on a

Tuesday, officials believe the high-volume surge will spread more evenly across the week before than it was last year, when the holiday was on a Monday, she explained.

FedEx delivery people, who wear navy-blue, expect to handle about 6 million packages on Wednesday, on what they anticipate will be their busiest day of the year.

The Postal Service reported a sharp drop in mail volume in the period following the terrorist attacks and the anthrax-by-mail infections. The decline added millions of dollars in losses to the bottom line of an operation already in the red and seeking a rate increase next year.

A busy holiday season could help, and Postmaster General John E. Potter continues to encourage people to mail their greeting cards.

Louis Mastria, director of public affairs for the Direct Marketing Association, says sales by mail are in line with expectations.

"What we've seen so far thankfully ... is that it's been a negligible impact" from the terrorism, said Mastria, who's group represents catalog companies and other direct marketers.

Some expectations had been tempered because of the recession, Mastria said, but "the bottom line is ... folks are buying our stuff."

Even the delays caused by the anthrax infections were localized, he noted, with most of the country getting mail delivered in a timely fashion.

A study done for the association found that in the first week after Sept. 11, revenue for catalogue and direct-mail marketers was down 15 percent to 30 percent. But it began to rebound in the next week and was nearly normal after three weeks.

Some retail managers believe they may benefit from the expected decline in holiday travel among Americans either saving money or concerned about flying. People who want to feel closer to friends and family, but can't visit, may send more cards and gifts.

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Prospects for quick action on farm legislation dwindle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prospects for enacting new farm subsidies by the end of the year dwindled as Senate debate bogged down over a bill Republicans oppose.

Majority Democrats fought off GOP proposals Wednesday to trim farm subsidies and use the money to increase food-stamp benefits. But the legislation was still expected to face numerous other potential amendments before gaining Senate approval.

On Thursday, the Senate was to debate a proposal by Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., to allow the White House to reverse decisions by government agencies that might harm farmers.

Environmentalists said the measure could make it impossible to enforce the Endangered Species Act or other laws.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was expected to seek a vote to limit debate on the Bond proposal.

Existing farm programs don't expire until next fall, but agricultural interests have been pushing lawmakers to agree on an extension of the subsidies before Christmas. Farm groups fear there won't be as much money available for farm programs next year because of the tightening federal budget.

"We're going to continue to push," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation. "I don't think

that just because we have some people who want to stall this bill that we're going to give up."

The House passed legislation in October that would reauthorize farm programs through 2011.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said it was "pie in the sky" to think that lawmakers could iron out differences between the House and Senate bills by Christmas — even if the Senate finishes its version.

Republicans say the Democratic-backed bill approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee increases subsidy rates so much that it would encourage excess production of crops and drive down commodity prices.

"Too many farm organizations have simply come in and viewed the farm bill as an ATM machine, and they haven't reviewed the policy," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas.

Both the Senate and House bills would increase farm spending about \$73.5 billion over the next 10 years, the limit set in a congressional budget agreement. However, Democrats have earmarked about \$45 billion of that spending in the first five years to expand conservation programs and provide new subsidies to dairy farmers.

Both the Senate and House bills would set up new "countercyclical" subsidy programs that provide special payments to farmers when commodity prices are below target levels.

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Report: Army perfects deadly anthrax strain

By The Associated Press

For years, U.S. Army scientists in Utah have been developing a powdered form of anthrax that matches the strain used in the deadly letters that have killed five people since September, according to a published report.

Officials at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah confirmed that they have produced dry anthrax powder in recent years, according to reports in The Washington Post, The New York Times and the Baltimore Sun. The statement from Dugway did not specify which strain of anthrax was produced

there, but the Post, citing government officials and shipping records, reported that the finely ground weapons-grade anthrax spores belong to the Ames strain.

The anthrax found in recent months in New York, Connecticut, Washington, New Jersey and Florida has been linked to that same strain. The strain is relatively common and is used in numerous American labs, and there is no evidence Dugway material was used in the attacks.

Anthrax can be produced in various forms, but the most dangerous is a powder form that can float freely

and be easily inhaled into the lungs. The Dugway statement is the first admission that the U.S. government has produced a dry version of the lethal bacterium since the United States renounced biological weapons in 1969, the Sun reported.

The Dugway statement said researchers there have worked with anthrax since 1992, turning small amounts of wet anthrax into powder to test ways to defend against biowarfare.

Until the latest anthrax threat, Dugway scientists sent anthrax samples by FedEx to the Army's biodefense center at Fort Detrick, Md., where the bacteria was rendered harmless through radiation before being returned to Dugway for experiments. Those samples were shipped in a wet paste form to minimize the danger of a spill or accident, the Dugway statement said.

Army officials told the Post such mailings are in compliance with federal law. The Dugway statement said that all the anthrax its scientists have developed is accounted for and the researchers are cooperating with the FBI in its investigation.

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Through Dec. 31, Celebration of Lights will be open from 6-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 6-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday at Recreation Park. Several new displays have been added — a Wizard of Oz, an American flag and stars, a hippo and elephant playing tennis and a reindeer playing football. Donations will be accepted at the gate or by mail. The address is: Celebration of Lights, Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79065.

'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

ACCORD MEETING

Pampa Chapter of Accord, Inc., will meet at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 and 18 at Lovett Memorial Library.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Gray County Centennial Committee will meet at 5 p.m., Dec. 13 in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building. The meeting is free and open to the public.

PARTNERSHIP FOR MOMS AND BABIES

Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies will hold an open house at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14. The next meeting will be Jan. 16.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING TOUR

Volunteers are needed for the annual Children's Shopping Tour scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. The volunteers will meet at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, at 7:45 a.m. For more information, call 665-4051.

BCAC CRAFT SHOW

Borger Community Activity Center in Borger will host a Craft Show and Sale from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 at the center. The event is free and open to the public. Booth space is still available. For more information, call BCAC at (806) 274-5319.

ACS PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 15 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

CAPROCK CANYONS

On Dec. 15, Caprock Canyons State Park will host a nature hike at 9 a.m., followed by a "Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration" at 2 p.m. For more information, call (806) 455-1492. The park is located near Quitaque.

AMARILLO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Amarillo Railroad Museum will present a model train display during the Christmas holidays at Western Plaza. The display will open from 12 noon-7 p.m., Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, and from 12 noon-4 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. A drawing will be held Christmas Eve for a hand-built HO-scale model railroad and a demonstration on digital command control is slated Dec. 15. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit the museum, a non-profit educational charity.

ILP COMPETITION

The International Library of Photography is currently sponsoring a free International Open Amateur Photography Contest. To enter, send one photo to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2612, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. **Deadline to enter is Dec. 31.** For more information, visit www.picture.com online.

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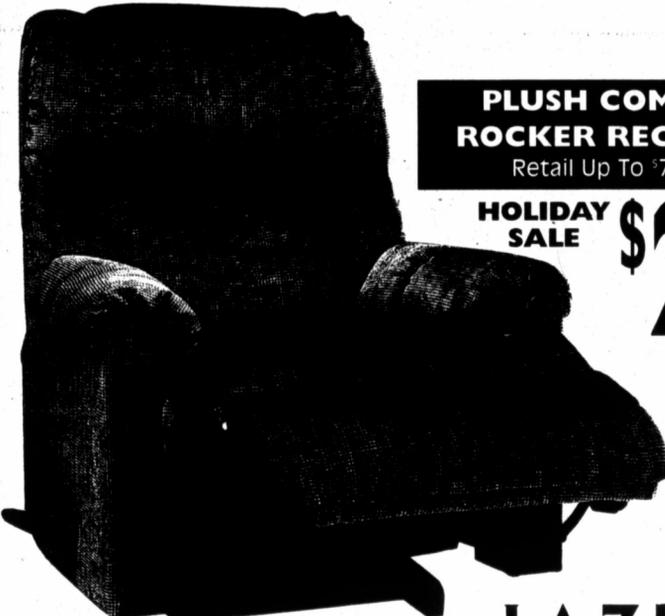


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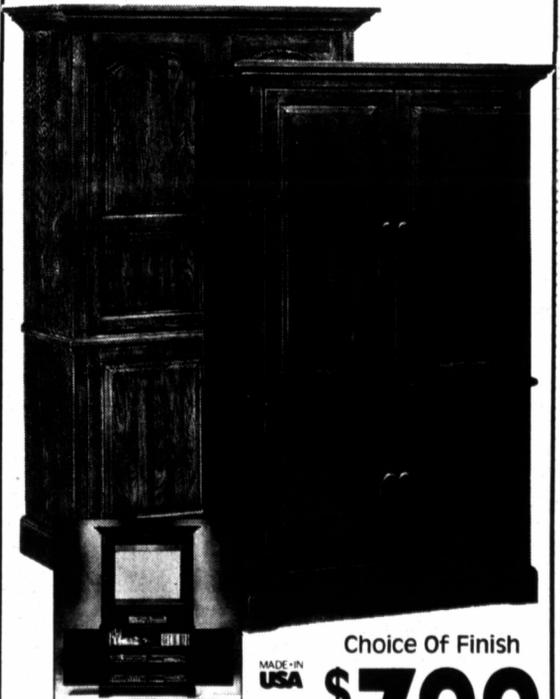
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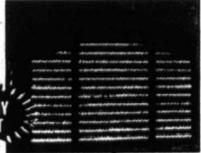
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Breadwinning Wives Enjoy Happy Partnerships at Home

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Confused Young Woman in Love," who wonders whether a relationship can work between a man and a woman who earns significantly more than he does.

It most certainly can. I have been blessed 10 times over by a loving husband who made less than half what I did when we married. Today, eight years later, he's a stay-at-home dad, and I am the income provider.

My husband and I were both comfortable with who we were as individuals when we met. Our marriage has grown, and our love and commitment have deepened despite not only the income disparity, but also other areas of difference in our lives.

The ability to bring in money for the family is important, but not nearly as important as cultivating a loving, nurturing, supportive environment for yourself, your spouse and your family. That ability comes from the heart — and is not dependent upon how much money a person makes.

BLESSED IN DENVER

DEAR BLESSED: I agree. And many other couples will attest to that. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I make substantially more than my husband about 30 percent more. You know what he thinks? He thinks I deserve more.

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Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

the more either of us makes, the better.

Were I that woman, I wouldn't hide my income, but neither would I bring it up. If he's the man she thinks he is, he won't care about her income when he learns what it is. Or, if it does bother him, he won't let it affect their relationship. A real man will get over it.

CATHY W. IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CATHY W.: That's true. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Yes, it is possible to have a good relationship when the woman makes more money. I am a successful professional and earn a very good salary. My husband is an artist. He makes very little in the way of money.

When we married, relatives on both sides of the family predicted we would be divorced within two years. Ten years later, we are still together and the naysayers are the ones who are divorced. I have a wonderful man who happens not to be rich in money, but he is rich in the inner qualities that are the most important.

BEEN THERE IN CANADA

DEAR BEEN THERE: You have your priorities in the right order, and I commend you for it. Thank you for the input.

DEAR ABBY: I am 53. Six months ago, the love of my life was killed in an automobile accident.

My question is, what are the possibilities and probabilities that I will find true love again in my lifetime? I have always felt that true love comes only once in a lifetime for a few — and never for most.

Am I being foolish to think that it could happen to me more than once?

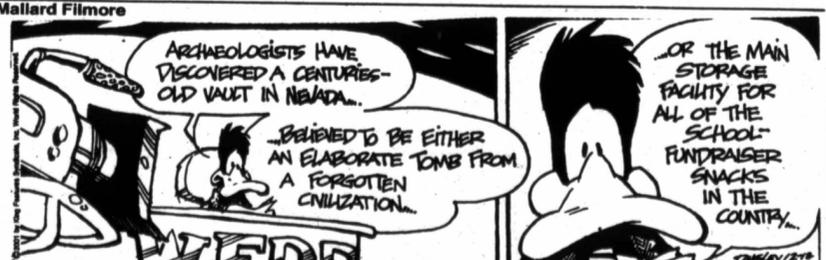
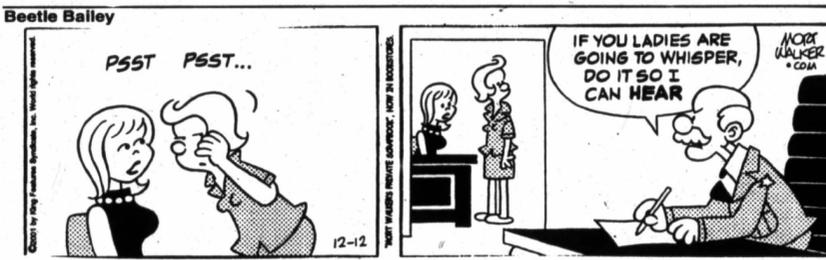
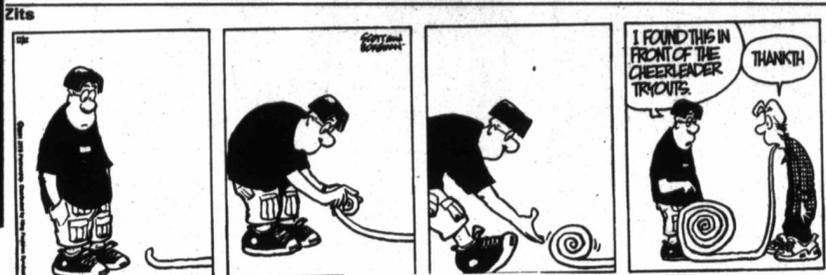
HOPEFUL IN DENVER

DEAR HOPEFUL: Not at all! I'm a firm believer that people have more than one opportunity to find true happiness.

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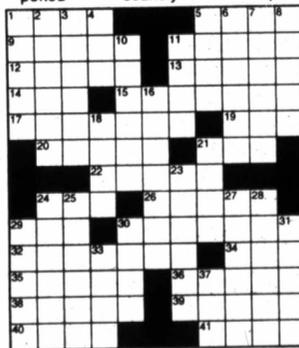
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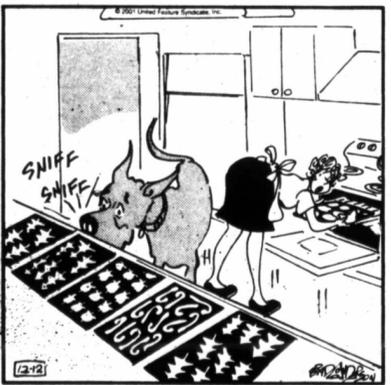
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SPORTS

Lady Pacers have 8-0 record

PAMPA — Opponents have found themselves playing catch-up basketball to the Pampa Lady Pacers this season.

The problem is they never manage to catch up.

The Lady Pacers are still undefeated with an 8-0 record. The latest wins came against Hereford Community Christian Academy and Plainview Christian Academy.

Last weekend, the Lady Pacers had a sizzling first quarter to roll past Hereford 64-21. Kendra Raber's 3-pointers and assists to her sister, Erin Raber for 12 points gave the Lady Pacers a 25-4 advantage in the first eight minutes.

Erin Raber finished with 22 points, Kendra Raber 17, Kellie Mullican 12, Stephanie Willoughy 7 and Shay Chapman 6.

Tuesday night's 52-18 win over Plainview Christian, the

Lady Pacers' arch-rival, was a sweet victory.

Unselfish teamwork and a tough press gave the Lady Pacers a 23-14 lead at the half. A hustling defense held the Lady Eagles to only four points in the second half, compared to the 29 points put in by the Pampa girls.

Every team member put points on the board. Kendra Raber had 19 points, followed by Kellie Mullican with 15. Others who scored were Erin Raber with 8, Shay Chapman 4, Courtney Echols, Stephanie Willoughy and Tabitha Epperson 2 each.

The Pampa Academy men's team dominated Hereford Community Christian Academy last weekend, winning by a score of 67-36.

Teamwork was the key to victory with five of the eight Pacers making the scoring column.

Troy Ludvick led with 25 points, followed closely by

Bryce Taylor with 21.

Coy Devoll added 10, Luke Raber 9 and Jonathan Epperson 2.

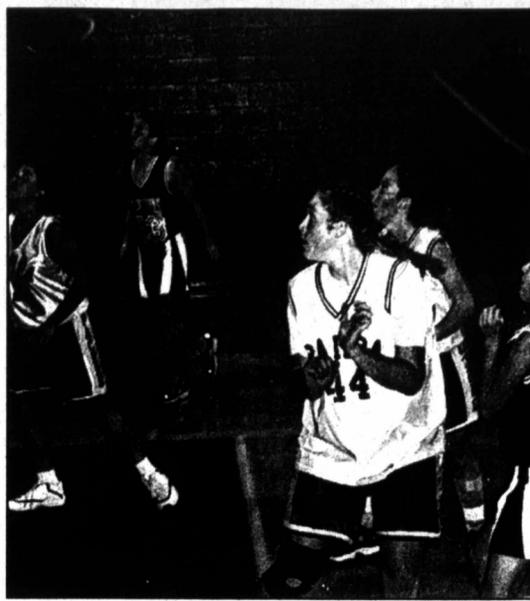
On Tuesday night, the Pacers visited Plainview Christian Academy and lost a close contest 62-57.

After a cold third period the Pacers were down 44-26, but eight quick points by Jonathan Epperson off an outstanding fullcourt press helped Pampa close the gap with 31 fourth-quarter points. The Pacers got as close as one point down the stretch.

Bryce Taylor and Troy Ludvick again led the scoring with 18 and 17 points, respectively. Coy Devoll had 13 points and Jonathan Epperson 9.

Both Pampa teams are entered in the White Deer Junior Varsity Tournament, which starts today.

The Pampa Academy teams are members of the Texas Christian Athletic League.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Erin Raber (44) had a 22-point performance against Hereford Community Academy.

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's 3 on 3 basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Three on three is played "half-court" style with three players on each team.

Entry deadline is Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players on each team roster.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MIAMI — Miami and Groom split a pair of area basketball games Tuesday night.

Jeff Browning scored 14 points and Zach McDowell 10 to lead Miami to a 54-28 win in the boys' contest.

Doug Fields and Garrett Britten had 7 points each for Groom.

The Tigers evened their record at 2-2.

In the girls' game, the Tigerettes rolled to a 76-28 victory.

Candace Bohr had 18 points and Lauren Crowell 14 to lead Groom.

The top scorer for Miami was Kaylie James with 8 points. Julie Davenport followed with 6.

Groom's record improved to 8-3.

Groom hosts White Deer in a girls' game Friday night.

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 5 Pampa News edition, the wrestler was misidentified in the photograph of the Harvesters' dual here with Boys Ranch. The Pampa wrestler was actually Dusty Langley.

BASEBALL

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox finally managed to unload erratic outfielder Carl Everett, trading him to the Texas Rangers for left-hander Darren Oliver.

Everett was an All-Star his first season in Boston in 2000. But he clashed with two Boston managers this year and struggled on the field, batting .257 with 14 homers and 58 RBIs before his season ended Sept. 8 because of a knee injury.

The 31-year-old Oliver went 11-11 last season with a 6.02 ERA in 28 starts and was extremely hittable, allowing 260 baserunners in 189 innings.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys lineman Nate Newton was arrested Wednesday on charges of carrying at least 175 pounds of marijuana, his second such arrest in six weeks.

Newton was held without bail at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center on Thursday on a federal charge of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokesman Don Peritz said.

On Nov. 4, Newton was arrested in Louisiana after police said they found 213 pounds of marijuana in a van he was driving. He was released on \$100,000 bond on charges of suspicion of possessing marijuana with intent to distribute.

Peritz said Drug Enforcement Administration agents flagged down Dallas County officers on a highway Wednesday to seek help stopping two vehicles that were traveling together.

"Once it was determined that they were DEA agents ... (deputies) joined the pursuit," Peritz told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "When they pulled them over, they were just into Ellis County."

Maryland's Friedgen chosen AP Coach of the Year

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

After Maryland won its first six football games, athletic director Deborah Yow was so happy with her rookie coach that she boldly predicted the Terrapins would win a national championship before Ralph Friedgen retired.

The Friedge came pretty close in his first try.

Other than a 52-31 loss at Florida State, a game that was tied at 31 in the fourth quarter, the Terps won them all and captured their first Atlantic Coast Conference title since 1985.

On Thursday, the 54-year-old Friedgen was selected as The Associated Press College Coach of the Year.

Friedgen received 48 votes in balloting by the 72 members of the AP college football poll board, which includes member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

He won easily over another rookie coach, Miami's Larry Coker, who was second with 14 votes. BYU first-year coach Gary Crowton was third with four votes, and Colorado's Gary Barnett had three.

"I'm very proud for the school, our assistant coaches, our players and our administration," Friedgen said. "I really think they all are represented by this award."

Friedgen has been a busy man since the end of the season, accepting honors from nearly every group that picks a top

coach and talking up the sixth-ranked Terps' chances against No. 5 Florida (9-2) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2.

On Tuesday, Friedgen signed a 10-year contract extension worth a reported \$12 million, and Wednesday he was at an Orange Bowl news conference.

The ACC title was great, but beating the Gators is the next hurdle.

"It's a game that we can make a statement," Friedgen said. "It's a measuring stick to where we are as a program. If we were to win, we'd be up there very high in the rankings."

What Friedgen did at his alma mater has been hailed as a minor miracle. Using many of the same players from last year's 5-6 team

under former coach Ron Vanderlinden, Friedgen turned losers into champions with his no-nonsense approach and ability to instill a winning attitude.

One of his best moves was hiring two former coaches as his

coordinators. Charlie Taaffe (The Citadel) runs the offense and Gary Blackney (Bowling Green) handles the defense. He reasoned: "I can't wait around to be making rookie head coaching mistakes at 54."

7th grade girls play Borger

BORGER — Pampa played Borger in 7th grade girls' basketball games earlier this week.

Borger defeated Pampa 51-30 in the A team game.

Britten Rice was high scorer for Pampa with 15 points. Nicole Clark followed with 6 points, while Logan Boles had 4, Candice Dildy 2, Whitney Morris 2 and Cassie Tice 1. Top

rebounders were McKinsie East, Dildy and Tice.

Pampa won the B team game 39-18 behind the scoring of Tanna Stowers and Shandale Young, who had 14 points each.

Halei Skinner had 5 points, Kelsie Wyatt, Destiney Dora and Jenee Norris 2 each. Top rebounders were Skinner, Wyatt and Dora.

Lehtinen sparks Stars by Sabres

DALLAS (AP) — Jere Lehtinen scored two goals, including the game-winner with 2:18 remaining, to lift the Dallas Stars to a 4-3 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night.

Lehtinen scored his 12th goal of the season and 100th of his career when he knocked the rebound of Martin Rucinsky's shot past Sabres goaltender Martin Biron to snap a 3-3 tie.

Mike Modano had a goal and two assists for Dallas.

Jamie Langenbrunner scored the tying goal late in the second period for the Stars, 8-2-2 in their last 12 games.

Tim Connolly, Stu Barnes and Dmitri Kalinin had goals for the Sabres, 5-8-1 in their last 14.

Buffalo scored on two of its first three shots, and Dallas starting goaltender Marty Turco was replaced at 7:52 of the first period by Ed Belfour, who had been bothered by the flu over the past week. Modano got the game's first

goal at 3:15 when he banked a sharp-angle shot into the net off the skate of Biron for Modano's 14th of the season.

Barnes answered with his 10th goal 47 seconds later, firing through Turco's pads from low in the right circle. Kalinin scored at 7:33, beating Turco from the left circle for a 2-1 Buffalo lead.

Turco was coming off consecutive shutouts. Barnes' goal ended Turco's scoreless streak at 132 minutes and 16 seconds.

PHS wrestlers compete in Kansas

PAMPA — The Pampa High wrestlers are entered in the Randall Tournament, which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday. There are 12 teams entered.

The Harvesters competed in the Ulysses, Kan. Tournament last weekend finished 11th in the 16-team field.

"We did a good job," said Pampa head coach Justin Turner. "Ulysses has always been a tough tournament. We did well against some good wrestlers."

In the varsity division, Pampa's Dusty Langley, Tyrell

Bolin and Kevin Parks came within one match of placing in the tournament.

"I was most impressed with Langley and Terrell Jennings," Turner added.

In the junior varsity division, Jamie Resendiz, Zach McSparrin and Daniel Resendiz came within one match of placing for Pampa.

Turner said he was impressed with the performance of Jamie Resendiz.

Pampa has a home match scheduled Jan. 22 against Borger.

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Jordan leads Wizards to fourth consecutive victory

By The Associated Press

Michael Jordan took his teammates aside with 11 seconds left, and the Washington Wizards left the huddle feeling confident.

"We all looked in each other's eyes and said, 'We're going to win the game,'" guard Richard Hamilton said after the Wizards held on for an 82-80 victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

The Wizards led by two points, but the Heat had the ball and 11 seconds to work with. Jordan gathered his teammates and talked about how they weren't going to let Miami near the basket.

The Heat didn't come close. The ball never got beyond the perimeter, and LaPhonso Ellis shot a desperation 3-pointer

that missed just before the buzzer as Washington won its fourth straight.

"I've been here three years," Hamilton said. "We'd be up in the fourth quarter and let the lead slip away. Tonight, we started to grow."

In other NBA games, San Antonio beat Toronto 108-95; Phoenix routed Sacramento 114-88; Minnesota topped Utah 98-87; and the Los Angeles Clippers defeated Seattle 114-94.

The Wizards are 8-0 when leading after three periods after going 14-10 last season. They are also 6-2 since Jordan declared, "We stink," following a loss at Cleveland.

"I just think we're really starting to understand our roles, offensively and defensively," Jordan said. "It's big for a

young team to understand how to win games, especially with defense."

Jordan had 25 points, seven assists and six rebounds in 34 minutes. Hamilton scored 23 points, and rookie Brendan Haywood had 11 rebounds.

"It's not just four in a row," Jordan said. "Ever since we lost eight in a row, I think guys are starting to accept roles. We're starting to feed off each other."

The Wizards hadn't beaten the Heat at home since December 1997, a string of six straight. Miami's 20-game start (4-16) is their worst since 1989-90, the franchise's second season in the league.

"We just can't get any consistency," coach Pat Riley said. "The first 2 1/2 quarters were absolutely horrendous."

Jim Jackson scored 18 points

to lead the Heat, who nearly overcame a 15-point deficit in the second half, but came up short.

Spurs 108, Raptors 95
Tim Duncan had 28 points and 13 rebounds to lead San Antonio over Toronto.

Steve Smith added 17 points for the Spurs, who have won five straight.

Toronto's Vince Carter, who came in second in the NBA in scoring at 27 points per game, did not play in the second half after bruising his right calf in the second quarter. He scored six points on 3-of-10 shooting.

Alvin Williams scored 16 points, and Keon Clark added 14 for visiting Toronto.

Suns 114, Kings 88
Shawn Marion had 21 points and 13 rebounds as Phoenix beat Sacramento.

Tony Delk had 21 points, and reserve John Wallace 19 for the Suns, who played the Kings for the first time since Sacramento eliminated Phoenix in four games in the first round of last season's playoffs. Penny Hardaway also scored 19, and Stephon Marbury had 15 points and 12 assists as the Suns registered a season high in points to win their fifth consecutive home game.

Chris Webber had 21 points and a season-high 12 rebounds for Sacramento in his third game back from a sprained ankle that sidelined him for the first 20 games.

Timberwolves 98, Jazz 87
Kevin Garnett scored 24 points, Joe Smith added 15, and Terrell Brandon had 10 of his 14 in the decisive third quarter as Minnesota won at Utah.

Minnesota won its fifth straight game, all by double digits, and ended Utah's four-game winning streak.

Karl Malone scored 20 points for Utah.

Clippers 114, SuperSonics 94
Quentin Richardson scored 23 points, and Elton Brand had 18 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles took control early in a victory over Seattle.

The win was the third straight and fifth in six games for the Clippers (12-10), who are over .500 later than at any time in a season since March 5, 1993.

Jeff McInnis had 19 points and six assists, Corey Maggette added 17 points and Lamar Odom had 15 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Clippers.

Brent Barry led the visiting Sonics with 18 points.

First deer



(Courtesy photo)

Lane Erwin, 6, of Wheeler brought home his first deer, this 8-point whitetail, from Wheeler County. Lane was hunting during the special youth-only season. He is the son of Larry and Lorrie Erwin.

Pampa shocks AHS in freshmen girls' game

AMARILLO — Pampa held off Amarillo High for a 45-40 win in a freshmen girls' basketball game earlier this week.

Coming off a third-place finish at the Dumas Tournament, the Pampa freshmen took off on a fast start against Amarillo High, jumping out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter.

Payton Baird had 10 points in the first quarter to help Pampa get off to a fast start.

AHS cut the lead to four at halftime and were able to tie the game at 29-29 in the third quarter. However, Pampa went on a 6-0 run to pull away to a 10-point advantage in the fourth quarter.

Pampa, 5-4 overall, benefitted from their free throw shooting, hitting 19 of 31 attempts. Solid rebounding and a ball-control offense also helped them.

Whitney Roden had a big game in the post position with a total of 12 rebounds. Heather Dildy and Payton Baird had 7 each.

Baird and Jennie Rogers highlighted the scoring with 13 points each. Roden had 8, Jerrica Timmons 7, Teryn Garner 2, Autumn Schaub 1, and Lauren Winkleman 1 to end the scoring.

Pampa 9th graders are scheduled to play Miami Junior Varsity at 4 p.m. Friday in McNeely Fieldhouse, but that game could be canceled.

DUMAS — Pampa freshmen won two of three games at the Dumas Invitational to claim third place.

Pampa took an opening round win over a spirited Vega team 44-40 with Payton Baird leading the scoring with 16 points. Also adding points were Brittany Westbrook with 11, Teryn Garner 7, Whitney Roden 4, Jennie Rogers, Jerrica Timmons and Lauren Winkleman with 2 each.

The second-round game pitted Pampa against Dumas, who came out with full-court pressure and a stingy defense. The result was an 80-17 Dumas win.

Pampa just couldn't break the

pressure and the Demonettes were nearly flawless in their shooting.

Westbrook had 5 points to lead Pampa scorers.

Pampa faces Dalhart for third place and they came away with a 55-23 victory.

Timmons had 12 points and Garner 13 rebounds to lead the way for the freshmen Lady Harvesters.

Pampa finished the game with 47 rebounds.

Garner and Roden had 11 points each, while Heather Dildy had 7, Ashley Parker 6, Winkleman 4, Rogers 3 and Schaub 1 to round out the scoring.

Cuban spending own money to evaluate refs

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has never backed down from criticizing NBA officials.

Now he's spending money — something else he's not shy about doing — to evaluate referees' performances. Cuban has hired what he calls a "statistics expert" to track referees during every Mavericks game.

"I can't tell you how I do it," Cuban said. "I got someone I trust, and I pay him a lot of money."

Cuban believes the evaluation of every official in every Mavericks game will reveal tendencies that can be used to his team's advantage.

"That could impact how the game is played and officiated," he said.

That same data could also provide justification for some of Cuban's criticism.

Cuban was fined seven times for a total of \$505,000 by the NBA last season. The biggest of the fines was \$250,000 for criticizing referees, after three other fines for similar incidents.

He also was fined for making a derogatory gesture, running onto the court to break up a fight and for sitting on the baseline during another game.

Although Cuban insists that he uses the statistics solely to the advantage of the Mavs, the facts

he has discovered have left the billionaire owner frustrated.

"The league is calling fewer fouls. The players and coaches know it, so they are more aggressive," he said. "My guess is that someone is going to get hurt as a result. If we just enforced the rules as they are ... we would have a much better game."

Ed Rush, the NBA's director of officials, declined to comment on Cuban's actions or his stats.

Among the initial findings, according to Cuban, are that there has been almost a 9 percent drop in the number of fouls called even though teams are averaging more shots and more possessions per game. His statis-

tics also show that younger officials are less likely to blow the whistle.

"If by chance the young ref is under your basket, you probably are going to get fewer fouls, and you think you have been taken advantage of," said Cuban, who bought the Mavericks for \$280 million in January 2000.

How would he rate how his evaluation process is working so far?

"Great. Facts don't lie. Anything that can help a little bit is a good thing," he said.

Cuban hasn't been fined for criticizing officials this season, but he was very upset after a Dec. 2 win at Sacramento.

College Bowl Glance

All Times EST

Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
\$750,000
North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
\$750,000
Marshall (10-2) vs. East Carolina (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
\$750,000
N.C. State (7-4) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
\$800,000
Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
\$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
\$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Gallerymfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
\$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-

5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
\$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
\$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
\$750,000
Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
\$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
\$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs.

Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
\$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), Noon (CBS)
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
\$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
\$750,000
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
\$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
\$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
\$2.2 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
\$2 million
Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
\$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

\$4.25 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
\$11-13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
\$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
\$11-13 million
Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
\$11-13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Fourth-ranked Kansas tops Princeton with second-half scoring spurt

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Princeton hasn't exactly had an easy early schedule — and the team's record shows it.

The Tigers played their third game against a Top Ten team Wednesday night and absorbed their third defeat against the nation's elite, losing to No. 4 Kansas 78-62.

By no means has Princeton (2-6) faced the toughest competition possible — No. 6 Arizona, for example, played five of six games against ranked teams — but the Tigers have had an uphill climb.

"We've always played a difficult schedule and the top teams. What happened this year is not abnormal," second-year Princeton coach John Thompson III said. "Obviously, in eight games to have played three is extreme, and we are a young team. For large stretches, we had freshmen and sopho-

mores out there."

Unfortunately for Princeton, the Jayhawks (7-1) used upperclassmen such as Nick Collison, Drew Gooden and Kirk Hinrich, who gave coach Roy Williams 33 good minutes.

"I was very happy with the way we played except for the last six, seven minutes of the first half," Williams said. "We had a nice lead, and they made a great run, and that got the crowd into it, and we made a mistake to let them get a big 3. That might have been the maddest I've ever been, but I was really pleased with the second half."

What got Williams so angry was the Jayhawks' letting a 19-point slip away as the Tigers closed the first half with a 12-2 run to close to 35-29.

In the only other game Wednesday night involving a Top 25 team, No. 15 Iowa rout-

ed Drake 101-59.

A buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Ed Persia brought Princeton within six at halftime and got the sellout crowd of 6,854 at Jadwin Gymnasium fired up.

Persia, a sophomore whose minutes were limited as the Tigers tried to settle on a guard rotation, was 2-for-14 from 3-point range for the season before hitting the halftime closer.

"Honestly, I didn't know how much time was left, I just let it go," said Persia, who finished with nine points — all on 3s — and five assists. Three other Tigers scored nine.

The Jayhawks took Williams' stinging halftime advice to heart, especially Collison, who had six points in the 10-0 run to open the half and had 11 of his 19 in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

"I was a little upset at half-

time because I was not as aggressive as I need to be," Collison said. "I pushed it up a notch from the first half. Our quickness helped, but it was more of our paying more attention to detail after we let down at the end of the first half."

Collison had a three-point play on a dunk after a steal as Kansas used a 9-0 run to take a 58-37 lead with 9:33 to play. The Tigers, whose other Top Ten losses were to Saint Joseph's and Maryland, never got closer than 15 the rest of the way. Kansas' biggest lead was 78-55 on a dunk by Jeff Carey with 1:21 to play.

"Each of the Top Ten teams had an all-around team and were deep and had really good guards," Persia said. "Still, we can match up with any of them, but sooner or later we stop doing the little things. If we can keep doing those things, we're

good enough to beat those teams."

Persia has obviously been listening to his coach.

"It's a cliché, but it's a game of inches in so many ways," Thompson said. "It's those small things, and we've slowly but surely fixed some and we'll fix some more."

Freshman Aaron Miles added 16 points for the Jayhawks, whose only loss was in the season opener to Ball State. Gooden had 15 points, Hinrich 11.

"That style of play is really tough to play against," Hinrich said of Princeton's patient offense, which is known for spreading the floor for backdoor cuts and NCAA tournament scares. "I don't know about any mystique, but they're a good team."

Will Venable led Princeton with 11 points.

The victory gave Kansas a 9-0 record against Ivy League teams, with eight of the wins under Williams.

Philadelphia 76ers coach Larry Brown, who coached Kansas to the national championship in 1988, was in the crowd, visiting Williams, a fellow alum of North Carolina.

No. 15 Iowa 101, Drake 59
Luke Recker snapped out of a shooting slump with a season-high 24 points, and host Iowa broke the game open with a 28-5 run.

Reggie Evans added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Iowa (8-3), which beat Drake (4-3) for the 23rd straight time.

It was the biggest margin of victory in a series that dates to 1909. The most one-sided game previously was a 52-11 Iowa victory in 1932.

J.J. Sola led Drake with 19 points.

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