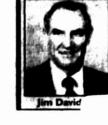
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## Grand jury: No wrongdoing in election

**By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor** 

No wrongdoing was decided by the 31st Judicial District Grand Jury investigation Thursday into allegations of voter tampering in connection with the recent Economic Development Corporation election.

In a news release issued Thursday by the District Attorney's office and signed by Linda Ellison, the assistant foreperson of the Gray County Grand Jury, it stated, "that absolutely no evidence of any

impropriety or illegality has been found." Subpeonaed by the grand jury in the, investigation were three members of the Concerned Citizens group — Jim Terry and his wife, Pat, and Dalton Lewis.

Concerned Citizens was the driving force which circulated a petition to bring the issue of the dissolution of the economic development group to an election

"The investigation was very thorough in its scope and explored all areas of any impropriety which had been alleged."

Sales tax receipts continue to climb

 In press release from Gray County grand jurors

of the voters. In the Nov. 6 election, 3,190 ity and in seeking an outside investiga-Pampans cast ballots with those who wanted to dissolve the PEDC coming out on top 1,786 to 1,404.

Also subpeonaed were City Manager Charlie Morris.

The news release stated that the City of Pampa and particularly its manager, Eskridge, and Chief Morris, 'acted in a highly professional manner in immedi-

tion and that no further action regarding this matter is necessary."

On Nov. 1, five days before a special election was held to decide the fate of the Bob Eskridge and Pampa Police Chief PEDC, an investigation was under way into a complaint that one or more city employees had pressure put upon them by supervisory personnel to vote a certain way in the Nov. 6 election.

At that point, Chief Morris called in ately addressing the allegations of illegal- Texas Ranger Gary Henderson to con-

duct the investigation. He said Eskridge received the complaint Oct. 30 from a citizen whom he declined to identify.

Eskridge said at the time he had a citizen call him concerning the allegation. He said he called Chief Morris and requested a Texas Ranger be brought in to investigate to determine if any laws had been violated.

The city manager also sent out a letter to all city employees telling them if any pressure was put upon them by anyone connected with the city in regards to the PEDC election that they were to contact Ranger Henderson.

The release signed by Ellison stated, "The investigation was conducted by Texas Gary Henderson, at the direction of the Grand Jury. The investigation was very thorough in its scope and explored all areas of any impropriety which had

High, 57 Low, 33 For weather details, see Page 2.

#### **Historical commission** sets workshop Feb. 20

AUSTIN — On Feb. 20 in Amarillo, the Texas Historical Commission will conduct a workshop explaining the application process and requirements for four popular THC programs — the Texas Main Street Program, the Texas Heritage Trails Program, the Certified Local Government Program and Visionaries Preservation Program. The three-hour plus workshop will begin at 1 p.m. For more information, contact THC's Community Heritage Development Division at (512) 463-6092.

#### **DPS: School threat** deemed not credible

\* AUSTIN (AP) — The Department of Public Safety said Friday that the vague terrorist threat against an unknown Texas school has been deemed not credible by the FBI.

"At this time, there is no information to suggest that a threat to a Texas school exists," said DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange.

The threat warning was withdrawn Friday morning and Texas law enforcement officials stress that Texas schools are safe, Mange said.

State officials and the FBI alerted schools throughout Texas on Wednesday that the vague threat suggested two people may retaliate against an unknown Texas school for the U.S. bombing in Afghanistan.

Michael T. Cornelison, 18, college student.

Nelce Laverne Johnson, 64, former Pampan. Eddie O. Woolsey Reed,

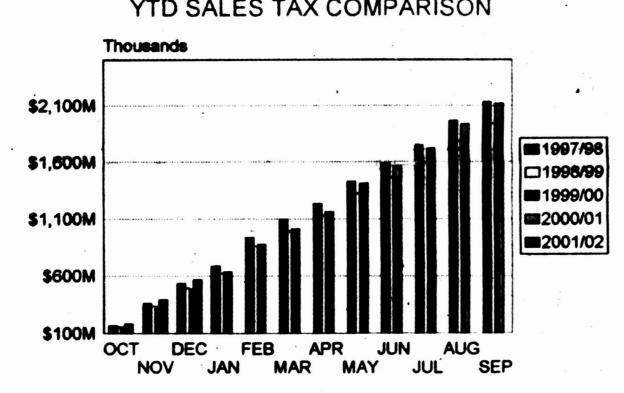
89, homemaker. Dorothy Sikes, 80, home-

### **West Texas LANDSCAPE**

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### CITY OF PAMPA

YTD SALES TAX COMPARISON



Totals: '97 - \$2,129M; '98 - \$1,942M, '99 - \$1,935M; '00 - \$2 : 15

#### By KATE B. DICKSON **Associate Publisher**

It's good news for citizens and local merchants again this month as sales tax receipts continue to climb.

The latest report is for sales made during October and it reflects a gain of 16.46 percent over the same time period last year, said City Finance-Director—and elsewhere due to zero inter-John Horst. The number is also est loans that began being 25 percent over what was bud- offered after the Sept. 11 terror-

In all, the city collected \$233,993.80 for October with \$175,495 going to the general fund and \$58,498 due the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

With three months of sales taxes in the bank so far this fiscal year, the receipts are running 16.78 percent ahead of the same time period last year and 25.40 percent over budget, Horst said.

In dollars to date, \$566,834 has been collected for August, September and October as compared to \$485,390 during the same time period last year.

Downtown Association President ReDonn Woods said, "For the last several months merchants have offered more discounts than they have in the past and at the same time, consumers are trying to support the Pampa econ-

Woods also said car sales have risen recently in Pampa

Horst said he's talked with some local merchants about their sales including one who told the finance director his sales are up 25 percent over last year. Others have told him their sales are about even.

"The only thing I can think of that's increasing the sales tax is there could be more people from the surrounding area shopping in Pampa than going to Amarillo," Horst said today. "I don't have any facts to support this theory but it is certain that more retail dollars are

(See RECEIPTS, page 2)

### Clean Pampa to sponsor 'Chipping of the Greens'

Clean Pampa, Inc., is spon- alleys or alley dumpsters. soring the "Chipping of the Greens" again this year for the Christmas tree recycling. The date — 9 a.m., Jan. 19 at Warner-Horton Supply parking lot.

of Christmas tree disposal is designed to save valuable landfill space, eliminate fire hazards by prompt removal, enable the solid waste department of the city to concentrate on increased residential refuse and reduce solid waste operational costs.

The city side-loader trucks are only able to pick up dumpsters and not designed to pick up the left-over Christmas trees, so please do not put the trees in 2514.

After Dec. 26, people are invited to bring their Christmas trees, completely stripped of ornaments, to the parking lot at Warner-Horton Supply, 900 N. The safe and efficient method Duncan. Place trees away from driveway entrances where the designated barricades are locat-

The trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available, free of charge, across the street from Hobart Street Park.

"Chipping of the Greens" is free, but Clean Pampa, Inc., accepts donations.

For more information, call Clean Pampa, Inc., at 665-

### Gift of mobility



Flanked by Jeff and Linda Booth of Lone Star Construction in Amarillo, 4-year-old Hassan Nichols of Pampa is all smiles as he tries out his new AmTryke. Lone Star and an anonymous Pampa donor made it possible for Hassan to receive the therapeutic tricycle for children with disabilities. Hassan is the son of Stewart and Karina Nichols. The AmTryke can be powered by hands, feet, or both, creating an opportunity for independence for these children. The Southwest Chapter of AMBUCS in Amarillo sponsors the AmTryke Ambility Program. To learn more about the program, call Jeff Booth at 806-355-8112.

### Traffic flow needed for decision

The city's Traffic Commission is awaiting recent traffic flow figures for 25th Street from Duncan east before deciding upon a signage recommendation to send the City Commission.

That's according to Doug Locke, chairman of the traffic commission, who said the issue of traffic flow there was revisited at the Thursday night meeting.

Previously, the traffic commission authorized a temporary signage change to test 25th Street being a through street, he said. Once the November traffic flow numbers are in hand they will be compared to the study to be made during the temporary change. Jim Braxton told the Commission he wants to keep the current

traffic patterns, Locke said. At the previous meeting, multiple residents of the area said they want to change the traffic flow so that 25th Street will be more a a through street with the north/south streets having stop/yield signs.

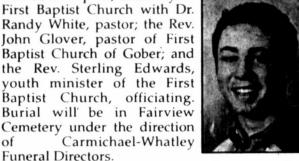
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## Daily Record

#### **Obituaries**

MICHAEL TOWNSEND CORNELISON Michael Townsend Cornelison, 18, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at Pampa. Services

will be at 3 p.m., Saturday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor; the Rev. John Glover, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gober; and the Rev. Sterling Edwards, youth minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview



Funeral Directors Michael was born Jan. 2, 1983, in Pampa. He was currently a sophomore at Oklahoma Christian University. The departments of Athletics and Academics at Oklahoma Christian University awarded scholarships to Michael, a 2001 graduate of Pampa High School. Michael was also the recipient of a local leadership scholarship to be available each semester. He was to be a pre-med student in the university's college of science and engineering. His achievements include membership in President Bush's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence in

Michael signed with OCU to play NAIA tennis. He was to join an international team consisting of players from Spain, Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland and Russia. The Oklahoma Christian University Eagles have been regularly qualifying for the National NAIA Championships and are expected to show equally well in the 2001-02 year.

As a four-year varsity member of Pampa Harvesters, Michael was team district champion four years running (1997-2000). He qualified for Spring Regionals in doubles for the years 2000 and 2001, reaching the finals this year. During his four years lettering in tennis at Pampa High School, Michael earned the "Hustle" award, the "Play Hard" award, "Leadership" award and Captain his junior and senior year as well as Most Valuable Player in the District.

He is ranked as Super Champion in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and USTA, Texas. He has 176 UIL high school wins credited

He was candidate to the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine is dedicated to helping prepare our most promising future physicians for future opportunities and responsibilities. The forum is based in Washington, D.C. The nomination was made by Starla Kindle, counselor at PHS.

Michael was also recommended as a Scholar to the National Youth Leadership Council, a Congressional training foundation also based in honor by PHS graduate and Council alumni, Sarita Mohan. As a National Scholar, one is distinguished as an outstanding young leader of tomorrow.

While attending Pampa High School, Michael superintendent's participated in the 'Distinguished Achievement Program," served as president of D-FY-IT drug prevention program and was chosen by Pampa Rotary Club as 'Rotary Youth Leadership Award" recipient.

As a four-year member of "Who's Who" in sports, Michael was noted for his participation in tennis and soccer. He was also inducted into academic "Who's Who" in American High Schools for 2000 and 2001. He was a member of National Honor Society and participated in youth choir at First Baptist Church as well as volunteering with children's choir.

Survivors include his parents, Lee and Brenda Cornelison of Pampa; his grandparents, Alvin and Naomi Cornelison of Pampa and Elaine Townsend of White Deer; several aunts and uncles, Paula Burns and Jim and Peggy Adkins, all of Pampa, Bob and Donna Gordy of Skellytown, Cherryle and Bill McGlothlin of Roll, Okla., and Gail McCord of Odessa.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Pampa High School Tennis Program, 111 E. Harvester, Pampa TX 79065.

#### **NELCÉ LAVERNE JOHNSON**

GREAT BEND, Kan. — Nelce Laverne Johnson, 64, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at Great Bend. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Knobbes Cemetery at Kingston, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of his nephew, Eddy Brown Funeral Directors of Durant, Okla.

Mr. Johnson was born in Kansas and raised in Madill, Okla. She moved from Kingston to Muskegon, Mich., in 1966 and had also lived in Monroe, La., Kansas and Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell Johnson of Michigan; his mother, Ora Evans Brown of Kingston; and two brothers, Lee Brown of Ardmore, Okla., and Ramond Brown of

Survivors include two sisters, Lillian JoAnn Brown Gregory and Georgia Ann Brantley of Monroe; and a brother, Vernon Brown of Michigan.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are		Coca-Cola	.46.11	dn 0.12
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron	0.65	dn 0.01
		Halliburton	13.18	dn 0.18
Wheat	2.36	KMI	49.88	dn 0.42
Milo	3 47	Kerr McGee	49.64	up 0.26
Corn	3.69	Limited	13.71	up 0.11
Soybeans	3.53	McDonald's	26.70	up 0.97
Oil Sunflowers	8.25	Exxon Mobil	36.71	up 0.27
On Sumowers	0.23	New Atmos	20.20	up 0.25
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		Pioneer Nat		dn 0.37
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Puritan	17.45	Tenneco	1.61	up 0.01
		Triad Hospitals	27.67	up 0.12
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Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Wal-Mart		dn 0.12
		Williams	23.46	dn 0.60
BP	up 0.12			
Celanese 18.53	up 0.23			
Cabot	up 0.29	New York Gold		274.35
Cabot O&G21.70	up 0.24	Silver		4.31
Chevron/Texaco84.33	up 0.08	West Texas Crude		18.12

#### Services tomorrow

CORNELLISON, Michael Townsend - 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa. JOHNSON, Nelce Laverne — 2 p.m., Knobles Cemetery, Kingston, Okla.

### Obituaries (cont.)

**EDDIE O. WOOLSEY REED** 

Eddie O. Woolsey Reed, 89, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Reed was born Aug. 5, 1912, in Wilbarger County, Texas. She married Oda Rheuben Reed on July 3, 1930, at Portales, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1994. She moved to Pampa in 1949 from Montana. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Truman W Reed, in 1972.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-inlaw, Delilah C. and Carl Flippen and Mary O. Harrison, all of Pampa, and Deloris C. and Donald Coffey of Chester, Va.; a son, Danny Ray Reed, Sr., of Pottsboro; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

#### **DOROTHY SIKES**

Dorothy Sikes, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral



Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Sikes was born April 14, 1921, at Grandfield, Okla. She married A.L. Sikes on Sept. 17, 1938, at Vernon. She had been a Pampa resident since 1943 and was a member of Central Baptist Church and Pampa Senior Citizens. She was

a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, A.L., of Amarillo; two sons, Gerald Wayne Sikes of Edmondton, Alberta, Canada, and Gary Doyle Sikes of Houston; a daughter, Sherilan Ketchersid of Pampa; a sister, Judy Landes of Houston; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grand-

. The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. 7th St. Amarillo, TX 79106.

### Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Dec. 13

An unattended death was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Forgery was reported at Domino's, 1332 N. Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Foster where a 2001 Dodge Stratus had been scratched on the trunk.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Frost where an air compressor owned by Paul Coronis Construction and valued at \$400 was stolen.

John W. Minnett, 24, 118 S. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication.

Friday, Dec. 14

Lana Hanks, 39, 816 N. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication.

### **Sheriff's Office**

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

Thursday, Dec. 13

Dalton McCormick, 35, 1200 N. Wells, criminal trespass and burglary of a building.

Max Beatty Floyd, 22, McLean, criminal trespass and burglary of a building.

Christopher John Bybee, 21, McLean, criminal trespass and burglary of a building.

Richard Aaron Dills, 35, Big Spring, Texas, arrested for the Pampa Police Department on a grand jury indictment for aggravated sexual

Dustin Miles Fuller, 20, 1104 N. Russell, theft over \$50, under \$500.

### **Ambulance**

assault.

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Dec. 13

12:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of North Hamilton and transported one to PRMC.

3:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Williston; no transport.

8:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of S. Schnieder and transported one to

#### Fires

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

Thursday, Dec. 13

12:45 p.m. - One unit an three firefighters responded to a false alarm in the 1300 block of

West Kentucky. 7:38 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters checked for carbon monoxide at a residence in the 300 block of Ann. An elevated level of the poisonous gas was found near the water heater. No injuries were listed on the fire report.

# Appeals court: Judge to look further into claims of 700 people suing TTU

LUBBOCK (AP) — An appellate court in al public. Amarillo has ordered a state judge in Lubbock to further investigate the claims of relatives of deceased Alzheimer's patients who donated biological samples to Texas Tech University for research purposes.

A lawsuit filed by 700 family members against Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center seeks to prevent the school from destroying samples for which it does not possess consent forms. The samples and records have been in storage since the project was suspended amid concerns about whether proper research guidelines were followed.

Using the samples without valid consent forms violates state and federal law, university officials have said, and a significant number of samples were obtained without legally approved informed At a hearing in September before District Judge

Blair Cherry, Tech attorney David Jenkins, who works for the state attorney general's office, said officials have maintained the samples since the lawsuit was filed but many previously were damaged The order late last month from the 7th Court of

Appeals came after the state Attorney General's Office, which wants the relatives dismissed from the suit, appealed the case. Attorney General John Cornyn's office inter-

vened in the lawsuit on behalf of Texas Tech, saying 2,200 families, and 150 brains, of which 137 had it had oversight for charitable trusts like medical research projects.

Cornyn's office also argued that the relatives' sole their interest was no greater than that of the gener-ry.

But the appeals court said plaintiffs' interest would be very different from that of the general public if they had donated the brains of deceased relatives. Records at the research center do not show which plaintiffs donated relatives' remains, so the court remanded the case to District Judge Blair Cherry in Lubbock.

The ruling means that the relatives lawsuit against the university could proceed. A hearing

date was not scheduled. Floyd Holder, the attorney for the families, said the ruling suggests that additional evidence, such as showing that Tech abandoned the Alzheimer's research project, could support the standing of other research participants.

The DNA bank's founder, Dr. Shirley Poduslo, was fired as director of the bank in January 2000 for allegedly not following research guideline. She has since taken a position at a school in Georgia and the relatives would like the samples transported so that she can continue her research there.

Tech officials said they will eventually resume the

Testimony in a previous hearing indicated that many biological samples in the bank may be useless because the temperature of storage tanks was not properly maintained.

Tech's bank had about 10,000 blood samples from been affected by Alzheimer's.

By compiling samples from numerous family members, researchers sought to determine genetinterest in the research was the discovery of a treatic links to the disease and develop a cure for the ment or cure for Alzheimer's disease, and thus disease that gradually destroys short-term memo-

## Chemical plant blast injures two

LONGVIEW, (AP) - Two spokesman for the Texas Natural about 2,000 gallons of the chemworkers suffered minor injuries in an explosion at the Eastman Chemical plant on Thursday.

Authorities said a 9,000-gallon catalyst chemical tank rup-

"At about 1:35 p.m., Eastman experienced the failure of a tank containing maleic anhydride. Currently we do not anticipate this incident to impact human health or the environment off the plant site," company spokesman Keith Holman told the Longview News-Journal for a story in Friday's editions.

Both injured workers were treated at the scene. The company sounded the all-clear on the emergency at 4:30 p.m., Holman

Maleic anhydride is a chemi-

Resource Commission. He described the sion. chemical as "moderately toxic"

if it comes in contact with skin. "It is very corrosive and lic. could be harmful to your eyes or

Fernandez said commission officials were told the tank had 1,900 workers.

Conservation ical in it at the time of the explo-

Eastman officials said there was no health threat to the pub-

No cause has been determined for the accident.

The plant employs about

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### **RECEIPTS**

being spent here this year than last.

"The October sales tax is \$24,806 higher than last year," the finance director said. "This is a per-capita increase in retail sales of \$94 for the month. If we use the number of utility connections and determine there are 8,000 households that would be an increase of taxable sales of \$206 per household."

That amount, Horst said, "seems to be an unreasonable increase for just the residents inside the city-limits and leads me to believe cal used in plastics production, that our local merchants are drawing customers from other towns Fernandez, and the surrounding rural areas."

## City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

A&T YARD Service has firewood and trees for sale!! (Oak, \$5.50 lb. Call 669-7277, 669-9614 Art Emporium, 115 N. Cuyler. Mesquite & Pinon) call for prices, 663-0662 or 663-0663.

ANGELS, ANGELS, we have Salvation Army Angels on our tree!! Come get an Angel & make a child's Christmas happier this Dec. 15th, 9-? year!! Deadline to return gifts is Dec. 18th. The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, 669-2525.

ASST. FRESH cut Christmas Trees 4ft-10ft, \$5-\$10 each! Available at Franks Thriftway, 300 E Brown and Franks True Value, 401 N Ballard. Happy Holidays!

BABY'S FIRST Christmas!! Show off your new "Little One!" Deadline Dec. 19th-noon, \$25 (paid in advance). Fampa News

**CELEBRATIONS** Christmas Candy is Buy 1 & Get 1 Free. Look for In-Store Specials! 665-3100, Coronado Center. Free Delivery.

**CHRISTMAS** MASSAGE specials 1 massage \$50, 2 massages \$95, 3 massages \$145, 4 massages \$195. Each massage, or gift certificate is eligible for the Dec. drawing worth \$35 plus second drawing worth \$10 off the next massage. Danny Degner-The Golden Touch 806-665-6850

ANNUAL ABWA Pecan Sale,

**CLOTHING ROOM Mary El**len & Harvester Church of Christ rv 40% of at Carousel Expression (building across the street, south 113 N Cuyler of Pampa High School) open Sat.

CLUB BIARRITZ, Sat. Dec. 15th, come listen to the great music of Bo Salling and the Breaks Are All Gone, Seating limited.

FLAG POLES for X-mas, 20 ft. 665-3036, T-Shirts & More.

FOR SALE 1988 Ford Taurus Model LX, good cond., 1 owner. Storm door 36 in. width, good cond. 669-7931 days, 665-8779

FOY'S TOY & Bicycle Give Away, spon. by Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ, Sat. Dec. 15, 9 a.m. in ME Church of Christ Youth Bldg., 1325 Mary Ellen.

GOLF EQUIPMENT & Merchandise Sale @ David's Golf Shop. Don't go anywhere else if you can buy it here. Buy your golfer a gift certificate & let them get what they want after Christmas. Call 669-5866 if we can help you. Last minute items, we have

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JEWELRY SALE-MOST jewel-

LONE STAR Country club: Fri. Dec. 14th DJ, Sat. Dec. 15th,

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"Cimarron" live on stage.

**ONEIDA SALE- 50% off Open** Stock Sale at On Eagles Wings 109 N Cuyler

PACK -N -Mail will be open Sat. Dec. 8th and 15th from 9-12 for all your packing and shipping purposes! 665-6171.

PAMCEL FEDERAL Credit Union is accepting sealed bids through Noon Dec. 20, 2001, on a black 2000 Mitsubishi Montero Sport XLS. The vehicle is 4WD with 39,000 miles, excellent cond. Pamcel FCU reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For more info call 663-4949.

SONIC IS accepting Toys for Tots for the Tralee Crisis Center, drop toys off 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

#### Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, sunny. Highs 55 to 60. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

breezy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday, increasing clouds

STATEWIDE — Patchy fog shrouded Southeast Texas early Friday as the upper-level storm system that brought rain to and 41 degrees at Paris. northern parts of the state moved into southwestern Missouri.

The fog reduced visibility to one-quarter mile at College Station, Houston and Lufkin.

Meanwhile, skies cleared

across all but the extreme north-Tonight, partly cloudy and east and lower Rio Grande Valley overnight, allowing temperatures to drop somewhat. Early-morning temperatures and windy. Highs in the lower ranged from 21 degrees at

Amarillo and Dalhart to 57 at 50s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 Brownsville. Other readings were 29 degrees at Alliance Airport in

erly at 5 to 15 mph. Wind chills were mainly in the teens and mid-20s.

A chance of showers and thunderstorms was expected Saturday in North Texas, with the possibility of light showers in the far west.

Daytime highs through Sunday should range from the 50s to lower 60s and mid-70s along the Rio Grande, except for mid-40s in the mountains.

Increasing cloudiness was Fort Worth, 36 degrees at Dryden and 41 degrees at Paris. expected early Saturday with lows from 25 degrees in the Winds were variable, but Panhandle and mountains to mostly southerly and southwest- lower 40s in the Concho Valley.

By LARRY N Associated P

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### Judge orders man indicted in terrorist attacks sent for trial

By LARRY NEUMEISTER Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Four men who quickly became FBI targets in the days following the Sept. only one was facing faces charges related to terror-

In one courtroom Thursday, a Virginia man whose phone number was found inside a car registered to one of the hijackers pleaded guilty to o forgery. In another, two men arrested with boxcutcharged with conspiring to commit credit card 23 co-conspirators to murder thousands.

Only Zacarias Moussaoui, a 33-year-old Frenchman who has been jailed since August, denied bail Thursday and ordered sent to Alexandria, Va., for trial.

Manhattan in handcuffs and shackles. He didn't enter a plea and only nodded in the direction of Judge Barbara Jones when she asked if his undername on a \$220 rental subsidy check. stood his rights.

conspiracy charges, four of them punishable by death, Attorney General John Ashcroft described him as an "active participant" in the attacks on the the attacks. World Trade Center and the Pentagon that left 3,200 people dead or missing.

The indictment said Moussaoui's activities mirrored those of the 19 hijackers as he attended flight school, opened a bank account with cash, bought to the Salvation Army. flight deck videos and looked into crop dusting cash for flight lessons in Minnesota.

would safeguard the community."

Moussaoui's court-appointed lawyer, Donald improperly videotaping his attorney-client conferappeared in published reports.

ences. His client wanted to donate the daily material witness payments to the orphans of Chechnya, he said later.

The attorney also asked the judge to keep Moussaoui in New York at least another day 11 terrorist attacks appeared before judges, but because a lawyer was flying from France to meet with him, but the judge declined. Details of the transfer were not released.

Moussaoui's arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 2 on conspiracy charges for terrorism, aircraft piracy, destruction of aircraft, use of weapons of mass destruction, murder and destruction of propters on a train the day after the attacks were erty. The indictment says Moussaoui worked with

Asked if his client feared the potential death penalty, the lawyer said, "He's not scared." He said Moussaoui was facing threats and harsh physical stands charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. He was treatment in jail, and had protested his conditions.

In another courtroom, in Alexendria, Va., Mohamed Abdi, whose first name and phone Moussaoui walked into U.S. District Court in number were found on a map in a hijacker's car. left at Dulles International Airport, pleaded guilty Thursday to forgery for signing his landlord's

Abdi, a Somali native and naturalized U.S. citi-After Moussaoui's indictment Tuesday on six zen, "may be a witness to the most heinous crime ever perpetrated on America," prosecutor Rob Spencer has said. Abdi has never been charged in

Attorney Joseph Bowman said Abdi "has been beating his brains out to figure out how his name and phone number ended up in that car." He said the map may have been left in a car Abdi donated

In the case of the two men detained Sept. 12 planes. He was detained Aug. 17 on immigration after they were found with boxcutters on an charges after he aroused suspicion trying to pay Amtrak train in Forth Worth, Texas, a law enforcement source told The Associated Press on condi-Jones denied him bail, saying: "There are no tion of anonymity Wednesday that investigators conditions or combination of conditions that no longer believe they were connected to the

The two were charged Thursday with conspir-DuBoulay, accused the government of failing to ing to commit credit card fraud. The criminal comproperly identify his client, declining to pay a \$40- plaint-identifies one as Syed Gul Mohammed Shah, per-day material witness fee to his client and with an alias of Ayub Ali Khan, the name that has

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## Texas Round Up

#### **Education secretary urges** schools to be vigilant

HOUSTON (AP) — With Texas schools still on alert after a terrorist threat, an adviser to U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige is urging parents to make sure an

children attend classes. Paige said Thursday that schools, which formerly had to heighten their security to protect unaltered by navigation glitch students from internal threats

"but now you have the terrorism

situation stacked on top of it." safety issues in the Department of another unit took over.

state officials announced what blame. they called a potential "low-level" and "vague" threat that two peo- an impact to the mission dura- the Dec. 1 runoff.

ple may retaliate against an tion," Hale said. "We expect to unknown Texas school for the have a full normal mission dura-U.S. bombing in Afghanistan. No reports of any incidents or

by authorities after the unverified that work properly is preferred so threat, but they noted that campus there is a backup available, Hale emergency plan exists where their security remained on alert said. statewide.

#### Schedule for shuttle return

SPACE CENTER, Houston involving other pupils bent on (AP) — NASA says a malfunction Alpha's outgoing crew on committing mass shootings, have with a navigation device on space Thursday continued preparing for a broader challenge since Sept. 11. shuttle Endeavour shouldn't its return home aboard "Not only must we deal with affect plans calling for the ship to Endeavour after having spent the the Columbine and Paducah and leave the international space sta- last four months on the orbiting Jonesboro type issues," Paige said, tion on Saturday and return to outpost. Earth early next week.

That's where an emergency ment units on the shuttle started election incidents in complaint management plan such as that having problems early Thursday, maintained by counties comes setting off an alarm in the cockpit what she calls irregularities durinto play, said former Houstonian after the astronauts had gone to ing the Houston mayoral runoff Eric Andell, Paige's adviser on bed. It was taken off-line and election, the chairwoman of the

"The schools alone," said be working normally now but it's Department to investigate. Andell, a former state appellate not being used until engineers figjudge and juvenile judge in ure out what caused the malfunc-Houston, "can't protect the tion, flight director Wayne Hale County, and those neighborhoods said. An intermittent electrical On Wednesday, the FBI and failure in circuitry might be to Brown, the city's first black

tion (and) landing on Monday."

The shuttle only needs one of pranks were received Thursday the units to fly but having two

> But if another were to fail considered highly unlikely — the shuttle would be forced to return to Earth.

Meanwhile, space station

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> Let me outline six broad guidelines that I think you'll be able to apply. These principles represent the ssence of my philosophy of discipline.

First: Define the boundaries before they are enforced. The most important step in any disciplinary procedure is to establish reasonable expectations and boundaries in advance. The child should know what is and what is not acceptable behavior before he is held responsible for those rules. This precondition will eliminate the sense of injustice that a youngster feels when he is punished for his accidents, mistakes and blunders. If you haven't defined it, don't enforce it.

Second: When you are defiantly challenged, respond with confident decisiveness. Once a child understands what is expected, she should then be held accountable for behaving accordingly. That sounds easy, but as we have seen, most children will assault the authority of their elders and challenge their right to lead. In a moment of rebellion, a little child will consider her parents' instructions and defiantly chose to disobey. Like a military general before a battle, she will calculate the potential risk, marshal her forces, and attack the enemy with guns blazing.

When that nose-to-nose confrontation occurs between generations, it is extremely important for the adult to win decisively and confidently. The child has made it clear that she's looking for a fight, and her parents would be wise not to disappoint her!

Nothing is more destructive to parental leadership than for a mother or father to disintegrate during that struggle. When the parent consistently loses those battles, resorting to tears and screaming and other evidence of frustration, some dramatic changes take place in the way they are "seen" by their children. Instead of being secure and confident leaders, they become spineless jellyfish who are unworthy of respect or allegiance.

Third: Distinguish between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility. A child should not be punished for behavior that is not willfully defiant. When he forgets to feed the dog or make his bed or take out the trash-when he leaves your tennis racket outside in the rain or loses his bicycle-remember that these behaviors are typical of childhood. It is the mechanism by which an immature mind is protected from adult anxieties and pressures.

Be gentle as you teach him to do better. If he fails to respond to your patient instruction, it then becomes appropriate to administer some welldeserved consequences (he may have to work to pay for the item he abused or be deprived of its use, etc.). Just remember that childish irresponsibility is very different from willful defiance, and should be handled more patiently.

Fourth: Reassure and teach as soon as the confrontation is over. After a time of conflict during which the parent has demonstrated his or her right to lead (particularly if it resulted in tears for the child), the youngster between 2 and 7 (or older) may want to be loved and reassured. By all means, open your arms and let her come! Hold her close and tell her of your love. Rock her gently and let her know, again, why she was punished and how she can avoid the trouble next time. This moment of communication builds love, fidelity, and family

Fifth: Avoid impossible demands. Be absolutely sure that your child is capable of delivering what you require. Never punish him for wetting the bed involuntarily or for not becoming potty-trained by 1 year of age, or for doing poorly in school when he is incapable of academic success. These impossible demands put the child in an irresolvable conflict: There is no way out. That condition brings inevitable damage to human emotional apparatus.

Sixth: Let love be your guide! A relationship that is characterized by genuine love and affection is likely to be a healthy one, even though some parental mistakes and errors are inevitable.

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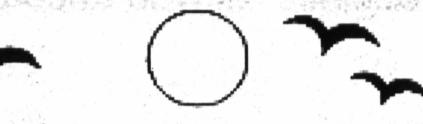
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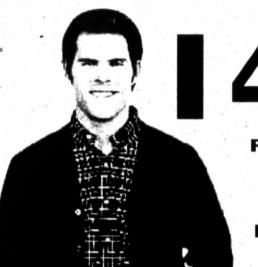


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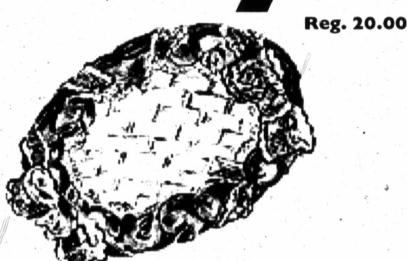
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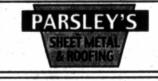
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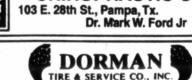
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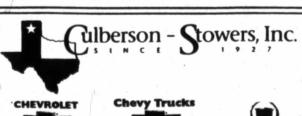
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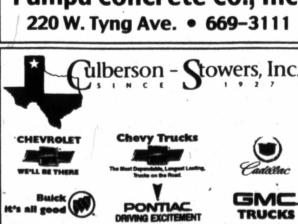
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## Candlelight service open to all

will bathe the sanctuary of First ladies. On other occasions, men everyone present. Pentecostal Holiness Church, have handled this responsibility. 1700 Alcock, during it's annual In some presentations the youth the busy Christmas season, the Christmas candlelighting service of the church perform the proat 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

A longtime tradition, the

Organized around the them, Christmas season. "The Light of the World," the

tuned it from year to year. In some years, the speaking off and the only illumination is everyone to attend.

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Mary Maggard, who has fine- vice. Before the conclusion, all community. lights in the sanctuary are turned. They extend an invitation for

With all the rush and stress of service provides a time of meditation and chance to remember Through all these variations, the "Light of the World" who Christmas, bringing the light of

Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard join with the congrega-Audience involvement adds tion in declaring this service the program was first developed by an interesting feature to the ser- church's Christmas gift to the

## 'Christmas at Calvary' present to community

There's a "song in the air" this Christmas at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

"Christmas At Calvary," an evening of Christmas music presented by the music department at Calvary Baptist Sunday night, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. in the church's worship center.

Theme of the program is how music is interwoven into the Christmas season, especially Christmas carols. The program even allows the audience to enjoy Christmas music performed by children and preschoolers.

The choirs consist of a Preschool Choir, two Children's Choirs, and the Adult Choir. In addition, "Shekinah Glory," an ensemble of eight adults, will sing several selections during the program.

Christmas at Calvary will also include drama that involves children, Sandy Crosswhite, and a live nativity scene.

Calvary Christmas Orchestra, directed by Jason Jones, will accompany several of the choir selections, in addition to playing by themselves. The 20-piece orchestra is made up of Calvary Baptist Church musicians and Pampa High

School band members. Highlight of the evoning will be the finale, performed by the adult choir and orchestra.

They will join together to conclude the evening with a stirring arrangement of the "Hallelujah Chorus," from Handel's Messiah.

"Christmas at Calvary" is free to the public. Seating will be on a "first come" basis.

### plans New Year's Eve dinner, dance

AMARILLO - Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 Mays, plans an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Centr Grand

Singles Ministry

The event begins at 7 p.m. and will continue until 12 a.m., Dec. 31,

Dress will be church attire to semi-formal.

A photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. The evening includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance in an alcohol- and smoke-free atmosphere.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is Saturday, Dec. 22 For more information and ticket prices, contact Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 353-6615.

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## Stories in rabbi's book run from tragic to funny

Segal certainly was no stranger to

He knew it gathered people together in a community of faith and support. But sometimes it

seemed a sterile topic, he said. Then in 1981 his son Michael was shot in the head and left for dead in a gas station robbery.

As he sat in the hospital waiting room facing bleak news about his son's condition, Segal turned to

"I think prayer was to me a very theoretical thing" until then, he said. "But here I was down on the ground and my face was in the mud and I guess I just turned over. When you are on the ground and turn over, what do you see? You see the stars."

The story of how Michael

HOUSTON — As a rabbi, Jack recovered well enough to graduate with honors from the University of would never imagine happening to Texas and eventually become a a rabbi," said Segal, who continues social worker in a Houston hospital to serve the congregation as rabbi opens Segal's new book, When emeritus. Man Closes Doors, God Opens

retired as senior rabbi of has developed an unofficial fan Congregation Beth Yeshurun in club of sorts. Houston in 1996. The book's 24 stories run from the tragic to the tion, he was there during important cried with him," Rubin said. "I humorous and are taken from life events such as births, deaths think the congregation was able to Segal's life as well as his years of and marriages, said Terry Rubin, a offer support in this time because

Beth Yeshurun.

"In this book are stories you

After serving as the rabbi of Congregation Beth Yeshurun and . Segal started the book after he in his role as rabbi emeritus, Segal

For members of the congregaexperience as a rabbi, 32 of them at member of Congregation Beth we learned from him how to do

In the 16 years she has known Segal, he has shared stories and jokes with the congregation, Rubin said. Though often funny and sometimes repeated, the tales also served a pedagogical purpose, she said. By the time the stories were about his son's shooting, the congregation had learned some of the

"When he cried, the congregants



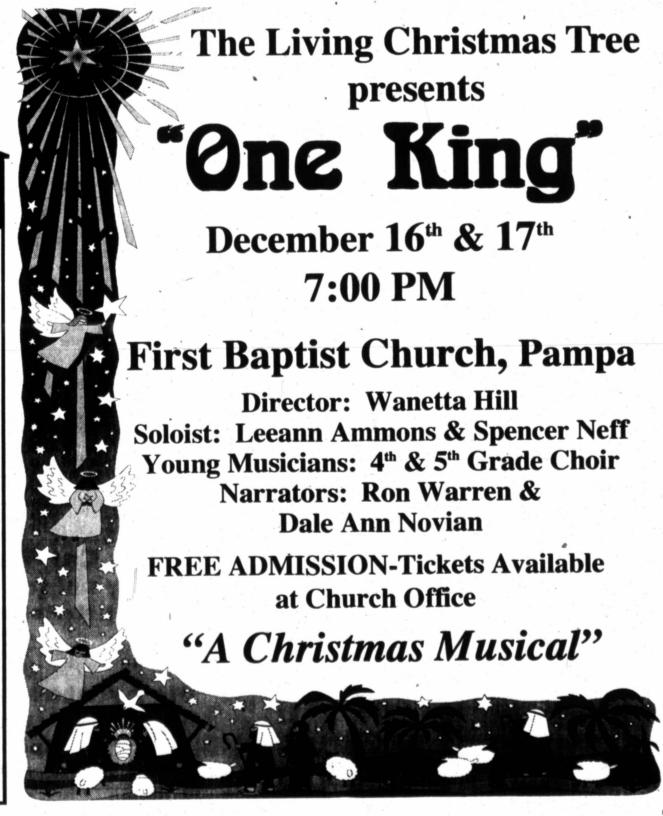
Realtor WHAT BUYERS WANT

För many buyers, the decision to move is often prompted by the desire for more bedrooms. Whether the extra bedroom is used for sleeping, a guest bedroom is used for steeping, a guest room, an exercise room, a child's play-room, or hobby room/office, buyers want the versatility that the extra space affords them. With this in mind, sellers are encouraged to purge their homes of clutter to free up as many rooms as possible that could qualify as bedrooms. As for the master bedroom, most prefer to have it separated from the home's other steeping quarters. the home's other sleeping quarters.

And while the kitchen continues to remain the focus of a majority of buyers, many are placing increasing emphasis on such exterior features as a porch, deck and patto.

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### Attack bodes ill for India-Pakistan relations

Relations between India and Pakistan were already dismal India's Parliament building. Now they may be in a downward spiral.

Though few have publicly blamed Pakistan for the suicide attack that claimed 12 lives Thursday, there is concern it will increase tension between the nuclear rivals.

war," said K.P.S. Gill, one of India's leading anti-terrorism

Predictions were just as grim across the border.

"Relations between the two countries will nose-dive further," said Riffat Hussain, chairman of defense and strategic studies at Quaid-e-Azam University in Islamabad. "If they don't accuse Pakistan, they have no one else to blame but themselves."

Gunmen with explosives stormed the red sandstone complex and began firing in what has been called the worst breach of state security since the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee vowed revenge.

"Now the fight against terrorism has reached its last phase. We will fight a decisive battle to the end," Vajpayee told the

Vajpayee and India's senior leaders on Thursday were careful not to even whisper blame against Pakistan, with whom India has fought three wars since independence from Britain in

But by Friday, many other Indians were pointing straight at Pakistan and Afghanistan, and to the al-Qaida terrorism network blamed for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

"For long, we have waited for Pakistan to stop aiding terrorism in this country," said Vijay Kumar Malhotra, a senior leader of Vajpayee's party and member of Parliament. "India should attack and destroy the terrorist camps in Pakistan-controlled

India has long accused Pakistan, today a key U.S. ally in its global war on terrorism, of nenting terrorism by training and supporting the Islamic militants who have waged a 12-year insurgency in the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir.

The Islamic separatists are fighting for an independent Kashmir or a merger with Muslim Pakistan. Islamabad insists it offers the "freedom

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NEW DELHI, India (AP) - fighters" only moral and diplo- statement - calling the attackers matic support.

India blamed Pakistan for the before the terrorist attack on suicide attack that killed 40 people at the Kashmir state legislature on Oct. 1. A Pakistan-based militant group claimed credit, then later denied involvement.

Pakistan's military leader, Pakistan. President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, was quick to condemn the attacks on Thursday.

intruders," Musharraf said. "I have been saddened by the loss of tion. life and the injuries suffered by Indian security personnel in the

But two words in Musharraf's Musharraf made a grave error.

"armed intruders" instead of "terrorists" - raised eyebrows and suspicion in New Delhi on Friday.

Pramod Mahajan, India's parliamentary affairs minister, was asked if the attackers were from

"General Musharraf called them 'armed intruders.' He was not even ready to use the word "I was shocked to learn about terrorists," Mahajan told Star "It can't get worse, short of the attack earlier today by armed News TV. "That should be enough to answer your ques-

> Kanti Bajpai, a professor of disarmament at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, said

"Musharraf should call them terrorists," he said. "His statement, that's asking for trouble."

Bajpai noted that India blames Pakistan for having supported the Taliban, which harbored the al-Qaida terrorism network blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. He expects India to retaliate against Pakistan.

"They may take their time over it, to show the world that they did it with due process, but I think the chances are pretty high," he said.

J.N. Dixit, a former foreign secretary and high commissioner to Pakistan, said Thursday's strike should be a warning to the United States that its global war on terrorism had failed in India.

### **Festival of Trees**



Clara Quary of Pampa Garden Club shows off the tree PGC recently entered in the annual Festival of Trees.

### EU summit in Brussels to launch reform talks

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at Laeken — a suburb of Brussels — world stage. will also launch a fresh round of

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Officials expect the two-day sum-

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - reform talks to prepare the 15- mit to go into overtime as other international issues, including the Balkans and Afghanistan, occupy "Its agenda is a particularly heavy

one and should see us take important decisions for the immediate and longer-term future of our Union," Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt; who will chair the summit, said in his invitation letter to his European colleagues.

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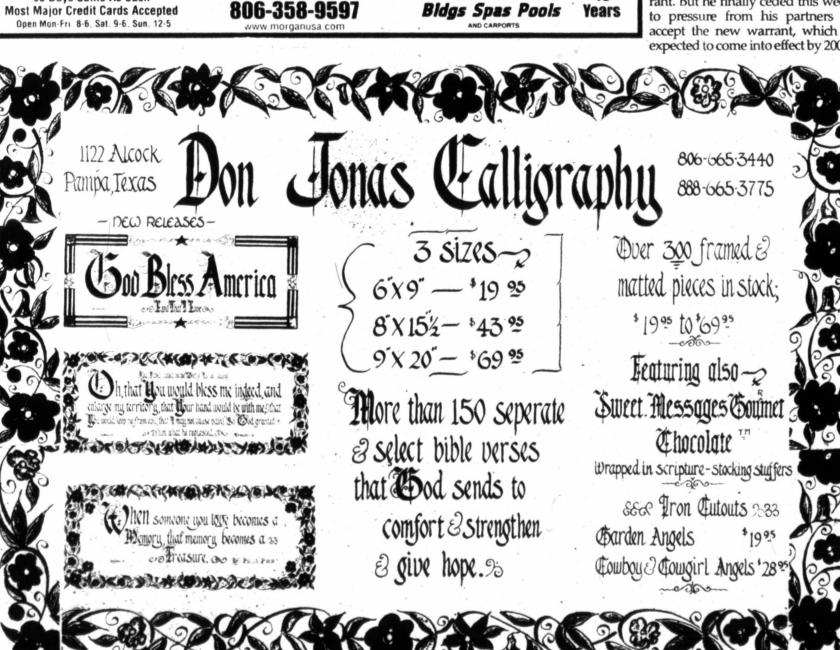
First on the agenda and most urgent to many, will be bolstering coordination to fight terrorism and hunt down suspects wanted for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi had objected to the considerable range of crimes covered by a proposed EU-wide arrest warrant. But he finally ceded this week to pressure from his partners to accept the new warrant, which is expected to come into effect by 2004.

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EU leaders will also discuss lingering problems surrounding the introduction of euro coins and notes, which will come into circula-

the Pentagon.



### Israeli troops enter West Bank following air raids

By MARK LAVIE **Associated Press Writer** 

JERUSALEM (AP) - Six Palestinians were killed early Friday during Israeli incursions into West Bank villages, following two days of Israeli air strikes in retaliation for Palestinian attacks, jeopardizing a U.S. truce mission.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon late Thursday, seeking clarifications about how an Israeli Security Cabinet decision to stop contacts with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority will affect his cease-fire talks.

Early Friday, Israeli tanks and troops moved into three large West Bank villages — Dura, near Hebron, and Salfit and Assira Ashmalia, near Nablus. Israeli forces searched the villages and made arrests. Six Palestinian policemen were killed in clashes in Salfit, Palestinians doctors

The Israelis arrested 20 people in Salfit and 10 in Dura, Palestinian security officials said. Salfit is in a Palestinian-controlled area. Dura and Assira Ashmalia are under joint Israel-Palestinian control. The Israelis destroyed two houses in Salfit, Palestinians

In a statement, the Israeli military said soldiers exchanged fire with armed Palestinians in Salfit, killing five and wounding four and making arrests. In Assira Ashmalia, the military said it arrested 13 Palestinians. The statement said Israeli forces warned Palestinian security before the incursions and also arrested a Hamas activist in Dura and another in Hebron.

In Gaza, Palestinians said Israeli tanks and bulldozers entered a refugee camp across from a bloc of Israeli settlements and destroyed 10 houses and a factory. Three people were hurt, one seriously. The Israeli military said its forces destroyed a number of buildings to reduce gunfire at the settlements.

Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh ple, its elected leadership and the peace process," he said.

helicopters Palestinian security buildings for bombers.

the second day in a row, retalia-tion for Palestinian attacks Wednesday that killed 10 Israelis and wounded 30.

Palestinians said a police medical facility was hit in one strike. Doctors said 15 people were injured, none seriously.

Helicopters fired missiles at a security building next to a mosque, where windows were shattered from the blast. Witnesses said Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of the militant Hamas, and the group's spokesman, Mahmoud Zahar, were in the mosque at the time. They were not hurt.

Yassin was supposed to be under house arrest since Dec. 6, part of Arafat's announced crackdown on militant groups. The arrest triggered a clash between Palestinian police and Hamas supporters, in which a protester was killed.

Later, Palestinian officials said Yassin, a quadriplegic, had agreed to abide by the terms of the house arrest, and police were withdrawn.

Yassin's attending a mosque Thursday was concrete evidence backing up statements from Palestinian officials, who said they could not continue their operations against the militants because of the Israeli strikes. Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh called the strikes an Israeli "declaration of war."

Palestinians also suspended a day-old order closing all offices of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, radical Islamic groups that have claimed responsibility for dozens of bombings, including suicide attacks, that have killed scores of Israelis and injured hundreds.

Responding to the Wednesday attacks, the Israeli air force pounded Palestinian buildings as the Security Cabinet declared that Arafat was "directly responsible" for the attacks and cut off all contact with him and the Palestinian Authority.

That put Zinni on the spot. Since his arrival on Nov. 26, he charged that Israel is trying to has been meeting with Arafat, sabotage international peace Sharon and other officials, trying efforts. "This is a comprehensive to arrange a truce to end more war against the Palestinian peo- than 14 months of fighting. Since Israelis have been killed. The On Thursday, Israeli warplanes Palestinian toll included 19 blasted armed attackers and 10 suicide

### TV soap opera about polygamist rocks Arab world, angers women

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Hajj Metwalli has three wives and is considering a fourth. He's happy, his wives consider themselves lucky, and the soap opera about their fictional lives has set off a debate across the Arab world about polygamy, Islam and love.

The daily drama, "The Family of Hajj Metwalli," was the most watched program on Egyptian television and drew wide audiences on at least 12 other Arab channels during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, traditionally a stage for splashy TV shows.

Islam allows men to take up to four wives on the condition that women is impossible outside Metwalli's charmed and fictional

Those who consider the show fantasy find it amusing. Many women are angry, while some men envy Metwalli.

like the idea of Metwalli's lifestyle dominating the small screen during Ramadan, when families are glued to their TV sets more than the rest of the year.

"We don't need this backward thing, including women. There was no mention of love in those Nowae marriages," Khalil said. Mustafa Moharam, the series'

script writer, said he was happy he had succeeded in getting peo-

"I wanted to throw a stone in stagnant waters, I meant to push people to think and discuss relations between husbands and wives and the controversial issue of polygamy," Moharam said.

He added he wanted to encourage marriage, as he believes that the number of single people from both sexes is alarming.

"Unmarried women suffer much more than the first, the second or even the third wife," Moharam said.

His Metwalli is a rich fabrics merchant in his late 50s. The wives dance at each others' wedhe treat each equally. But critics dings and live in harmony in the argue that being fair to four same building — albeit in sepasame building - albeit in separate luxury apartments Metwalli visits according to a strict sched-

"I'm very upset because this series is forging religious consciousness, deforming the value of marriage, and humiliating Yehia Khalil, an Egyptian jazz women by presenting them as musician, is no fan. He didn't objects and slaves," said Zeinab Radwan, who teaches religion at Cairo University.

"Are we promoting the culture of the harem at the beginning of the 21st century? What is this backwardness?" wrote idea that money buys every- leftist journalist Farida Al-

Nowadays, polygamy is uncommon in Arab and Islamic countries. It is legal in countries including Egypt and Saudi Arabia, but banned in Tunisia



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### Congress sends Bush \$343 billion defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) Congress sent President Bush a long-awaited \$343 billion defense bill that gives full funding to his missile defense program while providing the largest military pay raise in two decades and a round of base

An impasse caused by strong opposition to Bush's call for more home safely. base closings delayed the bill for a month. Congress ultimately agreed to one round in 2005, two years later than Bush wanted.

The vote in the House on Thursday was 382-40, followed several hours later by a 96-2 vote in the Senate.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who threatened to recommend a veto if the bill did not include a base-closing round in 2003, would not say Thursday whether the 2005 round in the legislation would allay that threat. "I'm going to have to sleep on that," he told reporters at the

The defense legislation authorizes spending by the Defense Department and military efforts of the Energy Department for the budget year that began Oct. 1. It contains a \$33 billion increase, up 10.6 percent, over 2001 spending, matching Bush's request. A separate appropriations bill must be passed before the money may actually be spent.

In another action Thursday, the Senate unanimously gave final approval by voice vote to the intelligence authorization bill approved Wednesday by the House, sending that to Bush as well.

The intelligence bill places new emphasis on human spy networks and increased analysis of raw data, and calls for an increase of about 8 percent in spending. The actual spending on intelligence has generally been kept secret but has been estimated at about \$30 billion for the past few years.

Under the defense bill, military service members would get a minimum 5 percent across-the-board pay raise — a 10 percent increase in some cases — effective Jan. 1. "The most generous pay raise in 20 years" was the assessment of Rep. Bob Stump, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

construction spending, including ones.

improvements to family housing. Halfway around the globe, thousands of sons and daughters are engaged in a noble cause against the forces of evil and intolerance," said Stump, R-Ariz. He said the bill provides the necessary resources and tools to accomplish

Yet the bill also "has something in it to disappoint virtually everyone involved," said Stump, who opposed base closings. Like other opponents, he opposed shutdowns while the nation is both at war and

that task and ensure they come

mired in an economic slump. Rumsfeld pushed hard for a base-closing round in 2003, saying it could save \$3 billion or more a year that could be spent on essential military activities. He criticized the legislation Thursday.

The Pentagon, he said, would be stuck maintaining and protecting up to one-quarter more bases than it needs, diverting dollars and military personnel from accomplishing "something truly important with respect to the war on terrorism, and it's a shame."

On missile defense, Bush would get his full \$8.3 billion request, a \$3.1 billion increase over 2001. Bush notified Russia Thursday that the United States was pulling out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty because it would impede progress on the program.

Of the \$8.3 billion, Bush could use \$1.3 billion for anti-terrorism efforts instead if he wants.

The defense bill includes another \$7 billion for anti-terrorism spending, a \$1 billion increase from 2001.

Regarding base closings, the president, in consultation with congressional leaders, would appoint a nine-member base closing commission in March 2005. That May, the defense secretary would submit a list of facilities to be closed.

It would take seven members to add a facility to that list, but just a simple majority to remove one. The president could approve that list and send it to Congress, or reject it and send it back to the commission. Neither Congress nor the president could-make changes to the list.

Previous closing rounds - in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 — led to The bill provides more help with the closure or realignment of 451 housing costs and a major boost in installations, including 97 major

### Education plan passes House, heads for Senate

By GREG TOPPO **AP Education Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate is expected to hand President Bush a bipartisan victory next week on his top domestic priority, taking up his education bill after House lawmakers passed it by a wide mar-

If the Senate passes the bill Tuesday as expected, Bush could sign it before

"These landmark reforms will bring purpose to a federal law that has lost its focus and never met its promise," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who chaired the House-Senate education conference committee. The House approved the bill Thursday on a 381-41 vote.

Foremost among the bill's proposals is a requirement that millions of students take annual reading and math tests. For the first time, the scores could affect how much fed-

The House vote was hailed by both Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers spent months refining the massive which provides most of the funding and overall regulation for K-12 education.

"We can no longer accept the level of failure that we have in the past, and this legislation says that we won't," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., who helped write

During last spring's debate, the legisla-

tion was criticized by both liberals and con-

Bush, meant the bill was little more than an expensive testing mandate without an attend low-scoring schools.

On Thursday, several voted to reject the measure, including Majority Whip Rep. in federal spending on elementary and Tom DeLay of Texas. In all, 33 Republicans, secondary education in the 2002 budget six Democrats and both of the House's year, which began Oct. 1. That would be independent members voted against the

whether the funding included in the bill will help low-income students.

"It is a giant step forward, but we are still far away from making sure poor children do not end up with a poor quality instructor and poor quality teaching materials," said Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa.

In addition to testing, the bill would eral funding schools get and how they require schools to adopt plans to close the achievement gaps between low-income and middle-class students and between white federal aid to students for tutoring or transand minority students.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, more freedom in how they spend federal not improve for two years in a row, but if dollars. Money intended for teacher scores do not rise afterward, a school's staff improvement, for example, could instead pay for salary increases or additional

> Districts would have to submit annual "report cards" showing a school's standardized test scores compared with other schools, both locally and statewide.

Schools would have to test students with servatives - mainly for what was left out. limited English skills in English after stu-Conservatives complained that removing dents had spent three consecutive years in government vouchers, originally sought by a U.S. school. Schools also would also get a share of Bush's signature reading program, which provides nearly \$1 billion per year "escape valve" for families whose children for the next five years, in hopes that every student can read by third grade.

Overall, the bill authorizes \$26.5 billion about \$8 billion more than the year before, and about \$4 billion more than Bush Several Democrats said it's still unclear requested, but nearly \$6 billion less than Senate Democrats wanted. The actual amount could be lower, once Congress makes its yearly specific spending deci-

The annual state reading and math tests, to be given to all students in grades three through eight, would gauge the effectiveness of schools, especially those serving poor students. Those with persistently low scores would have to give some of their portation to another public school. More States and school districts also would get aid would flow to schools where scores do could be changed. The tutoring provision was added to the bill in the spring after Republicans failed to gather enough support for vouchers.

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### GOP staunchly refuses to limit debate on farm legislation

delaying reauthorization of agriculture and nutrition programs.

The "money is in deep jeopardy" if Congress doesn't agree quickly on Democratic bill, which would reaua new farm policy, said Senate thorize farm programs through Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. New budget fore- duction and hold down commodity casts to be issued in January may prices. The bill would increase crop pressure Congress to cut back on subsidies by as much as 20 percent. agricultural subsidies, he said.

trying to rush passage of a bad bill that would ultimately hurt farmers.

Congress to finish work on the legis-Senate has yet to finish work on its approved the Democratic measure.

seven votes short of the 60 necessary ments. The vote was 53-45. an agreement on the final version. Democratic leaders said they would try again next Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Federation, suggested Republicans before January or February. "But I GOP senators, Lincoln Chafee of Democrats are accusing Republicans could pay a political price for the of putting farm subsidies at risk by vote. "Virtually every farm group is saying this is a 'gotta-do' situation,"

> But Republicans say the 2006, would stimulate excess pro-

"It would have really short-Republicans say Democrats are changed farmers and rural interests for the Senate leader to ramrod through partisan legislation," said Farm groups have been pushing Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Republicans said there wasn't lation before the end of this year. The enough time for Congress to reach House approved an overhaul of agreement on new farm policy farm programs in October, but the before January, even if the Senate

There are "wide gaps of differ-The Senate on Thursday failed to ences" between the Senate and agree when to finish work on a House bills, said Sen. Thad Cochran, Democratic-authored bill, falling R-Miss. The last time Congress rewrote farm policy, in 1996, negotiato limit debate and restrict amend- tors took several weeks to work out

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for conceded that Congress was unlikethe American Farm Bureau ly to finish work on the legislation

never say. 'No.' I never give up," he

The House legislation provides lower crop subsidies than the Senate Democratic measure, but gives farms more money in fixed payments. The Bush administration has criticized both bills, which would increase farm spending by more than \$70 billion over the next 10 years. The limit, set in a congressional budget agreement, is an increase of nearly

Existing farm programs don't expire until next fall, but agricultural interests are worried that money for their subsidies will shrink after a new budget forecast is issued in House to reverse decisions by gov-

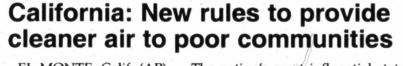
election race in 2002, sided with impossible

Rhode Island and Maine's Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe.

Meanwhile Thursday, the Senate waded through some of the dozens of amendments to the bill that could eventually be proposed.

The Senate agreed, by a 51-46 vote, to ban most meatpackers from owning their own livestock, a restriction intended to prevent processors from controlling supplies of cattle and hogs. The ban, proposed by Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., would not apply to processors owned by farmers.

The Senate narrowly rejected a proposal by Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., to allow the White ernment agencies that might harm Sen. Tim Hutchison, an Arkansas farmers. Environmentalists said Republican who faces a tough re- the measure could have made it Democrats in voting to limit debate Endangered Species Act, the Clean on the bill, as did three northeastern Water Act and other laws.



EL MONTE, Calif. (AP) — The nation's most influential statelevel, air-quality agency unanimously approved a policy aimed at focusing more effort on pollution problems in predominantly poor neighborhoods and on areas whose residents are more likely to be sickened by toxins.

The rules are aimed at creating "environmental justice" by requiring the California Air Resources Board the board to fully consider how its decisions affect poor and minority neighborhoods. "It's obvious these communities are exposed to higher levels of

pollution," said Alan C. Lloyd, board chairman. "It seemed we weren't capturing all the effects (of pollution) because we were focusing on one pollutant at a time.' The board has long concentrated on regional pollution issues

such as smog but now plans to expand its efforts and focus on other

toxic threats, including diesel exhaust. Although Thursday's vote was unanimous, some board members were concerned about the ruling's language. Two members opposed language calling upon the board to "especially" consider

low-income and minority communities. State legislators who helped pass a 1999 law calling for state environmental justice policies urged the board not to weaken its proposed policy's language.

The air board proposal calls for more aid for "all communities, especially low-income communities and communities of color." The

state law uses the word including instead of especially. Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh, D-Los Angeles urged the board to commit specific resources to environmental justice," saying:

"Absent sufficient resources, this is a policy on paper." More than 200 people attended the board's meeting, which concluded late Thursday.



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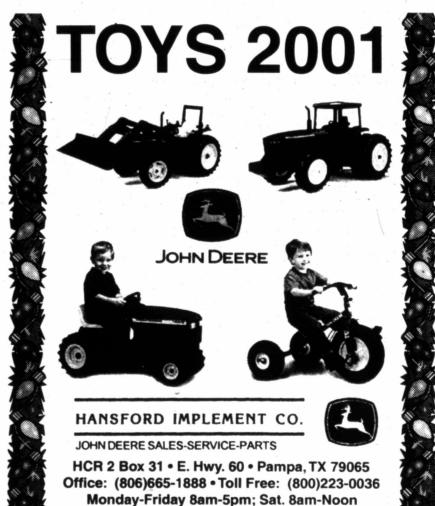
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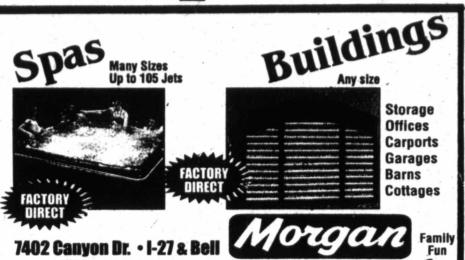
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### Dinner Partner's Payment Plan Is **Difficult to Swallow**

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DEAR ABBY: One of the perks of my job is receiving free or discounted meals at local restaurants. Last week I was invited to dine at one of the best restaurants in town. I thought that "Tess," one of my coworkers, might also enjoy it, so I invited her to share the meal with me. I warned her that we would probably be expected to pay for part of the dinner. She said that would

her wallet, and asked if I'd pick up handle the situation herself. the tab. She promised to pay me I then suggested she keep a back, so I agreed. Then she said she diary of all the things this boy said

Tess and I are paid the same. I don't exactly have a bundle of money to spare either. How should I

bonus.

DEAR ABBY: I want to tell you how my 10-year-old daughter handled a bully. One day after school, HEATHERS AGAINGT — all outgoing, happy, kind, confident young woman. Maybe her story will help someone else caught in this situation. she came home and told me about HEATHER'S MOM, MESA, ARIZ.

ON THAT

PLAYING

YOU BET

YOUR CHRISTMAS

PAST I DO.

SYSTEM?

### **Dear Abby**

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

the physical and verbal abuse she Halfway through the meal, our was experiencing at the hands of a server informed us that we would boy in her class. It was neverbe expected to pay 50 percent of the ending. I asked if she wanted me to bill. Tess told me she had forgotten intervene. She said she wanted to

could afford to pay me only \$1 from and did to her. I told her to take her each future paycheck, and asked if diary to the principal when she felt it was all right for her to order a she had enough evidence to support her case. After several weeks, I got Abby, I was so shocked I could a phone call from the principal of hardly respond. At that rate it will her school. She had just seen my take her a year to pay me back! I daughter and her diary. The boy understand that people are having and his parents were called in a hard time in this economy, but immediately. The abuse stopped

> that day. She never had another problem with him.

Trying to handle the problem FLABBERGASTED IN OREGON herself gave my daughter a sense of power, confidence and control over / DEAR FLABBERGASTED: her own life. Let me add, I was Keep meticulous records, put your hand out every payday and pray she gets a Christmas monitoring the situation from a distance. Had my daughter not been taken seriously by the principal, I would have stepped in.

Today my daughter is a senior in high school - an outgoing, happy,

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TAKE ME AWAY! SHOW

ME NO MORE

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The Family Circus

**DEAR MOM: Your suggestion** is an excellent one. As with any other form of harassment, documenting the incidents and building a body of evidence was vital. I hope other victims of bullying will learn from your letter. You and your daughter handled the situation beauti-

Bidas Spas Pools

DEAR ABBY: I have been shopping with my mother to find a dress for her to wear at my wedding next spring. She wants to wear a tuxedostyle jacket with a long, straight skirt and a red or white bustier.

Abby, my mother just doesn't get it. She thinks the Madonna lingerie look is appropriate, and she intends to wear it to my wedding whether I like it or not.

Any thoughts on this? EMBARRASSED BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR BRIDE: Just one: If there's any chance the motherof-the-bride's outfit will distract attention from the bride, the outfit should be saved for another occasion.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds B.C. only) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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YOU WERE

GONNA ASK ME

HER NAME.

IT'S TOUGH TO SEE YOUR PAST AGAIN.



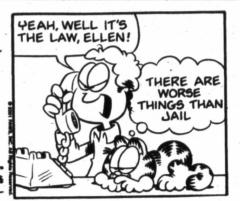






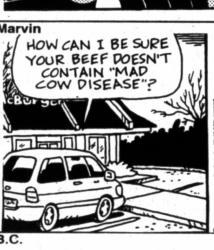






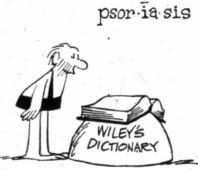


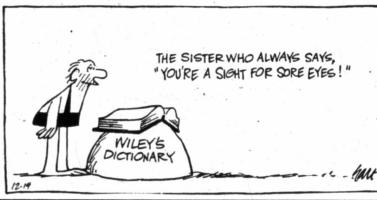


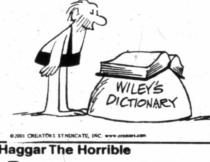




















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**Crossword Puzzle** 

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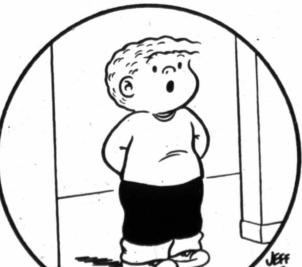
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"Marmaduke likes to help look for things even when he doesn't know what it is."



"How can I tell if I'm on my best behavior?'



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**BASEBA** 

Houston handed Lamber for Orleans Thursday Draft in m ball's win Boston.

Lamber earned rur save in 19 this year Kansas team. He v ERA with games Wilmington

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Yes! Address

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## SPORTS

### **Notebook** SOCCER

PAMPA - An organizational meeting to start a Pampa Wrestling Booster Club will be held at 7 Monday night in the high school library.

The booster club will be for both high school and middle

school wrestling teams.
All interested persons, not just parents, are urged to attend the meeting and help form a club.

#### BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Hereford at 7:30 tonight in a District 3-4A girls basketball McNeely game Fieldhouse.

Pampa is 0-1 in district play and 2-9 for the season, while Hereford is 1-0 in district and 6-6 overall.

LEFORS Andrew Johnson and Ricky Vaughn combined for 42 points to lead Lefors past Higgins 68-59 in high school basketball

Johnson, a 5-10 senior, scored 22 and Vaughn, a 6-2 post, added 20 for the Pirates. Lefors led 36-32 at halftime. The Pirates pulled further away in the third quarter, outscoring the visitors 23-

Zak Scales led Higgins with 29 points. Taos Pool followed with 12.

Higgins won the girls' game by a score of 67-34. Higgins was led in scoring

by Julie Mulkey's 22 points. Savanah Smith and Katie Barnes had 10 points each for

Higgins also got 14 points from Colleen Goff.

#### BASEBALL

Houston Astros chose leftpitcher Lamber for its Triple-A New Zephyrs Orleans Thursday during the Rule 5 Draft in major league baseball's winter meetings in

Lamber was 0-2 with a 5.50 earned run average and one save in 19 relief appearances this year with Wichita, Kansas City's Double-A team. He was 4-4 with a 1.71 ERA with two saves over 20 games for Class A Wilmington.

## Pampa gymnasts have outstanding showing at Texas State Meet

Doughty, Lacie Thompson and floor exercise with an 8.825. Brittany Warminski had an out-Texas State Championship.

Ten-year-old Kelby Doughty, who was making her first trip mances at the meet. Her 9.05 to a state meet, placed in all score four events and in the All- place. Around. She tied for 17th place finished 25th on floor exercise with an 8.95 and was 32nd on balance beam with an 8.85. Her good for 21st place.

Warminski competed in the 12- awesome job for her first state

year-age group at Level 6.
Lacie tied for 10th place on with a 9.125. She also placed meet in January.

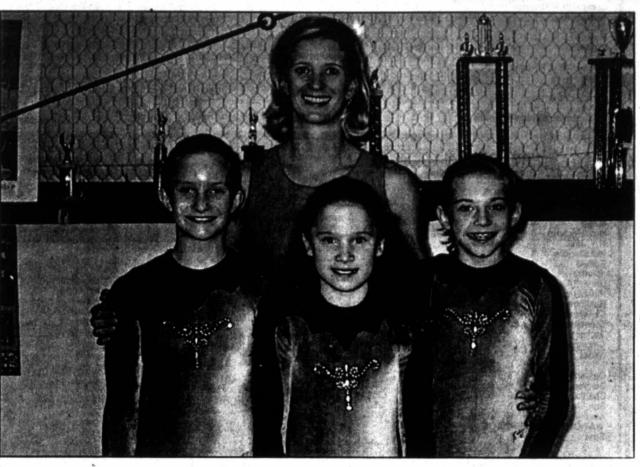
FORT WORTH — Team 22nd on uneven bars with a ampa gymnasts Kelby score of 9.0 and was 29th on

Her All-Around score was standing showing at the Level 6 35.55 and was good for 28th

> Brittany had solid perforscore on vault gave her 20th "I was very proud of all the

on vault a 9.1 and also tied for girls. Not only did they perform 17th on bars with a 9.05. She well, but they maintained confidence and composure at state," said their coach, Kristi Fatheree. "There were over 250 gymnasts 35.95 in the All-Around was entered in the Level 6 state meet, so to place all three girls Lacie Thompson and Brittany was wonderful. Kelby did an meet."

The three gymnasts are curbalance beam with an outstand- rently training for Level 7 and ing routine. Her score for beam will enter their first Level 7



Coach Kristi Fatheree with Pampa gymnasts (from left) Lacie Thompson, Kelby Doughty and Britteny Warminski.

### **National Finals Rodeo Results**

At Thomas and Mack Center

Las Vegas Purse: \$4.6 million

All-Around World standings: 1, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$296,419. 2, Trevor Brazile, Pueblo, Colo., \$216,247. 3, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$204,563. 4, Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$186,121. 5, Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$180,123. 6, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$147,670.

Seventh Round: 1, Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore., 84 points on Brookman Rodeo's Moon Beam, \$13,522. 2, Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., 82, \$10,687. 3, Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., 81, \$8,070. 4 (tie), William Pittman II, Florence, Miss.; James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas; and Jason Jeter Fort Worth, Texas, 79, \$3,780. Average: 1, Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, 580 points on seven head. 2, Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore., 569. 3, Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 568. 4,-Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo.,

566. World standings: 1, Lan LaJeunesse, Redmond, Ore., \$131,225. 3, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$107,066. 4, Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$104,183. 5, Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$99,686. 6, Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$98,373.

Steer Wrestling Seventh Round: 1, Cash Myers,

St. George, Utah, \$99,915. 4, Chad Biesemeyer, Stephenville, Texas, \$97,689. 5, Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas, \$92,698. 6, Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., \$88,173.

Team Roping
Seventh Round: 1, Wade Wheatley, Stephenville, Texas, and Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., 4.2 seconds, \$13,522. 2, Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., and Matt Robertson, Augusta, Mont., 4.6, \$10,687. 3, Daniel Green Oakdale, Calif. and Allen Bach, Millsap, Texas, 4.9, \$8,070. 4, David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, and Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., 5.0, \$5,671. 5, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 5.1, \$3,490. 6 (tie), Richard Eiguren Jordan Valley, Ore., and B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash.; and Kevin Stewart Glen Rose, Calif., and Martin Lucero Stephenville, Texas, 5.3, \$1,091.

Average: 1, Blaine Linaweaver, Leavenworth, Kan., and Jory Levy, Twin Oaks, Okla., 53.5 on seven head. 2, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 65.7.3, David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, and Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., 80.6.. 4, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, and Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas. 82.9.

World standings (headers): 1, Richard Eiguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., \$123,442. 2, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$121,352. 3, Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss., \$99,362. 4, Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$97,948. 5, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$91,537. 6, Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$85,451.

World standings (heelers): 1, B.J Campbell, Benton City, Wash., \$122,351. 2, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$121,352.3 Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., \$99,156. 4, Caleb Twisselman, Sahta Margarita, Calif., \$87,641. 5, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$83,753. 6, Matt Robertson, Augusta, Mont., \$83,597.

ONeill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$8,070. 4 (tie), Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta and Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta, 80, \$4,580. 6, Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas. 79, \$2,181.

Average: 1, Denny Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, 539 points on seven. 2, Red Lemmel, Faith, S.D., 492 on six. 3, Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, 479. 4, Tom Reeves, Stephenvill, Texas, 475.

World standings: 1, Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$178,680. 2, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$170,203. 3, Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., \$138,353. 4, Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$123,601. 5, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$117,640. 6, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$112,657. Calf Roping
Seventh Round: 1, Herbert Theriot,

Poplarville, Miss., 7.5 seconds, \$13,522. 2, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., 8.2, \$10,687. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 8.5, \$8,070. 4, and 5, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, and Trevor Brazile, Pueblo, Colo., 8.9, \$4,580. 6, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla.,

Schneebeger, Ponca City, Okla., 86.3. World standings: 1, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$222,026. 2, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$135,998. 3, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$135,938. 4, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$132,817. 5, Trevor Brazile, Pueblo, Colo., \$132,621. 6, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$109.037.

Seventh Round: 1, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 84 points on Bad ompany's Smokeless Abracadabra, \$13,522. 2, and 3, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. and Blue Stone, Ogden, Utah, 82, \$9,378. 4, Philip Elkins, Granbury, Texas, 80, \$5,671. 5, Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., 79, \$3,490.

Average: 1, Philip Elkins, Granbury, Texas, 501 points on six. 2, Blue Stone, Ogden, Utah, 438 on five. 3, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 422. 4, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 413.

World standings: 1, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$120,191. 2, Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$118,372. 3, Blue Stone, Ogden, Average: 1, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, 59.0 seconds on seven. 2, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, 66.5. 3, Blair Collins, Colo., \$112,624. 5, Philip Burk, Durant, Okla., 80.10. 4, Jerome Elkins, Granbury, Texas, \$105,492.

6, Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., \$104,632.

Barrel Racing

Seventh Round: 1, Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, 13.93, \$13,522. 2, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, 13.97, \$10,687. 3, and 4, tie Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo. and Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.02, \$6,870. 5, Rachael Sproul, Arlee, Mont., 14.03, \$3,490. 6, Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., 14.12,

Average: 1, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, 97.55 on seven runs. 2, Kappy Allen, Austin, Texas, 99.47. 3, Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., 99.56. 4, Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La.,

World standings: 1, Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$138,427. 2, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, \$134,458. 3, Charmayne James, Athens, Texas, \$98,954. 4, Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$82,562. 5, Janae Ward, Addington, Okla., \$81,153. 6, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz.,



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onday, Dec. 24 No games scheduled **COLLEGE FOOTBALL Bowl Glance** 

**All Times EST** 

**New Orleans Bowl** North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5), 8 p.m.

GMAC Bowl Mobile, Ala. farshall (10-2) vs. East Carolina (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

N.C. State (7-4) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC) Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas

Southern California (6-5) vs. Utah (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC) Thursday, Dec. 27 \$750,000 eorgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN) Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.

lowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Galleryfurniture.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.

Holiday Bowl At San Diego Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday Dec. 29 **Motor City Bowl** At Pontiac, Mich. \$750,000 Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), Noon (ESPN) At San Antonio \$1.2 million

\$750,000

Texas Tech (7-4) vs. lowa (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.

Monday, Dec. 31 At El Paso, Texas 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.

Silicon Valley Classic \$750,000 Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN) Liberty Bow At Memphis, Tenn. \$1.3 million

Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN) At Atlanta North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN) **Cotton Bowl** At Dallas Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)

**Gator Bowl** At Jacksonville, Fla. Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC) At Tempe, Ariz. \$11-13 million

Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC) Sugar Bowl At New Orleans

Scoreboard northeast supervisor, Larry Grefer southeast supervisor, Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC) Paul Provas gulf coach supervisor, Nick Hostetler Georgia scout and Adam Virchis northern California

\$11-13 million Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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

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Washington at Toronto, 3 p.m.

Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.

New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m. Orlando at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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#### Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m. **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Dave Jauss director of player development, Kent Qualls director of baseball operations, and Gary Jones minor league field coordina-CHICAGO WHITE SOX-Named Gary Pellant profes-

CLEVELAND INDIANS Released RHP Steve DETROIT TIGERS—Acquired RHP Joe Valentine from Montreal for cash. Agreed to terms with INF Craig Paquette on a two-year contract. Designated INF Deivi

Cruz for assignment. NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with 1B Jason

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with 1B Jason Giambi on a seven-year contract. Acquired OF John Vander Wal from San Francisco for RHP Jay Witasick. TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned LHP Chris Michalak outright to Oklahoma of the PCL. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired INF James Deschaine from the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade. Released C Alberto Castillo and INF Luis Lopez. Traded RHP Paul Quantrill and INF Cesar Izturis Lot of Appeles for RHP Live Prokrage and RHP Chad to Los Angeles for RHP Luke Prokopec and RHP Chac

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Ray Knight coach, and
Jim Lefebvre hitting coach. Assigned 3B Brandon Larson
outright to Louisville of the International League. NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with OF Roger Cedeno on a four-year contract and RHP David Weathers on a three-year contract. Sent LHP Billy Traber and 1B Earl Snyder to Cleveland, and LHP Kyle Ressel to Detroit to complete earlier trades.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Traded RHP Chris Brock to PHILADELIPIA PHILA

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Joe Pettini bench

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed F Reggie Slater.
INDIANA PACERS—Activated C Carlos Rogers from the injured list. Placed C Primoz Brezec on the injured list.
MIAMI HEAT—Released F Sam Mack.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed John Gabriel, general manager, to a contract extension through the 2005 season.
FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed DE Bryan Robinson to a

five-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived CB Tom Carter and OL Mike Doughty.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed C Mike Newell, WR Francis
St. Paul and DE Jonathan Brown to the practice squad.

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Assigned D Aris Brimanis to Cincinnati of the AHL.
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled F Ben Simon from

Chicago of the AHL. Assigned F Brad Tapper and D Brian Pothier to Chicago. FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned C Nick Smith to Bridgeport of the AHL: MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled D Mike Matteucci from Houston of the AHL. NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned RW Mark Mowers to Milwaukee of the AHL. NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned D Branislav Mezei, LW Raffi Torres and LW Dave Roche to

Bridgeport of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled D Sylvain Lefebvre from Hartford of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Re-assigned D Steve Haiko to

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Thursday's Major College Scores By The Associated Press EAST Army 71, Stony Brook 60 Rutgers 63, Hartford 53 Seton Hall 95, Fairleigh Dickinson 73 SOUTH Appalachian St. 91, North Greenville 44 Lipscomb 87, Reinhardt 73 Louisiana-Lafayette 81, Loyola, N.O. 61 UCF 100, Chicago St. 67 MIDWEST Minnesota 95, Md.-Eastern Shore 48

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### **Lake Meredith Recreation** official leaving for Florida

FRITCH — Lake Meredith good people, and it will con-National Recreation Area tinue to be a strong emphaand Ailbates Flint Quarries sis.' **National** Monument announces Superintendent John C. position at Everglades Benjamin has been named National Park in Florida, Deputy Superintendent at one of the largest parks in Everglades National Park.

in early January 2002. He National Park located 70 has been at Lake Meredith miles west of Key West in and Ailbates since 1996.

emotions that we are leaving 1.5 million acres. Everglades the Panhandle," Benjamin preserves a unique subtropisaid. "But sometimes the cal ecosystem that is severefuture arrives before we are ly threatened by rapid urban ready to give up the present. growth and development. Deborah and I have grown Dry Tortugas protects histo love the Staked Plaines toric Fort Jefferson and and the wonderful people 79,000 acres of fragile coral who inhabit them."

Reflecting on his tenure at Ailbates and Lake Meredith, Benjamin said: "I am most proud of the wonderful improvement we have seen Lake Meredith has not been in the safety at the lake. confirmed. Division Chiefs Death and disaster used to from within the park will be routine at Lake Meredith, serve as acting superintenand now they are rare. That dent until the selection is took a lot of effort by a lot of made.

Benjamin will assume the that Deputy Superintendent the nation. Everglades also Benjamin will be leaving administers Dry Tortugas the Gulf of Mexico. The "It is with very mixed combined land area is over

Benjamin will be responsible for the operation of the two parks.

A new superintendent for

## Mets, Yankees take care of business, others wait

BOSTON (AP) — Most of the shopping at baseball's winter meetings this year was done by New York's teams.

The Yankees and Mets did some major roster overhauling in the past week, dominating baseball's five-day swap session, while most other teams preferred to wait.

The Yankees left Boston early and with good reason — to go back to New York to announce the biggest free-agent signing of the offseason, a \$120 million, sevenyear contract with first baseman Jason Giambi.

"This is my best fit," Giambi said at Yankee Stadium. "This was the team I was hoping would come after me."

The Mets, who earlier in the week acquired 12-time All-Star Roberto Alomar in the biggest trade of the meetings, signed two free agents Thursday, agreeing to an \$18 million, four-year contract with outfielder Roger Cedeno, and a \$9.4 million, three-year deal with reliever David Weathers.

Meanwhile, Barry Bonds, Juan Gonzalez, Chan Ho Park, Johnny Damon and other leading free agents waited to find fortunes while teams dealt cautiously with the top tier.

"It matters that we get the deals done, but I don't ever put on a timetable on it," said Scott Boras, the agent for Bonds, Park and Damon. "These kinds of players

have so many options. They will be playing somewhere next year." While Boras dominated last

year's meeting in Dallas with the \$252 million deal he negotiated for Alex Rodriguez, this year's session has seen little action on the free-agent market.

Giambi's deal, which was all but agreed to last week, was announced at Yankee Stadium. Only six signings, totaling about \$43 million, were announced at the winter meetings for just over \$40 million, down from \$739.2 million committed to 25 players in deals negotiated at last year's ses-

sion in Dallas. The contracts for Cedeno and Weathers followed deals for righthander Jay Powell and Texas (\$9 million for three years), left-hander Norm Charlton and Seattle (\$1.25 million) and outfielder Jose Guillen and Arizona (\$500,000).

Late Thursday, Craig Paquette signed a two-year deal with the Detroit Tigers.

Thus far, owners have committed about \$323 million to 27 free agents with major league contracts, including a pair of preliminary two-year agreements the Yankees haven't announced: \$12 million for lefthander Sterling Hitchcock, and \$10 million for outfielder Rondell White.

By the time last year's meet-

ings were over, owners already had given contracts worth \$1.044 billion to 52 free agents, including A-Rod's deal with Texas, Manny Ramirez's \$160 million contract with Boston and Mike Hampton's \$121 million deal

with Colorado. Giambi, the 2000 American AL MVP and 2001 runner-up, was signed to revitalize a lineup that struggled in the seven-game World Series loss to Arizona, which ended New York's streak of three straight titles.

"You have the most incredible surroundings to win," he said. Besides the money, all the other things, the intangibles."

The Yankees also traded reliev-

er Jay Witasick to the San Francisco Giants for outfielder John Vander Wal. While teams discussed dozens

of trades, they completed only 10 deals involving 37 players, up from five trades involving 14 players last year.

The only top names to move were Alomar, who went from Cleveland to the Mets in an eight-player trade, and Carl Everett, sent by Boston to Texas early Thursday.

Later in the day, Pittsburgh acquired right-handers Kip Wells, Sean Lowe and Josh Fogg for right-hander Todd Ritchie and minor league catcher Lee

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The Stars Show Have: 5-Dy 3-Average; 2-So ARIES (March:

\*\*\* Grab 1 into the car for maybe just an o the country. You your mind isn't surround work of ber or friend. To This week: You crackle and po Success become from Thursday work week! TAURUS (April

to visit with frie holiday errands. Others seek you waylay plans. behind this seaso with those who o a favorite TV sho This week: You on the action. quickly. By Thur ers and, above a work!

**GEMINI** (May 2 \*\*\*\* You end. You natural with this person a pampering this that you are a Share hot chocola a favorite restau Tonight: Enjoy. This week: Take ply won't be her spirit takes over. are Thursday and CANCER (June \*\*\*\* Your someone calm do

and/or friends an

time together. So

that you might

worry? Just enjoy

### Hayes hospitalized IACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) —

Olympic champion and former NFL star Bob Hayes was in critical condition, hospitalized with flulike symptoms. The only man to win both an Olympic gold medal and a Super Bowl, Hayes was treated earlier this year for heart, liver and kidney ailments, as well as prostate cancer.





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surround work or an older family mem-efit from downtime.

from Thursday on. Make this a short VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

waylay plans. Remember the spirit generosity. Tonight: Play away.

on the action. Handle responsibilities LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

quickly. By Thursday friends, co-work- ★★★ You might feel like you're at a

ers and, above all, you won't want to taffy pull and you are the taffy. You still

\*\*\* \* You enjoy a loved one to no close loved one demands your attention.

end. You naturally want to spend time See how well you can juggle everything

with this person and spoil him or her. By and keep smiling! Tonight: Put your feet

that you are also indulging yourself. This week: Your frisky and fun ways

Share hot chocolate together as you go to draw many to you. If you have any shop-

a favorite restaurant or holiday spot. ping or last-minute errands left on

ply won't be here as the "ho, ho, ho" ★★★★ Speak your mind and reach

spirit takes over. Your most present days out for others. Your sense of humor and

\*\*\* Your positive attitude helps tension as well. Catch up on friends'

someone calm down. Drop in on family news. Get together for hot cider or

time together. So much happens so fast This week: Family and domestic matters

that you might lose direction. Why break your concentration at work. Your

worry? Just enjoy the moment. Share focus simply isn't there after Wednesday.

and/or friends and all will have a great eggnog. Tonight: At a favorite spot!

This week: Take off, if you can. You sim- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Success becomes you. Vanish if you can the holiday in!

This week: You put the salt and pepper Thursday on.

pampering this person, you recognize up.

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**SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 2001** 

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

ber or friend. Tonight: Up late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

work week!

a favorite TV show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

are Thursday and Friday.

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12-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

BG BA JX ARYLS GX Y LYJ GRYG RS ARXOWM US YA JBVS YUXQG RBA VXQ'JGNE YA

YUXOG RBA AHSSGRSYNG.

your holiday spirit. Tonight: Go along Play away.

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; need to handle other matters and perhaps likes to splurge. This person has no lim-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll associates before Thursday, when you cially with a spendthrift partner who

This week: You add that extra snap, ular Lion. Make it a point to join friends \*\*\* \* Others seek you out, though crackle and pop through Wednesday at various parties and celebrations. Cheer you certainly have your own set of plans.

\*\*\* \* Your plate is full. You want feel as if you have been given a lot of something. Say yes. Tonight: Everyone

holiday errands. Return calls and e-mail. one. Gratefulness breeds abundance. This week: Financial matters take priori-

Others seek you out and could easily Someone surprises you with his or her ty through Wednesday. Thursday, you get

with those who count. Tonight: Relax to out errands. The first three days could be \*\* Assume a low profile and be very

exhausting, but you'll love partying from

have some matters at work and outside

your domestic life to deal with. Yet a

Thursday, you panic. Don't worry.

perspective helps those around you let go

of holiday stress, easing some of your

to visit with friends — finish off some gifts. Share feelings with a child or loved follows your suggestion.

behind this season. Stop and take time This week: Dig into work Monday. Clear AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

with someone's plans.

take off for the holidays.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

into the car for a holiday happening or to join in on a project close to your heart. a money chat.

— I.N. NQAASWW Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A MAN IN EARNEST FINDS MEANS, OR IF HE CANNOT FIND, CREATES THEM. — W.E. CHANNING

This week: Touch base with close work ★★★ Juggle finances with care, espe-

This week: Others seek out the very pop- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* You're unusually inspired with friends; walk among the crowds.

this holiday season, partially because you Someone might ask you to volunteer for

Just float.

impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

you might have nothing to do.

on the phone and chat away.

its, as you are most aware. Even with

Someone knows how to entice you to

toss structure and commitments away. Be

comfortable and relaxed. Don't push

hard; do only what you want. You actu-

ally have fun getting holiday projects

done and float into your own world. Play

Christmas carols. Why shouldn't you

sing away? Tonight: Don't make plans.

This week: You're feeling your Wheaties

this week. Your magnetism speaks vol-

umes, drawing others to you. You're

already celebrating the holidays.

Concentration could be tough, if not

\* ★ ★ ★ ★ Maximize the positive peo-

ple energy that surrounds you. Play with

a loved one until your heart's content,

but also make time for friends. Let your

nostalgia come out. Go ice-skating with

a child or see a Christmas show or con-

cert. Tonight: Whatever makes you.

This week: You have a lot on your mind

and could be a bit blue up to Thursday.

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## Analysts predicting recession to be over by late spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales plunged by a confirmation that the country is in a recession. record 3.7 percent last month as the holiday shopping season was getting under way. But more recent information looks brighter for the economy, suggesting the huge wave of job layoffs is abating.

Noting the new government reports Thursday, analysts said they still believe the current recession, the country's first in a decade, will be a mild one that will be over by late spring.

The Commerce Department report on retail sales showed the big decline in November following an even larger increase of 6.4 percent in October. Both figures were records under the government's current tracking system, which goes back to 1992.

Both months were whipsawed by auto sales, which soared in October as dealers offered zero-rate high of 5.7 percent, reflecting 800,000 new layoffs in financing deals to lure shoppers back into showrooms after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, only to performance in more than two decades. retreat in November.

gasoline prices, which pushed sales at service sta-

have posted a 0.1 percent increase in November.

Analysts said this showed that the consumer sector, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, was not collapsing despite all the bad news mers of an economic rebound, focusing instead on

With the economy in the doldrums and unemployment rising, consumers are being smart. They haven't stopped shopping, they've only stopped buying everything in sight," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist at John Hancock in Boston.

The government said new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 88,000 for the first week in December, the biggest decline in nine years, and a hopeful sign, analysts said, that the country may have seen the worst of the layoffs.

Last week's drop pushed the level for new layoffs down to 394,000, significantly below the peak of 505,750 hit in mid-October.

Unemployment in November surged to a six-year just October and November, the worst two-month

Analysts said the big improvement in unemploy-In addition to the big swing in auto sales, retail ment filings and the underlying strength in retail activity in November was also depressed by falling sales supported their view that the recession will be ending by late spring.

'Consumers have turned cautious but they Without those special factors, retail sales would haven't packed it in and there has been a clear improvement in the job market," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Wall Street, however, was not cheered by the glimthis fall — from the terrorist attacks to the layoffs and new profit warnings at high-tech companies. The

Dow Jones industrial average lost 128.36 points, or 1.3 percent, to close at 9,766.45.

A third report Thursday showed that prices at the wholesale level, led by another big decline in energy costs, fell for a second straight month. The Labor Department said its Producer Price Index dropped by 0.6 percent in November following a 1.6 percent

The Federal Reserve cut interest rates for an 11th time on Tuesday, pushing a key rate to its lowest level in 40 years. However, the reduction was only by a quarter point, instead of the bolder half-point moves the central bank had been employing, signal-

ing to many economists that the Fed is close to the end of its credit easing.

decline in October.

Minutes of the Fed's November meeting that were released Thursday supported that view. They showed that three Fed policy-makers had preferred a smaller quarter point cut at that meeting even though in the end all 10 voted in favor of the halfpoint cut that was made on Nov. 6.

Gasoline prices tumbled 10.3 percent at the wholesale level last month after an even bigger 21.2 percent drop in November. Food prices were also down for a second straight month, 0.8 percent in October following a 0.4 percent decline in October.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, the core rate of wholesale inflation posted a small 0.2 percent increase following a 0.5 percent drop in October.

The government will release the November report on inflation at the consumer level on Friday and analysts believe that figure will also be wellbehaved, reflecting big declines in gasoline pump

The retail sales report showed that auto sales, which had surged a record 24.2 percent in October, fell 11.9 percent in November. Sales at specialty clothing stores were down 0.6 percent and general merchandise stores showed a 0.1 percent decrease, but sales at furniture stores, sporting goods stores, electronic shops and restaurants all posted increases.

### Charges against Russian to be dropped

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tifying at his company's trial.

Russian computer programmer could have faced up to five years Russia.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) -- A Millennium Copyright Act. He ware. The program is legal in

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Sklyarov found flaws in the software's encryption scheme and created ways for users to make backup copies of e-books or transfer them to other devices, such as handheld computers. ElComSoft used the techniques in a program it sold as the Advanced eBook Processor.

After the software became available for download in the United States, for around \$99, Adobe complained to the FBI.

Sklyarov was arrested after speaking at a hacking convention in Las Vegas on July 16. He was freed on bail in August but was required to remain in California while the case proceeded. He now will be allowed to return home with his wife and two children.

"With this agreement, Dmitry gets everything he could get indictment will be dismissed eventually, he gets to tell his story truthfully without pressure from the government, and he gets to go home now, rather than wait in the U.S. while the case is fought," said Sklyarov's attorney, John Keker.

Adobe eventually dropped its support of the case after Internet policy groups threatened to boycott the company's products.

Sklvarov became a cause celebre for tech professionals who believe the 1998 law has been wrongly interpreted by U.S. law enforcement officials to encompass programs used to disable copy-protection software.

His defenders have argued that if such activity is banned as criminal, it will discourage the very programming ereativity required to produce quality digital security.

### FDA: ARC violating blood safety regs

trying to get the American Red Cross to correct violations of blood safety rules, the government is asking a federal judge for authority to levy fines that could total millions of dollars.

The Food and Drug Administration insisted the nation's blood supply is safe. But it asked a federal judge to hold the Red Cross in contempt of court, charging the charity with "a cavalier disregard" for federal regulations that dates back 16 years.

"Persistent and serious violations" continue despite a 1993 federal court order mandating improvements, the FDA said in an unprecedented motion filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in

The Red Cross, which provides about 45 percent of the nation's blood supply, said it will fight the health agency. In a statement, the Red Cross said the FDA wants to take action "beyond the legal authority granted by Congress."

The agency's most recent inspections of Red Cross facilities have found:

-Release of blood possibly tainted with cytomegalovirus, which can kill, blind or cause brain damage in newborns.

-Failure to properly defer certain donors with syphilis, and failure to properly update and check a national registry of unsuitable donors.

-Computer errors that could cause the release of blood before it has finished all safety testing. The Red Cross has invested more than \$280 million to upgrade its blood operations to meet FDA

requirements, and believes "the nation's blood supply has never been safer than it is today," the state-

A hearing was scheduled Friday before Judge John Garrett Penn, who ordered the two sides into ing some 6 percent of donated red cells.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by years of mediation last summer when the FDA first sought to fine the Red Cross.

In its filing, the FDA sought permission to fine the Red Cross \$10,000 a day for each new violation it discovers. If blood has to be recalled, fines could climb

to \$50,000 per unit of recalled blood. Those fines could add up to millions of dollars a

"FDA is acting today to ensure that the American Red Cross takes much more seriously its role as guardian of the safety of the nation's blood supply," said the FDA acting commissioner, Bernard Schwetz.

"Unfortunately, to date ARC has exhibited a corporate culture that has been willing to tolerate an unacceptably low level of quality assurance and a lack of concern for the public it is supposed to serve,"

The violation of a single rule doesn't necessarily mean a health hazard, the FDA said, because regulations set overlapping safeguards of the blood supply.

"The risk of not receiving a needed transfusion far outweighs the risk of receiving blood," Schwetz said. Even so, former Red Cross President Bernadine Healy publicly acknowledged some violations were "near misses.

The FDA action is the latest in a series of recent public problems for the Red Cross. It came under sharp criticism and had to backtrack from a plan to divert some of the half-billion dollars donated to help the terrorist victims to other uses. Healy resigned amid the controversy.

At the same time, the Red Cross provoked tension with other blood banks by seeking massive blood donations following Sept. 11, even after it became clear supplies were sufficient. It wound up discard-

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### Judge likens Marc Rich attorneys to 'lobbyists' in pardon case

judge said lawyers for Marc Rich acted "principally as lobbyists" in helping the fugitive financier win a pardon from President Clinton and must hand over documents withheld from a grand jury investigating the controversial pardon.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said attorney-client privilege does not protect the materials from release.

The Marc Rich lawyers were acting principally as lobbyists, working with public relations specialists and individuals foreign government officials. prominent citizens and personal friends of the president — who had access to the White House," Chin wrote. "They were not acting as lawyers or providing legal

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal advice in the traditional sense."

After the ruling, which did not give details of what is in the materials, Rich lawyer Laurence Urgenson said: "We're reviewing the opinion and considering our options."

Rich was indicted in 1983 on federal charges of evading more than \$48 million in income taxes and illegally buying oil from Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis. Rich, ex-husband of Denise Rich, a major financial contributor to the Democratic Party, left the United States before he was indicted and has been living in

Switzerland. He received one of 176 pardons and clemencies Clinton issued on his last day in office,

The pardons and commuta-

tions prompted congressional hearings and an investigation by federal prosecutors in New

Clinton said in February that he granted the Rich pardon based "on the merits as I saw them, and I take full responsibility for it." He rejected any suggestion

that he granted the pardon because of political contributions or donations Rich's ex-wife made to the Clinton library foundation.

Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne referred queries to the former president's lawyer in Washington, David Kendall, who did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

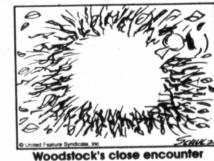
Former White House counsel Jack Quinn, whose work on behalf of the Rich pardon received special note in the judge's ruling, also did not return a call.

The judge said Quinn was hired not because of his legal skills but because he was "Washington wise" and understood "the entire political

process." "He was hired because he could telephone the White House and engage in a 20minute conversation with the president," the judge said. "He was hired because he could write the president a 'personal note' that said 'I believe in this cause with all my heart,' and he would know that the president would read the note and give it weight."

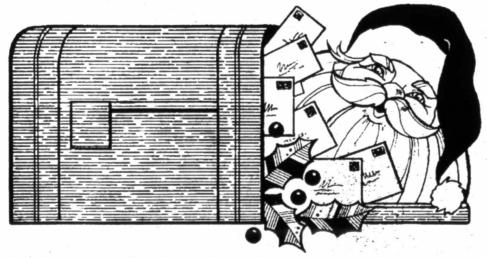
Quinn and Denise Rich have denied allegations that the pardon was tied to her political contributions.

Lawyers for Rich's pardoned business partner, Pincus Green, also must release documents, the judge said.



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